

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**August 26, 2021**

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

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

- A. County of Orange press release: Orange County Receives State Funding on Two Key County Projects: Second Be Well OC Campus, System of Care Data Integration Solution (August 20, 2021)
- B. Garden Grove Unified School District #GGUSD Pride E-newsletter featuring events and notable accomplishments.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
Items of interest are included.



Scott C. Stiles  
City Manager



# COUNTY OF ORANGE

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Attachment I. A  
Mgrs. Memo 8/20/21

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## Orange County Receives State Funding on Two Key County Projects: Second Be Well OC Campus, System of Care Data Integration Solution

**Santa Ana, Calif.** (August 20, 2021) – The County of Orange has received funding from the State of California to support the County's Be Well mental health initiative along with funding for data integration in the upcoming year.

**Chairman Andrew Do** of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, First District Supervisor, who championed both funding request efforts for the County stated, "The funding for another Be Well OC treatment facility and data integration system to coordinate services will help the County build an effective behavioral health system that has been lacking for too long. With the first Be Well OC campus in the City of Orange at full capacity, a second campus will expand our ability to provide much needed mental health services for all Orange County's residents. Data integration allows County staff across departments to access relevant information for coordination and delivery of services to better meet the needs of individuals utilizing these services."

Senator Tom Umberg (D-Santa Ana) and Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris (D-Laguna Beach) were integral in securing state support to the County's second Be Well Campus. Thanks to their efforts, the project will receive \$5 million dollars for a second service location to be built in the City of Irvine. Resources provided will include clinical services as well as residential services for mental illness and substance use to treat both adults and youth. The County of Orange is dedicated to educating the community and providing access to services by establishing multiple service locations to address increased demand for mental health and substance use disorder services.

"The second Be Well location is another step in developing a mental health system for our community that provides multifaceted treatment and we are optimistic that a second campus will continue the transformation of mental health and substance use care in Orange County and be a resource for people in need of assistance," said **Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee**, Supervisor, Fourth District. "I am also excited that we also received funding to enhance data integration across care programs to improve the quality of care and connection to services that we offer our residents."

The County of Orange will also receive \$2 million dollars to invest in a system of care data integration for care coordination thanks to the work and support of Senator Pat Bates (R-Laguna Niguel) and Senator Tom Umberg (D-Santa Ana). Currently the County operates five different systems of care and programs across various departments including health care, behavioral health, community corrections, housing and benefits and support services. To most effectively and efficiently coordinate care and treatment of vulnerable residents who are consistently crossing multiple systems of care, the County is developing a software solution for a coordinated data-sharing platform allowing information sharing among service providers, County departments and external stakeholders.

"We greatly appreciate the efforts of Senator Umberg and Assemblymember Petrie-Norris to secure funding for these two critical projects," said **Supervisor Katrina Foley**, Second District. "I have known both legislators for many years and was pleased to see our advocacy efforts pay dividends for our taxpayers. The second Be Well campus will allow more Orange County residents to have access to mental health and wellness



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services, while the data integration project will allow for more information sharing between our county agencies to better assess the needs and assist our most vulnerable residents.”

Services at the second Be Well location will also include wellness and social services, crisis stabilization units, substance use disorder intake and referrals, withdrawal management, and substance use disorder and co-occurring residential treatment, all of which are a critical need for the community.

“This is great news for our County. The Be Well campus in my district in Irvine, and we are fulfilling our promise to provide critical resources for Orange County residents who need mental health care. The Be Well model can inspire communities throughout California and our nation, while changing the future on how we treat mental health,” said **Supervisor Donald Wagner**, Third District. “The County also received funding to update technology that will increase efficiency from check-in to discharge and beyond.”

Fifth District **Supervisor Lisa Bartlett** stated, “Mental health care continues to be a top priority for me, and this funding is critical to our efforts to provide a comprehensive system of care to all Orange County residents regardless of their ability to pay. We now have the opportunity to not only build a second facility, but also streamline services and resources across County departments through a robust data integration system.”

Concurrently, for each system of care within the County, there are several departments providing services and assistance to the specific population. Today, each department maintains its own data-gathering and reporting structure and is responsible for the maintenance, privacy, security and integrity of the information. The plan to invest in a solution that allows for integration and communication across systems of care is fundamental in improving services.

“Our neighbors need help. Countless Orange County residents are struggling with the compounding challenges of homelessness, substance use disorder, and unaddressed mental health issues. These conditions do not occur in a vacuum—they are interrelated,” said **Senator Tom Umberg**. “I am proud to collaborate with the County of Orange and Be Well Orange County to secure \$5 million in state funding for a behavioral health wellness campus that will deliver coordinated behavioral health services to all Orange County residents.”

“While the scale of the homelessness crisis is staggering, we have the strategies, resources and will to solve it,” said **Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris**. “By securing state funding for a second Orange County Be Well mental health center we are streamlining resources to provide our community proven care to address the underlying issues of mental illness and substance abuse. In this public-private partnership we can act now to save lives and heal our communities.”

“I am pleased that the bipartisan effort that I led to include vital funding for Orange County has been secured in the state budget. The funding will facilitate the assessment and linkage of homeless Californians to housing and supportive services within the county. By increasing data sharing among public agencies, we will be able to better help vulnerable residents access the care and services they need,” said **Senator Patricia Bates** (R-Laguna Niguel).

The second of three planned campuses, Be Well Campuses are the outcome of a public-private partnership that began with the Orange County Board of Supervisors Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee in 2015, comprised of Chairman Andrew Do and Supervisor Lisa Bartlett, examining behavioral health services in Orange County.

“The shared vision and the shared commitment to actualize the vision remains. Orange County is creating a world-class system of mental health care for all residents, and we are doing it today. We are grateful to the



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many elected leaders and so many in our community joining together to make this vision a reality," said **Richard Afable M.D., M.P.H.**, President and Board Chair, MindOC / Be Well Orange County.

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**GGUSD Pride: Happy New School Year!, Alumn Gives Back, LQ Scholars Shine in International Event, Students Earn College Credits, and more!**

**From** :Garden Grove Unified School District  
<pio\_department@ggusd.us>

Fri, Aug 20, 2021 05:30 PM

**Subject** GGUSD Pride: Happy New School Year!, Alumn Gives Back,  
LQ Scholars Shine in International Event, Students Earn  
College Credits, and more!

**To** : meenay@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

**Reply To** : department <pio\_department@ggusd.us>

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**#GGUSDPRIDE E-newsletter**

The #GGUSD Pride E-newsletter features many of the great things happening in GGUSD. Send your photos to [pio\\_department@ggusd.us](mailto:pio_department@ggusd.us) to highlight your school or students in the e-newsletter.

**GGUSD Students Return for the First Day of the 2021-22 School Year!**



GGUSD students returned to full in-person instruction on August 16! Excitement filled the air across the district as school celebrated with red carpets, Lion dancers, cheerleaders, and much more!

Visit our Facebook page for more first day of school coverage!

**GGUSD Grad Donates School Supplies to Heritage Elementary**



GGUSD grad Eliza Castrejon organized a fundraiser, collecting \$2,500 to purchase backpacks filled with school supplies for kindergarten students at Heritage Elementary. A former student of Pacifica, Bell and Carver, Eliza delivered the donation to students on the first day of school. Backpacks included crayons, pencils, markers, scissors, glue sticks, folders, notebooks, and more! We're grateful for her generosity which gave these students an amazing way to start the school year. [#GGUSD Pride](#)

### **GGUSD Honors Classified Employees and Teachers of the Year**



The GGUSD Board of Education recently celebrated GGUSD's nominees for Orange County Department of Education's 2021 Classified Employee of the Year program and 2022 Teacher of the Year program. GGUSD is grateful for our amazing employees. Watch this video to see these outstanding employees in action.

### **La Quinta Duo Shines at International Event**

Congratulations to Casey Tran and Anna Le of the La Quinta High School HOSA Future Health Professionals club for being announced as the International Champions in the CPR/First Aid category

of the HOSA International Conference and Competition. They were among nine students from La Quinta that competed against 10,000 students in the competition.

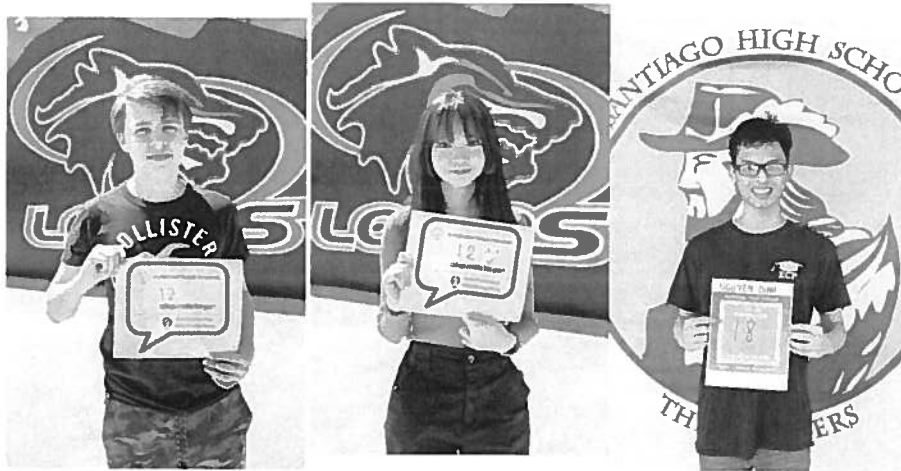


### **GGUSD Teachers Attend Super Week Before School Officially Starts**



Before GGUSD teachers headed back into their classrooms to prepare for a return to in-person instruction, they had a chance to participate in Super Week, which is an amazing professional development opportunity for our teachers to gain new skills. From learning about warm-up activities that help students communicate and connect with their peers to experiments that foster a collaborative work environment, Super Week offers an interactive and engaging experience. The sessions focused on subjects such as mental health and well-being, social-emotional learning, math, science, media in the classroom, mindfulness, and much more!

### **GGUSD Students Earned Over 1,350 College Credits through Early College Academies**



GGUSD's Early College Academy programs experienced tremendous success during the 2020-2021 school year. Los Amigos Early College Academy students earned 855 college credits and Santiago Early College Academy students earned 504 college credits. All GGUSD high schools offer dual enrollment courses and students earned 4,500 college units during the 2021-2022 school year.

Top left: Aidan and Nhi earned 12 college credits each this year through the program. Top right: Nguyen earned 18 college credits this year through the program.

### Enter Our First Day of School Photo Contest!



We want you to share the excitement and fun of your child's first day of school! Let's face it, you're going to share those adorable pictures all over your social media pages! So why not share them with us for a chance to win GGUSD swag?! Click the link below and insert your child's photo as a comment on the post.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR CHILD'S PHOTO!](#)

### FOLLOW US TO STAY UP TO DATE ON ALL THINGS GGUSD!



#### ARE YOU FULLY CONNECTED TO US?!

YOU DON'T WANT TO TAKE A CHANCE ON MISSING OUT ON IMPORTANT GGUSD NEWS, EVENTS, AND INFORMATION! FOLLOW US ON ALL OF OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES AND NEVER MISS A GGUSD UPDATE!

ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO USE #GGUSDPRIDE ONCE YOU START FOLLOWING US, SO YOU CAN SHARE WITH US THE AMAZING THINGS YOU ARE DOING WITH GGUSD!





GGUSD is committed to keeping our community informed about the impact of the coronavirus public health crisis on our school system. All coronavirus related messages or updates from GGUSD to our families are posted here.

[Click here for GGUSD's COVID-related communication.](#)

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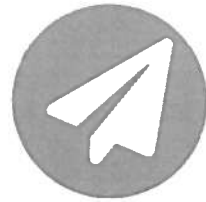


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**SOCIAL MEDIA  
HIGHLIGHTS**



## Post Performance

August 19, 2021 - August 25, 2021


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

**Included in this Report**

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 Garden Grove City Hall


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 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Thu 8/19/2021 9:49 am PDT

Why should you get vaccinated? 🧑  
Vaccines will protect yourself and your loved ones from getting seriously ill. 📄 ...



Why should I get vaccinated?

 Protecting yourself also helps protect the people around you.


Impressions	926
Reach	920
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%

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Thu 8/19/2021 9:49 am PDT

Why should you get vaccinated? 🧑  
Vaccines will protect yourself and your loved ones from getting seriously ill. 📄 ...



Why should I get vaccinated?

 Protecting yourself also helps protect the people around you.

Impressions	399
Potential Reach	4,374
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Thu 8/19/2021 5:29 pm PDT

📍 Garden Grove's underwater-themed, fully-enclosed children's play park, Atlantis Play Center, will re-open for weekday...



Impressions	1,668
Reach	1,621
Engagements	69
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



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Thu 8/19/2021 5:35 pm PDT

Garden Grove's underwater-themed, fully-enclosed children's play park, Atlantis Play Center, will re-open for weekday...



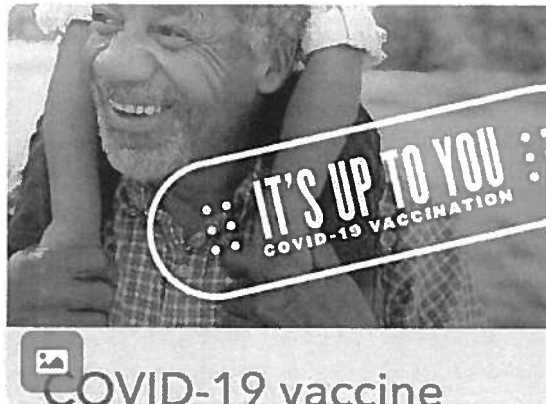
Impressions	<b>3,335</b>
Reach	<b>3,140</b>
Engagements	<b>233</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>7%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 8/20/2021 8:40 am PDT

The spread of the COVID-19 virus has also led to the spread of misinformation. COVID-19 vaccines are free, effective an...



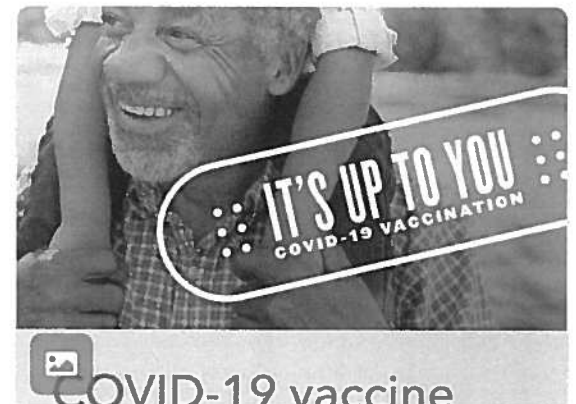
Impressions	<b>1,702</b>
Reach	<b>1,673</b>
Engagements	<b>15</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>0.9%</b>



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Fri 8/20/2021 8:41 am PDT

The spread of the COVID-19 virus has also led to the spread of misinformation. COVID-19 vaccines are free, effective an...



Impressions	<b>363</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,375</b>
Engagements	<b>4</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>1.1%</b>



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Fri 8/20/2021 12:30 pm PDT

Seniors! Discover hidden treasures at your local Senior Center. ✨ Join us on Friday, 9/24, at the H. Louis Lake Center (11300...



Impressions	383
Potential Reach	4,373
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 8/20/2021 12:30 pm PDT

Seniors! This is your chance to discover hidden treasures at your local senior center. ✨ Join us on Friday, September 2...



Impressions	873
Reach	867
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/23/2021 8:45 am PDT

Will vaccines protect you against COVID-19? Vaccines prevent severe illness and death. Getting immunized against COVI...



Impressions	1,373
Reach	1,353
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.4%



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Mon 8/23/2021 8:46 am PDT

Will vaccines protect you against COVID-19? Vaccines prevent severe illness & death. Getting immunized against COVI...



Will vaccines protect me against COVID-19?

Getting immunized against COVID-19 will protect most people from getting sick or becoming seriously ill.

Impressions	<b>540</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,372</b>
Engagements	<b>0</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>0%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Mon 8/23/2021 12:48 pm PDT

Welcome back everyone! Now that school is back in session, please take extra care when driving around school zones. Here...

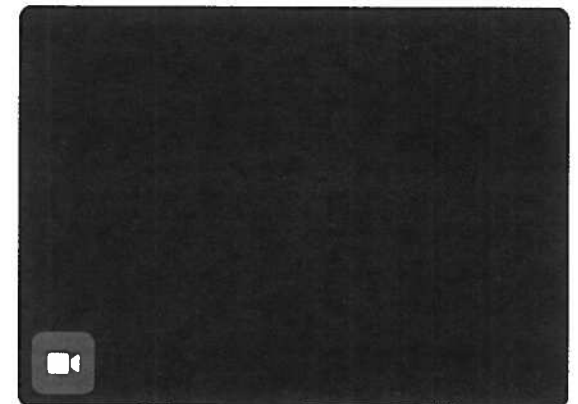


Video Views	<b>740</b>
Impressions	<b>1,676</b>
Reach	<b>1,584</b>
Engagements	<b>169</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>10.1%</b>



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Mon 8/23/2021 12:52 pm PDT

Welcome back everyone! Now that school is back in session, please take extra care when driving around school zones. Here...



Video Views	<b>225</b>
Impressions	<b>714</b>
Reach	<b>657</b>
Engagements	<b>20</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.8%</b>



 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 8/23/2021 3:38 pm PDT

🌐 Let's play ball! The City of Garden Grove's Community Services Department announces the registration period for th...



Impressions	<b>602</b>
Reach	<b>587</b>
Engagements	<b>7</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.2%</b>

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Mon 8/23/2021 3:39 pm PDT

🌐 Let's play ball! The City of GG's Community Services Department announces the registration period for th...



Impressions	<b>581</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,373</b>
Engagements	<b>7</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.2%</b>

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Tue 8/24/2021 8:41 am PDT

🦠 COVID-19 is still here. If you are experiencing symptoms, go get tested. Testing options include a saliva kit or a...



Impressions	<b>204</b>
Reach	<b>203</b>
Engagements	<b>0</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>0%</b>



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Tue 8/24/2021 8:45 am PDT

🦠 COVID-19 is still here. If you are experiencing symptoms, go get tested. To order a test, visit [bit.ly/3kjjsSH](https://bit.ly/3kjjsSH). You m...



Impressions	338
Potential Reach	4,374
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	0.6%



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Tue 8/24/2021 11:30 am PDT

🚌 Don't miss out! Get your child a free OC Bus pass for a great transit option in Orange County. The Youth Ride Free pas...



Impressions	396
Potential Reach	4,373
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 8/24/2021 11:30 am PDT

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Impressions	596
Reach	596
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%

**G Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 8/24/2021 5:02 pm PDT

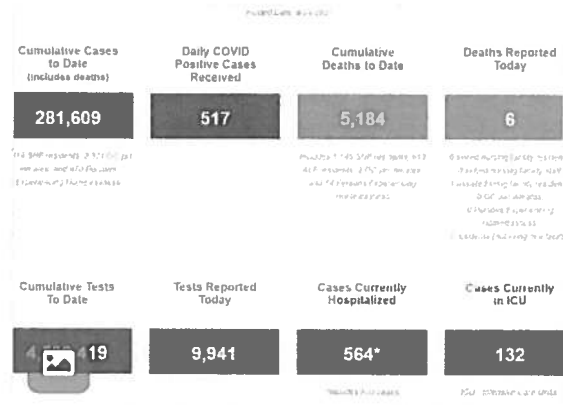
Welcome new BiGG businesses! 📍 Here are some Garden Grove businesses that recently joined our BiGG (Buy in Garden...



Impressions	448
Reach	439
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%

**G Garden Grove City Hall**  
Wed 8/25/2021 8:30 am PDT

Let's continue to #maskup and get vaccina... COVID-19 CASES UPDATE: ohealth has posted the #OCCOVID19 cases reported to



Impressions	1,882
Reach	1,855
Engagements	52
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.8%

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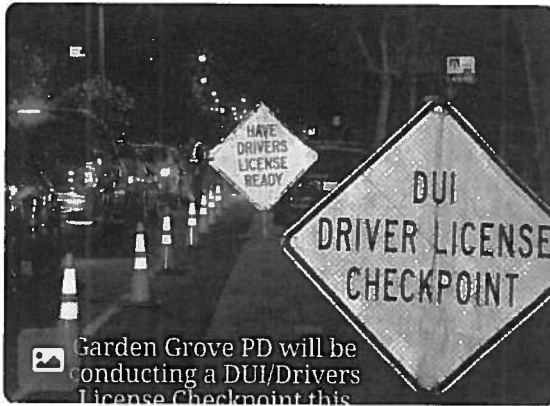
Impressions	235
Potential Reach	4,373
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 8/25/2021 12:29 pm PDT

🚓 ! DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification ! 🚓 This Saturday, August 28, the Garden Grove Police Department will...



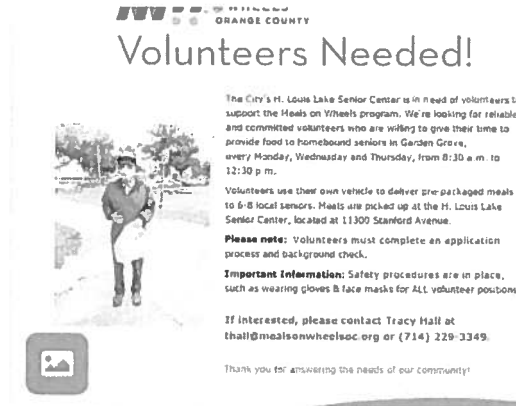
Impressions	<b>4,386</b>
Reach	<b>4,386</b>
Engagements	<b>322</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>7.3%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 8/25/2021 4:11 pm PDT

☀️ One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. #volunteer The City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center and Meals on Wheels...



Impressions	<b>935</b>
Reach	<b>914</b>
Engagements	<b>21</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.2%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Wed 8/25/2021 4:20 pm PDT

☀️ One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. #volunteer The City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center &...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	<b>5,896</b>
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	—



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Wed 8/25/2021 4:27 pm PDT

☀️ One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. #volunteer The City's H. Louis Lake Senior Center and Meals on Wheels...



Impressions	<b>807</b>
Reach	<b>775</b>
Engagements	<b>21</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.6%</b>



## Post Performance

August 19, 2021 - August 25, 2021

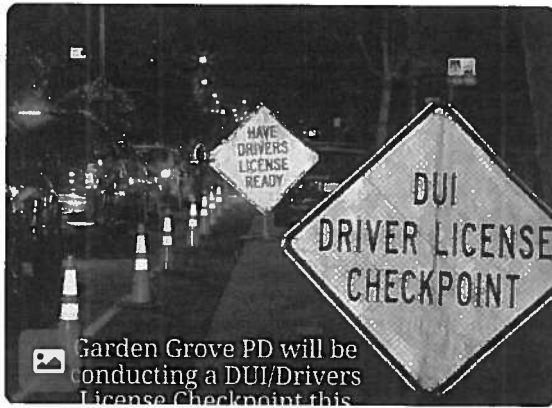
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**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department     ggpdk9unit

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Wed 8/25/2021 12:00 pm PDT

\*\*\*DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification\*\*\* #GardenGrovePD will be conducting a #DUICheckpoint this...



Impressions	25,664
Reach	25,060
Engagements	1,561
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	6.1%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Tue 8/24/2021 12:00 pm PDT

Please join us next Tuesday, August 31, 2021 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM for the monthly Safety Event, at 12602 Shelley ...



Impressions	3,871
Reach	3,690
Engagements	138
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	3.6%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Mon 8/23/2021 12:30 pm PDT

Welcome back everyone! Now that school is back in session, please take extra care when driving around school zones. Here'...



Video Views	2,963
Impressions	6,493
Reach	6,303
Engagements	592
Engagement Rate (per Impres...	9.1%





**ggpdk9unit**

Fri 8/20/2021 12:30 pm PDT

The look you have after helping dad apprehend a bad guy... Earlier this week, #GardenGrovePD Officers were dispatch...



Impressions	<b>2,099</b>
Reach	<b>1,988</b>
Engagements	<b>258</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>12.3%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 8/20/2021 12:00 pm PDT

The look you have after helping dad apprehend a bad guy... Earlier this week, #GardenGrovePD Officers were dispatch...



Impressions	<b>9,328</b>
Reach	<b>9,004</b>
Engagements	<b>1,097</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>11.8%</b>

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**

## These Southern California cities are at high risk of financial misery, auditor says

'We are confident that our assessment will help distressed cities get in front of impending challenges,' says State Auditor Elaine M. Howle



Gabrielle Cruz gives a thumbs down to her friend Leiah Miller as she takes her picture at the front gates of Disneyland during the reopening day of the Downtown Disney District in Anaheim, CA, on Thursday, July 9, 2020. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **TERI SFORZA** | [tsforza@scng.com](mailto:tsforza@scng.com) and **JASON HENRY** | [jhenry@scng.com](mailto:jhenry@scng.com) | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: August 22, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. | UPDATED: August 24, 2021 at 9:12 a.m.

Disneyland is open. Hotels are buzzing. But the home of the Happiest Place on Earth is now on California's high-risk watchlist nonetheless.

The "high-risk" designation — equivalent to a municipal Scarlet Letter — means that these cities have "high risk for the potential of waste, fraud, abuse, or mismanagement, or that have major challenges associated with their economy, efficiency, or effectiveness," according to the California State Auditor.

- On the red-light watchlist this year with Anaheim are the Southern California cities of Compton, San Gabriel, Torrance, Montebello and West Covina . Only 12 cities in the entire state are deemed high risk.
- Another 196 cities are coded yellow for moderate risk, including Los Angeles, Long Beach, Fullerton, Riverside and San Bernardino.
- And 215 cities are coded green for low risk, including Whittier, Temecula, Chino Hills, Santa Clarita, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Woods and Rancho Mirage.

The analysis peers into time far beyond the immediate outlook, where one-year stimulus funds are expected to fill many pandemic-induced holes in city budgets. Instead, the auditor collects and analyzes key financial data from the cities to measure their financial stability over time and arrives at these simple, stoplight-coded designations.

Montebello Police Department explorer during the annual 9/11 Commemorative March and Ceremony on Sept. 11, 2019. (Photo by Keith Birmingham, Pasadena Star-News/SCNG)

Does the city have enough cash on hand to cover unexpected expenses or revenue shortfalls, such as what was seen in the pandemic?

How heavy is its long-term debt burden — pension obligations, retiree benefits, bond repayments — compared to its income?

Are city revenues increasing, or decreasing, over time?

"We are confident that our assessment will help distressed cities get in front of impending challenges," State Auditor Elaine M. Howle, a certified public accountant, says on the website that graphically illustrates the designations.

The League of California Cities, which represents them in Sacramento, quarrels with the auditor's approach. "The dashboard fails to provide the necessary context or analysis to make the information useful," spokeswoman Jill Oviatt said.

## High risk

The California State Auditor examines details of city finances and assigns each a risk rating based on long-term fiscal fitness. Red means high risk, yellow means moderate risk and green means low risk.



While the league “fully supports transparency and sharing data that’s relevant and meaningful,” the State Auditor’s dashboard falls short, she said. It uses the cities’ audited financial statements, which usually lag a year behind, and thus doesn’t project present-day conditions.

Audited financial statements, however, are considered the most reliable window into a government’s finances, as annual budgets are essentially estimates that remain in flux until the fiscal year ends.

### **Public safety pensions**

Generally speaking, older cities that have their own police and fire departments face the greatest struggles.

That’s because public safety pensions are the most expensive retirement benefits these cities must shoulder. Retirement formulas were sweetened back when the stock market was roaring some 20 years ago, and elected officials were told that great returns on investments would cover increased costs. Unfortunately, that has not been the case.

Anaheim, ranked eighth worst in the state, has seen its annual contribution to the California Public Employees Retirement System leap more than 44% from 2019 to 2022, according to CalPERS data. In West Covina, it rose more than 41%. In Torrance, 40%. All in an effort to fill the gap between what’s currently owed to employees for retirement benefits, and what’s actually set aside.

“They’ve all long known what they have to do,” said David Crane, lecturer in public policy at Stanford University and president of Govern for California. “It takes political power to make it happen.”

The cities say they’re working on it.

“We welcome and share the report’s interest in the fiscal health of California cities,” said Anaheim spokesman Mike Lyster by email. “Anaheim is coming through the biggest challenge of our times after the year-plus closure of our theme parks, convention center and entertainment venues. We are in the early stages of economic recovery, and, longer term, have a bright outlook with billions in investment planned around our stadium, Honda Center and in and around the theme parks. Revenue from economic recovery and future investment will help us serve our residents and meet obligations in years to come.

City Hall in Compton on Thursday, August 19, 2021. (Photo by Brittany Murray, Press-Telegram/SCNG)

“Beyond economic recovery, we continue to address budget issues,” he said. “We emerge from the pandemic fiscal crisis with the same mindset of managing labor and operational costs and holding the line on spending. After reforms in 2012, we also continue to make headway on pension obligations, with about 70 percent of our pension obligations now funded.”

The auditor's ranking dinged Torrance in almost every category and labeled it the fourth worst in the state.

The city is projecting an \$8.5 million surplus this year and a small deficit by the end of the next, thanks to a boost of \$24 million from the American Rescue Plan Act. City officials, however, are betting big on the passage of a 3/4-cent sales tax measure as a possible solution to their ongoing financial woes. The measure would generate \$26.7 million annually, but it's a long shot as voters have already shot down a similar proposal as recent as March 2020.

"This would have a direct impact on the areas covered in the state auditor's report as the proposal has a plan to dedicate \$6 million to fiscal sustainability," City Manager Aram Chapryan said.

Cuts are expected in Torrance even if the measure passes, though to a much lesser degree than if it fails, so the city can begin rebuilding its diminished reserves.

The small Los Angeles County city of San Gabriel, known for its historic mission, landed as the second worst in the state. A spokesperson for the city, Jonathan Fu, provided a statement calling the auditor's ranking "well-intentioned" but "not representative of the city's financial condition." The city implemented a financial recovery plan in 2018 that included new accountability standards and internal controls, according to the statement.

"Despite the ongoing financial impact of COVID-19, we are anticipating higher than projected revenue for our current fiscal year which will help bolster our financial health," the statement reads. "This would mark the fourth year of our revenues outpacing our expenditures, which is essential for our recovery and long-term financial sustainability."

West Covina improved slightly from last year's ranking, moving from the ninth worst to the 12th worst. It was less than one point short of being labeled a "moderate risk" instead.

Torrance City Hall was quiet Sunday, May 31, 2020 ahead of a potential protest over the death last week of George Floyd, who was allegedly murdered by a Minneapolis police officer. (Photo by Nick Green, Daily Breeze/SCNG).

The state auditor's office previously declared the city had a high risk for bankruptcy in a December 2020 audit. It had used reserves to prop itself up for years, draining its rainy day fund by \$10 million in a four-year period. The report prompted internal reviews that were still ongoing as of May 2021.

Councilman Tony Wu expressed surprise that the city hadn't moved further in the rankings, saying he believes there have been clear improvements. A recent budget indicated the city's reserves have increased by about \$8 million in the past two years.

"I would think we would be around 120th, not 12th," he said. "But it's a step-by-step increment, which means we are in the right direction."

Montebello ranked seventh worst in the state and was criticized by the State Auditor's Office in 2018 for having suffered from structural deficits for "much of the past decade." City Manager Rene Bobadilla did not return a request for comment. The city broke its years-long deficit streak in 2020 with a balanced budget and is predicting a surplus by the fiscal year's end in 2022.

The city's saving grace came from a sales tax increase passed in 2020 that generated \$7 million this year.

So how's your city doing?

Southern California cities coded yellow, with moderate risk, are Gardena, Lynwood, San Fernando, Claremont, Monrovia, Long Beach, Fullerton, Montclair, Los Angeles, Redondo Beach, Downey, Pomona, San Bernardino, Vernon, El Monte, Riverside, Orange, Costa Mesa, Cathedral City, Bell Gardens, Lake Elsinore, Alhambra, Glendale, Carson, Palm Springs, El Segundo, La Habra, Santa Ana, Covina, Arcadia, Pasadena, Indio, Inglewood, Placentia, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Santa Monica, Bell, Westminster, Redlands, Brea, Ontario, Coachella, Hemet, Norwalk, Hermosa Beach, Garden Grove, Hawthorne, San Marino, La Verne, Buena Park, Manhattan Beach, Hesperia, Culver City, Rialto, Monterey Park and Commerce.

Cities coded green, for low risk, are San Clemente, Rolling Hills Estates, Tustin, Simi Valley, Perris, Colton, Upland, Avalon, Los Alamitos, Azusa, Big Bear Lake, Beverly Hills, Cypress, South El Monte, Loma Linda, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, Dana Point, Brentwood, Lancaster, Burbank, Banning, Mission Viejo, Fountain Valley, Yorba Linda, Agoura Hills, Laguna Hills, Signal Hill, La Palma, Calabasas, Beaumont, Moreno Valley, San Jacinto, Seal Beach, Lomita, Bellflower, Jurupa Valley, West Hollywood, Corona, Paramount, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, Pico Rivera, Temecula, Fontana, Lakewood, Desert Hot Springs, San Juan Capistrano, Industry, Irvine, La Canada Flintridge, Hawaiian Gardens, Canyon Lake, Malibu, Lawndale, Norco, Temple City, Indian Wells, Cerritos, Palos Verdes Estates, San Dimas, Aliso Viejo, Irwindale, La Puente, Twentynine Palms, Westlake Village, Walnut, Murrieta, Rancho Santa Margarita, La Habra Heights, Chino Hills, Villa Park, Menifee, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palmdale, Diamond Bar, Santa Clarita, Palm Desert, La Mirada, Rancho Cucamonga, Yucca Valley, Rolling Hills, Hidden Hills, Lake Forest, La Quinta, Stanton, Laguna Woods and Rancho Mirage.

*Staff writer Robert Morales contributed to this report.  
Updated 8/23/2021 with comment from David Crane*



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, August 26, 2021

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## **CITY'S 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, COMMENT**

The City of Garden Grove's Draft Focused General Plan Update which includes revisions to the Housing Element, Land Use Element, Safety Element, and adoption of a new Environmental Justice Element are now available for public review and comment at [ggcity.org/housing-element](http://ggcity.org/housing-element). The update will establish goals, objectives, and policies to guide future developments in the city and comply with current state mandates. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) which analyzes the potential impacts of the proposed Draft Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments is also available online for public review and comment until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at [ggcity.org/planning](http://ggcity.org/planning).

The proposed Housing Element establishes programs, policies, and actions to meet the existing and projected housing needs in the community; the Land Use Element incorporates the housing growth identified in the Housing Element; the Safety Element addresses climate change vulnerabilities and resilience; and the new Environmental Justice Element focuses on addressing community needs such as providing residents with access to healthy food, physical activity, safe and sanitary housing, and reducing pollution citywide.

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CITY'S 2021-2029 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE NOW AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW  
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The community is also encouraged to attend the first public hearing for consideration of the adoption of the Draft Focused General Plan Update and Zoning Amendments and certification of the EIR on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

For more information, contact the Planning Division at (714) 741-5312 or email [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org).

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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### **CITY HALL CLOSED ON LABOR DAY**

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021. No street sweeping services will be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days. Also, trash pick-up will be delayed by one day.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375. For information on trash pick-up, please visit Republic Services at [www.republicservices.com/municipality/garden-grove-ca](http://www.republicservices.com/municipality/garden-grove-ca).

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**August 26, 2021**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the August 5, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.
3. Agenda for the September 12, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from August 20, 2021 to August 26, 2021; including the Guide to Local Recovery Update.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 26, 2021 – October 14, 2021

Thursday	August 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, City Hall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor <b>CANCELLED</b>
		11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luncheon, CMC, AB Room
Friday	August 27		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	September 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	September 6		City Hall Closed - Labor Day
Tuesday	September 7	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 9	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	September 16	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 23		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	September 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 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
Thursday	October 7	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	October 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	October 14		\$2 Casual Dress Day

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 5, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Cunningham, Lehman, Ramirez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Arestegui

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

July 15, 2021 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.  
Motion: Lindsay Second: Arestegui  
Ayes: (4) Arestegui, Lindsay, Perez, Soeffner  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Cunningham, Lehman, Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-104-2021 AND INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-004-2021 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CHAPMAN AVENUE AND WESTERN AVENUE AT 7441 CHAPMAN AVENUE.

Applicant: 1784 CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC  
Date: August 5, 2021

Request: Site Plan approval to demolish an existing two-story industrial/office building, and in its place, construct a new 158,694 square foot, six-story self-storage facility on a 1.26-acre site. Also, a request for an Interpretation of Use to determine the compatibility of the proposed self-storage use within Planned Unit Development No. PUD-103-76

(REV. 2018) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 – In-Fill Development Projects.

Action: With the Public Hearing portion of the meeting closed, the Planning Commission directed staff to bring back a Resolution of Denial to the next regular meeting based on the fact that an Interpretation of Use finding was not met as the proposed use was not similar in scale and operational characteristics to other uses permitted in the zone. Commissioners also asked staff to provide a comparison of the project's size to other storage facilities and industrial uses within the specific Planned Unit Development zone.

Motion: Perez Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (3) Arestegui, Lindsay, Perez

Noes: (1) Soeffner

Absent: (3) Cunningham, Lehman, Ramirez

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff reminded Commissioners to fulfill their Anti-Harassment and Unconscious Bias trainings and that August 19<sup>th</sup> would be the next meeting to bring back the Resolution of Denial. Staff then gave a brief description of the agenda items for the September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and stated the September 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting for the Housing Element would be cancelled with the item to be presented at the October 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting instead.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:33 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### REGULAR MEETING

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September 2, 2021

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record. Members of the public are asked to consider very carefully before attending this meeting in person and are encouraged to wear face masks and maintain a six foot distance from others. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

#### REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: CHAIR PEREZ, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY  
COMMISSIONERS ARESTEGUI, CUNNINGHAM, LEHMAN, RAMIREZ,  
SOEFFNER

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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

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

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 19, 2021

C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM  
SITE PLAN NO. SP-101-2021

APPLICANT: DENNIS O'NEIL (SUNBELT STORES, INC.)

LOCATION: NORTH SIDE OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE, WEST OF  
BROOKHURST STREET AT 13861 BROOKHURST STREET

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and approval of Site Plan No. SP-101-2021, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.2. SITE PLAN NO. SP-082-2020TE1  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-180-2020TE1

APPLICANT: 7-ELEVEN, INC.

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF CHAPMAN AVENUE AND DALE  
STREET AT 8471 CHAPMAN AVENUE

REQUEST: Approval of a one-year time extension for entitlements approved under Site Plan No. SP-082-2020 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-180-2020 to remove existing site improvements and construct a 2,232 square foot 24-hr convenience store with an 1,800 square foot fueling canopy with eight (8) pumps, and to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-228-08 to create a new CUP for a gas station and an Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. A CEQA determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.



STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-082-2020TE1 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-180-2020TE1, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT



# Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 25

Aug 25, 2021

The reporting deadline for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is August 31! The U.S. Department of the Treasury (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umxVcfD4p1U>) has released a **video walkthrough of the treasury portal for the interim report and recovery plan** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umxVcfD4p1U>). Here's a list of all the other Treasury Department resources available to cities:

- **Reporting and Compliance Guidance** (<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf>) : This explains all the required reports in detail and is the best first stop for any reporting questions.
- (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>) **Reporting guidance technical assistance webinars** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>) : Recipients have different reporting requirements based on population and amount of funding received. These webinars provide a good overview of reporting for each recipient group.
- **Reporting User Guide** ([https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF\\_Treasury-Portal-Recipient-Reporting-User-Guide.pdf](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF_Treasury-Portal-Recipient-Reporting-User-Guide.pdf)) : This contains detailed submissions instructions and includes answers to frequently asked reporting questions.

- **Recovery Plan template** (<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Recovery-Plan-Performance-Report-Template.docx>) : This provides a sample template for the Recovery Plan Performance Report for states, territories, and large localities.
- **Evidence and Equity Webinars:** The **evidence** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=czkSBTOd6F4>) and **equity** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=2YvOZUokk7I>) webinars provide technical assistance for recipients on how they can include evidence and equity in the spending and reporting.
- **FAQs** (<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>) : These are the best resources for any policy-related questions related to reporting
- As mentioned previously, the Treasury has released (<https://youtu.be/umxVcfD4p1U>) **a video walkthrough of the reporting portal** (<https://youtu.be/umxVcfD4p1U>) . Timestamps are as follows: 4:44, Reporting basics; 14:30, Interim Report; 27:04, Recovery Plan.

Individual recipients may send any questions that are not answered in these materials to **SLFRP@treasury.gov** (<mailto:SLFRP@treasury.gov>) .

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# City leaders discuss priority housing bills and immediate action steps during virtual call to action

*Aug 25, 2021*

The current legislative cycle ends on September 10. Cities still have time to stop several harmful housing measures, including SB 9 (Atkins) and AB 989 (Gabriel).

On Tuesday, hundreds of city officials from throughout the state joined a virtual League of California Cities call to action to receive the latest update on several priority housing bills moving through the Legislature. The briefing featured updates on measures that would hinder cities' ability to plan for the type of housing that's needed in their communities and stifle local democracy, as well as steps that cities can take today to help stop these measures.

The call to action focused on five priority bills: AB 989 (Gabriel), AB 1401 (Friedman), and AB 215 (Chiu), AB 500 (Ward), and most notably SB 9 (Atkins). "SB 9 is a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach to land use policy that caters to developers, silences community input, and doesn't even guarantee affordable housing," said Cal Cities President and El Centro Mayor Cheryl Viegas Walker.

During the briefing, Cal Cities leadership stressed the urgency of taking action now to ensure the voices of city leaders are heard loud and clear in the Capitol.

"You put it all together and these bills are bad policy," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "They are bad for our communities and bad for our state. That's why the message you are hearing today is we need to stop [these bills] now...Not two weeks from now, but immediately."

Some bills, including SB 9, may be voted on as early as Thursday, August 26. Cities are encouraged to oppose the measures summarized below, and can **contact their Regional Public Affairs Manager** (</home/get-involved/regional-divisions>) or visit the **Cal Cities Action Center** (</advocacy/take-action>) for more information.

## **SB 9 (Atkins) Housing Development Approvals — Oppose**

Although **SB 9** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=SB%209&t=bill>) was recently amended, Cal Cities' core argument remains the same: Cities are collectively identifying sites for more than two million additional homes, and SB 9 disregards these efforts by mandating more housing in existing single-family zones. Lawmakers should avoid pushing unproven policies that undermine local planning, change the rules mid-stream, or conflict with the myriad of new housing laws recently passed.

Under the bill's new provisions, cities may deny a proposed housing project if it would have a specific, adverse impact upon public health and safety or the physical environment, and if there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid said impact. Unfortunately, the amendment's scope is extremely limited and would likely only apply in a handful of cases.

Additionally, the measure now requires an applicant to sign an affidavit stating that they intend to occupy one of the housing units as their principal residence for a minimum of three years from the date of the approval of the urban lot split. However, this provision falls short of a mandatory obligation to occupy one of the new units.

**What can your city do about SB 9?** This bill can be voted on as early as Thursday, August 26. Call your Assembly Member and Senator today and ask them to vote no on SB 9. Then, send a letter of opposition to your Legislator and sign on to Cal Cities' coalition letter opposing SB 9. Contact your Regional Public Affairs Manager for more information about the bill's status or the coalition letter.

## **AB 989 (Gabriel) Housing Appeals Committee — Oppose**

Although SB 9 has received the lion's share of attention, several other bills would also have a negative impact on communities throughout the state. For example, **AB 989** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%20989&t=bill>) would create an Office of Housing Appeals within the California Department of Housing and Community Development, which would have the power to review alleged violations of the Housing Accountability Act for specified housing development projects. The bill allows an appeals panel, not a court, to overturn a local land use decision. Although AB 989 is intended to speed these types of reviews up, it actually slows the process down by adding an additional layer of bureaucracy.

**What can your city do about AB 989?** Call your Senator if they are a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and voice your opposition to AB 989. Then, send a letter of opposition to your Senator.

## **AB 1401 (Friedman) Residential and Commercial Development. Parking Requirements — Oppose**

Like the previous measures, **AB 1401** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%201401&t=bill>) fails to consider local conditions, circumstances, or needs. The bill would prohibit local governments (depending on population) from imposing or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement for residential, commercial, and other developments if the parcel is located within a one-half mile or one-quarter mile walking distance of public transit. However, restricting parking requirements does not guarantee that individuals living, working, or shopping on those parcels will actually use transit. Many residents will continue to own automobiles and require nearby parking, which will only increase parking demand and congestion.

AB 1401 also would give developers and transit agencies — who are unaccountable to local voters — the power to determine parking requirements. Additionally, the bill could negatively impact the state's Density Bonus Law by providing developers parking concessions without also requiring them to include affordable housing units in the project.

**What can your city do about AB 1401?** Call your Senator if they are a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee and voice your opposition to AB 1401. Then, send a letter of opposition to your Senator.

### **AB 215 (Chiu) Housing Element — Oppose**

Fortunately, Cal Cities helped secure amendments that addressed many cities' original concerns with **AB 215** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%20215&t=bill>) .

Unfortunately, the author also added several new amendments that could negatively impact cities. The measure currently authorizes the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to appoint or contract with other counsel if the Attorney General (AG) declines to represent the department in a lawsuit against a city. AB 215 would also allow a three-year statute of limitation to apply to any action or proceeding brought by the AG or HCD.

**What can your city do about AB 215?** These new amendments may be removed. However, cities should draft a letter of opposition in the event that action is needed. Be prepared to contact your Senator and Assembly Member.

### **AB 500 (Ward) Local Planning. Permitting. Coastal Development — Reconsidering**

**AB 500** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=21&s=AB%20500&t=bill>) is the bill to pay attention to for cities in the coastal zone. Cal Cities opposed the bill in its original form, which would have granted the California Coastal Commission housing authority, thus

potentially creating two conflicting mandates for cities. The measure was recently amended into a study bill, which Cal Cities does not oppose. However, the bill may be amended again, this time closer to its original form, which Cal Cities does oppose.

**What can your city do about AB 500?** Currently, no action is needed. Contact your Regional Public Affairs Manager for more information about the bill's status.

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# California Supreme Court issues two rulings favorable to local governments

Aug 25, 2021

The California Supreme Court recently issued a pair of rulings — one on prevailing wages, and another on automatic stays and appeals. Both rulings were consistent with arguments made in friend-of-the-court briefs filed by the League of California Cities.

Last week, in ***Daly v. San Bernardino***

(<https://www.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/S260209.PDF>), the California

Supreme Court considered whether a judgment unseating an elected official triggers an automatic stay pending an appeal of the decision. In the original case, the trial court held that the appointment of a San Bernardino County Supervisor was unlawful because the county's appointment process violated the Brown Act. As such, the trial court ordered the removal and replacement of the Supervisor. The county sought a stay, which would have allowed the Supervisor to retain her seat while the county appealed the trial court order. The trial court declined to issue the stay and the county appealed. The Court of Appeal also refused to issue a stay. San Bernardino County then filed a petition for review with the California Supreme Court.

The California Supreme Court reversed and ruled in favor of the county. The court reasoned that because the lower court decision required the county to take an affirmative action — remove and replace the supervisor — the action was automatically stayed during the pendency of the appeal. This holding is consistent with the **amicus brief** (<https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City->

Attorneys/Library/2020/Daly-v-Board-of-Supervisors-of-San-Bernardino-Cou) filed by Cal Cities, which argued in part that an automatic stay should be issued pending the appeal in order to maintain the status quo and allow the regular functioning and efficiency of government during litigation.

This week, in *Busker v. Wabtech*

(<https://www.courts.ca.gov/opinions/documents/S251135.PDF>), the California Supreme Court addressed whether publicly funded work performed on trains constituted a “public work” under California’s prevailing wage laws. Wabtech hired the plaintiff to perform work on rail cars as part of a broader project to prevent train collisions. However, the plaintiff was not paid prevailing wages. Other workers — not employed by Wabtech — who installed equipment as part of the broader project in the railyard were paid prevailing wages.

On a certified question from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, the California Supreme Court held that “public works” was limited to construction or installation of structures fixed to real property and that work does not become a “public work” just because it is integral to another activity that itself is a public work. Therefore, the plaintiff was not entitled to a prevailing wage. This holding is consistent with arguments made by Cal Cities — along with other entities — in a local government coalition **amicus brief** ([https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Request-Amicus-Support/Recent-Filings/Briefs-\(1\)/Busker-v-Wabtec-Corporation\\_Amicus-Curiae-Brief](https://www.cacities.org/Resources-Documents/Member-Engagement/Professional-Departments/City-Attorneys/Request-Amicus-Support/Recent-Filings/Briefs-(1)/Busker-v-Wabtec-Corporation_Amicus-Curiae-Brief)). The California Supreme Court’s ruling narrows the kinds of work for which prevailing wages must be paid and provides local government more certainty when budgeting and planning for publicly funded projects.



# Guide to Local Recovery Updates

Aug 25, 2021

The League of California Cities is actively involved in gathering, deciphering, and providing cities with the resources they need to access pandemic relief funds, understand eligible uses for those funds, and comply with reporting requirements. Visit the Guide to Local Recovery resource page to explore the resources available to cities.

## Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 25

The reporting deadline for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is August 31! The U.S. Department of the Treasury has [released a video walkthrough of the treasury portal for the interim report and recovery plan](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umxVcfD4p1U)

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=umxVcfD4p1U>). Here's a list of all the other

[Treasury Department resources available to cities \(/detail-](#)

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## Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 18

The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced yesterday that it will continue to reimburse local governments for Project Roomkey costs through the

rest of the year. Additionally, the United States Department of Agriculture recently made up to \$500 million in grants available to rural communities to help expand access to COVID-19 vaccines and healthcare services. Lastly, the National League of Cities will hold a webinar on how cities can use American Rescue Plan funds to support small businesses and entrepreneurs. **[Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/08/18/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-18\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/08/18/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-18)** .

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 11**

This week in Guide to Local Recovery: The U.S. Senate passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a significant step forward on \$550 billion in new federal infrastructure investments; the League of California Cities submitted a support letter for Senator Alex Padilla's Amendment #2584. New resources are available for cities as well, including new information about the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds recipient reporting portal. **[Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/08/11/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-11\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/08/11/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-11)** .

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: August 4**

City leaders are encouraged to join the League of California Cities in urging Congress to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, a comprehensive infrastructure package; and a number of webinars are available this month on how cities can utilize American Rescue Plan funds to advance equity in their communities. **[Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/08/04/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-4\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/08/04/guide-to-local-recovery-update-august-4)** .

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: July 28**

Cal Cities, along with 400 other city officials and organizations, signed a letter about the need for federal infrastructure funding. Written by the National League of Cities (NLC), the letter urged Congressional leadership to pass a comprehensive infrastructure package and outlined the top priorities of local governments. City officials are encouraged to sign a similar letter to their congressional delegation. Cal Cities also released an updated version of its

American Rescue Plan Act revenue loss calculators, which includes minor changes based on member feedback. Additional resources, such as NLC's list of (<https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/>) **FAQs from city officials about the** (<https://www.nlc.org/covid-19-pandemic-response/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/>) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, are available as well. **[Read the full update.](#)** (</detail-pages/news/2021/07/28/guide-to-local-recovery-update-july-28>)

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: July 21**

The League of California's strong support of SB 156 paid off, with Governor Newsom signing the (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/20/governor-newsom-signs-historic-broadband-legislation-to-help-bridge-digital-divide/>) **historic broadband legislation** (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2021/07/20/governor-newsom-signs-historic-broadband-legislation-to-help-bridge-digital-divide/>) on Tuesday. The \$6 billion investment — \$5.2 billion from federal dollars — is designed to bridge the digital divide and ensure equitable digital access to underserved and unserved communities. A general overview of SB 156 can be found on Cal Cities' **[website](#)** (</detail-pages/news/2021/07/15/state-passes-historic-6-billion-broadband-investment-agreement>) .

Cal Cities also submitted comments about the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0002/comment>) **Interim Final Rule** (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0002/comment>) to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Cal Cities requested further clarity, guidance, and flexibility for local governments on issues such as public health, economic impact, and infrastructure. The full letter can be found on the Treasury Department's (<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0653>) **website** (<https://www.regulations.gov/comment/TREAS-DO-2021-0008-0653>) .

Finally, the Treasury Department released an [updated FAQ](https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf) (<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf>) for **Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Interim Final Rule** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-funds/recipient-compliance-and-reporting-responsibilities>) on July 14. The update clarifies eligible uses of water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, as well as questions about revenue loss and fund eligibility for nonprofit or private organizations.

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: July 15**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has released several resources on its Compliance and Reporting Guidance for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) recipients. Additionally, several recovery-related webinars are available later this month, including a Government Service Administration Procurement training. Lastly, the deadline to submit comments and recommendations to the Treasury Department on the Interim Final Rule is on July 16. **[Read the full update.](/detail-pages/news/2021/07/15/guide-to-local-recovery-update-july-15)** (</detail-pages/news/2021/07/15/guide-to-local-recovery-update-july-15>)

### **Guide to Local Recovery update: July 7**

The National League of Cities (NLC) will host a two-day conference on July 8-9 in collaboration with NLC's Race, Equity and Leadership (REAL) department. More than just a public health crisis, the coronavirus pandemic has revealed and exacerbated racial inequities prevalent in our communities. This conference will consist of discussions and workshops centered around building equitable community leadership and will be followed by a panel of conference speakers.

NLC will also host a virtual event about how the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) can be used to support inclusive economic recovery. The event, Utilizing ARPA Funding to Advance Cooperative Business Ownership, will be held on July 27. With community wellness in mind, this event will cover ways in which cities

can support the creation and retention of local, high quality jobs to help ensure an equitable rebuilding of local economies and communities.

### **Guide to Local Recovery update: June 30**

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation to extend the state's eviction moratorium through September 30, 2021, and clear rent debt for low-income Californians that have suffered economic, pandemic-related hardship. Additionally, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has opened the application portal for the Emergency Connectivity Fund. The \$7.17 billion program provides funding for schools and libraries to buy laptops, tablets, WiFi hotspots, modems, routers, and connectivity to help students stay connected when they're off school premises. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/30/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-30\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/06/30/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-30)

### **Guide to Local Recovery update: June 23**

Non-entitlement cities have until tonight, June 23 at 11:59 p.m., to access the American Rescue Plan Request for Fund Portal. Additionally, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has released clarifications on several eligible use criteria, most notably broadband infrastructure. The new language around broadband is a big win for local governments. Finally, the Treasury Department also released Compliance and Reporting Guidance for metropolitan cities, which builds on the Interim Final Rule issued on May 10. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/23/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-23\)](/detail-pages/news/2021/06/23/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-23)

### **Guide to Local Recovery update: June 16**

Cal Cities, along with a team of city finance professionals and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO), created a revenue loss calculation tool to help cities determine their American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation spends. The tool incorporates the latest Treasury Department's Guidance and its applicability to local government finance in California as understood by our team of finance professionals. Two versions of the calculator

have been prepared to support cities' choice to use fund basis (modified accrual) or government-wide (full accrual) financial records.

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The calculator will be updated and improve as Treasury Department guidance evolves. Cities will be able to calculate revenue at multiple points throughout the program. [Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/06/16/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-16\)](#)

## **Guide to Local Recovery Update: June 11**

Gov. Gavin Newsom took [executive action](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.11.21-EO-N-07-21-signed.pdf) on June 11 to terminate the state's stay-at-home order and tiered Blueprint for Safer Economy. Measures that were included in the blueprint to protect public health, such as physical distancing, capacity limits, and the county tier system, terminate on June 15. The Governor also [issued an executive order](https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/6.11.21-EO-N-08-21-signed.pdf) to begin the "winding down" of the 58 executive orders that have been implemented since the beginning of the pandemic. The provisions will sunset in phases, beginning later this month through September.



## **The California Department of Finance (DOF) American Rescue Plan Request for Funds Portal for non-entitlement cities is now live.**

**(<https://esd.dof.ca.gov/recovery-fund/login>) Cities categorized as non-entitlement cities (<https://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/Small%20City%20Allocations%20-%20ARPA/CFRF%20Allocation%20Schedule.pdf>) (NEU) must access this portal to receive their first tranche of funds. All applications are due no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 23, 2021. DOF discussed the funding portal with city officials during a League of California Cities webinar earlier this week. The webinar included a robust Q & A and is available for review ([https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks\\_2I](https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks_2I)), along with the presentation slides. Read the full update. (</detail-pages/news/2021/06/14/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-11>)**

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: June 9**

The California Department of Finance (DOF) unveiled its American Rescue Plan Local Fiscal Recovery Fund webpage

**([https://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/Local\\_Fiscal\\_Recovery\\_Fund\\_Allocations/](https://www.dof.ca.gov/budget/COVID-19/Local_Fiscal_Recovery_Fund_Allocations/))**

for non-entitlement cities and discussed the upcoming funding portal with city officials during a League of California Cities webinar earlier today. The program covered the state's responsibilities, eligible usages, the application and distribution process, reporting requirements, and the portal itself. The webinar included a robust Q & A and is available for review

**([https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks\\_2I](https://youtu.be/ZW0GcVks_2I))**, along with the presentation slides. Read the full update (</detail-pages/news/2021/06/09/guide-to-local-recovery-update-june-9>)

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: June 2**

The California Department of Finance (DOF) has released the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allocations for non-entitlement cities, and is preparing to distribute over \$1.2 billion in American Rescue Plan payments to 291 California non-entitlement cities. Register now

**([https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Sn0LI8JfRnWdrVYeYRaJ-w](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sn0LI8JfRnWdrVYeYRaJ-w))** for the next Guide to Local Recovery webinar on June 9 from 9:30-10:30 a.m., where experts from DOF will provide information about how cities can navigate the state's

submission portal, when cities can expect funding, as well as answer any general American Rescue Plan questions.

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 26**

Earlier this week, the U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance on the distribution of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to non-entitlement cities. These guidelines were issued to assist the California Department of Finance (DOF) in issuing final city-by-city allocations and to help develop the process for distributing non-entitlement city funds. The League of California Cities has been in communication with DOF to determine the timing of the release of the final allocations and the distribution process, and will be hosting a webinar with DOF in the coming weeks. **[Read the full update. \(/detail-pages/news/2021/05/26/guide-to-local-recovery-update-may-26\)](#)**

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 19**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has launched its own American Rescue Plan information hub, which includes a Fiscal Recovery Funds FAQ and the interim final rule. The FAQ will be updated periodically in response to stakeholder questions. The White House and the Treasury Department will also address the interim rule during an NLC-hosted webinar and Q & A on May 20 at 1 p.m. PST. We also hosted a webinar on the American Rescue Plan for more than 400 city officials today. Representatives from the National League of Cities discussed eligible uses for entitlement cities. The webinar **[recording](#)** (**[https://zoom.us/rec/share/8X\\_MvknJY-6i6vAnjQy2XOHhwkI7x7IaF1Ztybv8-jM3Op8Tu7saXtS0lpi6OHM.4lv\\_VGB8Q8W-Q0LA](https://zoom.us/rec/share/8X_MvknJY-6i6vAnjQy2XOHhwkI7x7IaF1Ztybv8-jM3Op8Tu7saXtS0lpi6OHM.4lv_VGB8Q8W-Q0LA)**) and slides are available for those who missed it. **[Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/05/19/guide-to-local-recovery-update-may-19\)](#)**

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 12**

The portal for local governments that will receive their money directly from the U.S. Department of the Treasury is now live. This **[portal](#)** (**<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and->**

[tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/request-funding](#)) is for cities classified as Metropolitan Cities under the American Rescue Plan. Local governments designated as non-entitlement units are also eligible to receive Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as provided in the American Rescue Plan. However, they will receive this funding from their applicable state government, not through this link. [Read the full update \(/detail-pages/news/2021/05/12/guide-to-local-recovery-update-may-12\)](#)

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 10**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury released guidance May 10 on the distribution of \$8 billion for California cities in the American Rescue Plan Act. To learn more, sign up for Cal Cities Legislative Action Days May 13, where Cal Cities will provide an overview of the new guidance. Be sure to check the new resources added to the Federal Guidance and Resources tab below to read the new guidelines and access the final city-by-city allocations.

U.S. Department of the Treasury now has a [website](#) (<http://www.treasury.gov/coronavirus>) where people can learn more about COVID-19 economic relief, programs, and assistance for state, local, and tribal governments.

### The [California COVID-19 Rent Relief program](#)

([https://housing.ca.gov/covid\\_rr/index.html](https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html)) has funds to distribute, and is urging California city governments to share this resource with impacted individuals in their communities. Landlords who participate in the program can get reimbursed for 80 percent of an eligible renter's unpaid rent, and eligible renters whose landlords choose not to participate in the program may apply on their own and receive 25 percent of unpaid rent between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021. Paying 25 percent by June 30, 2021 can help keep the tenant in their home under the extended eviction protections in [SB 91](#)

([https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202120220SB91](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB91))

(2021). Visit the [Housing is Key website](#)

([https://housing.ca.gov/covid\\_rr/index.html](https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr/index.html)) to learn more.

## **Guide to Local Recovery Update: May 5**

U.S. Department of the Treasury now has a [website](#)

(<http://www.treasury.gov/coronavirus>) where people can learn more about COVID-19 economic relief, programs, and assistance for state, local, and tribal governments.

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## **Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 28**

Today, the League of California Cities hosted the latest installment of its new Guide to Local Recovery webinar series, focused on Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) cost reimbursement for eligible programs and services under FEMA's Public Assistance Program. The webinar featured leaders with representatives from FEMA and the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) to provide an opportunity to ask questions and get clarity on reimbursable costs. The webinar [recording](#)

([https://zoom.us/rec/play/Hr64SUkw\\_ADOU5c4eD\\_0W573umzGJEwUplpo5-](https://zoom.us/rec/play/Hr64SUkw_ADOU5c4eD_0W573umzGJEwUplpo5-ZQ_LmMthSB6H_fERcXF8rSHWWe2RgwGWofjyWYRbVH.3qn24fnZHWgrAsiG)

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and slides are available online. Next week, the White House is hosting regional briefings on the [American Jobs Plan](#) (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>)

and **[American Families Plan](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/28/fact-sheet-the-american-families-plan/)** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/28/fact-sheet-the-american-families-plan/>) , and the briefing for California is Monday, May 3 at 2 p.m. All cities are invited to attend, and the briefing will be hosted by Daniel Hornung, special assistant to the president for Economic Policy. **Register** (<https://pitc.zoomgov.com/j/1603766325?pwd=SUtrWVRnajJyWmg5QTg3V01iTTRSUT09>) for the briefing.

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 21**

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has **[released new steps](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund)** (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund>) that all cities need to take to receive their city allocation under the local relief included in the American Rescue Plan. The rescue plan was signed into law in March 2021, and includes \$65 billion in much-needed direct and flexible relief for every city in the country, with an anticipated \$8.3 billion for California cities. While the Treasury Department has not released the final city allocations, you can find city-by-city estimates on the National League of Cities **[website](https://www.nlc.org/resource/estimated-local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/)** (<https://www.nlc.org/resource/estimated-local-allocations-in-the-american-rescue-plan/>) . **[Read the full update.](#)** ([/detail-pages/news/2021/04/21/guide-to-local-recovery-update-april-21](#))

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: April 14**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) published this week a **[Notice of Funding Opportunity](https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2021-04/FY%202021%20RAISE%20grants%20NOFO%20%28Final%29.pdf)** (<https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2021-04/FY%202021%20RAISE%20grants%20NOFO%20%28Final%29.pdf>) to apply for \$1 billion in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 discretionary grant funding through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants. Projects for RAISE funding will be evaluated based on merit criteria that include safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic competitiveness, state of good repair, innovation, and partnership. Within these criteria, the Department will prioritize projects that can demonstrate improvements to racial equity, reduce impacts of climate change, and create good-paying jobs. To provide technical

assistance to prospective applicants, DOT is hosting a **series of webinars** (<http://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/outreach>) during the FY 2021 RAISE grant application process. The deadline to submit an application is July 12, 2021 at 5 p.m. EST. On April 12, the White House released state-by-state fact sheets that highlight the urgent need in every state across the country for the investments outlined in the new federal infrastructure proposal. The fact sheet for California can be found on the **White House website** (<https://whitehouse.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f620288bb41dd81f9c715ef4d&id=74d04bf158&e=d97cf1e38b>)

### **Guide to Local recovery update: April 7**

As cities await final guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on the allocation amounts and reporting process for the local relief included in the American Rescue Plan, now is the time for cities to begin identifying their priorities and developing a system to track and report the funds. The sooner priorities for local recovery are identified, the faster people can get back to work, operations can be stabilized, and those most impacted by COVID-19 can receive support. The National League of Cities **frequently asked questions** ([https://www.nlc.org/resource/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/?utm\\_campaign=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_content=fanewsletter-20210403&utm\\_term=text-resource&\\_zs=vJKfb&\\_zl=awIV2](https://www.nlc.org/resource/arp-local-relief-frequently-asked-questions/?utm_campaign=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=fanewsletter-20210403&utm_term=text-resource&_zs=vJKfb&_zl=awIV2)) about the American Rescue Plan local relief can help cities prepare while we await official guidance.

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: March 31**

The Biden Administration announced **a federal infrastructure plan** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>), which outlines more than \$2 trillion in federal investments to rebuild and expand infrastructure in our cities and towns across the nation. Cal Cities is encouraged by the proposal, as repairing and modernizing aging infrastructure is key to economic recovery and more jobs in our cities and nation. We look forward to sharing more details on the plan as they

become available.

### **Local recovery update: March 24**

The passage of the historic American Rescue Plan means over \$65 billion will be delivered directly to cities of all size. Now the real work begins. What are your local priorities for this funding? The National League of Cities (NLC) is conducting a short survey to gauge how conditions, from the economy and infrastructure to housing and education, have changed this past year, and how new funding will be used to address these challenges. The results will be part of NLC's research efforts to showcase local leadership during the pandemic. They will also shape the type of strategies and programs NLC is developing to help communities leverage newly available funds. Make your voice count and participate in the survey! Please respond no later than Tuesday, March 30.

### **Guide to Local Recovery Update: March 17**

As city officials begin to put the unprecedented local relief from the American Rescue Plan into action to continue critical services and jumpstart recovery in their communities, Cal Cities is here to answer questions and support your efforts with tools and resources. For more information on the American Rescue Plan and what's in it for cities, read Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman's message to city officials. and review the Cal Cities **[special briefing](https://zoom.us/rec/play/SEjtz_yS_jtL4PLawym8kaF9JIoYBHE0Y3e_fJztHZtxKIUz3cZ5JwBRQap51gnVeg7bh_xKvrW6cM-6.2P_bfCjF1VI5KPRV?autoplay=true)** ([https://zoom.us/rec/play/SEjtz\\_yS\\_jtL4PLawym8kaF9JIoYBHE0Y3e\\_fJztHZtxKIUz3cZ5JwBRQap51gnVeg7bh\\_xKvrW6cM-6.2P\\_bfCjF1VI5KPRV?autoplay=true](https://zoom.us/rec/play/SEjtz_yS_jtL4PLawym8kaF9JIoYBHE0Y3e_fJztHZtxKIUz3cZ5JwBRQap51gnVeg7bh_xKvrW6cM-6.2P_bfCjF1VI5KPRV?autoplay=true)) for city officials. The National League of Cities has provided an American Rescue Plan **[implementation update](https://www.nlc.org/article/2021/03/12/everything-you-need-to-know-about-covid-relief/?utm_campaign=Federal-Advocacy&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=federal-advocacy-covid-relief-weekly-20210316&utm_term=image-featured&_zs=Sq77a&_zl=9W8U2)** ([https://www.nlc.org/article/2021/03/12/everything-you-need-to-know-about-covid-relief/?utm\\_campaign=Federal-Advocacy&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=informz&utm\\_content=federal-advocacy-covid-relief-weekly-20210316&utm\\_term=image-featured&\\_zs=Sq77a&\\_zl=9W8U2](https://www.nlc.org/article/2021/03/12/everything-you-need-to-know-about-covid-relief/?utm_campaign=Federal-Advocacy&utm_medium=email&utm_source=informz&utm_content=federal-advocacy-covid-relief-weekly-20210316&utm_term=image-featured&_zs=Sq77a&_zl=9W8U2)), which includes the latest on recovery priorities, relief funds, and bill summaries. Also, the White House has created a **[fact sheet](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/American-Rescue-Plan-Fact-Sheet.pdf)** (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/American-Rescue-Plan-Fact-Sheet.pdf>) for the American Rescue Plan, as well as a **[summary of its impact on California](#)**

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/ARP-State-Fact-Sheet-CA.pdf>

. These are first of many resources in our guide to local recovery that we will be offering in the coming weeks and months.

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