



August 11, 2020

City of Garden Grove
City Clerk Office
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

Congratulations to the City of Garden Grove on being selected for the CivicSpark Project & Partner Fellow Program! Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas®) was proud to partner with the Local Government Commission for their 2020-2021 CivicSpark program to help identify agencies with projects that align with our natural gas energy efficiency goals. The City of Garden Grove was an ideal candidate!

The City of Garden Grove, Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) takes a proactive approach in developing innovative policies, strategies, and programs to address emerging issues affecting the community. By serving with the City's CEDD, the Fellow will gain valuable experience, and be an active participant, in developing, implementing, and administering policies and programs that comply with regulatory requirements that promote energy efficiency and sustainability.

The Fellow will support the City in its effort to promote energy efficiency and sustainable practices by: 1) developing a program that implements best practices, and conducting follow-up, to ensure that building developments comply with the Green Building Code and other sustainable regulations; 2) conducting research, analyzing, and providing recommendations to reduce the carbon footprint through proposed zoning code regulations; 3) developing, implementing, and conducting a multi lingual public outreach program to educate the community, including business owners, developers, and residents, about energy efficiency upgrades, and energy efficiency rebates and incentives available from community partners; and 4) assisting the City with identifying and developing other appropriate energy efficient and sustainable practices.

We look forward to working with the Fellow to help develop these energy efficiency and sustainability measures. Currently, the Fellow applications are being reviewed by City staff, with an anticipated start date of September 2020.

We appreciate the public-private partnership and are excited to see these measures being developed. Once again, Congratulations to the City of Garden Grove!

Sincerely,

Lanae O'Shields
Public Affairs Manager

Ggpd has enough cars

From : Janet Sanchez <sanchez791@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 03:01 PM

Subject : Ggpd has enough cars

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello-

In the effort to gradually relocate funds from ggpd to community services, I do not approve of the purchase of 9 new vehicles for ggpd. Please use those funds for youth, community services, and or homelessness.

Sincerely,
Tax paying citizen
Janet Sánchez

Sent from my iPhone

From : Joseph Guadagno <jpguadagno@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 03:00 PM

Subject : <No Subject>

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Mayor and City Council,

I am dismayed to see the continued support of the city for police funding, at the expense of the city's other many departments. Item 4c in tonight's agenda provides additional funding for police vehicles, despite a police budget that costs the city more than half of its budget. Please reconsider this and all future funding for the police. Please reallocate this funding to services actually benefiting our community.

Best,
Joseph Guadagno

Garden Grove Police

From : Jacquelyn Do <bgkcjacquelyndo@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:59 PM

Subject : Garden Grove Police**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org, kimn@ggcity.org,
stephaniek@ggcity.org, phatb@ggcity.org,
stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us, joneill@ggcity.org,
georgeb@ggcity.org

City council,

I am emailing today to express my disapproval of item 4C on today's meeting agenda. As a taxpayer of this city, I cannot stand to see my money continue to fund excessive law enforcement.

On Sunday, August 9, I witnessed a group of protestors march through Westminster Blvd in Garden Grove. The demonstration consisted of about 40 people--50 at most--all of them unarmed. They were surrounded by over a dozen police cars. At one point, I counted 13 cars--and those were only the ones immediately visible. If Garden Grove Police Department has that many police officers and cars to expend on such a small protest, we don't need to fund 9 more vehicles.

Additionally, there is a video circulating the Internet of a civilian man speaking to a police officer with a gun tucked under his arm. This man was conversing with the police officer and watching closely as protestors walked by, and it was clear that the police officer did not intend to arrest or even reprimand the civilian.

I ask that city council take action to remind GGPD that open carry is NOT legal in California.

Jacquelyn Do

Open Carry

From : gabz lee <legabi025@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:46 PM

Subject : Open Carry

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello, my name is Gabi and I'm emailing the council in regards to the open carrying of a weapon by an individual at a garden grove protest. This is not ok, whether or not he was part of the force. This is prohibited in GG and yet no action has been taken. I demand you stop praising the people that don't take accountability for their actions while discriminating against their own people in the city. Address this NOW!

Sincerely,
Gabi Le.

Council Members attended Defend the Police Rally. None Attended Black Lives Matters

From : Andrew Nguyen <endrew360@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:45 PM

Subject : Council Members attended Defend the Police Rally. None
Attended Black Lives Matters

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

My name is Andrew and I find it odd that city council members have attended the Defend the Police Rally, but none have attended the recent Black Lives Matters protests despite writing a statement of solidarity.

Public Comment for Items 3e, 3h, 4a, 4c

From : Tobias P. <tbsvsqz@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:43 PM

Subject : Public Comment for Items 3e, 3h, 4a, 4c**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello,

My name is Tobias Vasquez, I am a long life resident of Orange County and a new resident of Garden Grove. I love the multiethnic diversity and culture this city brings.

What is highly concerning to me is how the city is leaning towards choosing to prioritize their police department over their vulnerable residents. Please support item 3e as it supports and actually resolves the root of the problem, which is housing. We need more housing and services, not more police empowerment. The police are already overly empowered and emboldened. We need housing, not police emboldenment. I urge you to support item 3E and NOT to support item 3H, which funds more police emboldenment.

Additionally, I am against items 4A and 4C, as it misguidedly assumes police do not need to be continuously trained on anti-bias education. Police need to be held accountable, even to a higher extent than other professions. They carry murder weapons. Item 4C is plainly fueling the cycle of police emboldenment, as well. I urge you to support item 3E and strike down with items 3H, 4A, and 4H.

Thank you for your time,

It's time for a change

From : Leann Holman <leannkelly224@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:42 PM

Subject : It's time for a change**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello - my name is Leann and I am emailing the city council about the video circulating the internet of a civilian with a gun under his arm, in an open effort to intimidate a BLM protest, speaking casually with law enforcement, as if he wasnt in that moment engaging in intimidation. It appears the police are complicit in this intimidation, almost seemingly encouraging it. As a concerned citizen I hope the city can address this blatant corruption, seeing as this man was clearly breaking the law in front of said officers, who are either too ill informed, ill trained or just really dont care to enforce the laws on its white citizens, by defunding the police and investing in community services. Services with strict and stringent rules that they are obligated to uphold, without fear of internal retaliation. The system as it stands is inherently corrupt and it's your job as civil servants to confront, address and dismantle such systems.

Do Better

From : Lynette Alvarado <lynettealvrd@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:40 PM

Subject : Do Better**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello, my name is Lynette and I am emailing the city council to urge that the GGPD be defunded and that funds be reallocated to community services. We are in a pandemic. Instead, support people in need. Take care and support our youth. We don't need nine new police cars. The GGPD is overfunded. The GGPD is not doing their job of "protecting and serving ALL members of the community."

I do not approve of council members attending a pro-police rally. When council members openly attend a Blue Lives Matter rally, they are NOT showing support for the Black Lives Matter Movement. If council members like Mayor Steve Jones who attended a Blue Lives Matter rally are really about their community goal and supporting everyone in the community, they would have been and should be standing in solidarity with the Black and Indigenous community. The city council needs to take action.

Please do better,

Lynette A. (Garden Grove Resident)

Concerns over GG budget

From : Vivian Leduc <vivianleduc@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:37 PM

Subject : Concerns over GG budget

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello,

My name is Vivian and I am emailing the city council over concerns about the astronomical amount of funds directed towards the police department. For example, there is no need to purchase 9 new police cars. Please use these resources to address issues like homelessness in Garden Grove instead. As a concerned citizen I hope the city listen to its constituents concerns and defund the police.

Tax-paying citizen,
Vivian

PROTECT THE YOUTH

From : Mariela Vasquez
<mariela.vasquez.21@simonscholars.org>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:32 PM

Subject : PROTECT THE YOUTH

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello,

On August 9, there was a youth-led protest for immigrant rights. During the protest, a man carried a gun while casually speaking to the police. This was a peaceful protest and the GGPD did nothing to ensure public safety. Open Carry is not legal in Garden Grove and most of California. Endangering the lives of the protest attendees, the majority of them minors, and neglecting to take action is absolutely unacceptable.

Mariela J. Vasquez
Simon Scholar, Class of 2021
Los Amigos High School
Email: mariela.vasquez.21@simonscholars.org
www.simonscholars.org

Reallocation of police budget

From : Alyflor Navalta <abnavalta@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:30 PM

Subject : Reallocation of police budget**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello - my name is Aly and I am emailing the city council about the reallocation of a portion of the police budget. To my understanding, a purchase order for 9 new police vehicles in GGPD is underway. As a concerned citizen, I want the city council to reconsider this expenditure to be used for something else that would benefit the community.

There is power in uplifting a community through supporting small business owners, providing housing opportunities for those less fortunate, creating/renovating park and recreational areas, and most importantly allocating funds to help teachers/schools in providing a high quality education for our youth.

Understand that the narrative that a society needs an over powering law enforcement that criminalizes it's citizens without first understanding the community of which it serves, is truly a recipe for the demise of the community. The community needs resources and support, and Not an increase in police surveillance.

Respectfully,

Aly Navalta
Educator for the Garden Grove Unified School District

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Alyflor Navalta
abnavalta@gmail.com

Thank you!

From : Zoe Agapinan <agapinanzoe@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:25 PM

Subject : Thank you!

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

As a proud member of the Garden Grove Community, I am appalled at the video showing GGPD talking to a citizen that showed up with a gun to a Black Lives Matter Protest. The citizen brought the gun to intimidate protestors (a majority of which are young people), and GGPD was fine with it. Why is this happening?

Secondly, I do not approve of an increase in the police's budget to buy more cars. What? Help your community first, help your people. Don't try to control them with fear.

Do the right thing, Garden Grove. All lives don't matter until Black Lives Matter.

Appalled and angry,
Zoe Agapinan

GGPD

From : Tammy Vo <tummyishungry@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:20 PM

Subject : GGPD

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello - my name is Tammy and I am email the city council about DEFUNDING GGPD. As a concerned citizen I hope the city can invest in other community services such as public schools.

Sent from my iPhone

Opposition to 4C Police Vehicle Funding

From : Peter Nguyen <oc.peter@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:18 PM

Subject : Opposition to 4C Police Vehicle Funding

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

As a Garden Grove resident, please reconsider approving approximately \$334,000 for Police vehicles. I oppose this use of city funds and request that city council find a better way to allocate funds. One suggestion is to allocate money to improve the implicit bias training and/or partnerships with organizations that focus on racial justice.

While it is admirable to support police officers in Garden Grove, it is also important to protect our citizen's right to protest and be heard. I would ask council members discontinue support for GGPD when their actions are used to suppress first amendment rights.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Peter Nguyen

Concerns

From : Angelica To <angelicaqto@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:17 PM

Subject : Concerns**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello,

My name is Angelica To and I am a resident of Garden Grove. I am reaching out today to express my concern regarding what the City Council Members represent, as they certainly do not reflect that of an inclusive community dedicated to fighting against racism and systems of oppression. On July 25, 2020 Mayor Steve Jones and city council members Phat Bui, George Brietigam, and Stephanie Klopfenstein, attended a "Defend the GGPD" Blue Lives Matter rally but were not in attendance at the Black Lives Matter Event on June 3rd, 2020. They have not released any public statements to address the issues of police brutality and the ways in which the police state continue to perpetuate harm against communities of color, especially Black people, at disproportionate rates. These members have also received funding from the police and decreased the community services budget of 3 million to increase the police budget of 67 million. I find this very despicable as it is sending a clear message that they will continue to support oppressive and racist movements and have no regard for Black community members and those who stand with them.

Furthermore, it is a matter of concern to me that the GGPD took no action when a man with a gun came to disrupt the youth-led protest on August 9, 2020 for immigrant rights. We can see where the priorities of city officials and GGPD lie and it is simply unacceptable.

As a concerned citizen I hope the city considers defunding the police and investing in community services. The focus should be on measures like Item 3E (adopting programs and practices for homelessness prevention and an emergency homeless shelter) rather than Item 4c (providing funding for new police cars).

Please take into account the weight of your actions and do better.

Angelica To

GG Police compliance

From : Michael Lazzara <michaellazzara17@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:15 PM

Subject : GG Police compliance

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

My name is Michael Lazzara and I am a resident of the city of Garden Grove.

I am emailing you to voice my concern over the city's continuous complicity in racist behavior by our city's police officers.

Open carry is not permitted in Garden Grove. Yet videos showing our city's police officers casually conversing with a citizen carrying a gun under his arm were made public this weekend.

Police officers are supposed to keep our community safe. Seeing videos of cops beating pedestrians every day has diminished my trust in the police force, sure, but seeing my OWN CITY'S officers on film casually talking to a man (holding what was probably a loaded gun) made me feel extremely disappointed and unsafe.

You need to do way better.

The garden grove police are not heroes in my eyes and do nothing to keep this community safe.

GG funding towards GGDP

From : Sabine Nguyen <sabine.nguyen@hotmail.fr>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:13 PM

Subject : GG funding towards GGDP

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hi,

In the effort to reallocate funds from GGPD to community services, I do not approve of the purchasing of 9 new vehicles for GPPD. Instead, the funds should address the homelessness in our city as well as take care of the incarcerated youth in Garden Grove.

Best,

Sabine Nguyen

GGPD Funding

From : Arthur Gabriel Tapia <tapiaag@uci.edu>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:11 PM

Subject : GGPD Funding

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello,

I do not approve of the City of Garden Grove's decision to purchase new vehicles; those funds would be much better suited to assist in community programs, such as supporting the many houseless individuals throughout the city as well as providing more security for other residents during this time of pandemic. To not reallocate these funds in such a way would be to turn away from the many needs and demands voiced by the people throughout these past months.

GG tax-paying citizen,
Arthur Tapia

Unprofessional Behavior from Community Leaders on Facebook, Inequitable Support for Protestors, and the Need to Reinvest in The Community

From : Theresa Bui <buiheresa97@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:10 PM

Subject : Unprofessional Behavior from Community Leaders on Facebook, Inequitable Support for Protestors, and the Need to Reinvest in The Community

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Dear Garden Grove City Council,

My name is Theresa, and I have been a resident of Garden Grove for 23 years. I am writing to address the unprofessional behavior from council members/ community representatives on Facebook, inequitable support for protestors, and the need to reinvest in the community.

Facebook is PUBLIC, even if you consider your personal life and opinions to be private. We have seen this with Josh Lindsay's action and mocking attitude. Because he did not receive any repercussions, we are again seeing this action and attitude in specific council members and commissioners, especially Phat Bui. I have seen him antagonize some of his constituents' requests, berate the other council member Kim Nguyen, and spread misinformation. Please think twice before posting on Facebook, because words have damaging effects.

Additionally, why are city members supporting the police protests yet refusing to support human rights protests within the community? This shows the inequity between protesters. The other protestors who aren't "defending the badge" would like a safe community too, but safe in the sense of accepting members and livable conditions. The badge is PLENTY defended and well funded due to the police union, who evidently pays every sitting member's campaign at the moment. This should be considered unethical and a conflict of interest.

I am AGAINST buying more cars for the police and increasing street surveillance when the police would be more helpful in these facilities (items 4c and 3h). The funds to the GGPD need to be decreased to increase funds for the community, especially during COVID-19 even with item 3e. Families are facing homelessness, food insecurity, job insecurity, and more, yet the city is not acting accordingly. Your standard of living is probably much higher than the standard for your constituents, so help the community improve instead of funneling taxpayer money elsewhere. Please re-allocate funds to help your community thrive again.

Best regards,
Theresa

Defund the police

From : Alejandro Guardado <aguardado96@yahoo.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:02 PM

Subject : Defund the police

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello - my name is (Alejandro) and I am email the city council about our collective concern over a militarized police force and not a focus on public health or schools . As a concerned citizen I hope the city can divest from the overblown police budget and invest into community programs in East side garden grove and our schools.

Best, Alejandro

Sent from my iPhone

GGPD has enough cars

From : Erika Higbee <erikahigbee@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 01:43 PM

Subject : GGPD has enough cars

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello – in the effort to gradually reallocate funds from GGPD to community services, I do not approve of the purchasing of 9 new vehicles for GGPD. Please use those funds to address homelessness and to take care of incarcerated youth in Garden Grove.

Tax-paying citizen,
Erika.

2020.08.11 City Council Meeting: Items 4a, 4c

From : Nancy Nguyen <nancynguyen1130@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 01:39 PM

Subject : 2020.08.11 City Council Meeting: Items 4a, 4c**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

Garden Grove City Council,

I am disappointed by the council's persistent dismissal of our community's concerns around the police. During the last two meetings, countless constituents spoke about reallocating police funds and reconsidering the role of police in our community. Instead, our city council members proudly attended a police rally, and council member Phat Bui emphatically doubled down on support for police; promised to increase their funding; and spread misinformation about the dangers of released prisoners.

The police are the ones who make us feel unsafe. The police used intimidation tactics at the July 18 protest (days after Chief DaRe spoke about his officers' excellent performances) and were unfazed when someone wielded a firearm against protestors this weekend. City council turns a blind eye to these alarming behaviors and meets their constituents' concerns with disdain. I am not in support of agenda item 4C which approves additional purchases for the police department. For item 4a, it's pathetic that police officers would be exempt from bias training because they've already done it.

Reallocate police funds into community services.

Nancy Nguyen

Garden Grove City Council Meeting Concerns

From : Bella Janbo <bella.janbo143@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 01:30 PM

Subject : Garden Grove City Council Meeting Concerns

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello,

My name is Isabella Janbo and I am email the city council about some concerns I have about the city I live in.

To begin, I find that it is unacceptable that Garden Grove's city council members were in attendance of pro-police rally, WHILE blatantly sweeping their constituents concerns under the rug. This is damaging and disrespectful to our most vulnerable communities.

Additionally, I find it unacceptable that GGPD did absolutely nothing when they were aware of a man carrying a gun, threatening our community's youth as they marched at their youth-led protest on Sunday, August 9th for immigrant rights. This man was a danger to those participating in the protest, and GGPD took no precautions to put the rest of the community out of danger as this is their very job.


Lastly, I would like to strongly push that city council puts city funds in the right place. I ask that city council approves item 3e, giving our city \$3,600,000 for homeless prevention, homeless outreach, and emergency shelter via a federal grant. Through item 4c, the city is giving GGPD nine(9) new police cars, a total of \$330,000 from the city budget. Because we are in a pandemic, I believe that the city should be putting more focus on passing items such as 3e, rather than 4c. COVID-19 disproportionately impacts low income families and BIPOC, so pushing for item 3e would greatly help our community in every way possible.

As a concerned citizen I hope the city can invest in community services and begin to make real change to help the citizens of this city.

Thank you for your time,
Isabella Janbo

Re: Constituent Demand

From : Mimi <thaomi99@gmail.com>
Subject : Re: Constituent Demand
To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 12:51 PM
 2 attachments

Fwd: Diversify Our Narrative Campaign Petition Demands

From : Pam Haddad <pamha@ggcity.org>

Mon, Aug 10, 2020 08:02 AM

Subject : Fwd: Diversify Our Narrative Campaign Petition Demands**To :** cityclerk <cityclerk@ggcity.org>

Terri,
they all received this email, but just in case it has to be added to oral communications from the last meeting, I'm forwarding it to you. Thanks.

Pamela Haddad / Council Liaison

City of Garden Grove ~ 11222 Acacia Pkwy ~ Garden Grove, CA 92845
Phone: 714.741.5104 ~ Email: pamha@ggcity.org

From: "Julia Do" <juliado418@gmail.com>**To:** "Steve Jones" <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, "georgeb" <georgeb@ggcity.org>, "joneill" <joneill@ggcity.org>, "Phat Bui" <phatb@ggcity.org>, "Kim Nguyen" <kimn@ggcity.org>, "Stephanie Klopfenstein" <stephaniek@ggcity.org>, "Thu-ha Nguyen" <thuhan@ggcity.org>**Sent:** Sunday, August 9, 2020 1:46:20 PM**Subject:** Diversify Our Narrative Campaign Petition Demands

Dear Mayor/Council Member,

My name is Julia Do and I'm currently a senior of La Quinta High School. I have been a resident of Garden Grove for 17 years and a student of GGUSD for 9 years. I, along with several of my peers, are currently part of the nationwide Diversify Our Narrative (DON) campaign, which aims to change our curriculum to include anti-racist and diverse texts. In light of recent events in which there have been multiple instances of police brutality against Black communities, we wanted to bring attention the problem of anti-Blackness in America; specifically, how we can fight to be anti-racist and encourage a productive dialogue on race and identity among our student bodies.

To clarify, our petition includes demands that are separate from the general ethnic studies requirement Garden Grove community members have been demanding, though we wholly support and advocate for the cause. Our campaign calls for reform specifically within the GGUSD English curriculum of every standard and AP English class in order to highlight the BIPOC narrative.

We're reaching out to you in hopes of gaining further traction for the movement. Though we acknowledge the Garden Grove City Council does not have direct jurisdiction over the educational sectors, we would genuinely appreciate your support—whether it be through signing the petition, showing up to the virtual school board meetings in solidarity with us, or writing a letter of solidarity to the Garden Grove Unified School District.

The campaign aims to petition district school boards to mandate that there be the inclusion of at least one book by a person of color per English/Literature class. The full petition can be found here: bit.ly/DONPetition

We deeply appreciate your support, energy, and time.

Sincerely,

Julia Do

Standing in support of the GGUSD Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative

Fwd: Diversify Our Narrative

From : Pam Haddad <pamha@ggcity.org>

Mon, Aug 10, 2020 08:08 AM

Subject : Fwd: Diversify Our Narrative**To :** Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>

here is another email. Thanks.

Pamela Haddad / Council Liaison

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Phone: 714.741.5104 ~ Email: pamha@ggcity.org

From: "Kelly Nguyen" <kellynguyen55@icloud.com>**To:** "Steve Jones" <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>**Sent:** Saturday, August 8, 2020 3:54:08 PM

Dear Mayor Steve Jones,

My name is Kelly Nguyen and I'm currently an alumn of La Quinta High School. I have been a resident of Garden Grove and a student of GGUSD for five years. I, along with several of my peers, are currently part of the nationwide Diversify Our Narrative (DON) campaign, which aims to change our curriculum to include anti-racist and diverse texts. In light of recent events in which there have been multiple instances of police brutality against Black communities, **we wanted to bring attention the problem of anti-Blackness in America; specifically, how we can fight to be anti-racist and encourage a productive dialogue on race and identity among our student bodies.**

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Sincerely,

Kelly Nguyen

Standing in support of the GGUSD Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative

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GGUSD Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative Campaign

From : Mariela Vasquez
<mariela.vasquez.21@simonscholars.org>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:21 PM

Subject : GGUSD Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative Campaign

To : cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hello Mayor Steve Jones and City Council members,

My name is Mariela and I have been a student of Garden Grove Unified School District for 11 years. Today, I am emailing on behalf of the Diversify Our Narrative, a campaign that aims for California school boards to implement anti-racist and diverse literature in our classrooms. I am asking for a letter of solidarity on behalf of the Garden Grove City Council. I ask that you consistently pressure the GGUSD school board to adopt more anti-racist and diverse texts in our classrooms. I ask that you consistently encourage GGUSD faculty to create pacing guides with novels that center BIPOC voices. It is important to begin educating our youth about the systemic oppressions that BIPOC peoples face and high school is the perfect time to do so. The last required schooling for GGUSD youth is in high school and not everyone will attend college so as a city that prioritizes life enrichment, what better way to enrich life than to include the stories of all the diversity present in our district? Students are prone to ignorance and apathy if the curriculum continues to neglect the students, voices and stories of GGUSD. GGUSD and GG City Council need to cultivate classroom environments in which our youth feel safe and heard through representation. With over 43,000 students in the Garden Grove Unified School District, learning about BIPOC stories should be a priority. To quote Diversify Our Narrative, "We, the students, want to read stories about Black joy. We want to read about Latinx resilience. Indigenous power. Asian strength." We are here and our stories matter.

Thank you for your time.

Mariela J. Vasquez

Simon Scholar, Class of 2021

Los Amigos High School

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Fwd: Diversify Garden Grove's narrative

From : Pam Haddad <pamha@ggcity.org>
Subject : Fwd: Diversify Garden Grove's narrative
To : cityclerk <cityclerk@ggcity.org>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:30 PM

Here's another one all the Council received. Thanks.

Pamela Haddad / Council Liaison

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Phone: 714.741.5104 ~ Email: pamha@ggcity.org

From: "Lizbeth Garduno" <21lgarduno@gmail.com>
To: "Steve Jones" <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:30:38 PM
Subject: Diversify Garden Grove's narrative

Dear Mayor Steve Jones,

My name is Lizbeth Garduno and I'm currently a senior of Los Amigos High School. I have been a resident of Garden Grove for 17 years and a student of GGUSD for 13 years. I, along with several of my peers, are currently part of the nationwide Diversify Our Narrative (DON) campaign, which aims to change our curriculum to include anti-racist and diverse texts. In light of recent events in which there have been multiple instances of police brutality against Black communities, we wanted to bring attention the problem of anti-Blackness in America; specifically, how we can fight to be anti-racist and encourage a productive dialogue on race and identity among our student bodies. To clarify, our petition includes demands that are separate from the general ethnic studies requirement Garden Grove community members have been demanding, though we wholly support and advocate for the cause. Our campaign calls for reform specifically within the GGUSD English curriculum of every standard and AP English class in order to highlight the BIPOC narrative. We're reaching out to you in hopes of gaining further traction for the movement. Though we acknowledge the Garden Grove City Council does not have direct jurisdiction over the educational sectors, we would genuinely appreciate your support—whether it be through signing the petition, showing up to the virtual school board meetings in solidarity with us, or writing a letter of solidarity to the Garden Grove Unified School District. The campaign aims to petition district school boards to mandate that there be the inclusion of at least one book by a person of color per English/Literature class. The full petition can be found here: bit.ly/DONPetition We deeply appreciate your support, energy, and time.

Sincerely, Lizbeth Garduno

Standing in support of the GGUSD Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative.

Fwd: Diversify Garden Grove's narrative

From : Pam Haddad <pamha@ggcity.org>
Subject : Fwd: Diversify Garden Grove's narrative
To : Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 07:31 AM

another email that all Council received. Thanks.

Pamela Haddad / Council Liaison

City of Garden Grove ~ 11222 Acacia Pkwy ~ Garden Grove, CA 92845
Phone: 714.741.5104 ~ Email: pamha@ggcity.org

From: "Connie Tran" <connientran02@gmail.com>
To: "Steve Jones" <stevej@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 5:29:01 PM
Subject: Diversify Garden Grove's narrative

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Fwd: [Shared Post] Family of Long Beach detective who died in 2017 gets workers' comp

From : Craig A Durfey <cadurfey@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:42 PM

Subject : Fwd: [Shared Post] Family of Long Beach detective who died in 2017 gets workers' comp

To : Public Records Request <cityclerk@ggcity.org>, citymanager@ggcity.org, Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>, Craig Durfey <cadurfey@gmail.com>

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From: **CRAIG A DURFEY** <donotreply@wordpress.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 2:40 PM

Subject: [Shared Post] Family of Long Beach detective who died in 2017 gets workers' comp

To: <cadurfey@gmail.com>

CRAIG A DURFEY (<cadurfey@gmail.com>) thinks you may be interested in the following post:

Family of Long Beach detective who died in 2017 gets workers' comp

<https://www.presstelegram.com/2020/01/24/family-of-long-beach-detective-who-died-in-2017-gets-workers-comp/>

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From : cadurfey@gmail.com

Tue, Aug 11, 2020 02:58 PM

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08-11-2020

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

CITY COUNCIL

DEAR MAYOR JONES
PLEASE FOR ONCE AND FOR ALL PLEASE FIX THE CITY PATH LIGHT METAL OF HONOR
BIK/WALKING TRAIL PARKS.

ON 08-07-2020 NELSON/STANDFORD METAL OF HONOR BIKE/WALKING TRAIL PARK.NO LIGHTS
SINCE JANUARY OF 2020 GGPD CASE #20041356 8-17-2020 AT 21:32 BADGE #4787.THERE IS
REAL CONCERNS REPORTED STATMENTS BY ME OF LIGHTS BEING OUT OF SERVICE. BY
DISCREITED ME FOR REPORTING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN OUT FOR SOME TIME SINCE JAN,2020.











Craig A Durfey <cadurfey@gmail.com>

NEEDS ADDITIONAL VERBAGE TO CITY COUNCIL NAMING METAL OF HONOR BIKE/WALKING WITH INCLUDING WORKING DOGS PARK. TO SEEK U.S. FEDEARL FUNDS NOW FEDERAL NATIONAL DEFENSE BILL WENT THE U.S. SENATE.

2 messages

cadurfey@gmail.com <cadurfey@gmail.com>

Sun, Jul 19, 2020 at 3:00 PM

To: Teresa Pomeroy <teresap@ggcity.org>, "<Lee Marino >" <leem@ggcity.org>, citymanager@ggcity.org,
Joyce.Rivero@ocgov.com, Jack.Du@ocgov.com, Christopher.Aguilera@asm.ca.gov, recreation@ci.garden-grove.ca.us
Cc: CADURFEY@gmail.com**P.1****07-19-2020****(P.R.D.D.C.)****PARENTS FOR THE RIGHTS OF DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILDREN****CRAIG A. DURFEY FOUNDER OF P.R.D.D.C.****P.O.BOX 937 GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842****CELL 714-321-8238****CADURFEY@GMAIL.COM****SOCIALEMOTIONALPAWS.COM****FACEBOOK: CRAIG DURFEY****U.S. HOUSE OF CONGRESS H2404 - HONORING CRAIG DURFEY FOR HIS FIGHT AGAINST
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Dear City Clerk,

Please post this email along with the San Disk as my Public Comments document for the July, 28th or the first week meeting in Aug, 2020 City

Council meeting. I also request staff could provide an Over View future dog park report cost. Thank you.

**Dear Mayor Jones, City Council members, and City staff,
The next Regular City Council meeting is Tuesday,**

CC. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PLANNING

CC. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICE

DIRCTOR John Montanech

CITY MANAGER SCOTT Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY CLERK

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PARKS COMMISION

& PLANNING COMMISION.

CC. ORANGE COUNTY SUPPERVISOR DO

MAYOR STEVE R. JONES

1122 ACAICA PARKWAY

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

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CALIF,92840

714-741-5000

CC. COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1-6

DEAR MAYOR JONES

IM SUBMITTING INFORMATION OF MY RESEARCH FINDING CITY OF Anaheim's with two noted dog park unveils with many monument honoring K-9s with a public records request was able obtain the blue prints from the City Clerks office sent me a Scan Disk files ect. Since the they took two years to develop a plan for one park that I had listen from a youtube video, the director stated.

To save the City of Garden Grove with limited staff time and money wanted to share information that can be used as a guide template. Requesting to amend current description title metal of honor to include military working dog or war dog, and ones that were given a purple. Since Council had asked me to gain support from veterans please the request, three letters that were submitted before City Council voted asking for war dog.

Brain-storm in developing a cost with design in order to obtain fund raising or federal grants. With this information that offering to the City with free San Disk blue prints copy from the City of Anaheim and because I have not seen it yet I'm hoping it all there since I chose not to open until your IT has the first crack at it for security reasons and request one be mailed back to me at PO. BOX 937 Garden Grove CA 92842.

A OC Register talks about dog park in the City of Anaheim

<https://www.ocregister.com/2016/08/08/anaheims-newest-dog-park-unveils-monument-honoring-k-9s/>

I also found the City of Anaheim dog park page layout design

https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/5e8747f2-d8ba-499d-b038-2786bf17b59f/downloads/LaPalma%20Dog%20Park_201502161428051547.pdf?ver=1595175998935

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The City of Anaheim dedicates the Olive Hills Dog Park, which is the second park designed specifically in the city. The new park features separate running areas for large and small dogs, several fun play amenities and a special monument dedicated to Anaheim Police K9s and their handlers. For more information visit www.Anaheim.net/ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=395&v=fjD8SnHvfPw&feature=emb_logo)

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Please visit my website link to view more of the city of Anaheim information

<https://socialemotionalpaws.org/%233-history-veterans>

WE NEED ADDITIONAL VERBAGE TO CITY COUNCIL NAMING METAL OF HONOR BIKE/WALKING WITH INCLUDING WORKING DOGS PARK OR WAR DOG FROM THREE WERE SUBMITTED.

IN ORDER FOR US TO SEEK ANY GRANTS U.S. FEDERAL FUNDS. CURRENTLY NOW FEDERAL NATIONAL DEFENSE BILL WENT TO THE U.S. SENATE. H R 2500 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020. I am in contact with one of California U.S. senators staff they have requested for me to outline my request with being specific in seeking grants legislation.

MANY VETERANS SUFFER FROM PTSD THAT IN THE MILITARY SUICIDES ARE GREAT CONCERN TO OUR U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP, I ATTACHED TWO PDF DOCUMENTS OUTLINING HOW WE CAN REDUCE THIS TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE, THOSE WHO WENT TO HARM'S WAY FOR OUR FREEDOM.

PTSD DOES NOT STOP MILITARY NOW BEING MEDICALLY IDENTIFIED WITH FIRST RESPONDERS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AS A WORKMAN'S COMP CLAIMS. WITH A HIGH RATE OF SUICIDES.

THE BOND ONE HAS WITH A WORKING DOG IS SO, SO STRONG THAT THEY NEVER BE SEPARATED FOR THE LIFE SPAN OF DOGS LONGEVITY. WHAT

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EVER THE COST WE MAY AS U.S. CITIZENS HAVE TO PAY IN PROVIDING COMFORT. THE LOSS OF THEIR LIVES AFFECTS THE FAMILIES GREATLY, SO LET'S CREATE A DOG CTE TRAINING EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT WILL GIVE BACK FOR THOSE WHO WENT INTO BATTLE SO WE WHO ENJOY OUR FREEDOM CAN OFFER THEM RECOGNITION FOR THEIR SERVICE WITH BANNERS ALONG THE BIKE/WALKING TRAIL.

TO ALSO ADOPT A POLICY AND RESOLUTION MIRROR WHAT THE CITY OF LA HABRA VETERANS IN 2006, THE CITY OF LA HABRA ESTABLISHED A MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM TO HONOR ACTIVE DUTY RESIDENTS.

The banners, which are displayed for one year from the date of installation, include the service person's name and branch of service. In 2014, the Veterans Committee expanded the banner program to include veterans.

<https://www.lahabracity.com/800/Veterans-Military-Programs>

PRIOR BILL IN THE YEARS WITH H.R.4986 - National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 110th Congress (2007-2008) WITH A SECTION H.R.4986 - 110th Congress (2007-2008): National Defense ...

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/4986>H.R.4986 -

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<https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/4986> AND **Public Law 110–181 110th Congress An Act - GovInfo**

<https://www.govinfo.gov/link/plaw/110/public/181> AND

Military Working Dog Teams National Monument - Wikipedia

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_Working_Dog_Teams_National_MonumentIt included all four **U.S. Armed Services** (Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force) and the **US** Coast Guard. The materials selected to **build** the **national monument** were ...

THEN IT WAS APPROVED TO BE FUNDED H.R.2647 - 111th Congress (2009-2010): National Defense ...

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/2647>**101) Authorizes appropriations for FY2010 for the Army, Navy and Marine ... Authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force to use funds appropriated for such ... 231) Expresses the sense of**

Congress that: (1) the United States should develop, ... and maintain a national monument to honor U.S. Armed Forces working dog teams.

The Military Working Dog Teams National Monument is located on a secure United States Air Force Installation. However, Public Law 110-181 requires the Department of Defense to provide reasonable access to the monument by visitors and their dogs.

Therefore, members of the public (and their dogs) who wish to visit the Military Working Dog Teams National Monument can access the installation to see the monument by requesting a base pass at the Lackland Air Force Base visitor control centers.

The pass is limited to four hours of base access and can only be used to visit the monument.^[5] All those requesting access should know that they will be vetted for security purposes.

New sculpture pays tribute to military working dogs



“My Hero, My Friend,” a tribute to military working dogs sculptor Susan Norris. (Photo by Susan Norris)

Sculptor Susan Norris has a long history of touching the hearts of others through her art, but recently, she took on a new project — one involving man’s best friend in every day life, but perhaps even more so on the battlefield.

Titled “My Hero, My Friend,” Norris’ newest statue is a life-size bronze sculpture of a military working dog wearing a Purple Heart, mourning the loss of its two-legged companion.

“I’ve always had an affection for animals, but the bond between a military dog and its partner is on a whole other level,” Norris said in a press release.

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This sculpture is meant to honor the bravery and dedication of a military service dog to its human handler, tugging at the heartstrings of passersby. The sculpture will reside at Veterans Memorial Park in Trophy Club, Texas, inside the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex.

“It’s moving to see people cry when they see my sculpture,” Norris added of the reactions to the sculpture.

Military working dogs have gone by all manner of moniker throughout U.S. military history, including K-9 Corps and “war dogs.” In various combat eras, they served as guards, messengers, mascots and scouts, according to an Army book on military veterinary services.

As operations in Afghanistan and Iraq ramped-up, so too did the U.S. military’s efforts to build a canine program.

“Because of the growing threat of improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan and Iraq, mine detection training also resumed,” the book reads. “Dogs became members of forward deployed teams, served with airborne units, and were transported by helicopters when needed.”

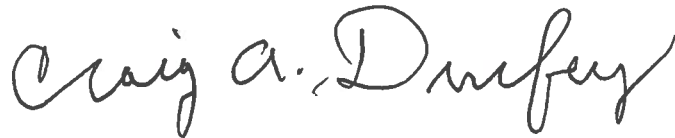
REQUEST CITY OF GARDEN GROVE COUNCIL INSEEKING SUPPORT FROM OUR LOCAL COUNTY AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN FAVOR FEDERAL GRANTS FOR A HONOR METAL MILITARY WORKING DOG BIKE/WALKING PARK .

A QUOTE FROM RONALD REAGEN “WE ARE FOR EVER INDETED TO THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES THAT WE MIGHT BE FREE”

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A QUOTE FROM FORMER MAYOR BILL DALTON. "THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR LIVES ON THR LINE," SAID BILL DALTON, THE CITY'S OUT GOING MAYOR."THERE'S NOTING THAT WE SHOULDN'T DO FOR OUR VERTERANS, "CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CA.

THANK YOU



CRAIG A. DURFEY

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Date: Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 1:55 AM

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To: <CADURFEY@gmail.com>, <malibublu@msn.com>

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08-08-2020

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Dear Mayor Jones, City Council members, and City staff,

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CC. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICE

CITY MANAGER SCOTT Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY CLERK

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE PARKS COMMISSION

& PLANNING COMMISSION.

CC. ORANGE COUNTY SUPERVISOR DO

CC. OCTA BOARD

CC. CALTRANS DISTRICT 12

CC. CA STATE SENATE

CA STATE ASSEMBLY

MAYOR STEVE R. JONES

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CC. COUNCIL DISTRICTS 1-6

DEAR MAYOR JONES

UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS:

WHEN ERIN WEBB RETIRED, AS WELL AS OTHER STAFF RETIRED IT LEFT A VOID IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANT APPLICATIONS. BEFORE THEN AS FAR BACK AS OF THE END OF 2012 OR ABOUT THE FIRST OF 2013, I WAS ADVOCATING FOR CITY OF GARDEN GROVE TO APPLY FOR BICYCLE GRANT MASTER PLAN AND SEEKING TO LOWER THE BIKE FATALITIES <https://voiceofoc.org/tag/bike-safety/>. . IN Sep 30, 2013 · Craig Durfey lives in Garden Grove and doesn't ride a bike. Still, he was inspired to take up cycling safety when a boy was hit by a car in Durfey's neighborhood <https://www.ocregister.com/2013/09/30/whiting-3-foot-cushion-is-minimum-comfort-to-cyclists/>.

DURING THAT TIME PERIOD A GRANT REQUEST FOR BIKE MASTER PLAN WE HAD A CITY MANGER WAS GEORGE TINDALL, WHEN I HAD MADE REQUEST TO HAVE HIS SUPPORT FOR A BIKE MASTER PLAN, HE DECLINED. AS SUCH I THEN SOUGHT SUPPORT FROM CITY COUNCIL I SPOKE WITH CHRIS BEARD WHICH HE ACCEPTED THEN HE ASKED OTHERS ON THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THEY GAVE THE NEEDED VOTES TO TAKE ACTION TO SEEK A GRANT FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION BIKE MASTER PLAN.

WITH CITIES HAVING EVENTS BY CLOSING DOWN STREETS FOR A DAY CALLED CICLAVIA ,I BROUGHT THIS TO ERWIN WEBB ATTENTION AND TO A CITY SANTA ANA COUNCIL WOMEN, AS SUCH BOTH HAD THIS EVENT FROM MY RESEARCH <https://www.ciclavia.org/>.

BY ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE BY SEEKING FUNDING GRANTS TO EDUCATED, THEN ADDRESSING THE Multi-Modal Transport: Making it Easier, Safer, and Greener to Navigate Urban Environments In most cities, if you don't own a car, or just want to leave your car at home, you typically need to use more than one mode of **transport** to get around.

WITH CALIF GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM EXECUTIVE ORDER N-19-19 TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE NOW MORE THAN EVER OUR YOUTH AT GGUSD ONE BOARD MEMBER WAS ASKING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. Sep 25, 2019 · Last week, in conjunction with Climate Week and student strikes on climate change across the globe, Governor Newsom issued a wide-ranging Executive Order, N-19-19, directing several state agencies to take actions to facilitate and accelerate greenhouse gas emissions reductions <https://barc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/governor-newsom-releases-new-executive-order-climate-change>

COVID19 The County of Santa Clara Public Health Department has been releasing periodic updates on how to keep your family safe and help guard against the spread of COVID19 VIRUS RECOMMEND SIX FEET BIKE/WALKING GUIDE TWO PAGE HANDOUT <https://www.cupertino.org/home/showdocument?id=27605> AND THE STATE OF CALIF JULY PARK MONTH RECOMMENDS ACTIVITY.

RECENTLY THE ORANGE COUNTY CA HEALTH DEPT PRESS RELEASE July 8, 2020 YOUTH SPORTS PRACTICES IN ORANGE COUNTY DUE TO NEW STATE GUIDANCE The State of California has recently amended its guidance regarding youth sports practices, team drills and training and will no longer allow them to occur throughout the state. <https://occcovid19.ochealthinfo.com/press-release-state-releases-youth-sports-guidance> AND For more information about the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School Based Programs, please visit <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-youth-sports--en.pdf>. VIST <https://socialemotionalpaws.org/blog-post/f/july-is-parks-make-life-better-month>.

WITH DELAYS CAUSED AN INCREASE TO CONSTRUCTION COST TO BUILD THEREFORE CITY WAS SHORT OF FUNDS. THROUGH MY ADVOCATING I THEN PULLED A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT AND FOUND THAT WE WERE ABOUT TO LOSE THIS GRANT ENTIRELY TO CONSTRUCT THE PE ELECTRIC BIKE/WALKING TRAIL, YET THE CITY COUNCIL WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED FROM WHAT I HAD GATHERED LACK OF OVERSIGHT BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL.

OVER MANY YEARS I WAS WRITING LETTERS IN SUPPORT TO FUND THE OLD PE ELECTRIC RAIL LINE. NOW HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTION HAS COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE IT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE TITLE OF METAL OF HONOR BIKE/WALKING TRAIL PARK (IE: WAR DOG LETTERS IN SUPPORT TO BE NAMED BY TWO VETERAN AMERICAN LEGIONS 555, AND AMERICAN LEGIONS 716 WITH A THIRD LETTER FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBER QUICK SIVA) WAS ALMOST WASHED OUT OF THE PICTURE OF HAVING THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR OUR VETERIANS IN OUR CITY.

WITH THE COMBINED READING THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY POLICY POSTED AND PUBLIC RECORDS ACT CLEARLY POINTS TO PLACING SERIOUS FINANCIAL POLICY FLAWS GRANT OPPORTUNITYS FROM A RECENTLY MEMO FROM inter-department memorandum was issued from Lisa L. Kim, THAT APPEARS TO HAVE CONFLICTS WITH BEST INTEREST OF OVER ALL GOALS TO SEEKING GRANTS TO FUND RECOMMENDED WITH MOST RECENT OCT,2019 PARK MASTER PLAN. CITY COUNCIL HAS EXPRESS CONCERN OF MUCH NEED REPAIRS. THEN THERE IS THE NEED FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION GRANTS TO ADDRESS GROWING INCREASE IN RECENTLY COVID19 OF RESIDENT BUYING BIKES, REPAIRING BIKES. BIKE RACKS ARE NEEDED FROM INCREASING ACTIVITY SUCH AS IN THE DOWNTOWN ACTIVE PLANS. NEW METAL OF HONOR BIKE/WALKING TRAIL PARK NEEDS MANY IMPORTANT ITEMS MISSING, DRINKING FOUNTAINS/WITH DOG ACCESS, PARK BENCHES, TRASH RECEPTACLES, DOGGY BAGS, SIGNS, DOG PARKS, MORE NEEDED BIKE RACKS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

SUCH THAT POLICIES 100-26 11-18-80, 100-05 05-02-72 CONFLICT WITH THE MOST RECENT DECISION ON "On June, 18 2020 inter-department memorandum was issued from Lisa L. Kim, "The City continues to seek opportunities to secure grant funding for active transportation projects. Future grant requests will be made through the budget process to evaluate implementation of priority projects and establish resources available for consultant costs, matching funds, and in-kind hours for City staff. Lastly, a goal is to incorporate information related to all active transportation developments for past, present, and future efforts and integrate it into the Re: Imagine website under "Grants" slated to launch Fall 2020."

MY QUESTION IS HAS ANY CITY COMMISSIONS OR STAFF FORMED AN ADHOC ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO GUIDE OUR CITY. SINCE THE MARCH 29TH 2019 SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL PHASE ONE MASTER PLAN NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO ADVANCE TO FULL GGUSD SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL MASTER PLAN BY SEEKING MORE GRANTS TO CREATE A PLAN. AS WELL AS PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT BY HAVING EXPERTS AND RESIDENTS BE A VOICE.

ON JUNE 9TH 2020 CITY COUNCIL HAD A FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 CONTINUATION BUDGET REVIEW FI SPECIAL STUDY SESSION - Community Meeting Center AT 5PM..I ATTENDED AND STAYED FOR THE ENTIRE PRESENTATION. TOWARDS THE END WAS SLIDES ABOUT THE GRANTS SEGMENT PROJECT ON THE SCREEN ABOUT GRANTS THIER WAS NOTHING ABOUT SEEKING NEW APPLICATION FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION. I ALSO SPOKE THE CITY MANGER ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND MENTION ABOUT SCAG GRANTS AND INFORMED THE CITY OF GRANTS FROM THE STATE COMMISSION GRANTS. I ALSO SPOKE WITH THE CITY MANAGER ABOUT GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 9366-16 TO FUND AND MAINTAIN THE ENTIRE BIKE/WALKING TRAIL. I ALSO INFORMED HIM OF THE PRSENTATION THAT WAS ANY FUNDS SET ASIDE WITH THE PE ELECTRIC FOR YEARLY MAINTANCE NOW KNOW AS THE MENTAL OF HONOR BIKE WALING TRAIL.

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MY QUESTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL IS HOW DO YOU OPERATE A BUDJET WITHOUT QUESTIONING STAFF OF HAVE THEY PROVIDED IN SETTING ASIDE FUNDS FOR FUTURE GRANT CYCLES ???,PRIOR TO JUNE 18, 2020 inter-department memorandum was issued from Lisa L. Kim . THE JUNE 9TH 2020 FISCAL YEAR 2020-21 CONTINUATION BUDGET REVIEW FI SPECIAL STUDY SESSION WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR GRANTS PRESENTATION FOR WITH ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO OBTAINED FUNDS WAS BLANK FROM THE SLIDE.IN MY OWN OPINION THEY OUGHT HAVE HAD KNOW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN ABOUT ANY NEW GRANT DUE FROM THE STATE ACTIVE TRNSPORTATION COMMISSION DUE JULY AND SEPT 15, 2020. SO IT SEEMS TO APPEAR TO BE WITHOUT ANY DUE CARE OF GRANTS CYCLES. MISSING AS TO WHAT DATES GRANTS OPPORTUINTIES BY NOT PLOTTING OUT ON A SPREAD SHEET AS TO BUDJECT TIMING FOR GRANT REQUIREMENTS ??? MY OWN OPINION THE CITY IS POTENTIONALLY LOSSING MILLIONS OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THE INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM THIS WAS DONE AFTER I REQUEST A PUBLIC RECORDS ACT THEN THERE AFTER I WAS GIVEN A COPY !! THE CITY AND STAFF SAY WE DON'T HAVE MONEY AND WITH COVID19 FOR LONG TIME !PLEASE SEE THE FOOT NOTES BELOW.

President Trump signed into law the Great American Outdoors Act. This historic legislation, along with the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act—which President Trump signed into law in March 2019—will benefit current and future generations of Americans.

Fulfilling President Trump's promise to restore, conserve, and protect America's lands, the Great American Outdoors Act provides the necessary funds, dedicating up to \$1.9 billion per year for five years to fund deferred maintenance projects

the Great American Outdoors Act also provides permanent funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF supports recreational access, protection, and preservation of our Nation's most valuable natural and cultural resources. Supporting over 98 percent of counties across the country, the LWCF grants enable State and local governments to develop and improve parks in their communities, as well as permanently conserve outdoor recreation areas for public use and enjoyment. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/president-trump-signs-great-american-outdoors-act-preserving-protecting-national-parks/>

WITHOUT GOOD LEADERSHIP OF THOSE WHO RUN THE DAY TO DAY OPERATION HAVING GREATER COUNCIL OVERSIGHT REPORTS UPDATES MONTHLY OF ANY GRANTS DUE DATES TO INSURE AS WITH GRANTS TO MAXIMIZE EVERY OPPORTUINTY. WE DON'T CURRENTLY HAVE AN ACTIVE TRANSPORTIONS COMMISSION, I HAVE MADE MANY ATTEMPS WROTE WITH LETTERS AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENTS AT CITY COUNCIL,TRAFFIC,PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING ONE, TO HELP GUIDE OUR CITY.

RECENTLY CITY COUNCILMEMBER GEORGE S. BRIETIAM 111 BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE FACT THAT TRAFFIC COMMISSION DON'T MEET ENOUGH. TO ME WAS A VERY STRONG STATEMENT OF OUR CITY HAS LEAST INTEREST WITH PUBLIC SAFETY, AFTER BEING GRANTED A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO CREATE VERY SPECIAL MASTER

DOWNTOWN PLAN AND WITH PHASE ONE SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL LEAVING UNCOMPLTTED FOR THE ENTIRE GGUSD SYSTEM.

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"CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL POLICY MANUAL"

"SUBJECT: POLICY EFFECTIVE EXCEPTIONS NUMBER DATE 100-26 11-18-80 It is the City Council's basic position to allow no exceptions to these policies. Nevertheless, there may be occasions when City officers and employees are unable to comply with them. It is the responsibility of the City officer or employee to prepare a full written and signed statement as to why exception(s) should be approved. Approval of exceptions to these policies shall be made by the City Manager and/or the City Council as appropriate."

"SUBJECT: POLICY EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL AID NUMBER DATE PROGRAMS 100-05 05-02-72 It is the policy of the City Council that the City of Garden Grove shall make applications to the appropriate government agencies for applicable federal, state, and county grant funds."

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AUG,14,2020 CITY OF GARDEN GROVE COUNCIL CA MEETING ITEM 4B AGENDA ITEM.

IM REQUEST THE CITY OTS GRANT FUNDS BE TARGET WITH NOT Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement BUT TO EDUCATION LIKE City of Lancaster Receives \$55,000 Grant from California Office of Traffic Safety Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program to Provide Educational Signal Box Wraps Along Lancaster Boulevard.

<https://www.cityoflanasterca.org/about-us/departments-services/development-services/city-engineering/faq/see-and-be-seen>

OBJECTIVE

To obtain City Council approval to participate in a Traffic Safety Grant through the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS). The proposed grant the City is eligible to receive is \$278,500.00 in federal funds to implement DUI/CDL Checkpoints and Selective Traffic Enforcement Operations.

BACKGROUND

The California Office of Traffic Safety awards grants to local law enforcement agencies through the University of California Berkeley Traffic Safety Center (TSC). These one-year grants begin October 1, 2020, and end September 30, 2021. The Garden Grove Police Department has applied for and received similar grants dating back to 1996.

DISCUSSION

The grant that was applied for this year focuses on the reduction of persons killed and injured in alcohol-involved crashes by using "best practice" strategies. These strategies include driving under the influence (DUI)/Driver's License checkpoints, DUI Saturation Patrols, Know Your Limits Campaign, Motorcycle Safety, Distracted Driving, Educational Presentations, Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Enforcement. The Police and Finance departments will be responsible for providing the necessary reporting to fulfill the goals and objectives of the grant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The total amount for the 2020-2021 grant will be \$278,500.00. There is no requirement to hire additional personnel, and there are no out of pocket expenses. There is neither cost nor income to the City based upon participation in this grant.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Authorize participation in the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP);
- Accept the Office of Traffic Safety Grant Funds in the amount of \$278,500.00;
- Allocate these grant monies to fund Selective Traffic Enforcement Operations; and
- Authorize Corporal Michael Elhami as Grant Director, City Manager Scott Stiles as Authorizing Official, and Finance Director Patricia Song as Fiscal Official to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the City.

REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF ACTION FROM NOT SEEKING A CONTINUE PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT WHEN I CALLED THE STATE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THE GIVE HIGHER POINTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. SINCE THE LAST GRANT WAS IN 2016 NOW TODAY WE ARE ALMOST THROUGH 2020 WHY IS NOT IMPORTANT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN STUDIES FROM SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL EDUCATION REDUCE UP TO Safe to a 49 percent decrease in the childhood bicycle and pedestrian collision rates. 14 Kids are less active today, and 23% of children get no free time physical activity at all. 15 Approximately 25 [https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/sites/..](https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/sites/)

[Pedestrian Safety | NHTSA](#)

www.nhtsa.gov > [road-safety](#) > [pedestrian-safety](#)

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There was a more than 3% increase in the number of pedestrians killed in traffic ... times; don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes (and ears) off the road. ... Five Tips to Keep Your Children Safe on Their Way to and from School ... Please join us in reducing traffic safety risks to pedestrians and promoting ...

Missing: 30 | Must include: 30

[Bicycle Safety | NHTSA](#)

www.nhtsa.gov > [road-safety](#) > [bicycle-safety](#)

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There were 857 bicyclists killed in traffic crashes in the United States in 2018. ... In this section, you'll learn bicycle safety tips and rules of the road, from ... you can do to prevent bicycle injuries and deaths, and remember: A large percentage of ... safer choices on the part of bicyclists and drivers to help reduce deaths and ...

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No, Garden Grove did not receive a Go Human Mini-Grant.

Local Community Engagement and Safety Mini-Grants The City submitted an application that proposes to develop a web based interactive Active Transportation Map linking all the existing bicycle/pedestrian paths located within the City (including projects under construction) and connecting them to local retail and health care uses. If awarded, the funds will cover the staff time to develop this program. The project is to be completed by summer 2020.

REQUEST COUNCIL ADDRESS THE LACK OF PARK COMMISSION MEETINGS OR WORK SHOPS TO ADDRESS THE NEW METAL OF HONOR BIKEWALKING TRAIL PARK CONCERNS WITH ISSUES FACING THE NEW PARKS OPERATIONS.ONE CURRENTLY NO SIGNS GUIDING HOW UTILIZE THE ASPHALT VS THE DISPOSE GRANITE SAFELY. DOGGIE BAGS NEEDED TO DISPOSE DOG WASTE, TRASH RECEPTACLES, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, VETERANS FLAGS WITH POW AT BROOKURST.

REQUEST ALL COMMISSIONORS HAVE AN E-MAIL TO WRITE OR A RETURN CALL TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY PUBLIC SAFETY OR CONCERNS MANY DON'T MEET ENOUGH TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY NEEDS SUCH AS WITH A NEW PARK OR TRAFFIC COMMISSION. THE LAST TIME I SPOKE BEFORE THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION I PRESENT

DOCUMENTATION FOR THE NEED OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION THE RESPONSE WAS WHAT IM GOING TO WITH INFORMATION.

ADDRESS THE NEED TO PLACE MARKERS ALONG THE METAL OF HONOR BIKE/WALKING TRAIL SINCE THEIR IS NOT ANY WHY FOR TO GIVE ONES LOCATION FOR 911 SERVICES.

REQUEST THIS BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OR A WORKSHOP MEETING ABOUT MY LETTER.

THANK YOU

CRAIG A. DURFEY

FOOT NOTES

Program Overview: The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects. The RTP is administered at the federal level by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). It is administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Active Transportation Program (ATP). Non-motorized DPR projects are administered by the Office of Grants and Local Services and motorized projects are administered by DPR's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=24324

Match Requirement: The maximum amount of RTP funds allowed for each project is 88% of the total project cost. The applicant is responsible for obtaining a match amount that is at least 12% of the total project cost.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Advisory Board Meeting

[http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1008/files/6.18.2020 RTP Advisory Board Mtg Agenda 5.5.20 6.4.20.pdf](http://www.parks.ca.gov/pages/1008/files/6.18.2020_RTP_Advisory_Board_Mtg_Agenda_5.5.20_6.4.20.pdf)

Partnership Opportunities:

The Recreational Trails Program encourages applicants to develop cooperative agreements with qualified youth conservation or service corps to perform trail construction and maintenance. The California Conservation Corps (CCC) is one of the many organizations that can assist with trail construction, maintenance, repair and restoration. To learn more about how the CCC might be able to assist you, please call (916) 341-3100 or visit the CCC's [website](#).

Additional Resource:

California State Parks Roads and Trails Program:

The Roads and Trails Program provides education and technical assistance to trail and open space managers and advocates regarding non-motorized trail planning, design, construction, funding and management throughout California. To learn more, call (916) 324-0370 or visit the [Roads and Trails Program website](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29752).

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=29752

Land and Water Conservation Fund (Funding Opportunities)

http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles

From: Lisa L. Kim

Dept: City Manager

**Dept: Community and Economic
Development**

**Subject: UPDATE OF ACTIVE
: TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS**

Date: June 18, 2020

The City continues to seek opportunities to secure grant funding for active transportation projects. Future grant requests will be made through the budget process to evaluate implementation of priority projects and establish resources available for consultant costs, matching funds, and in-kind hours for City staff. Lastly, a goal is to incorporate information related to all active transportation developments for past, present, and future efforts and integrate it into the Re: Imagine website under "Grants" slated to launch Fall 2020.

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Lisa L. Kim

Assistant City Manager

By: Alana Cheng

Senior Administrative Analyst

SCAG will award up to \$10,000 to selected projects (previous awards were as small as \$1,000, based on applicant requests). All projects shall be implemented between May 2020 and July 31, 2020. Payments will be made to Mini-Grant awardees upon successful completion and submission of deliverables. The applicant will be responsible for securing any necessary permits or permissions.

Timeline

- **Call for Projects Opens: April 21, 2020**
- **Application Deadline: May 14, 2020**
- **Awardees Announced: May 21, 2020**
- **Project Implementation: May 21 to July 31, 2020**

<http://gohumansocal.org/Pages/Mini-Grants.aspx>

Go Human Mini-Grants

Peter Waggoner

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**Peter Waggoner
to me**

Dear Mr. Durfey,

No, Garden Grove did not receive a Go Human Mini-Grant.

Public Records Request #5851

Public Records Request #5851 Community and Economic Development Department (CEDD) REQUEST DOCUMENT WITH ACTIVE DOWNTOWN PLAN CITY OF GAREDN GROVE PLAN REQUESTING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT FUNDS WERE SPENT FROM THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUND TO DRAFT THIS SEGMENT TO ITS FINISH PRODUCT.

Requester: CRAIG A Durfey a. Attachment 1: CM Memo Update of Active Transportation Projects b. Attachment 2: CEDD Active Transportation Grant History chart (see yellow) Please see attached CM Memo from June 25, 2020. The memo provides an update of the City's Active Transportation grant projects currently in process and those that are complete.

In the last six (6) years the City has made efforts to apply and were awarded grants to develop concept Plans, to design, and for construction. The Active Downtown Plan was applied for in 2017, awarded \$340,000 in 2018. The City spent from its General Fund \$10,000 to a consultant to write the application. The in-kind matching funds were \$60,000 required staff time hours to facilitate the Plan. RFP awarded KOA Corporation as the grant administration consultant and paid them \$340,000 to complete the program and the Final Plan. The Plan can be accessed on the City webpage under the Planning Division website.

Active Transportation Program (ATP) | CTC

<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

2021 ATP (Cycle 5) The Commission approved an amendment to the 2021 Active Transportation Program Schedule at the special Commission Meeting on April 29, 2020. The new application due dates are as follows: To access the 2021 ATP Applications and more, visit the Caltrans ATP Cycle 5 Website .|

Active Transportation Program (ATP) - Cycle 5 | Caltrans

<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/local-assistance/fed...>

Commission adopts statewide and small urban and rural portions of the program: December 2-3, 2020: March 2021* Projects not programmed distributed to large MPOs based on location : December 2-3, 2020: March 2021* Deadline for MPO Draft project programming recommendations to the Commission: January 18, 2021: April 15, 2021

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM JUNE 9TH 2020

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CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH, URBAN HEALTH

Jan. 14 2013

The national Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program was funded by Congress in 2005 in an effort to create safe environments for American children to walk or bike to school. Has the program been effective? In New York City, most definitely, according to a new study conducted at the [Mailman School of Public Health](#). Researchers found that the annual rate of injury to school-age pedestrians ages 5 to 19 fell 44% during the peak times for walking to school in neighborhoods where the program was implemented. Significantly, the injury rate did not drop in parts of the city where the SRTS safety program was not in place.

Findings of the report are published online in *Pediatrics*.

The researchers analyzed motor vehicle crash data for 169,000 pedestrian injuries between 2001 and 2010 for different age groups and neighborhoods with and without SRTS interventions to assess the program's effectiveness.

Interventions for reducing pedestrian injury included new traffic and pedestrian signals, the addition of exclusive pedestrian crossing times, speed bumps, speed boards, high-visibility crosswalks, and new parking regulations. More than 120 NYC schools were selected by the NYC Department of Transportation for the interventions because they had the highest rates of pedestrian injury.

The researchers created a school-travel time indicator variable to further identify crashes that occurred during days and hours when school-aged children would be traveling to or from school. This time period was defined as 7 AM to 9 AM or 2 PM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday between September and June.

"Our data show that interventions to make the built environment safer can greatly reduce injuries to children as they walk to school", says the lead author of the study, Charles DiMaggio, PhD, associate professor of Epidemiology and research director of the Center for Injury Epidemiology and Prevention at Columbia.

The Safe Routes to School program was funded through 2012, and is now in place in all 50 states at approximately 10% of elementary and secondary schools. Under the current federal transportation bill, MAP-21, the Safe Routes program will no longer have dedicated funding. It is now one of a number of possible programs eligible for funding based on state and local priorities, making it "even more important to evaluate and demonstrate the effectiveness of programs like Safe Routes to School", according to Dr. DiMaggio.

"Our study provides compelling empirical evidence that is essential to guiding policy makers," says senior author Guohua Li, MD, DrPH, Mailman School professor of Epidemiology and Anesthesiology and director of the Center for Injury Epidemiology and Prevention. "It indicates that the Safe Routes to School program has made a marked difference in improving the safety of school-age children in New York City."

The study was supported by grants from the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (1R21CE001816 and 1R49CE002096) and from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (DA029670).

<https://www.publichealth.columbia.edu/public-health-now/news/federal-safe-routes-school-program-reduces-child-injuries-more-40-new-york>

Effectiveness of a Safe Routes to School Program in Preventing School-Aged Pedestrian Injury

In 2005, the US Congress allocated \$612 million for a national Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program to encourage walking and bicycling to schools. The authors analyzed motor vehicle crash data to assess the effectiveness of SRTS interventions in reducing school-aged pedestrian injury in New York City.

- Using geocoded motor vehicle crash data for 168,806 pedestrian injuries in New York City between 2001 and 2010, annual pedestrian injury rates per 10,000 population were calculated for different age groups and for census tracts with and without SRTS interventions during school-travel hours (defined as 7 AM to 9 AM and 2 PM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday during September through June).
- During the study period, the annual rate of pedestrian injury decreased 33% (95% confidence interval [CI]: 30 to 36) among school-aged children (5- to 19-year-olds) and 14% (95% CI: 12 to 16) in other age groups. The annual rate of school-aged pedestrian injury during school-travel hours decreased 44% (95% CI: 17 to 65) from 8.0 injuries per 10 000 population in the pre-intervention period (2001–2008) to 4.4 injuries per 10 000 population in the post-intervention period (2009–2010) in census tracts with SRTS interventions. The rate remained virtually unchanged in census tracts without SRTS interventions (0% [95% CI: –8 to 8])
- Implementation of the SRTS program in New York City has contributed to a marked reduction in pedestrian injury in school-aged children.

Charles DiMaggio, PhD, MPH and Guohua Li, MD, DrPH. (2013). Effectiveness of a Safe Routes to School Program in Preventing School-Aged Pedestrian Injury. *Pediatrics*, 131(2), 290-296.

WEB RESOURCE: <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/131/2/290>

[Web link](#)

Safety Fixes Near NYC Schools Reduced Kids' Traffic Injuries By a Third

<https://nyc.streetsblog.org/2013/01/16/ped-safety-fixes-at-nyc-schools-reduced-injuries-for-kids-by-44/>

Use of Federal Funds for Bicycle and Pedestrian Efforts

- [Indicator Description](#)
- [Related Strategies](#)
- [Transportation and Health Connection](#)
- [About the Data](#)
- [Moving Forward](#)
- [References](#)

Indicator Description

This indicator measures the percentage of federal transportation dollars that go to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects. Data come from the Alliance for Biking and Walking's 2014 Benchmarking Report, which presents Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) data on the federal funding that states set aside for bicycle and pedestrian projects from 2009 to 2012. The reliability of these data is limited by differences in how states report spending on bicycle and pedestrian projects. Some states only count funding that goes toward standalone projects, such as dedicated trails, while others also count funding for facilities that are part of larger projects, such as a new bicycle lane that is included as part of a roadway widening project. This indicator should not be used to draw comparisons between states that report differently. This indicator does not count state and local funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. <https://www.transportation.gov/mission/health/use-federal-funds-bicycle-pedestrian-efforts>

Under the most recent federal surface transportation law, entitled MAP-21, dedicated funding for bicycle and pedestrian efforts was consolidated into the Transportation Alternatives Program (U.S. DOT, 2013). Half of the funds are distributed to metropolitan planning organizations. The remaining funds are available to states to distribute through a competitive grant process. Federal funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects is also available under the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program (U.S. DOT, 2013). These funds are available to both states and metropolitan planning organizations that have been identified as having air quality problems. Beyond these two funding programs, the Federal Highway Administration states that “[v]irtually all the major transportation funding programs can be used for bicycle and pedestrian-related projects.” Decision makers can evaluate the FMIS data to further understand how federal dollars are spent and what areas can most benefit from infrastructure upgrades.

Vision Zero for Youth



In 2015, the National Center saw how Safe Routes to School could inform communities' Vision Zero efforts. We launched the [Vision Zero for Youth](#) initiative, which builds on how cities and communities across the USA are taking a bold lead in setting ambitious goals to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries and calling it Vision Zero. A growing group of these cities focus on improving safe walking and bicycling in school zones and other places where youth are present. Starting with youth also can be the spark that creates community support for a broader Vision Zero program.

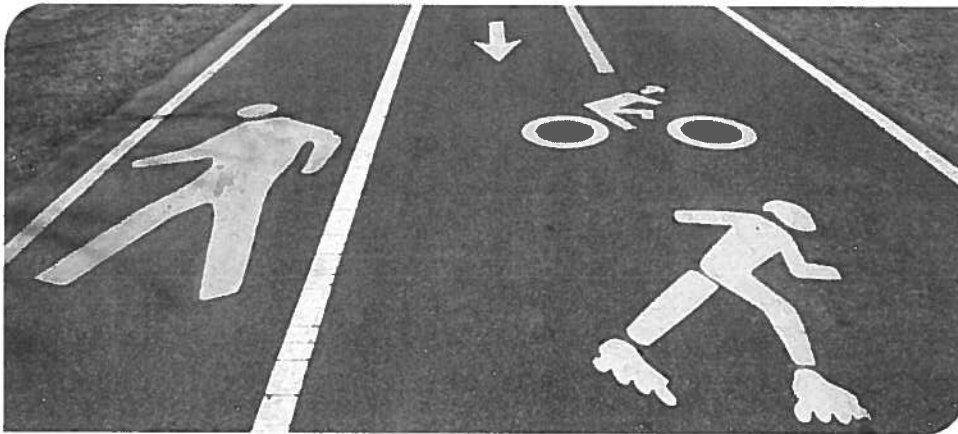
The Vision Zero for Youth initiative encourages communities and their elected officials to focus safety improvements and efforts to slow traffic speeds where children and youth travel. Find out more about [Vision Zero for Youth](http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/) and see a menu of actions for addressing the issues that a community may be facing. <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>

What we do



Walk to School Day and Bike to School Day

The National Center is the coordinating organization for Walk to School Day held every October and Bike to School Day held each May. These events are used to encourage families to celebrate the benefits of walking and biking and to increase local leader commitment and visibility for traffic safety and community quality of life. Each year these events break records for participation. Most event coordinators report that their events led to changes to policies or the physical environment—the kinds of changes needed to support safe walking and biking every day, not just for special events. Visit the [Walk and Bike to School](http://www.walkandbiketoschool.org/) website to learn more, register an event, or see schools that are already participating.



Statewide News: State Redirects \$100M Towards Complete Streets Projects

Friday, May 15, 2020

After the veto of SB 127, the Complete Streets legislation, we continue to work with our partners and CalTrans on development of a statewide Complete Streets Action Plan. While that plan continues to be refined, we are pleased at CalTrans' demonstration of their commitment to Complete Streets: for the 2020 cycle of the SHOPP (State Highway Operations and Protection Program), CalTrans will redirect \$100 million from the program towards Complete Streets elements. The \$100 million will be culled from other previously approved projects that can either have their scopes reduced or can be delayed.

At their [May 13 meeting](#), the California Transportation Commission approved \$42 million of the reservation and committed to approving the other \$58 million at the June meeting. A total of 22 projects have already been identified for these funds, and we are working with CalTrans to develop an equitable engagement process to identify the best projects for the other half of the funding. We are certainly pleased that CalTrans has made these adjustments at such a late stage in the 2020

SHOPP Cycle to show their commitment to Complete Streets. For future cycles, we and our partners [have asked the CTC](#) to build in the planning and community engagement around Complete Streets on the state highway system to be built in from the start.

<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/california/2020/statewide-news-state-redirects-100m-towards-complete-streets-projects>

[Statewide News: More Time to Submit Your ATP Application; Use Our Resources to Strengthen Your Application!](#)

May 15, 2020

The application deadline for Cycle 5 of the [Active Transportation Program](#), which will award \$440M for biking, walking, and Safe Routes projects, has been extended from June 15 to September 15 to account for staffing and outreach challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic. The deadline for the Quick Build pilot program, a new addition this Cycle 5, has only been moved back just one month, to July 15.

<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/california/news/southern-california>

Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force

- [Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force - Report of Findings \(PDF\)](#)
- [Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force - UC ITS Research \(PDF\)](#)

Background

Assembly Bill 2363 (Friedman) established the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force. The statutory goal of the Task Force is to develop a structured, coordinated process for early engagement of all parties to develop policies to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. The Task Force will also examine alternatives to the 85th percentile as a method for determining speed limits in California.

AB 2363

AB 2363 added Chapter 8 to Division 2 of the California Vehicle Code, requiring the Secretary of Transportation to establish and convene the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force, on or before, July 1, 2019.

In addition, AB 2363 requires the Secretary of Transportation to prepare and submit a report of findings based on the efforts of this task force by January 1, 2020. The report is to include a detailed analysis of the following topics:

1. The existing process for establishing speed limits, including a detailed discussion on where speed limits are allowed to deviate from the 85th percentile.
2. Existing policies on how to reduce speeds on local streets and roads.
3. A recommendation as to whether an alternative to the use of the 85th percentile as a method for determining speed limits should be considered, and if so, what alternatives should be looked at.
4. Engineering recommendations on how to increase vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.
5. Additional steps that can be taken to eliminate vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle fatalities on the road.
6. Existing reports and analyses on calculating the 85th percentile at the local, state, national, and international levels.
7. Usage of the 85th percentile in urban and rural settings.
8. How local bicycle and pedestrian plans affect the 85th percentile.

Who are the participants?

The statute sets forth who the participants should be. Representatives from the California State Transportation Agency, the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), California Highway Patrol, the Department of Public Health, and other relevant stakeholder and public entities. Please see the [Membership List](#) for more detail.

How were the participants chosen?

The participants were chosen to meet the requirements of the statute, and in response to expressed interest from parties that represent the statute's more general requirements of participation (local governments, advocacy groups, etc.). The Task Force membership represents a balance of rural and urban; southern, central, and northern California; advocacy groups and engineering and traffic safety specialists. Because there was much interest in participating in the Task Force, and the number of Task Force members necessarily had to be limited, interested parties who were not chosen for the Task Force were invited to join an Advisory Group that will exchange ideas and information with the Task Force.

When will the Task Force meet?

The Task Force had a kick off meeting on June 25, 2019, in Sacramento. Meetings are scheduled to occur in August, October, and December 2019.

[Membership List.](#)

Workshop Material

Workshop #1

- [Workshop #1 Agenda](#)
- ["Safer Speeds: Considerations for Speed Limits and Management" Presentation](#) by **Dr. Offer Grembek**
- [Strategic Highway Safety Plan Presentation](#) by **CHP Assistant Chief Chris Costigan**
- [Workshop #1 slide deck](#)

Workshop #2

- [Workshop #2 Agenda](#)
- [Workshop #2 Presented Slides](#)
- [Framework for Workshop #2 Breakout Sessions](#)

Workshop #3 (October 2019)

- [Workshop #3 Agenda \(PDF\)](#)
- [Workshop #3 Presented Slides \(PDF\)](#)
- [Speed Enforcement Presentation \(PDF\)](#) by **Jeffrey King**

For additional information: Zero.Traffic.Fatalities@calsta.ca.gov

<https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/enforcement-and-safety/zero-traffic-fatalities>

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety

Pedestrian and bicycle safety remains an important traffic safety issue in an ever-changing transportation landscape that accommodates all types of road users. According to a 2019 Governors Highway Safety Association report, pedestrian traffic fatalities in California increased by 12% from 2018 to 2019. OTS funds programs that promote safe behaviors and the use of roadways when walking or biking. Programs target all age groups to raise awareness about traffic rules, rights, and responsibilities whether you are driving, on foot or on bikes. Specifically, programs are designed for high-risk populations, including youth and older community members, all in an effort to teach safer driving, bicycling, and walking behaviors. Activities for youth include bicycle trainings and walking courses to build skills that make children comfortable getting to and from school. Additional outreach targets underserved and older communities to identify safety issues and demonstrate best safety practices in real time.

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM AREA GOALS

- **Reduce the total number of pedestrians killed.**

- **Reduce the total number of pedestrians injured.**
- **Reduce the number of pedestrians killed under the age of 15.**
- **Reduce the number of pedestrians injured under the age of 15.**
- **Reduce the number of pedestrians killed over the age of 65.**
- **Reduce the number of pedestrians injured over the age of 65.**
- **Reduce the total number of bicyclists killed in traffic related crashes.**
- **Reduce the total number of bicyclists injured in traffic related crashes.**
- **Reduce the number of bicyclists killed in traffic related crashes under the age of 15.**
- **Reduce the number of bicyclists injured in traffic related crashes under the age of 15.**
- **Increase bicycle helmet compliance for children aged 5 to 18.**

<https://www.ots.ca.gov/grants/pedestrian-and-bicycle-safety/>

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City of Lancaster Receives \$55,000 Grant from California Office of Traffic Safety

Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program to Provide Educational Signal Box Wraps Along Lancaster Boulevard

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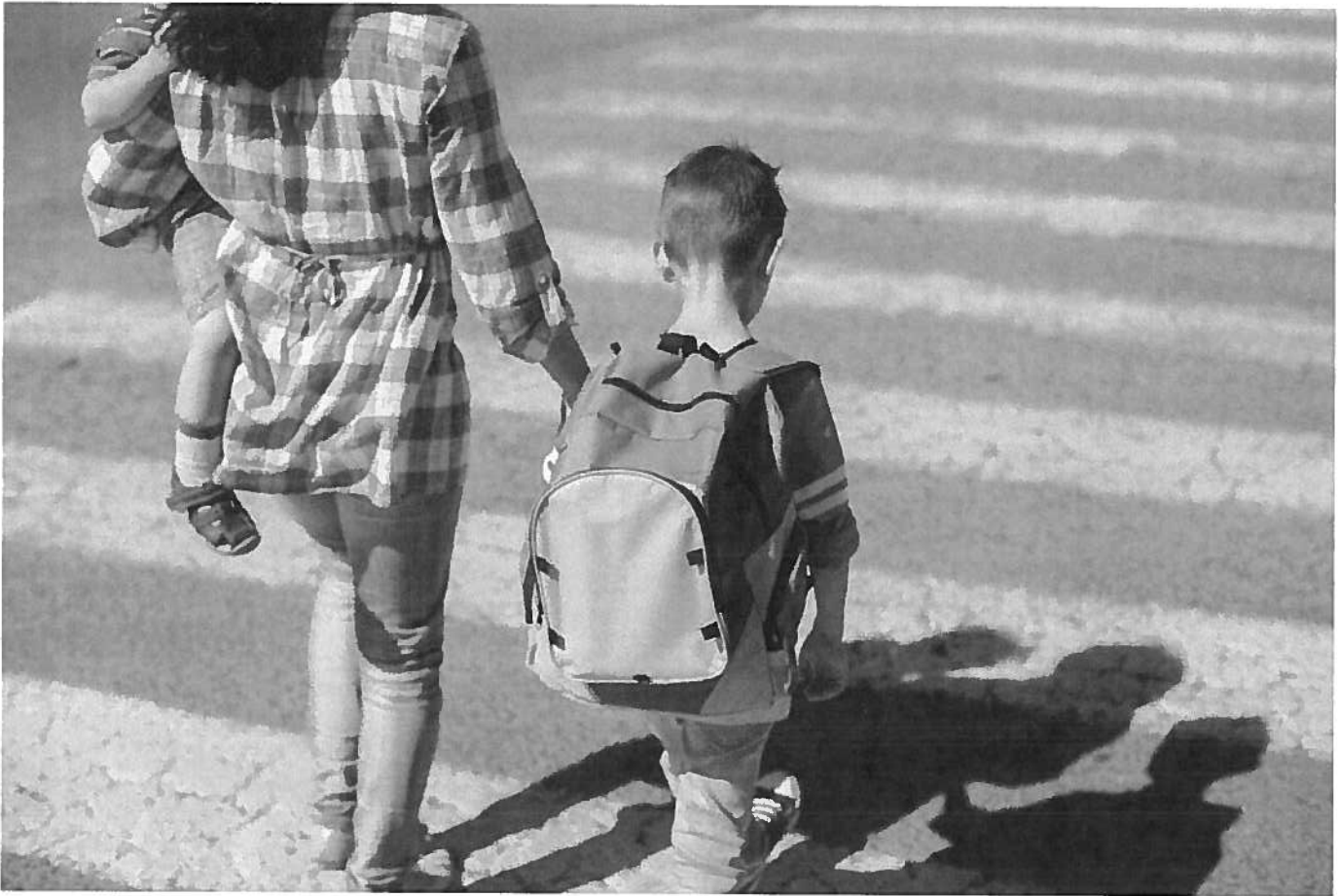


The safety of pedestrians and cyclists is of great importance to the City of Lancaster, and is the focus of the City's new bicycle and pedestrian safety education program. The California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) has provided a \$55,000 grant, which will fund the design and production of 19 signal box wraps. These wraps will be located along Lancaster Boulevard, from Division Street to 30th Street West, and designed to educate and engage youth and adults regarding traffic rules, as well as their rights and responsibilities as pedestrians and cyclists.

"The safety of our community members is paramount to myself and the Lancaster City Council," said Mayor R. Rex Parris. "It is not enough to improve infrastructure, we are also offering informational resources to our residents in order to improve quality of life, by making Lancaster a safer place to walk and bike."

Over the course of the next year, the City of Lancaster will collaborate with stakeholders from local school districts and law enforcement to develop the signal box wrap design. The community can expect to see the wraps along The BLVD corridor beginning fall of 2019. Prior to the unveiling of the informative wraps, the City will conduct educational outreach activities via traffic safety fairs and community events, such as National Walk to School Day, National Bicycle Safety Month, California's Pedestrian Safety Month, and the City's annual National Night Out event.

The need for such safety programs is seen in state-wide data which shows that bicycle and pedestrian fatalities account for 29 percent of all roadway deaths in California. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows 1,014 bicyclists and pedestrians across the state were killed in 2016, a nearly 30 percent increase from 2012. This equates to nearly three bicycle and pedestrian mortalities in California every day.



Educational efforts funded by this OTS grant will promote safe behaviors by pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers, including: being vigilant of parked cars that may be pulling out or opening a door; making oneself visible by wearing bright clothing during the day and reflective materials at night; and avoiding distractions like cell phones. Informational components on bicycle and pedestrian safety will be especially geared toward children and older adults.

“Bicycle and pedestrian safety responsibilities go both ways,” said OTS Director, Rhonda Craft. “Understanding the rules of the road behind the wheel, on foot, or on two wheels helps all roadway users arrive at their destination safely.”

Funding for this bicycle and pedestrian safety education program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For more information, contact the City of Lancaster’s Development Services Department at (661) 723-6047.





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