

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
April 25, 2024

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE Q1 2024 QUARTERLY REPORT

Q1 Quarterly Report provides an overview of the City's achievements during the months of January, February and March 2024.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE QUARTERLY REPORT

Q1 JANUARY -MARCH 2024



GARDEN GROVE

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Report Overview

This quarterly report provides an overview of the City's achievements during the months of January, February, and March in 2024. Our City continues to make great progress in key priority areas established by the City Council. These priorities encompass a focus on infrastructure, economic development, public safety, homelessness, code enforcement, and celebration of our community's cultural diversity. Our dedicated staff and community partners have worked hard to ensure that Garden Grove remains a great place to live, work, and play. We take pride in the notable progress achieved in the previous quarter and remain steadfast in our commitment to serving the needs of our community with excellence and integrity. Thank you for your support and trust in the City of Garden Grove!

Matters Before The Council

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

January 9, 2024 – The City Council recognized the Garden Grove Unified School District in a community spotlight highlighting its notable achievements and accomplishments in 2023.

January 23, 2024 – The City Council recognized the Goodwill ambassadors representing Anyang, Republic of Korea, as a part of the 35th annual Garden Grove Sister City Exchange Program.

February, 13, 2024 – The City Council authorized the execution of an agreement between the City and AAA Oil Company dba California Fuels and Lubricants to provide fuel and fuel management for city vehicles.

February 27, 2024 – The City Council approved a cooperative agreement with the City of La Habra, Fullerton, Anaheim, Santa Ana, and Fountain Valley for the Euclid Street Corridor Traffic Signal Synchronization Project (CP1325000).

February 27, 2024 – The City Council received an update from the City Manager on the design development phase of the Civic Center Revitalization Project.

March 12, 2024 – The City Council awarded a contract to bkm Office Environments to procure and install furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Central Cities Navigation Center Project (CP135000-1).

March 26, 2024 – The City Council approved a project agreement with Edgemoor Garden Grove Civic Partners LLC for the design and construction of the Civic Center Revitalization Project including a new public safety facility, parking garage, and civic center park.

City Manager’s Office Highlights

Throughout the first quarter of 2024, the City Manager’s Office continued to provide administrative support for City Council initiatives and inquiries from the public in the following ways:

City Council

Agenda Reports Reviewed and Processed	62
Agendas and Minutes Prepared	41
Agenda Packets Compiled	24
Public Hearing Notices Published	19
Resolutions Processed	14
Ordinances Processed	5
Proclamations Processed	7

Council Liaison

Council Meetings and Site Visits Scheduled	135
Certificates Ordered / Delivered	66
Communications	12,690
Legislative Response Letters Drafted	10
Finance Enterprise Reconciliations	48

Office of Community Relations

Total Translated Materials	34
- Vietnamese Translations	27
- Spanish Translations	5
- Korean Translations	2
CityWorks Publications Completed	2
Vietnamese Newsletters Published	2
Community Spotlight Scripts	6
Press Releases Issued	34
Social Media Posts	290

City Clerk’s Office / Administration

Public Records Act Requests Received	222
Average PRAs per Month	73
Average PRA Turnaround Time	6.8 days
Bid Openings Conducted	1
Agreements Processed	15
Agreements Archived	34
Claims Received	24
Summons Received	2
PAFs Processed	0

Investment Toward Infrastructure

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

The following major capital improvement projects are underway during Q1 2024:

Haster Street Rehabilitation Project – Lampson to Chapman

Status: 25% Complete
Completed: May 2024



Springdale Avenue Rehabilitation Project – Lampson to Chapman

Status: 25% Complete
Completed: May 2024



New Curb ramp with truncated dome



Sidewalk and curb and gutter removal NB Springdale.

Lampson Street Rehabilitation Project – Euclid to 9th

Status: 25% Complete
Completed: May 2024



Nutwood Slurry Seal Project – Garden Grove to Chapman

Status: 90% Complete
Completed: May 2024

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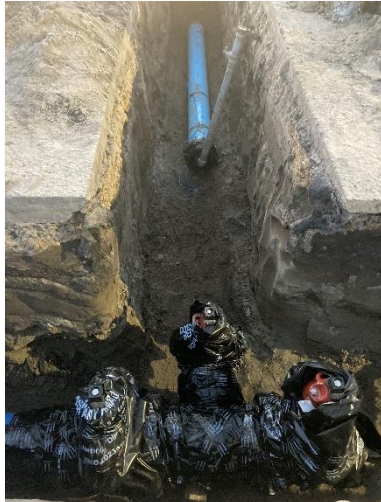
Harbor and Garden Grove Intersection Improvement Project

Public Works Engineering Division will be adding a second north-bound left-turn lane and an east-bound right-turn lane to the intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Garden Grove Blvd., including the installation of a new traffic signal. The proposed improvement will cost approximately \$6.1 million and construction is anticipated to begin in July 2025. Staff had previously received \$200,000 in grant funding from OCTA for design work, and is now applying for \$4 million in construction grant funding. Design engineering for subject project is 65% complete

Woodbury Road Water Improvement Project - \$2.1M

This water main replacement project is one of the high priority fire flow capacity deficient areas identified in the 2020 Water Master Plan. This project consists of approximately 820 feet of 12-inch diameter pipe, 2,915 feet of 8-inch diameter pipe including hydrants, fittings and appurtenances, trenching, backfilling, compaction, and pipe disinfection and testing. The contractor is constructing the last few system tie-ins and will abandon the existing water main. The next step will be final pavement of the trench.

Status: 90% Complete
Anticipated Completion: April 2024



Sewer Main Lining and Spot Repairs 5 & 6 - \$1.8M

This project consists of rehabilitating approximately 20,000 linear feet of 8-inch & 10-inch sewer using UV-Cured Glass Reinforced Plastic cured-in-place liner. The project will be at various locations throughout the City. The project will also include spot repairs, sewer lateral reinstatements and top hat sewer lateral seals. The project includes both design and optional construction management/inspection services. The subcontractor is working on spot repairs and the contractor is cleaning and performing CCTV video inspections of the sewer lines.

Status: 5% Complete
Anticipated Completion: August 2024



Magnolia Park Capital Improvements - \$557,940

Status: 95% Complete
Anticipated Completion: April 2024



Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP)

Assembly Bill 149 made available \$296 million in funding for local agencies statewide under the Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) to support eligible projects aimed to reduce litter, promote public health, and benefit the underserved communities. The City identified the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail as the project site that meets the program criteria and applied for Cycle 2 of CCLGP in February 2023.

In November 2023, staff received notification that the City was awarded \$441,000 for the Clean California initiative. The proposed amenities and enhancements reflect the public requests for the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail and include trash receptacles, litter abatement signage, trail furniture, bike racks, landscaping/mulch, and outdoor fitness equipment. This project will be administered by the Economic Development and Housing Department with support from the Community Services Department and the Public Works Department. The kickoff meeting is anticipated in May 2024.



P3 Civic Center Revitalization Project

The Civic Center Revitalization Project consists of the design and construction of an approximately 100,000 square feet public safety facility, a four-level parking structure that will provide approximately 350 parking spaces, and a reconfigured 2.8-acre Civic Center Park, as well as the demolition of the existing police building located at 11301 Acacia Parkway.



In the first quarter of 2024, the project saw significant progress. Initial work focused on reviewing site conditions and preparing different massing studies that lead to two conceptual plans, then ultimately the final base design. After the base design was reached, the team worked to optimize the program and workgroup adjacencies. Concurrently, the team explored building facade options and is confident in meeting the intended design principle.



The environmental review was completed in December 2023. In addition to meeting CEQA requirements, the City hired a biologist, Dudek, to assist with the process of preparing a Wildlife Management Plan which details the approvals for removal and relocation of the different species that exist in the pond. This work is expected to begin in April 2024 in collaboration with the Public Works Department when they begin draining the pond. The City participated in two additional

community outreach touch points for the project. In March 2024, the City hosted a Small Business Coordination Event and attended the Clementine Trolley in the Buena Clinton neighborhood.

The City and Edgemoor have agreed on terms and finalized the Project Agreement that was approved by City Council on March 26, 2024. The Project Agreement is the primary document that details responsibilities for the design, construction, and financing of the Civic Center Revitalization Project. The Project Agreement terms will run for two years after the final completion of the Park, which is anticipated to be completed in May 2027. The project financing team evaluated five potential options but given the City's strong credit rating, sufficient cash on hand, aggressive project schedule, and the current market condition, it was most cost effective to finance the project in the form of lease revenue bonds. The project financing component of the project is anticipated for City Council approval on April 9, 2024.

Next Steps	
March 26	Project Approval
April 8	Pre-Construction Activity
April 8-15	Site Fencing Phase 1
April 9	Financial Approval
May 14	Ground Breaking
June 7	Notice to Proceed
June 10	Site Fencing Phase 2

Encourage Economic Development

Cottage Industries

Smoke Queen BBQ, nestled at 12941 9th Street in the Cottage Industries Project - Farm Block, unveiled its culinary delights in the first quarter of 2024. Smoke Queen BBQ has a rich history as a pop-up vendor at LA's Smorgasburg. Their journey began by blending American barbecue techniques with vibrant Asian flavors, creating a unique culinary experience. Winnie Yee-Lakhani, the visionary behind Smoke Queen BBQ, has poured her heart, soul, and a substantial investment into her first brick-and-mortar venture. The once-empty craftsman-style home has undergone a remarkable transformation. Now, it stands as a full-fledged smokehouse, complete with state-of-the-art kitchen equipment, a welcoming bar, and not one, but three smokers gracing the patio.



On Friday, March 8, 2024, Smoke Queen BBQ held their Soft Opening, inviting guests to savor their delectable offerings. Their hours of operation will be on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm, serving mouthwatering creations. Grand opening is tentatively scheduled for May 2024. It promises to be a celebration of taste, culture, and community.

Euclid Building – 12966 Euclid Street

The City-owned five (5) story office building with 64,402 rental square feet and 160 parking stalls is currently 62% occupied. In the first quarter, Strive Health, a current tenant, renewed their lease for another year. Additionally, the City administered a RFP to solicit real estate management expertise of a firm offering comprehensive services tailored to the City's specific criteria and unique service model. The professional services agreement will be presented to the City Council in April 2024.



Public Safety – Police



GGPD Calls for Service – Q1

Calls for Service – Phone Calls

	January	February	March	Q1 Total
9-1-1 phone calls	4,635	4,341	5,041	14,017
Non-emergency phone calls	10,332	9,974	10,179	30,485
Total phone calls	14,967	14,315	15,220	44,502

Calls for Service – Dispatched

	January	February	March	Q1 Total
Citizen Generated	4,295	4,040	4,531	12,866
Officer Generated	1,762	1,371	1,460	4,593
Total Incidents Dispatched	6,057	5,411	5,991	17,459

Top 5 Citizen-Generated Call Types

	January	February	March	Q1 Total
Disturbing the Peace - Transients	594	570	548	1,712
Audible Burglary Alarms	217	212	222	651
Suspicious Person	228	165	191	456
Welfare Check	188	167	215	608
Illegal Parking	123	129	153	405

Response Times

	January	February	March	Q1 Avg
Priority Calls (Average)	5m 14s	5m 15s	5m 14s	5m 14s

Public Safety – OCFA



OCFA Calls for Service – Q1

Calls for Service – Medical Aid	January	February	March	Q1 Total
Automatic Paramedic Alarm	25	16	17	58
Back to Bed / Lift Assist	24	20	20	64
Cardiac	107	85	130	322
Stroke	182	157	170	509
Diabetic Emergency	20	14	12	46
Respiratory	165	152	157	474
Fall / Injury / Trauma	176	145	154	475
Illness	164	159	145	468
Abdominal Pain	79	70	67	216
Seizure	25	34	44	103
Traffic Collision	83	98	97	278
Miscellaneous	183	132	158	473

Calls for Service – Fire	January	February	March	Q1 Total
Structure	15	19	19	53
Vehicle / Dumpster	10	7	10	27
Vegetation / Brush / Tree / Bush	28	25	17	70
Miscellaneous – Hazardous Condition	103	106	84	293

Response Times	January	February	March	Q1 Avg
Priority Calls (Average)	6m 57s	6m 55s	6m 37s	6m 50s

Address Homelessness/Housing

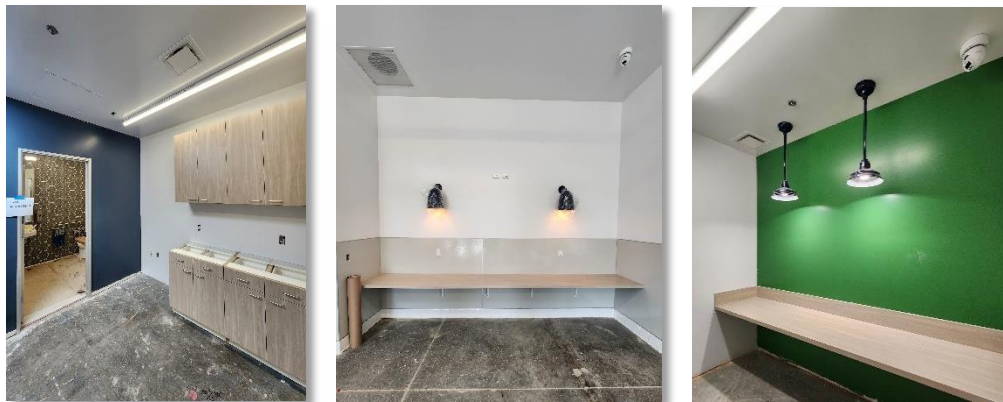
Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC)

The Central Cities Navigation Center Project (CCNC) is a partnership between the cities of Fountain Valley, Westminster, and Garden Grove to provide emergency shelter and wrap-around services to unhoused individuals. The project is 80% complete and remains on schedule, and within budget, for an anticipated opening in June 2024. Notable construction milestones in the first quarter of 2024 include the installation of kitchen equipment, bathroom tiling and partitions, HVACs, and asphalt pavements. The City has also awarded a contract to bkm office environments to procure, coordinate, store and install furniture, fixtures, and equipment/security systems (FF&E).

The final draft of the CCNC policies and procedures has been presented to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and additional modifications are in progress to ensure continued alignment with the County of Orange Standards of Care.

Status: 80% Complete

Anticipated Completion: June 2024



Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)

On March 14, 2023, City Council approved the final HOME-ARP Allocation Plan appropriating \$1,290,815 for the development of a tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) program. The program will assist individuals exiting the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC) by providing rental assistance and wrap-around supportive services for up to two years to help them maintain permanent rental housing.

On November 16, 2023, City Staff issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals from qualified non-profit service providers to operate the TBRA Program. City Staff reviewed and scored seven (7) proposal submissions and interviewed the services providers that scored the highest during the proposal review. Illumination Foundation was awarded this contract after the review process was finalized and the program is anticipated to be operational in June 2024, which will coincide with the CCNC Grand Opening. Illumination Foundation anticipates assisting 20 households annually with a \$300,000 budget.

Affordable Housing – Orchard Grove

The Orchard Grove Project reached a significant milestone by closing escrow on February 8, 2024. Currently, the Developer is actively collaborating with planning and engineering staff to secure approval for a lot line adjustment for the project. Concurrently, staff is in the final stages of crafting a Revocable License Agreement with the Developer, facilitating the temporary use of Site B2 for general contractor staging, material storage, and resident parking. Mobilization for rehabilitation work is slated to commence during the first week of May.

The Developer enlisted Overland, Pacific & Cutler (OPC) to provide comprehensive relocation assistance services. The Relocation Plans public review and comment period started on March 18, 2024 and approval of the Plan is scheduled for the April 23, 2024 City Council meeting.



Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP)

In response to the increased number of homeless encampments after numerous “clean-up” efforts, the City partnered with Caltrans under a Cooperative Agreement and Delegated Maintenance Agreement (DMA) to actively address the encampment issues within city boundaries.

The CFIP commenced on February 5; however due to weather conditions, the construction was postponed to February 22. The first quarter of 2024 consisted of Phase 1 of the fencing construction, encompassing the South side of the 22 Freeway, along Trask Avenue, and toward Newhope Street and Harbor Blvd.

Cardinal Circle, a business area located within this scope of work, in where businesses have been experiencing on-going theft and other crime activities as a result of the encampment along Freeway 22 behind their businesses. The property manager expressed an urgent concern related to this matter as his tenants shared their desire to relocate. A collaboration between Caltrans and the City’s fencing efforts resulted in an immediate site enhancement and expressed appreciation to the City from the property manager and tenants at Cardinal Circle. Before and after photos are below for reference.

Status: 30% Complete

Anticipated Completion: June 2024



CalOptima Hotel Conversion

In partnership with CalOptima and Healthcare in Action, the City's **Street Medicine Program** delivers medical care to homeless individuals in our community using a medical van. During the first quarter of 2024, Healthcare in Action had 58 new enrollments.



CalOptima has launched Phase 2 of its program to include a Street Medicine Support Center with the acquisition of the Hospitality Inn Motel located at 7902 Garden Grove Blvd. The first-of-its-kind support center will feature 52 private rooms with a kitchenette and bathroom, shared laundry facilities, staff administrative offices, and outdoor open space. Older adults, families and veterans already participating in CalOptima Health's Street Medicine Program will receive priority placement in the new facility. The project is in the architectural drawing phase and has a target date for opening in spring 2025.

BeWell Mobile Response Team

Garden Grove's Be-Well Mobile Response Team provides in-community assessment and stabilization for individuals experiencing substance abuse, psychological crises and homelessness. On July 25, 2023, the City Council approved the extension of the Be-Well Mobile Response Team contract for the next 5 years. The mobile response team has assisted **9,954** individuals with mobile medical and mental health services since October 2021, which includes approximately **7,764** unsheltered individuals.

Individuals served in Q1 2024:

January – 416 individuals
February – 367 individuals
March – 433 individuals



First-Time Home Buyer Program

The City's First Time Home Buyer Program has experienced challenges keeping pace with the housing market and the rising costs for single-family homes in Garden Grove. The FTHB Program requires applicants meet income requirements set by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for Orange County. Additionally, they must qualify for a mortgage loan that is sufficient to purchase a home in Garden Grove, which has been a major challenge with rising housing costs.



In recent months, City Staff has collaborated with HCD to implement a FTHB Program that will better serve Garden Grove residents and utilize the City's remaining funds. As part of these discussions with HCD, the City agreed to leverage CalHome funding with the remaining PLHA funds to increase the maximum loan amount to \$110,000, which will increase the buying power for eligible applicants. Additionally, applicants are now required to contribute a minimum of 3% of their own funds as a down payment on the home being purchased. Lastly, the interest rate will be reduced from 3% to 0%, which will ease the debt burden of loan recipients.

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)

March 2024 marks the partnership between CalOptima and Orange County's four Public Housing Authorities, the first of its kind in the state of California. Through the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), a five-year initiative by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), the partnered agencies aim to provide better access to health care services—physical, behavioral, developmental, dental, and long-term care needs—that improve the quality of life for current program participants administered by GGHA.



Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Success Story

Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program is a voluntary program that helps Housing Choice Voucher participants become financially self-sufficient through employment. Through the FSS program, participants can develop their skills, obtain better employment, and start building a tax-free escrow savings account.

Zahra Almahayni is a single mother with two dependent children; her only source of income was from child support. In June 2022, Zahra was diagnosed with Stage 2A breast cancer; she had to go through six months of aggressive chemotherapy treatment followed by double mastectomy with reconstruction. After another month of radiation treatment, Zahra had successfully entered remission in May 2023.

After her treatment, Zahra demonstrated resilience and determination by taking on multiple employment opportunities, including Real Estate and Uber, to support herself and her family. On January 31, 2024, Zahra successfully graduated from the FSS program with a check in the amount of \$19,787.93 and obtained full-time employment. Her success story is not only about the successful escrow withdrawal at the end of the five-year contract, but also how she overcame difficulties to reach her goals.

“I’m grateful for how the FSS Program assisted me in paying off the debt that built up during my treatment last year.” said Zahra in her Exit Survey.

Community Code Compliance

Code Enforcement Staffing Expansion

The City has completed the onboarding process of a Code Enforcement Supervisor and Code Enforcement Officer. The City’s new Code Enforcement Supervisor started on January 3, 2024, while the new Code Enforcement Officer started on March 4, 2024. These positions are key to augmenting Code Enforcement staffing and enhancing the City’s ability to provide timely and professional case management.



Code Enforcement Volunteer Program and Community Outreach

Upon the arrival of the new Code Enforcement Supervisor, the Code Enforcement team began re-implementation of the City’s Code Enforcement **volunteer program**. The goal of the volunteer program is to assist with neighborhood outreach and case follow-up. In addition, Code Enforcement plans to present quarterly updates to the City Council and increase presence at appropriate community events.

Code Enforcement Statistics for Q1 2024

Code Enforcement Activity	Statistical Data
Open Cases	349
Closed Cases	161
Cases Pending Customer Requests	306
Top Commercial Cases	Graffiti
Top Residential Cases	Debris
Reported Short Term Rentals	23
Red Tagged Properties	21
Cases Referred to City Attorney	0
Receiverships	1

Before



After



Photos: Property located on corner of Westminster Ave and Newhope Street

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

Maintain Fiscal Health

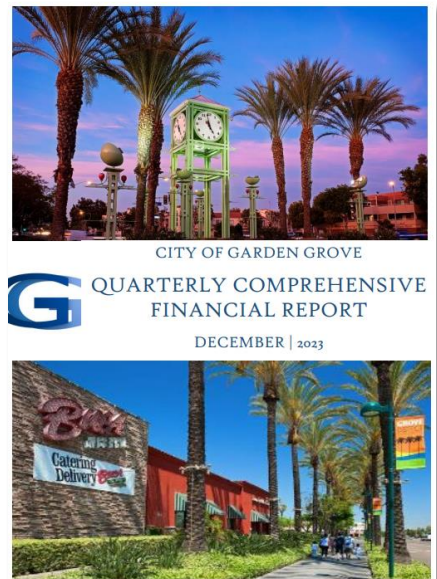
During the first quarter of 2024, the Finance Department worked diligently to secure financing for the Civic Center Revitalization Project. Staff is in the process of preparing a preliminary official statement and related documents for presentation to the City Council in late April, with the anticipated bond issuance in early June.

The Civic Center Revitalization Project consists of two phases. The initial phase focuses on constructing a 90,000 square foot public safety facility and a new parking structure and the second phase focuses on reconfiguring the 2.8-acre Civic Center Park site of the old police headquarters facility. On April 9, 2024, the City Council approved bond issuance to finance the project. The par amount of the bonds will be \$140,000,000, repaid over the next 30 years.

Quarterly Comprehensive Financial Report

The Quarterly Comprehensive Financial Report is comprised of three sections:

- Section I – Budget performance of the City’s major operating funds, including the General Fund, Water enterprise fund, and Sewer enterprise fund, as well as the status of capital improvement projects.
- Section II – Economic indicators that have a direct impact on the City’s revenue streams including sales and use tax, property tax and hotel visitor’s tax, as well as operating data on key department operations covering business license administration, procurement, warehouse, and risk management.
- Section III – Investment report on portfolio balance, earnings, cash flow and transactions. The City outsources its portfolio management to a third-party investment management firm.



The Finance Department strives to follow best practices in financial management. In February 2024, two years after the completion of the City’s Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system conversion, the Department published its first Quarterly Comprehensive Financial Report. Data reported is as of December 31, 2023. This report can be found on the City’s official website.

The quarterly comprehensive financial report provides transparency into the fiscal operations of the City, fostering trust between the government and its constituents. The reports serve as a communication tool for stakeholders, including but not limited to citizens, taxpayers, bondholders, and regulatory agencies.

Community Outreach

During the first quarter of 2024, the Office of Community Relations (OCR) and GGTV3 publicized the first of several community clean-ups, Art in the Park event, multi-language fair housing workshops, Eggscavation (canceled due to rain), Garden Grove Gems, Magnolia Park playground dedication, and the announcement of the new Assistant City Manager. For the ongoing Organics Recycling campaign, new street banners were designed in-house and placed throughout the city. OCR and GGTV3 also continued their collaboration on the Civic Center Revitalization Project to coordinate and promote the upcoming groundbreaking event. The division continued to focus efforts on the April 11th State of the City speech, videos, PowerPoint, and program for Mayor Jones' final annual address.

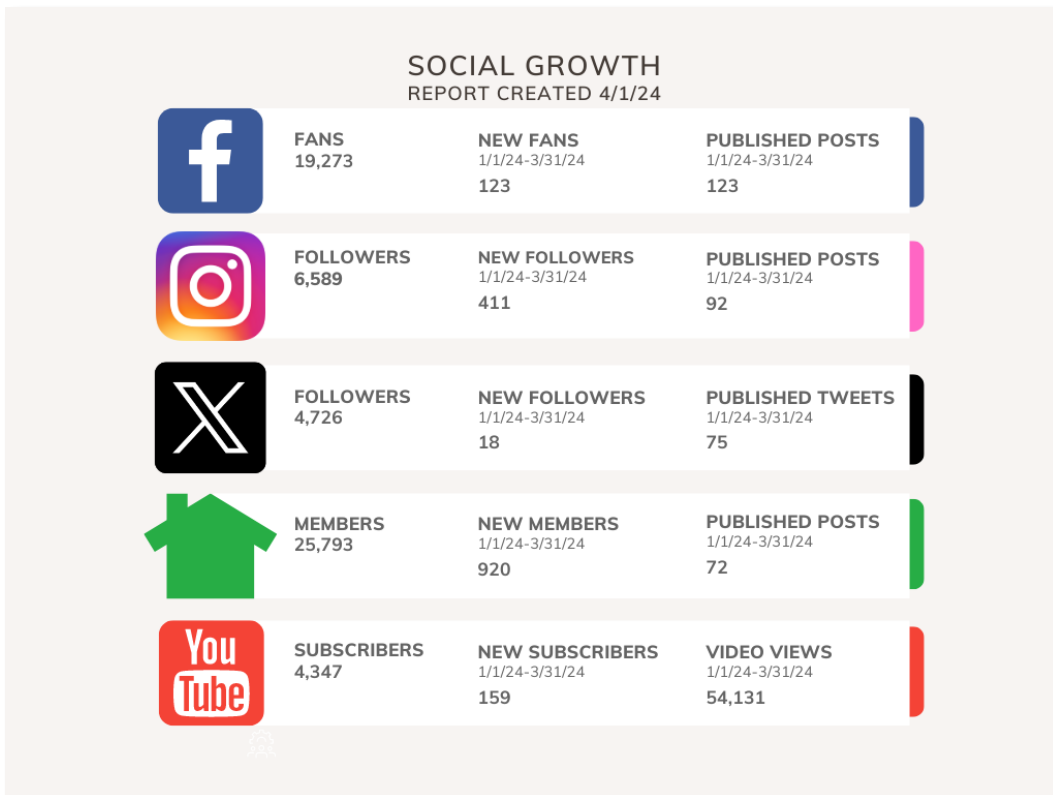
Social Media

City services, community programs, and recreation were the most popular posts during Q1 2024. A total of \$2,250 was placed into nine boosted posts. The boosted posts included campaigns for Garden Grove Gems and the Winter/Spring Parks & Recreation Guide.

The top five posts were:

- 1) Garden Grove Gems - 37,261 Reach (Paid)
- 2) UnReel with Lisa Kim - 28,150 Reach (Paid)
- 3) Art in the Park - 17,769 Reach (Paid)
- 4) Winter/Spring Parks & Recreation Guide - 16,734 Reach (Paid)
- 5) Winter/Spring Parks & Recreation Guide - 14,987 Reach (Paid)

While all social media platforms gained followers, NextDoor continued to be the social medium with the largest quarterly growth, followed by Instagram. GGTV3 received over 54,000 video views on YouTube.



GGTV3 Productions

2 News Stories:

- The City of Garden Grove Welcomes Ursula Luna-Reynosa
- Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce's 116th Annual Gala Dinner & Awards

4 Live Events

- 4 City Council Meetings Livestreamed, Cablecast & Archived

2 Facebook Live Promotions

- Free Community Cleanup Day Promotion
- Garden Grove CERT Academy Promotion

11 Additional Videos and/or Reels Posted

- Garden Grove Gems...A Home Beautification Program
- Nominate Your Home for Garden Grove Gems!
- Vote Now for Garden Grove Gems 2024!
- Unreel with Lisa Kim, Highlighting the Public Works Dept.
- 2024 Art in the Park Promo

Anyang Reels

- City Hall
- Pacifica High School Visit
- Great Wolf/Christ Cathedral/Disneyland
- Chaperone
- National Entrepreneurship Week Interviews
- KCAL/Shameless Weekend Weather Plug/Art in the Park



Community Events and Programs

Art in the Park

The City, in collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD), transformed Village Green Park into an outdoor, interactive art festival for the 6th Annual Art in the Park. The event was offered on Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Village Green Park and was free to the community. Activities included flowerpot painting, giant outdoor games, a LEGO® Creation Station, Paint and Sip an outdoor painting experience, ukulele lessons, ceramic demos, oversized temporary art installations



that included a 50-foot “RE:IMAGINE” banner and 20 outdoor, oversized easels displaying GGUSD student artwork, and live performances by multiple GGUSD student choirs, bands, and dancing groups

Garden Grove Community Collaborative

The Collaborative is comprised of over 30 community based organizations that make up the General Membership. The Advisory committee is made of up key stakeholders who help guide the work of the Collaborative. The Advisory has been working on a strategic plan and rolled out their 3 year strategic plan in January of 2024. The group developed a new mission and vision statement. Vision: Garden Grove is a connected Community where everyone is healthy, safe and thrives. Mission: The mission of the GGCC is to enhance and elevate partnerships that engage and strengthen the community. The group developed value statements and created a subcommittees that will focus on goals the next three years around the following areas: Agency Management, strategic growth, Marketing and Promotion and Resource Delivery.

Fair Housing Workshops

Fair Housing Foundation in partnership with the office of Economic Development and Housing offered three workshops to help educate the community on their rights and responsibilities. Workshops were offered at the following Centers:

- Buena Clinton February 22, 2024 from 5:30pm – 6:30pm (Spanish)
- Magnolia Park March 8, 2024 from 9:30am – 11:30am (Spanish)
- CMC March 12, 2024 from 9:30am – 11:30am (English with translation in multiple languages)

Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center

The Center continues its partnership with Santa Ana College offering digital literacy courses as well as a health and wellness series for parents in the community called “Elevate your wellbeing”.

Buena Clinton hosted its first family night for 2024 on Thursday, February 29, 2024. The night featured Loteria (Spanish bingo), dinner in partnership with Bracken’s Kitchen, as well as a Vaccine Clinic offered by Mercy Clinic.

A spring family night was offered on March 28, 2024, featuring a visit from the Easter bunny and egg hunt.



Magnolia Park Family Resource Center

The Center offered a variety of classes this quarter including parenting, grief and loss, father’s support group and diaper assistance program. The Center also actively promoted services to clients who are now eligible for MediCal as a result of the eligibility expansion. An Eligibility Technician from OC SSA was also on site once a month, 1st Tuesday of the month, to help families apply for government programs such as CalFresh, Medical and Calworks.

In an effort to promote social connection and support, the Center has partnered with a community volunteer to offer a jewelry class twice a month for their parent group.



College Tour

The Center coordinated a college tour for their teen leadership program SOL (Strengthening Our Leadership) and the Buena Clinton’s True Neighborhood Teen (TNT) leadership participants. Teens and their parents visited Cal State University of Fullerton on March 22, 2024. The day included a tour of the campus to provide an opportunity to learn about student services, student life and campus resources.

First 5 Grant

The Center has been working to offer programs and services for children 0-5 since 2020 as part of the Children’s and Family Commission First 5 grant. Grant accomplishments include developing a taskforce of community partners, development of a marketing plan, vision, mission and logo/branding as well as a needs assessment by analyzing EDI (Early Developmental index) data. This data is obtained from Garden Grove School District Kindergarten students assessing areas of physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive development, communication skills and general knowledge. The program now referred to as, Growing Up in Garden Grove, offers support for families in providing resources based on their needs and engagement opportunities for families. This year the Center will be subcontracting with Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove to support this grant. The City will continue to serve as the lead agency for this grant with fiscal and administrative oversight by Magnolia Park FRC.

H. Louis Lake Senior Center

The Center hosted its second annual International week on January, 23-26, 2024. Participants were able to explore diversity of global traditions through crafts, show and tell, performances, and food tastings. Programming featured engaging activities, which offer insights into the histories and customs of various cultures, fostering cross-cultural understanding amongst our older adult community. This inclusive celebration invites participants to join us on a journey of cultural discovery, building connections, and fostering appreciation for other cultures from around the world. The event culminated with live cultural performances including Ballet Folklorico and Polynesian dance. Additionally, in February the Center had a TET celebration featuring Lion dancers.



The Center hosted Valentine's Day events that included an Evening Dance on February 9th featuring DJ, photo booth, pasta dinner and roses for registered guests. The Center also hosted a free day party for participants on February 14, 2024. The party included fun activities, carnations for seniors, as well as Valentine's Day cards made by youth from the Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center.

The Center began a new class in February Coffee and Crochet and is supported by the Center's new Master's in Social Work intern. This program provides an opportunity for seniors to engage socially, decreasing social isolation. Studies have shown that Crochet has been able to help with pain management, grief, depression have some studies have reported improved cognition.

The Center offered a St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 13, 2024 as well as a Spring Celebration on March 27, 2024.

The Center offered an excursion in March to the Lyon Air Museum. The Center is able to provide free transportation services to excursions through funds from OCTA's Senior Mobility program.



WEEKLY MEMO 04-25-2024

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

April 18, 2024 - April 24, 2024

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

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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 4/24/2024 5:20 pm PDT

Today, we made a social statement through our fashion statement by wearing jeans in recognition of #DenimDay! ❤️...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	4,729
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 4/24/2024 5:18 pm PDT

Today, we made a social statement through our fashion statement by wearing jeans in recognition of #DenimDay! The...



Impressions	870
Reach	832
Engagements	50
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/24/2024 5:16 pm PDT

Today, we made a social statement through our fashion statement by wearing jeans in recognition of #DenimDay! The...



Impressions	113
Reach	113
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.9%



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 4/24/2024 1:47 pm PDT

Last night, the Garden Grove City Council officially welcomed Assistant City Manager Matt West to the team! Family, friends,...



Impressions	912
Reach	786
Engagements	47
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/24/2024 1:42 pm PDT

Last night, the Garden Grove City Council officially welcomed Assistant City Manager Matt West to the team! Family, friends,...



Impressions	760
Reach	760
Engagements	161
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	21.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 4/24/2024 11:34 am PDT

It's that time of the year to clean out your medicine cabinets! This Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Garde...



Impressions	402
Reach	383
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.5%



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 4/23/2024 4:45 pm PDT

#TakeMeBackTuesday to the 2024 State of the City when Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones delivered his final State of the City...



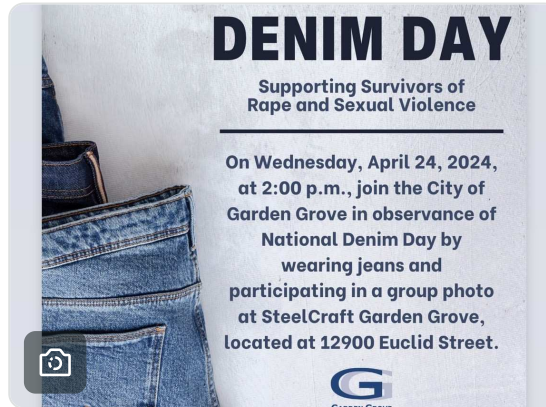
Impressions	579
Reach	540
Engagements	30
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 4/23/2024 4:36 pm PDT

Join us tomorrow as we observe #DenimDay!! 🇺🇸



Impressions	1,086
Reach	1,064
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	7



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 4/23/2024 4:29 pm PDT

#TakeMeBackTuesday to the 2024 State of the City when Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones delivered his final State of the City...



Video Views	54
Impressions	147
Reach	145
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 4/23/2024 3:10 pm PDT

Join us tomorrow, 4/24, at 2PM, as we observe [#NationalDenimDay](#) by wearing jeans and participating in a group photo ...



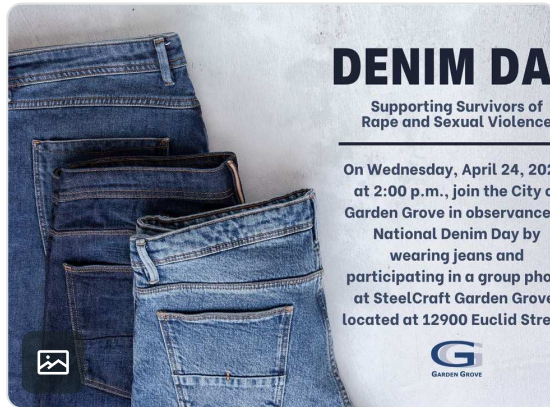
Impressions	107
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 4/23/2024 3:10 pm PDT

Join us tomorrow, April 24, at 2:00 p.m., as we observe [#NationalDenimDay](#) by wearing jeans and participating in a grou...



Impressions	159
Reach	159
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 4/23/2024 8:07 am PDT

Don't miss this berry sweet event, honoring the Strawberry Ball King Joe Chandler & Strawberry Ball Queen Joan...



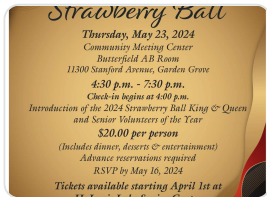
Impressions	144
Potential Reach	4,726
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 4/23/2024 8:04 am PDT

🍓 Don't miss out on this berry sweet event. Local seniors are invited to attend the 47th Annual Strawberry Ball, honorin...



Impressions	785
Reach	627
Engagements	30
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 4/23/2024 8:00 am PDT

🍓 Don't miss out on this berry sweet event. Local seniors are invited to attend the 47th Annual Strawberry Ball, honorin...



Impressions	1,904
Reach	1,865
Engagements	148
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.8%




gardengrovecityhall

Mon 4/22/2024 11:30 am PDT


"There is no such thing as 'away.' When we throw anything away it must go somewhere." - Annie Leonard This 🌍...




Impressions	348
Reach	340
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Mon 4/22/2024 11:21 am PDT


"There is no such thing as 'away.' When we throw anything away it must go somewhere." - Annie Leonard This 🌍...




Video Views	76
Impressions	210
Reach	206
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Mon 4/22/2024 10:37 am PDT


The Water Services Division has a temporary 30-minute water shutdown on Lombardy Road, between Woodbury Road and Fernwood Drive. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.
[#gg1956](#)



Impressions	251
Potential Reach	4,727
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Sun 4/21/2024 10:00 am PDT

Tomorrow is Earth Day, #GardenGrove! 🌍
 🚌 Embrace a sustainable future and enjoy FREE @rideocbus and @metrolink rides a...



Impressions	442
Reach	341
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sun 4/21/2024 10:00 am PDT

Tomorrow is Earth Day, #GardenGrove! 🌍
 🚌 Embrace a sustainable future and enjoy FREE OC Bus and Metrolink rides all day!...



Impressions	940
Reach	907
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Sun 4/21/2024 10:00 am PDT

Tomorrow is Earth Day, #GardenGrove!
 🌍 🚌 Embrace a sustainable future and enjoy FREE @RideOCBus and...



Impressions	175
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 4/19/2024 12:00 pm PDT

🌟 #FlashbackFriday to when the Garden Grove City Council recognized Garden Grove High School's cheer team for...



Impressions	1,403
Reach	1,098
Engagements	100
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 4/19/2024 12:00 pm PDT

🌟 #FlashbackFriday to when the Garden Grove City Council recognized Garden Grove High School's cheer team for...



Impressions	2,165
Reach	2,101
Engagements	156
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/18/2024 5:24 pm PDT

Caregivers can exercise while safely watching their children using the new outdoor fitness equipment along the...



Impressions	95
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/18/2024 5:24 pm PDT

Additionally, the citrus farm-themed playground honors the park's roots, which used to be owned by the Wakeham famil...



Impressions	95
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/18/2024 5:24 pm PDT

👶 Children can now enjoy a new play area featuring citrus farm-themed playgrounds with colorful play structures, a two-story...



Impressions	11
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.1%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/18/2024 5:24 pm PDT

🍊 We recently celebrated the opening of a new citrus farm-themed playground at Magnolia Park, located at 11402 Magnoli...



Impressions	199
Potential Reach	5,228
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%



gardengrovecityhall

Thu 4/18/2024 5:23 pm PDT

🍊 We recently celebrated the opening of a new citrus farm-themed playground at Magnolia Park, located at 11402 Magnoli...



Impressions	3,299
Reach	2,601
Engagements	291
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 4/18/2024 5:20 pm PDT



Impressions	4,336
Reach	4,196
Engagements	970
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	22.4%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/18/2024 11:51 am PDT

WIN A \$100 HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD - ONE WEEK LEFT TO NOMINATE YOUR HOME GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO D...



Impressions	127
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 4/18/2024 11:51 am PDT

Next Wednesday, April 24, is the last day to nominate your home for 💎 Garden Grove Gems, a home beautification...



Impressions	95
Potential Reach	4,728
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



gardengrovecityhall

Thu 4/18/2024 11:51 am PDT

WIN A \$100 HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD - ONE WEEK LEFT TO NOMINATE YOUR HOME GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO D...



Impressions	482
Reach	459
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 4/18/2024 11:51 am PDT

WIN A \$100 HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD - ONE WEEK LEFT TO NOMINATE YOUR HOME GANA UNA TARJETA DE REGALO D...



Impressions	717
Reach	657
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.5%



Post Performance

April 18, 2024 - April 24, 2024

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...

Wed 4/24/2024 9:06 am PDT

Behind every well-organized boss and smooth running organization are the magical admin assistants. They are the...



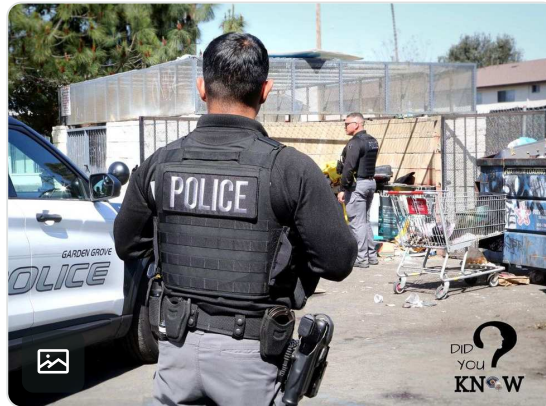
Impressions	3,207
Reach	3,182
Engagements	177
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 4/23/2024 12:03 pm PDT

#DidYouKnow, one way #GardenGrovePD addresses the increased (after hour) criminal activity is to have businesses ta...



Impressions	2,237
Reach	2,187
Engagements	184
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 4/22/2024 6:30 pm PDT

Weekend Recap #GGPD32



Video Views	1,928
Impressions	1,928
Reach	1,975
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 4/20/2024 12:00 pm PDT

Outreach & Cleanup Recap #GGPD32
 #WheresTheSRT #SRTsaturday
 #TeamWork Be Well OC Garden Grove...



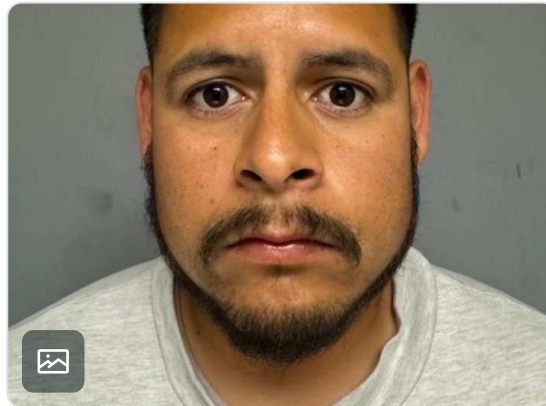
Video Views	1,334
Impressions	1,334
Reach	1,225
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 4/19/2024 4:29 pm PDT

Last March, #GardenGrovePD was contacted by a female who reported she was inappropriately touched by a Boys &...



Impressions	7,991
Reach	7,991
Engagements	2,636
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	33%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 4/19/2024 12:01 pm PDT

It's that time of the year again to clean out your medicine cabinets. #GardenGrovePD in conjunction with the Drug Enforcemen...



Impressions	3,362
Reach	3,006
Engagements	98
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 4/18/2024 12:04 pm PDT

#K9Rocky recently assisted on a case and was able to help take 8 kilos off the street! #GGPD32 #PoliceWork #NotOnOurWatc...



Impressions	7,219
Reach	6,506
Engagements	819
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.3%

WEEKLY MEMO 04-25-2024

NEWS ARTICLES



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Monday, April 22, 2024



SENIOR KING AND QUEEN TO BE HONORED AT STRAWBERRY BALL

On Thursday, May 23, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the City of Garden Grove's H. Louis Lake Senior Center will host the 47th Annual Strawberry Ball, a celebration honoring the 2024 Strawberry Ball King and Queen. The event will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Local seniors are invited to attend. Tickets are \$20 and include event entry, dinner, dessert, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages, a photo booth, live music, and dancing.

Recognizing the spirit of volunteerism, 2024 Strawberry Ball King Joe Chandler and Strawberry Ball Queen Joan Grosse will be awarded the Senior Volunteer of the Year awards for their dedicated service with the Garden Grove Police Department and the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Together, Chandler and Grosse have committed over 6,200 hours of volunteer service with the Garden Grove Police Department.

Advance reservations are required. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, May 16, 2024, by calling the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at (714) 741-5253 or visiting in person, at 11300 Stanford Avenue, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call (714) 741-5253 or visit ggcity.org/seniorcenter.



CONTACT:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Monday, April 22, 2024



MEDIA ALERT

**WELCOME RECEPTION FOR NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
TOMORROW**

Members of the media are invited to attend a welcome reception for Garden Grove's new Assistant City Manager, Matt West, tomorrow, Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

West, a 25-year public service professional and former city manager for the City of Tustin, served as Garden Grove's Interim Assistant City Manager since January 2024.

WHAT: Welcome reception for Garden Grove's new assistant city manager, Matt West.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 23, 2024; 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove 92840

WHO: Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and members of the Garden Grove City Council, along with other officials will welcome West as Garden Grove's new assistant city manager.

INFO: ggcity.org/city-manager/matt-west

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Independence Day parade in West Grove is approved

April 24, 2024



An Independence Day parade planned for West Grove area on June 29 (Shutterstock).

The annual Strawberry Festival parade isn't the only street procession in Garden Grove.

At Tuesday night's meeting of the city council, approval was given on a 7-0 vote for temporary closure of streets in the Eastgate Park neighborhood in the West Grove area for the second annual Independence Day-Freedom Parade on Saturday, June 29.

About 150 "golf carts" will participate in the event to begin at 5 p.m. The sponsors, the Honoring Our Fallen organization, will reimburse the city for all direct costs associated with the event.

Also on Tuesday, the council authorized a purchase order for a new police department pickup truck with appropriate equipment for \$90,996.64 and a purchase order of \$215,746.19 for four police department administrative utility vehicles.

The next meeting of the council is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14.

More vehicles for the police

April 19, 2024



A light agenda, including the purchase of five new police vehicles, is in store for the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

One item calls for the purchase of a new police department pickup truck with appropriate equipment for \$90,996.64. Another item calls for the purchase of four new police department "administrative utility" vehicles at a total cost of \$215,746.19.

Other big purchases on the agenda include \$200,000 for various water pipelines materials and \$200,000 for equipment and uniforms for the police and public works departments.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

From market to church approved

April 19, 2024



THE FORMER Food Giant and Walmart market at Katella Avenue and Euclid Street in Garden Grove (Tribune photo).

A proposal to convert a former supermarket building into a new religious facility was approved Thursday night by the Garden Grove Planning Commission.

On a 5-0 vote, the commission said “yes” to FreedomHouse OC to take the 46,287-square foot building at Katella Avenue and Euclid Street formerly used as a Food Giant and a Walmart Neighborhood Mart for a church sanctuary, an accredited bible college and a child day care center.

Also approved was a proposed 15-unit multiple-family project on a 0.88-acre site on the east side of Newhope Street north of Garden Grove Boulevard.

The development would consist of three-story detached homes sold as condominiums.

Garden Grove khánh thành sân chơi mới tại công viên Magnolia Park

22/4/2024

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Garden Grove vừa khánh thành một sân chơi mới cho trẻ em trong công viên Magnolia Park tại địa chỉ 11402 Magnolia Street, Garden Grove, CA 92841, góc với đường Orangewood, hôm Thứ Ba, 16 Tháng Tư.

Thông cáo báo chí thành phố cho biết hàng trăm cư dân và dân cử, bao gồm gia đình Wakeham, chủ đất nguyên thủy của công viên, tham dự lễ cắt băng khánh thành.

Công viên là một phần quan trọng trong cuộc sống chúng ta và cộng đồng chúng ta. Tôi tự hào là chúng ta coi thành lập công viên là một ưu tiên ở Garden Grove,” Thị Trưởng Steve Jones được trích lời nói tại lễ cắt băng khánh thành. “Công viên này đặc biệt, vì nó vinh danh lịch sử nông nghiệp của Garden Grove và những chủ đất, người chọn định cư ở Garden Grove và phát triển cộng đồng này.” Sân chơi mới có nền bằng cao su và khu vực chơi mang biểu tượng nông nghiệp dành cho trẻ em từ 2 đến 12 tuổi, với đầy màu sắc. Ngoài ra, sân chơi còn có cầu tuột hai tầng, ống tuột, và một bộ xích đu. Bên cạnh sân chơi còn có thiết bị tập thể dục, để phụ huynh có thể tập trong lúc trông chừng con em mình.

Sở dĩ biểu tượng nông nghiệp được sử dụng tại sân chơi là vì gia đình Wakeham từng trồng bưởi trên miếng đất này trong thời gian từ thập niên 1920 đến thập niên 1960.

Ông John Montanhez, giám đốc dịch vụ cộng đồng Garden Grove, nói: “Trong hơn một năm qua, tôi có vinh dự nhìn thấy công viên này có một sức sống mới trong khi vẫn giữ được truyền thống nguyên thủy.”

Cư dân có thể biết thêm chi tiết bằng cách quét mã QR code tại bảng tên của công viên, và sẽ được dẫn về trang web ggcity.org/magnoliaparkhistory của thành phố.

Việc tái thiết công viên Magnolia Park có được là nhờ số tiền \$284,822 rút từ Prop 68 và quỹ Citywide Park Fee mà không ảnh hưởng quỹ tổng quát của thành phố.



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

April 25, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the May 2, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Minutes for the March 21, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Minutes for the April 25, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from April 19, 2024 to April 24, 2024.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 25, 2024 – May 31, 2024

Thursday	April 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission SPECIAL Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 3		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	May 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	May 14	5:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
			\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
		5:00 p.m.	37th Annual "Call to Duty" Memorial, Garden Grove PD, 11301 Acacia Parkway
Friday	May 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	May 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		4:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.	47 th Annual H. Louis Lake Senior Center Strawberry Ball, CMC – AB Room
Friday	May 24-27		64 th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, Village Green Park
Saturday	May 25	8:00 a.m.	Sister City Strawberry Stomp 5K, Historic Main Street
Monday	May 27		City Hall Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 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
Friday	May 31		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 2, 2024
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: April 25, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY
CHAIR

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Arbgast
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Lindsay, Paredes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Cunningham

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

March 7, 2024 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Arbgast Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lindsay, Paredes

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-255-2024 AND INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-005-2024 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF MAGNOLIA STREET, BETWEEN CHAPMAN AVENUE AND GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, AT 12191-12211 MAGNOLIA STREET

Applicant: SR. GRACE DUC LE

Date: March 21, 2024

Request: A request for Interpretation of Use approval to determine that Adult Day Services use, including Adult Day Program (ADP) and Adult Day Health Care (ADHC), is permitted in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone district, subject to a Conditional Use Permit, and subject to the conditions that it is incidental to the operation of a Church and Other

Religious Center and is located along, and has access from, a major or primary arterial street. In conjunction with the Interpretation of Use request, the applicant also requests Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the continued operation of an existing religious facility, Lambertian Ministry Center, and an existing Preschool and Afterschool Program, and to introduce, and allow, the operation of a new Adult Day Health Care facility collectively on a property located at 12191-12211 Magnolia Street. The site is in the R-1 (Single-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).

Action: Resolution No. 6084-24 was approved.

Motion: Cunningham Second: Arbgast

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Lindsay, Paredes

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Ramirez mentioned that a remnant parcel on Gilbert Street, has weeds in the landscape setback, and asked staff to look into the matter as well as the fencing. Staff would contact Code Enforcement in regard to the issue.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted the April 4th meeting would be cancelled and gave a brief description of the agenda items for the April 18th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:23 p.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-260-2024

Applicant: Taqueria De Anda Grill
Location: 12159 Valley View Street
Date: April 25, 2024

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a restaurant to operate 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 Planned Unit Development No. PUD-104-73 (REV. 2018/REV. 2021) 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).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Bethany Segura

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1851-24.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



Inland Empire Division unites to oppose the 'Taxpayer Deception Act'

Apr 24, 2024

By *Laura Varela, regional public affairs manager (Inland Empire)*

The entire Cal Cities Inland Empire Division now formally opposes the “Taxpayer Protection and Accountability Act” — or what opponents are calling the Taxpayer Deception Act.

“This measure jeopardizes vital services that cities provide to our local residents,” said Lynne Kennedy, Rancho Cucamonga mayor pro tem and Cal Cities first vice president. “It could force cuts to fire and emergency response, law enforcement, parks, libraries and services to support homeless residents, mental health services and more.”

So far, over 220 cities have formally opposed the November initiative, including all 15 cities in the Inland Empire Division.

In Ontario, residents approved Measure Q in November 2022. It went into effect in April 2023 and generates about \$95 million annually for the city. Ontario uses that funding for public safety, infrastructure improvements, and parks. Voters approved the measure with a 53% majority.

The vagueness of the November initiative makes it unclear if Measure Q could be sent back to the voters.

Under the 2024 ballot measure, local special taxes passed since Jan. 1, 2022, would need to pass by a two-thirds majority. If they did not, they would become void unless they are reenacted or readopted in compliance with the new rules within 12 months of the measure going into effect.

South of Ontario in Chino, Mayor Eunice Ulloa says her community counts on tax measures to help fund local services and maintain a good quality of life for residents. She calls the Taxpayer Deception Act “shameful and dangerous.”

“Far from protecting taxpayers, it attacks voters’ rights by retroactively canceling measures recently passed by voters and preventing voters from passing advisory measures that provide direction on how they want their local tax dollars spent,” Ulloa said.

The California Business Roundtable is sponsoring the initiative. “This is a sneaky attempt by a statewide association to make it more difficult for residents to make decisions for their communities,” Ulloa said. “Why is the California Business Roundtable trying to undermine local voters?”

The measure would make it more difficult for cities to raise revenue for public services. It could also impact [special districts](#), counties, the state, and other public service providers. It is currently scheduled for the November 2024 ballot.

The following cities are in the Inland Empire Division: Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucaipa.

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State Bills in Brief: April 24-March 2

Apr 24, 2024

A weekly primer on the bills and committee hearings that have a direct impact on cities

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor. Additional contributions by the Cal Cities Advocacy Team

It's a big week at the Capitol, as lawmakers and lobbyists alike are rushing to get bills with notable financial impacts to the appropriations committees. City leaders are in town testifying for sponsored measures, the Cal Cities Board adopted new policy positions, and [Big City Mayors](#) are urging lawmakers to make a [homeless prevention program](#) permanent.

Yesterday, the Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#) made it out of committee with bipartisan support. The bill would streamline wildfire preparedness efforts in high-fire severity zones.

"While progress has been made, proactive measures prove most effective," La Verne Fire Chief Chris Nigg told lawmakers. "To manage fuel loads efficiently and protect the environmental and residential areas, we need streamlined processes, transparency, and greater clarification from state environmental agencies."

Another sponsored measure, [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#), also passed out of committee. That bill would help the Department of Health Care Services provide better oversight and the ability to investigate financial relationships between recovery residences and licensed treatment facilities.

Also up this week: [AB 2943 \(Rivas and Zbur\)](#), the main vehicle for retail theft reform. The Cal Cities Board [last week](#) voted to take a support if amended position on the retail theft measure. These amendments center on aggregating multiple offenses, police officers' authority to collect unsworn statements if they demonstrate probable cause, and probation.

As for the Big City Mayors: They urged lawmakers to restore funding to the [REAP 2.0](#) program and commit to making [HHAP](#) funding ongoing. The group argued that ongoing funding allows cities to plan for the long term, which creates better services, accountability, and outcomes.

"We have a proven plan that is working," Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer said of his city's efforts. "What we cannot do now is slow or stop these efforts to help the most vulnerable among us. We will not be satisfied until we have helped every single person experiencing homelessness."

To learn more about bills scheduled for a committee hearing through March 2, keep reading. To learn what each section means — or to access a previous State Bills in Brief — visit the [archive page](#).

Hot bills

Local government coffers, organized retail theft, the builder's remedy, and climate change are all in the hot seat this week.

Development fee restrictions would restrict critical services

- **What would the bill do?** [AB 1820 \(Schiavo\)](#) would require cities to provide an itemized list during the preliminary application process within 20 days of a developer's request. Cal Cities will oppose the measure unless the author provides a longer timeline, clarifies which fees it affects, and states that such estimations are nonbinding.
- **Why it matters.** Local governments cannot raise property taxes. With very few ways to fund services, they must rely on impact fees to build new roads, sewer lines, fire stations, and even affordable housing.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Retroactive sales tax "reform"

- **A blanket ban.** [SB 1494 \(Glazer\)](#) would prohibit cities from entering a sales tax rebate agreement with a retailer starting next year and void all existing agreements on Jan. 1, 2030. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **New Cal Cities policy.** A diverse group of city managers and the Cal Cities Board approved a new sales tax rebate agreement policy last year. It calls for a cap on the duration of such agreements and the percentage of sales tax that can be rebated, enhanced transparency and public review, and equitable changes to county pool calculations.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Hot labor summer rerun

- **Unemployment benefits for striking workers.** [SB 1116 \(Portantino\)](#) would allow striking workers to draw unemployment benefits after two weeks. Cal Cities opposes the measure due to the severe, downward pressure it would apply to city budgets.
- **Didn't this already fail?** When the Governor vetoed a similar measure [last year](#), he said, "Now is not the time to increase costs or incur this sizable debt."
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Labor, Public Employment, and Retirement Committee.

Key retail safety measure advances to appropriations

- **Grand theft larceny.** [AB 1794 \(McCarty\)](#) would clarify that prosecutors can aggregate the value of items stolen in multiple thefts into a single felony charge. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Now you see me, now you don't.** Thieves often steal small amounts of items under \$950 across multiple businesses to avoid penalties.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Cal Cities adopts a position for Assembly Speaker's retail theft bill

- **What would the bill do?** [AB 2943 \(Rivas and Zbur\)](#) would create a new crime of "serial retail theft," allow police to arrest shoplifters without witnessing the crime, and define how multiple acts of theft with multiple victims can be aggregated into a

felony charge of grand theft. Cal Cities has a supported if amended position for the bill.

- **Does this change Proposition 47?** No. Lawmakers are loathe to propose any changes to Prop. 47, which would need to go before the voters for approval.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Greater grant amounts for the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund

- **Targeted funding for community-based solutions.** [AB 1782 \(Ta\)](#) would increase the amount of money cities can spend on homeless prevention and rapid rehousing services under a key state program. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Inconsistent funding.** [Nine in ten cities](#) are concerned about their ability to provide homelessness services long-term. In many cities, the demand for housing and services is outpacing their efforts to connect people to services and safe, affordable housing.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Health Committee.

No more self-certification for housing elements

- **Changing housing element law.** [AB 1886 \(Alvarez\)](#) would remove the ability of cities to self-certify housing plans that are “in substantial compliance with housing element law.” This would encourage more developers to bypass local zoning laws in favor of the so-called builder’s remedy. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **Not helpful.** Housing elements take years to develop. Cities often receive unclear or conflicting guidance about their plans. Instead of punishing good faith efforts, the state should help cities finalize their housing elements and put those plans to work.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Builder’s remedy safeguards come with a price

- **The good.** [AB 1893 \(Wicks\)](#) would place some guardrails on builder’s remedy projects by restricting their location and density. Cities could also use objective development standards in some circumstances.
- **The bad.** Cities could no longer reject certain housing developments if they have met or exceeded their state housing goals. Cal Cities has taken an oppose unless amended position on AB 1893. The state should specify how cities can get a compliant housing element to avoid things like the builder’s remedy before further restricting local control.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Cal Cities-sponsored measure would help reduce methane emissions

- **Bill changes.** [SB 972 \(Min\)](#) would require CalRecycle to strengthen its assistance efforts to help cities actively working to reduce organic waste in landfills and methane emissions. The agency would also need to report back to the Legislature on the organic waste diversion progress and how to better align the law with the state’s other climate goals.
- **Room for improvement.** A [2023 report](#) found that the amount of organic waste in landfills increased by a million tons between 2014 and 2020, a trend at odds with the goal of reducing methane emissions. Greater local assistance and accountability are key to progress – which SB 972 would provide.
- **When was the hearing?** The bill was set on consent in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on April 24.

A familiar labor bill

- **What would the bill do?** [AB 2421's \(Low\)](#) would restrict internal investigations to the detriment of employees and the public. It could limit investigations into workplace harassment, misconduct, and safety as well as silence witnesses. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **What the last Governor said.** When Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a similar measure in 2013, he noted it would put a union agent on equal footing with one's spouse, priest, doctor, or lawyer.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Cal Cities-supported facial recognition bill

- **You read that right.** [AB 1814 \(Ting\)](#) would stop police from using facial recognition technology-generated matches as the sole basis for probable cause in an arrest, search, or warrant. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Accountability and access.** Facial recognition is just one tool that law enforcement officers use to generate leads. This bill requires reasonable safeguards while also allowing officers to use this technology to prevent criminal activity.
- **When is the hearing?** April 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee.

Priority bills

This week, lawmakers are considering some possibly productive housing law changes, along with some positive retail theft, autonomous vehicles, and climate change measures.

Assembly bill shifts housing infrastructure costs to cities

- **Developer piggy bank.** Under [AB 2729 \(Patterson, Joe\)](#), cities could only collect development fees after a final inspection or a certificate of occupancy is issued, with some exceptions. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **Time is money.** This is true for developers and cities. Local agencies rely on these fees to pay for essential infrastructure: roads, sidewalks, parks, and lighting.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

Retail theft bill bevy

- **Study bill.** [AB 1772 \(Ramos\)](#) would require the Department of Justice to quantify the number of misdemeanor convictions for retail theft during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Organized retail theft.** [AB 1802 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#) would eliminate the sunset date for the crime of organized retail theft that was chaptered in 2017.
- **Grant funding.** [AB 1845 \(Alanis\)](#) would provide money for joint investigations into fencing operations.
- **Low-risk crime.** [AB 1972 \(Alanis\)](#) would help reduce cargo theft. California is reportedly one of the nation's top three hotspots for cargo theft.
- **When were the hearings?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. Cal Cities supports all four measures.

Changes to newly minted housing laws

- **Nibbling away at local control.** [AB 2243 \(Wicks\)](#) would expand a [recent law](#) that requires cities to automatically approve some housing projects in areas zoned for office, retail, or parking. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **Additional time to implement would be nice.** Cities are still working to update their housing plans based on the dozens of new laws recently passed. Before making more changes, lawmakers should ensure cities have the tools and resources needed to comply with state law first before extending it further.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Ensuring housing element assistance

- **Transparency goes both ways.** [AB 2485 \(Carrillo, Juan\)](#) would require HCD to publish data sources, analyses, and methods before finalizing regional housing needs and assemble an advisory panel for future revisions. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** Making this information readily available would build trust, ensure accountability, and help cities create more effective housing strategies.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Flexible office conversions

- **The carrot, not the stick.** [AB 2910 \(Santiago\)](#) would make it easier for cities to repurpose underused commercial and industrial spaces into residential housing. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **It's a cliché, but it's true.** COVID-19 fundamentally changed how we work, leading to increased demand for remote and hybrid work in many cities. This measure would reduce housing shortages, commercial real estate woes, and urban sprawl.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Hire your own inspector

- **A concerning debate.** [AB 2433 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#) would allow applicants to pay for a third-party inspection during a construction project. Directly paying a “regulator” (a private individual in this case) creates biased results. Cal Cities opposes the measure unless it is amended.
- **But also.** Related laws and ordinances that jurisdictions must enforce change regularly. It is their responsibility to ensure that each project is built in a manner that complies with those laws. A far better approach would be to focus on expediting the permitting process, like those already in place for broadband microtrenches.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

Updating insurance underwriting models

- **A fair solution.** [SB 1060 \(Becker\)](#) would require insurers to consider wildfire risk mitigation efforts when setting insurance costs for homeowners. Cal Cities supports the measures.
- **An insurance crisis.** Public agencies and private individuals have ramped up wildfire mitigation efforts. Not accounting for these activities has caused some home insurers to pull out of the state or curtail their operations — including [two more](#) just last week.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Insurance Committee.

Operate it or ticket

- **A safe, sensible solution.** [AB 2286 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#) would require a human safety operator for the use of medium- and heavy-duty autonomous vehicles on public roads for testing purposes. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **We still have the edge on robots.** Self-driving cars cannot predict and recognize risk quickly. They are simply not as quick as a human brain. There are safety concerns about heavy autonomous vehicles, especially those weighing many times that of the average passenger car.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee.

Helping cities meet organic waste targets

- **What is the bill?** [AB 2346 \(Lee\)](#) would provide additional credits and flexibility for cities when procuring recovered organic waste products. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** A [report last year](#) found that cities need more flexibility to meet the state's organic waste reduction goals.
- **When was the hearing?** April 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Planning for future droughts

- **What would the bill do?** [SB 1330 \(Archuleta\)](#) would clarify several key provisions in the long-term water use standards under a [new water conservation law](#). This includes simplifying the processes to submit information, clarifying reporting dates, and extending deadlines since the regulations are two years behind the statutory deadline.
- **Why is this important?** Water use will be regulated through these new long-term water use standards. Water usage will need to go down over time for residential indoor and outdoor uses and commercial outdoor uses where there are meters in urban areas. The goal is to prevent mandatory water cuts during the next drought.
- **When was the bill heard?** April 23 at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, where the bill received unanimous support.

[View all tracked bill hearings.](#)



Cal Cities-sponsored recovery housing bills clear key legislative hurdles

Apr 24, 2024

By Caroline Grinder, legislative affairs lobbyist

Three [recovery housing bills](#) passed policy committees and are headed to appropriations, marking a major milestone in the fight to create more oversight and transparency to protect residents and hold bad actors accountable. Committee members will need to vote on the bills before May 17, the last day for fiscal committees to hear bills introduced in their house.



The Assembly Health Committee heard [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#) this week. The measure would expand reporting requirements for licensed treatment facility operators to improve the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) oversight of sober living homes operating as an integral part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere in the community.

Santa Ana Council Member David Penalzo provided lead witness support testimony on AB 2574 alongside Cal Cities staff. "Santa Ana, as well as many other cities in Orange County, is home to many recovery residences," Penalzo explained. "[AB 2574] will help DCHS provide better oversight and the ability to investigate [the] financial relationships between recovery residences and treatment facilities."

The measure passed out of committee with overwhelming bipartisan support and is headed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Lawmakers also heard [SB 913 \(Umberg\)](#) in the Senate Judiciary Committee this week. SB 913 would augment state licensing efforts by requiring DHCS to adopt a process that allows cities to request approval to conduct site visits and enforce compliance with existing state licensing laws.



Alexandra Halfman, Assistant City Attorney for Mission Viejo, testified on the measure with Cal Cities staff. She explained that cities like this bill “because right now all [we receive] are complaints about these facilities and there is nothing we can do about them ... and that leaves people feeling unheard.”

Despite ongoing opposition, SB 913 passed out of committee with solid bipartisan support. The bill is now headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

[AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#) passed out of the Assembly Health Committee in early April and is also headed to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. AB 2081 would require operators of licensed treatment facilities to disclose to potential patients that they can check the Department of Health Care Services website to confirm a facility’s compliance with state licensing laws.



“This is critical for patients and their families to know, when they are seeking a treatment program, that they are getting a reliable and reputable operator who puts patient care first,” Laguna Niguel City Manager Tamara Letourneau told lawmakers.

Cities are encouraged to weigh in on these important bills. Cal Cities has template support letters available for each bill — just click the bill links above.



Assembly celebrates city officials and cities

Apr 24, 2024

By Cal Cities Communications Staff



Assembly lawmakers joined Asm. Blanca Pacheco last week in proclaiming April 14-20 as “California Cities Week.” The [resolution](#) encouraged all Californians to get involved in their communities and engage with their local government.

Pacheco, a former Cal Cities board member, noted that although cities may differ wildly from each other, they all share a commitment to public service and their communities. When people go to a park, drive on roads, visit the library, or call 911, that is local government at work.

The former Downey mayor was joined on the floor by Carolyn Coleman, Cal Cities executive director and CEO, along with Cal Cities Board Officers Daniel Parra (Fowler, mayor), Gabe Quinto, (El Cerrito, council member), and Ali Sajjad Taj (Artesia, mayor pro tem).

An overwhelming majority of the Assembly’s 80 members signed on as coauthors, including Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas. The resolution aligned with the [City Leaders Summit](#), a three-day advocacy and education event at the Capitol.



Let's get fiscal! Submit a proposal for the 2024 Municipal Finance Institute

Apr 24, 2024

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Can you crack a pun while breaking down a complex monetary topic? Cal Cities is seeking informative, interesting session proposals for California's premier education event for fiscal officers: the [Municipal Finance Institute](#). Taking place at the Meritage in Napa, Dec. 11-12, the conference will bring together finance directors and other city fiscal planners for two days of learning, collaboration, and inspiration.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to gain visibility and share your expertise by submitting a session proposal. The institute attracts leaders from around the state.

This year's institute will offer educational and innovative leadership sessions across a variety of formats. Change is constant in cities. These sessions will support fiscal officers by equipping them with the latest knowledge, tools, and policies to advance their communities.

What we're looking for

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

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

The deadline to submit a proposal is **Friday, June 14**.

How to submit

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

Visit the [Municipal Finance Institute webpage](#) for more information. For questions, please email Associate Manager, Event Program, [Erin Wylder](#).



Cal Cities Board adopts positions on key legislation

Apr 24, 2024

By Kayla Sherwood, *senior communications and media manager*

The Cal Cities Board of Directors took positions on four key bills with significant impacts to cities at last week's Board meeting. The meeting was held on the heels of the [City Leaders Summit](#), where more than 400 city officials traveled to Sacramento for three days of advocacy and learning.

Legislative Director Jason Rhine and his team of lobbyists updated the Board on progress made in recent months to advance Cal Cities' [2024 Advocacy Priorities](#) in the areas of fiscal sustainability, climate change resiliency and disaster preparedness, public safety, and housing and homelessness.

Representatives from the California Grocers Association, California State Sheriffs' Association, and California District Attorneys Association also gave an update on current negotiations in the Legislature around the nearly three dozen retail theft-related bills.

Following the briefing, the Board considered [AB 2943 \(Zbur and Rivas\)](#), the Assembly's main vehicle for comprehensive retail theft reform. The bill would create a new crime of "serial retail theft," allow police to arrest shoplifters without witnessing the crime, and define how multiple acts of theft with multiple victims can be aggregated into a felony charge of grand theft.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted to take a support if amended position on AB 2943. These amendments center on prosecutors' ability to aggregate multiple offenses, police officers' authority to collect unsworn statements if they demonstrate probable cause, and clarification around the successful completion of probation.

The Board had a thoughtful discussion on the divestment of public retirement systems from fossil fuels. [SB 252 \(Gonzalez\)](#) would require CalPERS and CalSTRS, the state's pension funds, to divest from fossil fuels by 2031. The Board voted to oppose the bill but directed staff to pursue a policy statement related to climate change.

The Board also considered [AB 1999 \(Irwin\)](#), which would repeal the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) authority to develop an income-graduated fixed charge. Over the past year, the CPUC and investor-owned utilities have proposed a slew of plans to place fixed charges on customers' electricity bills based on their incomes. AB 1999 would halt that debate by capping the CPUC's fixed charge rate at \$5 a month for low-income customers and \$10 a month for all others. In late March, the CPUC proposed an alternative proposal that seeks to strike a balance between the costs of electricity infrastructure and affordability for many ratepayers. After a lengthy discussion

about the impacts of escalating energy prices on low-income residents, small businesses, and city budgets, the Board took a watch position on AB 1999.

Cal Cities will track the bill's progress as it moves through the Legislature and monitor the CPUC's proposal as it is considered and finalized in midsummer.

No Cal Cities Board meeting is complete without a conversation on housing and land use. The Board reviewed [AB 2085 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#), which seeks to increase access to reproductive health care by requiring cities to allow the construction of community clinics in areas zoned for office, retail, health care, or parking. After a spirited discussion, the Board adopted a support if amended position on AB 2085. Cal Cities will seek changes related to distancing requirements, increased approval time, and the definition of community clinics.

Homelessness was also front and center in the Board's deliberations. Staff briefed the Board on Cal Cities' [new homelessness survey results](#). The study found that in many cities, the demand for housing and services is outpacing cities' efforts to connect people to services and safe, affordable housing. The Board discussed Cal Cities' sponsored bill package on [recovery housing](#), which builds on Cal Cities' longstanding history of advocacy and engagement on recovery housing reform legislation.

The Board wrapped up with updates on threats at the ballot box and legal advocacy. The Board heard an update on the [highly successful Capitol rally](#) with local officials, nurses, teachers, a firefighters to raise the alarm on what they're calling the Taxpayer Deception Act.

Cal Cities' advocacy also plays out in the courts. The board reviewed several high-profile cases currently before the state and federal supreme courts that will greatly impact cities, including a [recent ruling on development impacts fees](#) and a pending federal ruling on cities' ability to resolve encampments.

The next Cal Cities Board meeting is July 11-12 in Pasadena.