

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
June 2, 2022

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

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

- A. June 2022 newsletter for the Garden Grove Historical Society.
- B. Southern California Gas Company's Request to Increase Rates and Revenues for the 2024 General Rate Case Applications Filing A.22-05-015.

• **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.


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City Manager

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Garden Grove Historical Society

Calendar of Activities

June-July-August

June 5 and June 19 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
June 28 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

July 3 and 17 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
July 26 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

August 7 and 21 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
August 23 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

September

September 4 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
September 18 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
September 27 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

October

October 2 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
October 16 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.
October 27 through 29: Semi-annual barn and book sale, 8 AM to 4:30 PM each of the three days. Mark your calendars!!
October 18: Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

Police Museum Opened May 18

The new police museum for Orange County, and the first one in Garden Grove, was officially opened on May 18. About 20 uniformed officers and some detectives attended, many accompanied by their families. The Police Chief Tom DaRe was also present.



Here are some of the trophies and awards the GGPD has received over the years.





Officer Timothy Ashbaugh and his K-9 partner attracted a lot of attention. They were on duty directly after the event.

The new museum will be included in the twice-monthly tours, every first and third Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM.

Stanley Ranch as Location Site

On Saturday, May 14, students in an American literature class at Garden Grove High School visited to shoot a scene from a video they're preparing as part of an assignment. The project is a video-based book report on Alice Walker's classic *The Color Purple*. Here are a couple of images of the work in progress.



The cast and crew

In Memoriam: Frank Otis

We are saddened to report the passing away of one of our most active members over the last decades, Life member Frank Otis.

Frank was a regular attendee with his wife, Sara, who is also active as a volunteer. Frank's skills were invaluable in the creation of what is now the Stanley Ranch museum site: He built the water tower next to the Stanley House, then took on the added task of painting the reservoir once it had been mechanically hoisted to its present location.



Frank puts the finishing touches on the water tower



Sara and Frank at a Society dinner

Scenes of Garden Grove (May 2022)

It's spring, and we're all enjoying the longer days that have not yet become as hot as we know they will, come summer!

The garden at the Stanley Ranch, diligently cared for by gardeners Brenda Konyak, Birgit Jordan, Barbara Gossett, and Lynn Blankenship, is in full bloom. The squirrels are chasing each other up the walnut tree, and bluebirds are darting in and out of the foliage above them, tending their nest (or so we assume; we haven't actually climbed up to check!).

Next to the ramp up to Emerson Hall is a "red hot poker," an aptly named native of Africa that's sometimes called "torch lily" and "poker plant," formally known as *Kniphofia*. Ours even attracted the attention of a barn sale shopper; unlike a previous customer at one sale who wanted to buy the barn, he did not offer to buy the plant!

And finally, the jacaranda trees are blooming all over the city and county. This drought-tolerant tree (once it's established) is native to Argentina, although its popularity is worldwide: There are jacaranda trees in Asia and Africa as well as throughout the Americas.

This lovely tree is growing on the avenue of jacarandas on Orangewood Avenue west of Brookhurst



Red hot
poker



The black
walnut tree
in the quad
between
Emerson
Hall and the
Stanley
House



THE GARDEN GROVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
12174 Euclid Street
P.O. Box 4297
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA 92843-4297

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

DATED MATERIAL



STANLEY RANCH MUSEUM TOURS

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

Suggested donations are \$1 for students under the age of 18, and \$5 for adults.

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

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

STUDENT	\$ 15
INDIVIDUAL	\$ 20
FAMILY	\$ 30
BUSINESS / ORG.	\$ 40
SUSTAINING	\$ 50
PATRON	\$ 100
LIFE	\$ 500
CENTENNIAL	\$1874



The Garden Grove Historical Society is a 501C(3) Non-profit organization founded in April 1966, and is not funded by any city, county, state, or federal agency. Our funding is from membership dues, fundraisers, and gifts of property or dollars. A charitable tax deduction is available for gifts.

SOCIETY MEETINGS

General Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. There are no meetings in May, June, July, and August

April potluck dinner and the November holiday dinner start at 6 PM.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY'S REQUEST TO
INCREASE RATES AND REVENUES FOR THE
2024 GENERAL RATE CASE
APPLICATION FILING A.22-05-015

Why am I receiving this notice?

On May 16, 2022, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas[®]) filed a General Rate Case (GRC) application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting authority to increase revenues for 2024-2027. SoCalGas is requesting to increase revenues by \$767 million (20.9% increase over 2023 expected revenues) in 2024. This application also includes requested increases of \$292 million (6.6%) in 2025, \$267 million (5.6%) in 2026, and \$413 million (8.3%) in 2027. The cumulative requested revenue increase is \$4,889 million.

Every four years, SoCalGas is required to file a GRC application with the CPUC to set annual revenues. Annual revenues are the total amount of money a utility is allowed to collect through rates in a given year. The revenues requested in this application pay for the costs of owning and operating gas infrastructure (excluding the cost of purchasing natural gas for SoCalGas customers).

If the CPUC approves this application, SoCalGas will implement new revenues in gas rates beginning on January 1, 2024. This will impact your monthly bill.

Why is SoCalGas requesting this rate increase?

- To continue to invest in its gas delivery system to enhance safety and reliability, and to manage risks that could impact its employees, customers, and/or system;

Line No.	Customer Class	Total Rates ¹			2022 to 2024 Increase		2023 to 2024 Increase	
		Current (\$/Therm)	Expected (\$/Therm)	Proposed (\$/Therm)	Increase		Increase	
		3/1/2022 ²	2023 ³	2024	(\$/Therm)	%	(\$/Therm)	%
1	Residential	\$1.59942	\$1.68683	\$1.92232	\$0.32290	20.2%	\$0.23550	14.0%
2	Core C&I	\$1.12980	\$1.18267	\$1.29598	\$0.16618	14.7%	\$0.11332	9.6%
3	Total Core	\$1.41146	\$1.48541	\$1.67513	\$0.26366	18.7%	\$0.18971	12.8%
4	Noncore C&I	\$0.18159	\$0.20245	\$0.22037	\$0.03879	21.4%	\$0.01792	8.9%
5	EG	\$0.04857	\$0.06788	\$0.07199	\$0.02342	48.2%	\$0.00411	6.0%
6	Retail Noncore Average	\$0.09844	\$0.11833	\$0.12761	\$0.02918	29.6%	\$0.00929	7.8%
7	Wholesale	\$0.02916	\$0.03839	\$0.03829	\$0.00913	31.3%	-\$0.00010	-0.3%
8	BTS (\$/dth/day)	\$0.36798	\$0.37427	\$0.41365	\$0.04567	12.4%	\$0.03937	10.5%
9	SYSTEM TOTALS	\$0.63295	\$0.67270	\$0.75432	\$0.12137	19.2%	\$0.08162	12.1%

¹ 2023 and 2024 reflect the Commission-ordered updates to the 2020 TCAP cost allocation studies to reflect more recent costs, and to be implemented on 1/1/2023 rates per Advice Letter (AL) 5907.

² Rates effective 3/1/2022 per ALs 5942, 5891, and the commodity price reflected in these tables are a forecast of 2022 gas price per AL 5884.

³ Includes revenues effective 3/1/2022 per ALs 5942 and 5891 adjusted for expected 2023 GRC revenue requirements and other revenues expected to be implemented in 2023.

- To invest in the gas system and technologies that advance clean energy for customers and the environment;
- To continue to invest in the needs of customers by enabling diverse customer service capabilities, and to empower customers with information and tools to better manage their gas use;
- To meet regulatory and compliance requirements driven by system safety and reliability and environmental compliance; and
- To invest in efforts and programs to maintain a highly-trained, qualified, and diverse workforce.

How could this affect my monthly gas rates?

If SoCalGas's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the typical residential monthly bill using 36 therms per month would increase by approximately \$8.62 or 13.7% per month in 2024, compared to estimated 2023. Individual customer bills may vary.

Proposed Gas Rate Increase

How does the rest of this process work?

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

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

Where can I get more information?

Contact SoCalGas

Email: jyork@semprautilities.com

Mail: Jamie York, 8330 Century Park Court, CP31E, San Diego, CA 92123

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at

<https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/cpuc>

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2205015 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

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

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

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

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Application A.22-05-015** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

WEEKLY MEMO 6-2-2022

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

May 26, 2022 - June 1, 2022

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

Included in this Report

 @CityGardenGrove

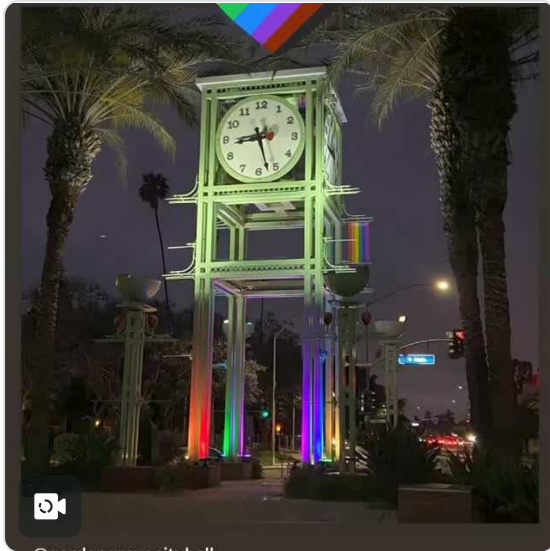
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Wed 6/1/2022 5:06 pm PDT



Impressions	213
Reach	213
Comments	2
Story Taps Back	7



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 6/1/2022 5:03 pm PDT

🇺🇸 This month, we celebrate **#PrideMonth!** In recognition of the **#LGBTQ+** community, **#GardenGrove...**



Impressions	371
Potential Reach	5,638
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.7%



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Wed 6/1/2022 5:02 pm PDT

🇺🇸 This month, we celebrate **#PrideMonth!** In recognition of the **#LGBTQ+** community, **#GardenGrove's** iconic cloc...



Impressions	1,556
Reach	1,460
Engagements	179
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.5%



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Wed 6/1/2022 4:58 pm PDT

🇳🇵 This month, we celebrate #PrideMonth! In recognition of the #LGBTQ+ community, #GardenGrove's iconic cloc...



Impressions	4,770
Reach	4,714
Engagements	680
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.3%



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Wed 6/1/2022 3:29 pm PDT

💧 Did you know? You can use 50-70% less water outdoors by replacing thirsty turf grass with climate-appropriate landscap...



Water-Saving

Impressions	140
Potential Reach	4,564
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



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Wed 6/1/2022 3:27 pm PDT

💧 Did you know? You can use 50-70% less water outdoors by replacing thirsty turf grass with beautiful, climate-appropriate...



Water-Saving

Impressions	497
Reach	479
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



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Wed 6/1/2022 3:24 pm PDT

💧 Did you know? You can use 50-70% less water outdoors by replacing thirsty turf grass with beautiful, climate-appropriate...



Water-Saving

Impressions	1,110
Reach	1,098
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%



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Wed 6/1/2022 10:02 am PDT



Impressions	322
Reach	308
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	3



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 6/1/2022 9:59 am PDT

👁️ We hope to see you this evening, at 6:00 p.m., for the in-person meeting to discuss potential improvements to...



Impressions	838
Reach	822
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



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Tue 5/31/2022 5:07 pm PDT

☀️Join our Garden Grove Day Camp program for an enchanted summer! Parents, sign your kids up for Garden...



Impressions	1,155
Reach	1,073
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 5/31/2022 4:59 pm PDT

☀️Join our Garden Grove Day Camp program for an enchanted summer! Parents, sign your kids up for Garden...

Day Camp | City of Garden Grove



Post Link Clicks	335
Impressions	11,371
Reach	7,262
Engagements	774
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%



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Tue 5/31/2022 12:45 pm PDT

Congratulations to all #GardenGrove and @gardengroveusd Class of 2022! Graduations are scheduled for today, Ma...




Impressions	802
Reach	766
Engagements	51
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.4%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 5/31/2022 12:45 pm PDT


Congratulations to all #GardenGrove and @gardengroveusd Class of 2022! Graduations are scheduled for today, Ma...




Impressions	1,061
Reach	1,056
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Mon 5/30/2022 8:00 am PDT


♥ We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to the brave men and women who have fought and died for this great...



Impressions	1,519
Reach	1,497
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Mon 5/30/2022 8:00 am PDT

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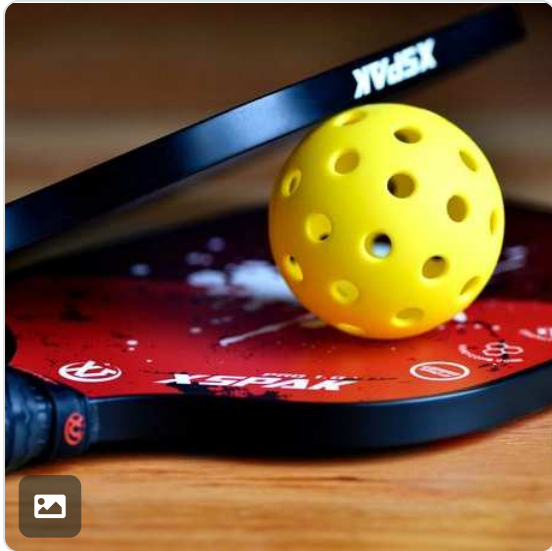


Impressions	272
Potential Reach	4,561
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



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Sat 5/28/2022 11:05 am PDT



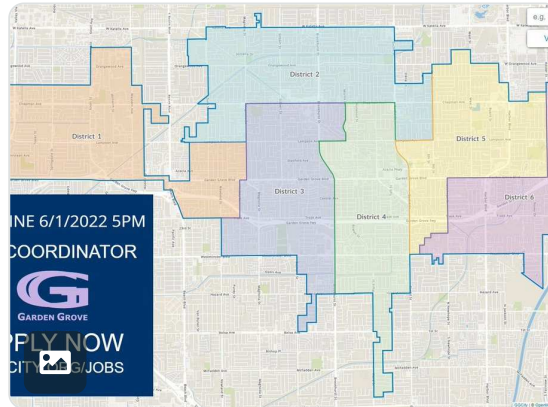
Impressions	1,454
Reach	1,392
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



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Sat 5/28/2022 8:00 am PDT

!! The deadline to apply for the full-time GIS Coordinator is next Wednesday, June 1, at 5:00 p.m. Apply at ggcity.org/job...



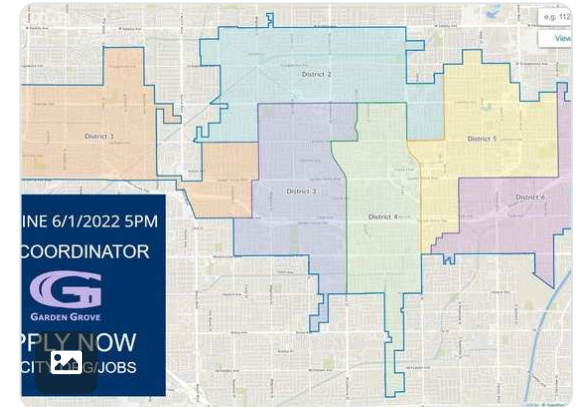
Impressions	234
Potential Reach	4,557
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 5/28/2022 8:00 am PDT

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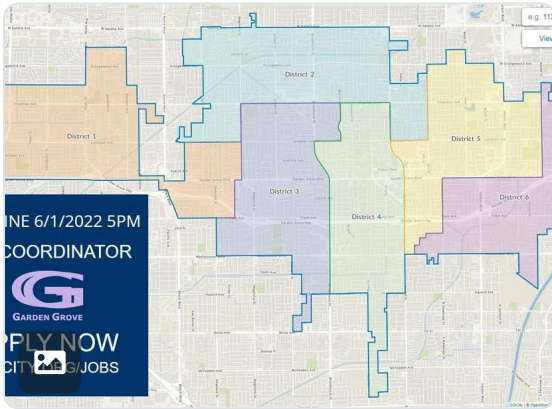
Impressions	1,612
Reach	1,550
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%



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Sat 5/28/2022 8:00 am PDT

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Impressions	1,461
Reach	1,339
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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Fri 5/27/2022 4:00 pm PDT

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022. Street...



Impressions	828
Reach	763
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/27/2022 4:00 pm PDT

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022. Street...



Impressions	1,197
Reach	1,169
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



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Fri 5/27/2022 4:00 pm PDT

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Impressions	285
Potential Reach	4,687
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%



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Fri 5/27/2022 12:45 pm PDT

#MemorialDayWeekend marks the start of #BBQ season. Let's have a safe holiday and #summer by planning ahead....



Impressions	1,073
Reach	1,034
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%




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Fri 5/27/2022 12:45 pm PDT

#MemorialDayWeekend marks the start of #BBQ season. Let's have a safe holiday and #summer by planning ahead....



Impressions	895
Reach	895
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.7%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Fri 5/27/2022 8:07 am PDT





📣🏠 Just a friendly reminder that next Wednesday, June 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., is the in-person community meeting to...

OPEN HOUSE!


WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

The City of Garden Grove invites you to participate in an in-person open house to discuss potential improvements in the Civic Center area.

When: June 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue

Impressions	678
Reach	621
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Fri 5/27/2022 8:00 am PDT





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Impressions	213
Potential Reach	4,555
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%

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Impressions	430
Reach	413
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/26/2022 6:10 pm PDT

TRAFFIC ADVISORY Garden Grove's #StrawberryFestival2022 is almost here! Please anticipate heavy traffic in the Civ...



Video Views	1,037
Impressions	2,263
Reach	2,225
Engagements	241
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.6%



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Thu 5/26/2022 3:57 pm PDT



Impressions	201
Reach	199
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	5



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Thu 5/26/2022 3:56 pm PDT

✓Statewide Direct Primary Election Voting Center Locations For a list of voting centers in Orange County, visit...

June 7, 2022 Statewide Direct Primary Election

Important Reminders

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28
Voter registration deadline	Conditional Voter Registration begins				
Ballot drop boxes open 24/7					
30	31	JUNE 1	2	3	4
Vote Center Hours: 8 AM - 5 PM					
Ballot drop boxes open 24/7					
6	7				
	ELECTION DAY				
Hours: 8 AM - 8 PM	Vote Center Hours: 7 AM - 8 PM		*All vote-by-mails must be postmarked by Election Day.		
boxes open until 8 PM on Election Day	*For the full list of voting locations and hours, visit ocvote.gov/locate				

Impressions	391
Potential Reach	5,766
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.9%



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Thu 5/26/2022 3:30 pm PDT

Statewide Direct Primary Election Voting Center Locations For a list of voting centers in Orange County, visit...



Impressions	574
Reach	515
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%



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Thu 5/26/2022 3:30 pm PDT

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Impressions	356
Reach	347
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



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Thu 5/26/2022 1:55 pm PDT



Impressions	239
Reach	234
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	2



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Thu 5/26/2022 1:53 pm PDT

📷 @gardengrovecpd As the nation continues to mourn the victims of Tuesday's tragedy, we knew there was...

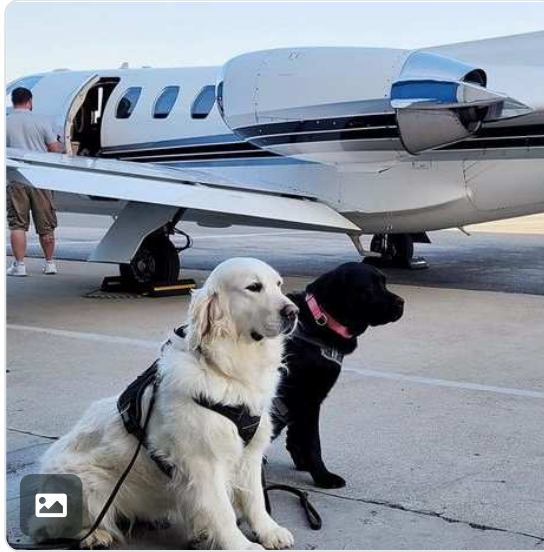


Impressions	1,573
Reach	1,221
Engagements	103
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/26/2022 1:52 pm PDT



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



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/26/2022 1:52 pm PDT

📷 Garden Grove Police Department As the nation continues to mourn the victims of Tuesday's tragedy, we knew there was...



Impressions	0
Reach	0
Engagements	178
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Post Performance

May 26, 2022 - June 1, 2022

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department  ggpdk9unit



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Wed 6/1/2022 3:35 pm PDT

Help shape the future of #GardenGrove Civic Center area, which includes: modernization and potential re-location ...



Video Views	71
Impressions	153
Reach	151
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



ggpdk9unit

Wed 6/1/2022 11:21 am PDT

"A POLICE K9 IS THE ONLY WEAPON THAT CAN'T BE TAKEN FROM AN OFFICER AND USED AGAINST HIM..."



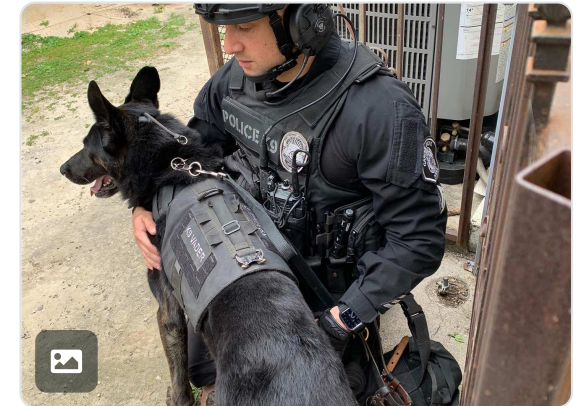
Impressions	638
Reach	613
Comments	6
Story Taps Back	17



ggpdk9unit

Wed 6/1/2022 11:20 am PDT

Not sure where this quote came from..."A police K9 is the only weapon that can't be taken from an officer and used against..."




Impressions	491
Reach	455
Engagements	117
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	23.8%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 5/31/2022 12:30 pm PDT


Congratulations to all #GardenGrove and Garden Grove Unified School District Class of 2022! Graduations are scheduled for...



Impressions	4,616
Reach	4,443
Engagements	698
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.1%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 5/31/2022 9:10 am PDT

Event Reminder: Please join us today, May 31st from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM for the monthly Safety Event, at GG Chapman...



Impressions	3,047
Reach	3,047
Engagements	113
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Mon 5/30/2022 12:30 pm PDT

In Memory of Reserve Officer Andy Reese. #EOW May 30, 1970. Reserve Officer Reese was one of the first reserve office...



Impressions	2,681
Reach	2,681
Engagements	230
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 5/30/2022 8:06 am PDT

Let us not forget the true meaning of #MemorialDay. All gave some; today we honor those who gave all and made the...



Impressions	3,303
Reach	3,230
Engagements	190
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.8%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sun 5/29/2022 12:00 pm PDT

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



Impressions	2,368
Reach	2,294
Engagements	155
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 5/28/2022 3:00 pm PDT

The "End of Watch Ride to Remember" is a motorcycle ride across America to honor fallen officers from the prior year. The...



Impressions	4,429
Reach	4,157
Engagements	228
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 5/27/2022 12:30 pm PDT

#MemorialDayWeekend marks the start of #BBQ season. Let's have a safe holiday and #summer by planning ahead....



Impressions	3,905
Reach	3,834
Engagements	160
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 5/26/2022 6:00 pm PDT

TRAFFIC ADVISORY Garden Grove's #StrawberryFestival2022 is almost here! During the 4-day festival, heavy traffic is...



Video Views	2,299
Impressions	4,340
Reach	4,315
Engagements	372
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 5/26/2022 1:30 pm PDT

As the nation continues to mourn the victims of Tuesday's tragedy, we knew there was something more we could offer...

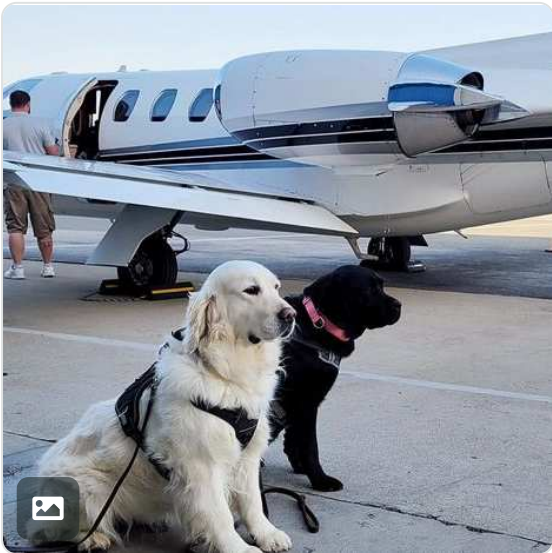


Impressions	44,052
Reach	41,073
Engagements	5,703
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.9%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 5/26/2022 1:30 pm PDT



Impressions —

Reach —

Engagements —

Engagement Rate (per Impression) —

WEEKLY MEMO 6-2-2022

NEWS ARTICLES

Affordable homes don't increase crime or dent Orange County property values, says UCI study



El Verano, on Lincoln Avenue in Anaheim, was converted from an old motel into a 54-unit affordable and supportive housing apartment complex for the homeless and low-income seniors. (Courtesy of Innovative Housing Opportunities) El Verano, a new, 54-unit affordable and supportive housing apartment complex for the homeless and low-income seniors, is now fully occupied at 1248 E. Lincoln Ave. in Anaheim. Innovative Housing Opportunities converted the blighted Sandman Hotel into a three-story community with Spanish architecture. (Courtesy of Innovative Housing Opportunities)

By [ALICIA ROBINSON](#) | arobinson@scng.com | The Orange County Register
PUBLISHED: June 2, 2022 at 6:44 a.m. | UPDATED: June 2, 2022 at 10:14 a.m.
Any community that has considered where to build affordable housing has probably heard some version of these concerns: “If you put this in my community, crime is going to go up and my housing value is going to go down.”

That’s the perception UC Irvine professor George Tita, who heads the university’s Livable Cities Lab, often hears – and a new study he and his colleagues just completed looks at affordable developments in Orange County to explore whether those assumptions are supported by facts.

The researchers will share key findings of the study Thursday in an event at Irvine City Hall. While there are nuances to the data, Tita said it lines up with other studies that show affordable housing doesn’t drag down the quality of a community.

“Affordable housing at the very worst has no impact on crime or housing values,” Tita said.

And, in many cases, he said, “there is a positive impact on the price of homes sold and the average price per square foot of homes sold in the three years after affordable housing is placed” in a neighborhood.

Researchers are still analyzing the data, but those are the top-line conclusions.

There could be several factors driving those results: high standards in regulations require affordable developments to look as nice or nicer than other housing in the community, and, as Tita pointed out, a quality new build is an investment in the neighborhood that might be replacing a disused lot or a run-down motel that saw frequent police calls.

Whatever is at the root of the findings, they’re not a surprise to Lucy Dunn, the former head of the Orange County Business Council. She said she’s been hearing arguments about home values and crime since she headed the state Housing and Community Development Department under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

They stem from “fear of change and fear of newcomers,” Dunn said, but in the early 2000s there weren’t any studies to help put those fears to rest.

Now the issue has been looked at by a number of researchers (Tita said they’ve largely drawn conclusions that match his findings), but the UCI study is the first to specifically look at Orange County.

Tita said people are less likely to be persuaded by data from a different community in another state, and he hopes local policy makers can use the UCI study “to influence some skeptics on the issue.”

No negative impacts

The study was funded by several affordable housing developers, two nonprofits, the Orange County Housing Authority and the cities of Anaheim and Garden Grove. It focused on a list of 371 developments around the county that are designated as “affordable,” which usually means tenants have to meet income guidelines or other criteria, and their rent is restricted or subsidized. Emergency shelters were not included.

While Irvine has the most affordable homes of any OC city, the study shows affordable developments are scattered around the county – but more heavily concentrated in the northern cities.

Residents start to move into Sage Park, Irvine’s new affordable housing complex in January 2022. (File photo by Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG) Economic and demographic data show much of the county’s affordable housing is in communities that are less White and have lower median incomes and home values, Tita said.

Using 20 years of sales data for homes within two miles of an affordable development (and adjusting to account for the 2008 recession and more recent home price explosion), researchers looked at what happened to values before and after an affordable development opened.

In lower-income communities, homes closest to an affordable site typically increased in value after the new housing was built, according to the study. In higher-income communities, the nearest homes sometimes saw their overall value decrease slightly after the addition of affordable housing, but the study said those tended to be larger homes. Generally the price per square foot actually went up, just as it did in poorer neighborhoods.

Orange County already has a lower crime rate than the state overall, Tita noted, and putting in affordable housing appears to either reduce violent crimes such as robbery and aggravated assault or have no impact.

Property crimes in some cases increased very slightly – say, one additional car break-in every two years within a fifth of a mile of the new housing – but Tita called the overall impact of that “imperceptible.”

Irvine, which is consistently deemed one of the safest places to live, has been successful in its addition of affordable housing in part because, as a newer city, it’s been able to incorporate lower-income homes as new developments are built – and that means often there aren’t existing neighbors to object, said Councilman Anthony Kuo, who grew up in the city.

To meet city requirements, many market-rate developments include a small percentage of affordable units and the developments use the same quality of materials as any other housing, he said.

“That makes people part of the community,” Kuo said. “No one’s going to say, ‘Oh well, that apartment building on the corner in the back is the poor people,’ because we’ve deliberately incorporated those apartment communities into the greater community.”

Steve Rosansky was on the Newport Beach City Council in 2015 when it approved over the objections of some in the neighborhood [a 12-unit complex in Newport Shores](#) for rent to veterans and seniors with lower incomes. There’s been “no impact at all, from what I can tell, except some seniors have a very nice place to live,” he said.

One less barrier?

Michael Manville, associate professor of urban planning at UCLA’s Luskin School of Public Affairs, said the findings of the UCI study aren’t surprising for a few reasons.

Part of the lack of impact is due to “very strict quality controls” on affordable housing, he said, adding that not only is it highly regulated, “we put it in places where lower-income people are already likely to live.”

There’s some evidence that the addition of affordable housing can bring down property values in affluent, exclusive areas, Manville said, but not much – because it’s so rarely allowed.

But, he added, “the purpose of public policy is not to keep your home value high.”

Tita said the Orange County data is adding to existing studies that also have found that affordable housing is more likely to help boost the prices of nearby homes than the reverse.

“We hope that this study will eliminate one barrier to building more affordable housing in Orange County,” he said. “We know that many others exist.”

UCI Livable Cities Lab researchers will present their study findings at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the City Council Chamber at Irvine City Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine. People are asked to RSVP [here](#) to attend.



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Tuesday, May 31, 2022

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CITY'S FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES BEGINS WITH "SING 2"

The City of Garden Grove's free Outdoor Movie Series begins on Friday, June 17, 2022 with the showing of a 2021 American computer-animated jukebox musical comedy film, "Sing 2" (PG). The movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., at Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark Street.

Sponsored by Bank of America, Pacific Symphony will be joining the first movie with their Symphony on the Go mobile stage. The free chamber music concert will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Spaces will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Event attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Movie snacks and treats will be available for purchase from local food vendor, C&M Ohana.

Continuing the series is a showing of "Spiderman: No Way Home" (PG-13) on Friday, August 5, 2022. The movie will begin at 8:30 p.m., in Garden Grove Park, at 9301 Westminster Boulevard.

For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200 or visit [ggcity.org/outdoormovieseries](https://www.ggcity.org/outdoormovieseries).

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Friday, May 27, 2022



GARDEN GROVE DAY CAMP BRINGS ENCHANTMENT TO KIDS' SUMMER

If you're looking to make summer special for the kids, enroll them in the 2022 "Enchanted Summer" Garden Grove Day Camp program. Garden Grove Day Camp offers nine weeks of fun, safe, and affordable summer activities and excursions for youth, ages 5 to 12. The program runs Mondays through Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., June 13 through August 12. Camp is held at the Courtyard Center in Village Green park, located at 12732 Main Street.

The cost for camp is \$125 per week, and includes a variety of recreational activities, such as arts and crafts, field games, and cookouts. Participants may sign up for the entire 9-week program, or on a week-by-week basis.

Campers can also participate in Wednesday excursions to places like Knott's Berry Farm, Knott's Soak City, and Disneyland for an additional fee.

On Friday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m., Garden Grove Day Camp will host a special after-camp event, "Kids Night Out Parents Night Off," with a Mardi Gras theme. The cost is \$15 per camper.

Camp registration is online only at ggcity.org/daycamp. For more information, call (714) 741-5200 or visit ggcity.org/daycamp.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

June 2, 2022

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the June 6, 2022 Neighborhood Improvement and Conversation Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from May 20, 2022 to May 26, 2022.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2, 2022 – July 26, 2022

Thursday	June 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	June 3		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	June 6	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 9		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	June 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	June 28	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	July 1		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Friday	July 4		City Hall Closed – Independence Day
Thursday	July 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	July 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	July 14		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Friday	July 15		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	July 26	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

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

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING NOTICE OF
CANCELLATION OF
JUNE 6, 2022
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 31, 2022

I, JUDITH MOORE, being duly appointed Secretary to the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, HEREBY CERTIFY that the Korea Times, the Korea Daily Newspaper, the Orange County Register, the Orange County News, Excelsior, Viet Bao, and Nguoi Viet were notified that the Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission scheduled for June 6, 2022 at 6:30 pm has been cancelled.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused to be posted a copy of the Notice of Cancellation of the Adjourned Regular Meeting at a location that is freely accessible to members of the public, at the City Hall bulletin board, the Community Meeting Center bulletin board, and the City’s website.

JUDITH MOORE
SECRETARY



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

Adjourned Regular Meeting

GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The Regular Meeting of the
Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission
scheduled for June 6, 2022,
has been cancelled due to lack of business.

The Meeting is adjourned to its Regular Meeting
of September 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.



Annual conference resolutions due July 9; time to designate a voting delegate

Jun 1, 2022

The General Assembly will be held on Sept. 9 during the League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo.

Policy development is a key part of the League of California Cities' legislative effectiveness. Cal Cities' annual conference resolutions process is one way that city officials can directly participate in the development of Cal Cities policy.

Resolution submission process

Any elected or appointed city official, city council, division, department, caucus, policy committee, or the Cal Cities board of directors may submit a resolution for consideration at the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo. Resolutions must be germane to city issues.

Resolutions must be submitted via email to [Meg Desmond \(mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org\)](mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org) no later than 60 days before the opening session of the annual conference.

Any submitted resolutions must have the concurrence of at least five or more cities, or of city officials from at least five or more cities, and those submitting resolutions must provide written documentation of such concurrence. This may be in the form of a letter from the city or the city official in support. For concurrence by a city official, the official's city and office held must be included in the letter. All documentation of concurrences must be submitted with the resolution.

The deadline to submit resolutions and concurrences for this year's conference is **midnight, July 9.**

Consideration at the Cal Cities Annual Conference

The Cal Cities president refers resolutions to appropriate Cal Cities policy committees for review and recommendation to the General Resolutions Committee (GRC). The GRC consists of one representative from each division, department, caucus, policy committee, and up to ten additional individuals appointed by the Cal Cities president. If the GRC approves a resolution, or if a resolution was approved by all policy committees to which it was referred, the resolution is then considered by the General Assembly.

If a resolution is not approved by the GRC and at least one policy committee to which it was referred, the resolution does not move to the General Assembly. The GRC may amend the resolution prior to moving it forward for consideration by the General Assembly. Resolutions approved by the General Assembly become Cal Cities policy.

Voting delegates

Cal Cities members consider and take action on resolutions that establish Cal Cities policy. In order for member cities to vote at the General Assembly, a city council must designate a voting delegate. Each city may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote on behalf of the city in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to vote.

A letter, along with the voting delegate form asking for the designation of voting delegates and alternatives, is being sent by mail to all city managers and city clerks. The voting delegate packet will be available [online \(https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Policy-Advocacy-Section/Policy-Development/Voting-Delegate-Packet.aspx\)](https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Policy-Advocacy-Section/Policy-Development/Voting-Delegate-Packet.aspx).

Late-breaking issues

Resolutions to address late-breaking issues may be introduced by petition at the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo. To qualify, a petitioned resolution must be signed by 10% of the voting delegates and submitted by **11:30 a.m. on Sept. 8** — 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly.

All qualified petitioned resolutions are forwarded to the GRC and the General Assembly for consideration unless the petition is disqualified due to a lack of required signatures, if the resolution is not germane to city issues, or if it is identical or substantially similar in substance to a resolution already under consideration.

For questions about the annual conference resolution process, please contact **Meg Desmond** (<mailto:mdesmond@cacities.org>).

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Catalytic converter theft bills clear key legislative hurdle

Jun 1, 2022

California lawmakers have introduced nearly a dozen bills that would address the continued rise in catalytic converter theft. Five of these measures unanimously passed their house of origin and will now be heard in policy committees in the second house. This is indicative of both the scale of the problem and the Legislature's eagerness to solve it.

Catalytic converters are often stolen because they contain precious metals and can be scrapped for a quick profit. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau, which represents insurance companies, California is the top state for catalytic converter thefts.

State Farm reported a similar trend. The insurance company paid \$23 million to California consumers to cover associated costs in 2021, up from \$2.5 million in 2019.

In California, existing law makes it extremely difficult for local law enforcement officers to stop the sale of stolen catalytic converters. The Legislature is contemplating a variety of bills to address this tension.

Cal Cities currently supports three of these measures:

<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%201740&t=bill> **AB 1740 (Muratsuchi)**

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<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%201087&t=bill> **SB 1087 (Gonzalez)**

<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%201087&t=bill> . Each of these bills would increase the tracking of catalytic converter sales and outline parameters for who may purchase or possess these auto parts.

If passed, these bills would enable law enforcement officers to better respond to catalytic converter theft calls and discourage sales on the black market.

Cal Cities is also monitoring <https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%202682&t=bill> **AB 2682 (Gray)** <https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%202682&t=bill> and <https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%20986&t=bill> **SB 986 (Umberg)** <https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%20986&t=bill> , which would mandate the engraving of a vehicle's identification number on its catalytic converter before the vehicle's sale or purchase. Cal Cities has adopted a watch position for these two measures since it is unclear what level of deterrence they would create.

Legislators have rallied behind many of these measures, with many acknowledging that the Californians most impacted by this rise in theft are the very ones who can least afford it. Others have stated that current law has created an imbalanced risk-reward ratio for these kinds of thefts and that these measures aim to reconcile that.

Collectively, the measures build on last year's

<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%20366&t=bill> **SB 366 (Umberg)** <https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%20366&t=bill> , which reformed the Vehicle Dismantling Industry Strike Team in order to address the growing number of catalytic converter thefts. In an effort to crackdown on interstate sales, SB 366 directs the California Department of Motor Vehicles to coordinate enforcement and compliance activities related to unlicensed vehicle dismantling with other state agencies.

For more information about Cal Cities' advocacy efforts on these bills, please <mailto:earcidiacono@calcities.org> | **contact Legislative Affairs Lobbyist Elisa Arcidiacono** (<mailto:earcidiacono@calcities.org>).

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Emeryville's Development Bonuses code lays the foundation for increased housing

Jun 1, 2022

#LocalWorks

Like many cities, Emeryville's housing market is out of balance. The supply does not come close to the demand. Emeryville has roughly 30,000 jobs, but only 12,905 residents. Both are expected to increase in the coming years, especially if the city's burgeoning research sector continues to grow. Rebalancing that ratio is tricky and will take years to fully realize.

For many years, the Bay Area city was primarily zoned for industrial and commercial use. However, the city has laid a strong policy foundation to correct this, with positive results thus far. Around 1,100 housing units are in the development pipeline. Roughly 35% are classified as affordable, including three 100% affordable projects. In fact, the city has gained widespread attention for its efforts to create a community where people can live, work, and play without ever using a car.



Development bonuses code keeps projects profitable while maintaining local vision

Just like any other city, Emeryville developers must follow a set of design standards, such as height, density, or parking. Builders can exceed those standards under the city's (<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Emeryville/#!/Emeryville09/Emeryville094.html#9-4.204>)

Development Bonuses

(<https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Emeryville/#!/Emeryville09/Emeryville094.html#9-4.204>)



Half of those points must come from building affordable housing. The city also has an inclusionary housing policy that mirrors its state-mandated housing goals. The policy requires developments with more than 10 units to include a certain number of affordable units.



The remaining points can come from funding community benefits, such as active transportation, parks, free transit, playgrounds, public art galleries, utility undergrounding, or small business assistance — things that make buildings feel like communities. Often, these benefits complement existing public services, including regional public transportation, or allow Emeryville to realize long-time goals, such as a citywide

biking and pedestrian pathway.

Once they have enough points, developers are allowed to exceed design standards. The city council then works with residents to determine which nearby projects can be funded with this money. The system helps ensure that developments get funded, residents get the services they need, building standards are met, and citywide goals are achieved.

“It’s all about connecting any individual project to the greater vision for the city, not looking at it as a parcel-by-parcel thing — those are pieces to a greater puzzle,” Emeryville Mayor John Bauters said.

The code also rewards density, which helps keep many projects profitable. Additionally, it helps mitigate any negative impacts on the surrounding community, such as increased traffic.

Jack Ghizzoni has been on both sides of the process, first as a resident and now as one of Emeryville’s planning commissioners. Shortly after moving to the city in 2013, Ghizzoni



“It is extremely helpful to have residents articulate what they would like,” Ghizzoni said. “We all live in different neighborhoods and communities. We all should have a role in determining what they look like. It’s not good to just live passively in an environment that you don’t feel happy with, when you do in fact have some input.”

Navigating this process can be delicate and challenging. However, it is also one that can create vibrant, affordable, and sustainable communities.

“These decisions impact people’s lives for decades,” Ghizzoni said. “It’s like a long, slow chess game, where you are really trying to put the pieces together over time and sometimes you are setting up an area so the preconditions are there for other good things to happen.”

Staff, council, and developers march in lockstep

It is not just an innovative municipal code that keeps construction humming. In Emeryville, similar to <https://www.calcities.org/news/post/2022/03/09/manteca-shows-how-small-actions-can-create-big-impacts-in-the-housing-market> other cities experiencing a housing construction boom (<https://www.calcities.org/news/post/2022/03/09/manteca-shows-how-small-actions-can-create-big-impacts-in-the-housing-market>), staff are empowered to expedite permits and approval.

“They all roll in one direction,” said Welton Jordan, the chief real estate development officer for EAH Housing, which is active in the area. “They work with you to try to solve the issues. ... Once we receive this funding, we are on the clock to get this housing construction started and finished.”

In an industry where a short delay can turn a profitable project into an infeasible one, such relationships are crucial.

“Something is always going to go wrong, that’s just part of the business,” Jordan said. “You really do need the political support and the staff support to keep the process moving.”



both populations. However, financing it proved difficult. Under prior law, senior housing could only be funded by tax credits if the units were reserved for seniors.

The city worked with the state and developers to pass

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II) , which allows affordable housing

developers to build housing for seniors and

transition-age foster youth using tax credits. The city is now working with EAH Housing to create a 68-unit intergenerational housing project.



Similarly, Emeryville leveraged its housing bonds to help construct Nellie Hannon Gateway shortly after the project plan was approved. The development will be built on a city-owned property. This allowed the developers, Resources for Community Development, to apply for funding they would not have been eligible for.

“The city has committed about \$16 million to this project and that is totally foundational to our ability to then leverage that for state and federal funds,” said Jake Rosen, a project manager for the developer. “Without that, we would not have a project.”

In addition to housing low-income families and those experiencing homelessness, the building will also house the Emeryville Citizens Assistance Program, a local nonprofit that provides access to food, counseling, and other vital services.

“It’s making their application easier, which saves us money,” Bauters said. “The state is giving money to the project and the locals get to put the money towards something else.”