

Written Comments – September 8, 2020

Topic = Congressman Lou Correa sent a letter in support of passing an ordinance approving Amendment No. A-027-2020 that provides affordable housing options with Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units

Topic – Requesting support for the Diversify our Narrative Garden Grove Unified School District campaign

Tran Nguyen

Lesley Rivera

Mariela Vasquez

Connie Tran

Anna

and Ashley Dao who also supports a Garden Grove Youth Commission program open to all

Topic – OCTA Right-of-Way property that has been named the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail and the need for grant funding for maintenance

Craig Durfey

Topic – support for a youth commission –(this item was provided past the cut-off time for submitting written comments at the August 25, 2020, meeting, and has been added to the written comments for this meeting).

Nicholas Dibs

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AND MARITIME SECURITY  
CHAIR

September 8, 2020

Mayor Steve Jones and Council  
11300 Stanford Avenue  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Dear Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and Garden Grove City Council,

I write to you in support of Agenda Item 4.a. on your Council Agenda this evening, "Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance approving Amendment No. A-027-2020 a zoning text amendment to Title 9 of the Municipal Code."

As stated during the previous city council meeting, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs) provide an affordable housing option that is essential to meeting the State's growing housing crisis. There is simply not enough new housing supply to keep up with the increasing demand and cost in California. Housing, affordable housing, is a middle class, working family's problem.

We must do our best for all residents within this city and provide them with housing options so that they can continue to live and play in Garden Grove. Therefore, I ask this council to review and approve this ordinance, with the proposed revisions, that best reflect the needs of this city and its constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Luis Correa".

Lou Correa  
Member of Congress



**Nationwide Diversify Our Narrative Campaign and Petition**

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**From :** Tran Nguyen <misstrannguyen822@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 08, 2020 03:00 PM

**Subject :** Nationwide Diversify Our Narrative Campaign and  
Petition

**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

My name is Tran Nguyen and I support Diversify Our Narrative Garden Grove Unified School District. Please support the campaign. Thank you!

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**Diversify Our Narrative GGUSD**

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**From :** Lesley Rivera <lesley.rivera.21@simonscholars.org> Tue, Sep 08, 2020 01:10 PM  
**Subject :** Diversify Our Narrative GGUSD  
**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

I stand in support of the Garden Grove Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative!

**Lesley Rivera**

Simon Scholar, Class 2021

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*"Real success is about achieving what others believe to be impossible."*

***-Ronald M. Simon***

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**Diversify Our Narrative GGUSD**

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

Tue, Sep 08, 2020 12:05 PM

**Subject :** Diversify Our Narrative GGUSD

**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

I stand in support of the Garden Grove Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative!

**Mariela J. Vasquez**  
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**National Diversify Our Narrative Campaign**

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**From :** Connie Tran <connientran02@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 07, 2020 11:23 PM

**Subject :** National Diversify Our Narrative Campaign

**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

Hi, my name is Connie Tran and I stand in support of the Garden Grove Chapter of Diversify Our Narrative.

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**Nationwide Diversify Our Narrative Campaign & Petition**

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**From** : AnnA <annale2804@gmail.com>

Mon, Sep 07, 2020 03:01 PM

**Subject** : Nationwide Diversify Our Narrative Campaign & Petition

**To** : cityclerk@ggcity.org

I stand in support of the Garden Grove chapter of the Diversify Our Narrative Campaign.

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**Nationwide DON Petition + Youth Commission in Garden Grove**

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**From :** Ashley Dao <ashleydao1209@g.ucla.edu>

Mon, Sep 07, 2020 08:51 PM

**Subject :** Nationwide DON Petition + Youth Commission in Garden Grove

**To :** cityclerk@ggcity.org

I stand in support of the Garden Grove chapter of DON and ask that the city council supports DON as well. I am also supportive of ways that the youth can become more involved in Garden Grove politics and community activities, such as the implementation of a Garden Grove youth commission program that is open to all. Thank you!

- Ashley Dao

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**Fwd: SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO OCTA Board 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020 with a LETTER PDF and to the city of Garden Grove sept,8th council public comments enter into the record**

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

Mon, Sep 07, 2020 12:15 AM

**Subject :** Fwd: SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO OCTA Board 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020 with a LETTER PDF and to the city of Garden Grove sept,8th council public comments enter into the record

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**To :** Santana, Richard <Richard.Santana@sen.ca.gov>, Condarco, Carlos <Carlos.Condarco@mail.house.gov>, Craig Durfey <cadurfey@gmail.com>, Pam Haddad <pamha@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, citymanager@ggcity.org, Public Records Request <cityclerk@ggcity.org>, stevej <stevej@garden-grove.org>, phatb <phatb@garden-grove.org>, georgeb@ggcity.org, Hu, Stephanie <Stephanie.Hu@sen.ca.gov>, thuhan@ggcity.org, JOHN HANNA <JOHN.HANNA@asm.ca.gov>, joneill@garden-grove.org, Kim Huy <kihuy@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, Edwards, Colin <colin.edwards@asm.ca.gov>, roxanne chow <roxanne.chow@asm.ca.gov>

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From: <cadurfey@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Sep 7, 2020 at 12:08 AM

Subject: SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENT TO OCTA Board 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020 with a LETTER PDF and to the city of Garden Grove sept,8th council public comments enter into the record

To: <juliediep2020@gmail.com>, Pam Haddad <pamha@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, <CADURFEY@gmail.com>, <Joyce.Rivero@ocgov.com>, <Jack.Du@ocgov.com>, <maureen.ggna@gmail.com>, <Matt.Haines@ocgov.com>, <boardofdirectors@octa.net>, <Lala <LALA.TRUONG@mail.house.gov>>, <info@janetnguyen.com>

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09-06-2020

cc. to Sept 8th 2020 City of Garden Grove Council public comments

(P.R.D.D.C.)

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FACEBOOK: CRAIG DURFEY

U.S. HOUSE OF CONGRESS H2404 - HONORING CRAIG DURFEY FOR HIS FIGHT AGAINST  
AUTISM ... Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.

<<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CREC-2003-03-27/pdf/CREC-2003-03-27.pdf>  
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new website [socialemotionalpaws.org](https://socialemotionalpaws.org)

cc. Mayor Steve Jones

City of Garden Grove

11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove,

CA 92840. Phone (714) 741 - 5000

OCTA Board

Chairman Steve Jones

Orange County Transportation Authority

550 South Main Street Orange, California 92868

9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020,

Dear Chairman Jones

Request consideration to address with issues with OCTA property concerns by placing this issue outlined in my email on the next Board meeting to address my concerns with a letter as a pdf from my Attorney Parker Stanbury LLP outline as a concern citizens zoning violation and as a longtime resident of Garden Garden Ca, and for some time I have been impacted with the lack of due care and a good neighbor policy, over sight by OCTA.

Since I'm very near to Chapman from my residents, which OCTA owns the Old PE Electric Rail property, except a portion at the women's club at Chapman/Gilbert from two sources I have been told . It travels along my north side of my alley going west towards Dale Street in fact I could remember my younger days when the train pass by home rattle my second story bedroom a small earthquake. The concern in question is located at the old PE Electric Rail Corridor at Westside of Brookhurst/Bixby going west to Chapman. After requesting all related OCTA PRA documents pertaining to OCTA history from the very beginning to now with recently request from the OCTA, I like to submit further evidence of a letter and with pictures of blight, dead palm trees, fencing screen blocking any visual appearance of such storage, tree with graffiti, graffiti next the tree, temporary power lines, fence screen down open to more visual blight then more blight at Chapman exposed visual cars with no green landscape, new reads have sprouted up, portable white tents.

From the recent PRA records request I came across a letter of a complaint at that time from then Mayor Broadwater to OCTA, about concerns with landscaping his concern then was aesthetics, at this present time over the last several years from Brookhurst/Bixby to west ending at Chapman location has grown with storage. Many times, I hold hope the owner of this property become aware of the conditions then proceed to remedy by removing any blight. After learning of who had ownership from the OCTA PRA I then made request with pictures many of OCTA staff. What occurred after making my request was a very flawed approach to be a good neighbor policy with still many un address matters still lingers in these pictures.

As the OCTA holding the master to lease out and owner of such real property with gas taxes ,with portion of state funding, as well as the new leased to the City of Garden Grove Ca Medal of Honor Bike/Pedestrian Trail Park with added War Dog Memorial and this will be the third in southern California.

According to City Councilman statement the he thank me for champion this cause in naming Trail from the support from American Legions post 555 and American Legions post 716, with a third letter from the honorable Assembly Quick Silva in support to call for a War Dog Memorial. My greatest concern is having just across the street from Westside of Brookhurst/Bixby to the east side of Brookhurst with a \$ 2.5 million investment of Federal, State, local tax dollars having the blight after just by City Council proclaim naming Medal of Honor Bike/Pedestrian Trail Park to Honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in battle and those who return as veteran of war with family's auxiliary of wars.

OCTA past history as what type of possible usages of the old PE Electric Corridor from the PRA document the time frame of the discussions from staff with consultants then the survey from many public out reach was they want bike/walking trails with a concern of any type other form of transportation would affect the residents in a light density area to fully capture investment of a form transportation from then studies at that time period. Outside the City of Tustin a segment of an old abandoned rail with help of Orange County Supervisor he got it concerted to a trail with trees some less than twenty years ago with many daily usages.

I would like to suggest transportation legislation be Federal and State funding to create a trust to address many todays local government limited available resources financially as well a staff to operation fully Active Transportation since SCAG draft document points out the disadvantage Cities needs greater addition by offer grant writers and many man hours are invested in drafting these request to submit only to be very selective then being denied. Calif State 2013 legislation for Active Transportation has become a burden to match the demand to address Climate Change and Calf State Governor Newsom executive order N-19-N Climate Change. With an increase of labor cost and a shrinking local government pool of skilled staff and the retirement from the baby boom generation, Many forms of trust exist as in our National treasure Parks to State Parks to Historical places with our communities.

I recently wrote a report to Calif State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services about August 4th 2020 where the President Trump signed into Law 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. In addition to improving infrastructure at our national parks, 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.

<<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/president-trump-signs-great-american-outdoors-act-preserving-protecting-national-parks/>>  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/articles/president-trump-signs-great-american-outdoors-act-preserving-protecting-national-parks/> and VIDEO AT THE WHITE HOUSE EVENT SIGNING  
<<https://www.facebook.com/foxsanantonio/videos/4473446376030796>>  
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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. 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 identified by the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Indian Education. These infrastructure updates will preserve our most important national treasures and give more American families opportunities to explore the great outdoors.

I wrote to Roney Jenkins Executive Secretary I California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services 1416 9th Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 651-9592 consideration to address the California LFCW grant program to include education component addressing parks with veterans education parks. I was told my letter went to Lisa Mangat Director for the California Department of Parks and Recreation California State Parks is now accepting applications for Round 4 of the <<http://www.parks.ca.gov/spp>> Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program funded by Proposition 68. A total of \$395.3 million in competitive grant funding is available to cities, counties, nonprofit organizations, local districts and joint powers authorities to create new parks and recreational opportunities in underserved communities across California .

In 2018, the State of California invested in the largest grant funding for critically underserved communities with the passage of Proposition 68: California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor Access for All Act. Recognizing the need for underserved communities to have equitable access to outdoor recreation, the bond also provides funds for new parks, aging infrastructure, amenities and improvements to parks that will help attract new and diverse visitors.

To assist potential applicants for the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant Program, State Parks will be hosting 10 application workshop webinars from July 14 through Aug. 25. The workshops are highly interactive, and participants are encouraged to ask questions. Preregistration is required. Information on how to participate in a webinar can be found online at <<http://www.parks.ca.gov/spp>> [www.parks.ca.gov/spp](http://www.parks.ca.gov/spp).

An application guide, which provides instructions on how to prepare and submit applications, is also available on the website. The deadline for Round 4 of this funding is Dec. 14, 2020.

<https://www.parks.ca.gov/NewsRelease/962>

Request OCTA place on the agenda about updating your policy towards the PE Electric Rail corridor of current needs to increase park acreage as growing density population with the new law Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Such that having partnership from foundation coupled with various grants can harness OCTA void of underutilization by creating new parks AB 209 Parks: environmental education: grant program

<[http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201920200AB209](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB209)>

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1) Establishes the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) which is responsible for administering the state park system. The DPR has also been directed under prior bond acts to administer grant programs for local and regional parks and related programs. Authorizes the DPR to provide spaces within the state park system for schools to use for environmental education.

2) Establishes guidelines for the DPR to use in granting funds for programs that provide outdoor environmental education experiences to low-income students on public properties.

3) Creates the State Urban Parks and Healthy Communities Act, and requires the Director of the DPR to develop a competitive grant program to assist state parks, certain state conservancies, urbanized and heavily-urbanized local agencies, and community-based organizations within those jurisdictions to provide outdoor educational opportunities to children.

4) Establishes a statewide environmental education program, to be administered by the Office of Education and Environment within the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in cooperation with other agencies. The program, among other things, calls for development of a unified education strategy on the environment for elementary and secondary schools, including environmental education principles.

5) Establishes the California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network as a program of the California Department of Education, to support environmental literacy by providing teachers with access to high quality education resources, and regional coordinators to provide professional development.

This bill:

- 1) Requires the Director of the DPR to establish an Outdoor Equity Grants program.
- 2) Improves the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental education experiences at state parks and other public lands where these activities take place. This bill prioritizes curriculum that includes one or more attributes, among others:
  - a) Aligns with the education content standards including Next Generation Science standards and California History-Social Science standards.
  - b) Integrates instruction in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.
  - c) Fosters stewardship of the environment.
- 3) Requires the director of the DPR to give priority for funding for outdoor environmental education programs that primarily provide outreach to, and serve students, who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth, and other at-risk youth.
- 4) Establishes the California Outdoor Equity Account as a depository for program funding, including from private donations. Requires the program to have deposited adequate donations or funds to administer the program and award the grants, prior to the establishment of the program.
- 5) Includes evaluation and reporting criteria on an ongoing basis.
- 6) Requires the DPR to adopt guidelines. Exempts the adoption of the guidelines from the Administrative Procedure Act but requires the DPR to develop a process for public comment and review of the guidelines that involves three public hearings in three different parts of the state prior to adoption.

'Blue' space: Access to water features can boost city dwellers' mental health

<https://theconversation.com/blue-space-access-to-water-features-can-boost-city-dwellers-mental-health-122995>

Officials are increasingly recognizing that integrating nature into cities is an effective public health strategy to improve mental health. Doctors around the world now administer “

<<https://theconversation.com/anxiety-and-depression-why-doctors-are-prescribing-gardening-rather-than-drugs-121841>> green prescriptions” – where patients are encouraged to spend time in local nature spaces – based on hundreds of studies showing that <<https://jennyjroe.com/category/green-health/>> time in nature can benefit people’s psychological well-being and increase social engagement.

Much of this research to date has focused on the role of green space in improving mental health. But what about “blue” space – water settings such as riverside trails, a lake, a waterfront or even urban fountains?

You probably intuitively know that being close to water can induce feelings of calm. And many poets and artists have attested to the sense of awe and magic that water can evoke. But can it deliver the same wide-ranging benefits that urban green infrastructure brings to mental health? <<https://bluehealth2020.eu/projects/>> A few studies have shown that water bodies score just as well – if not better – in supporting psychological well-being as compared with “green” nature.

So far the <<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijheh.2017.08.004>> evidence is sparse, though, and mostly limited to coastal settings in Europe. What if you’re in one of the 49 countries in the world, or 27 American states, that are landlocked with no ocean shore? For natural capital to deliver health benefits to people, it needs to be right next to them, integrated into the everyday fabric of their world.

If you have any question of my research, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You

Craig A. Durfey



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116 KB



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 716 IN SUPPORT OF 555 Scan2.bmp**  
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 **Letter to GG City Council re Memorial (1) (4).pdf**  
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 **SQS letter of support for war dog memorial and park in GG.pdf**  
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**For GG City Council and Please post for 8/25 (Agenda Item 5.b) Written Public Comments for Council consideration, Thank you, re: Important for City to provide youth with mentoring, internships and civic opportunities -- Please have City of GG reestablish Youth Commission and Youth In Government Day, re: Youth in Government Day letter**

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**From :** Nick Dibs <nickdibs1@gmail.com>

Tue, Aug 25, 2020 06:52 PM

**Subject :** For GG City Council and Please post for 8/25 (Agenda Item 5.b) Written Public Comments for Council consideration, Thank you, re: Important for City to provide youth with mentoring, internships and civic opportunities -- Please have City of GG reestablish Youth Commission and Youth In Government Day, re: Youth in Government Day letter

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**Cc :** Scott Stiles <sstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>, marias@ci.garden-grove.ca.us, johnmo@ci.garden-grove.ca.us, LisaK@ggcity.org

August 25, 2020

**Dear Ms. Teresa Pomeroy, City Clerk**

Please include this email and the attached as my Written Comments for tonight's Council meeting. Thank you, ... Nicholas Dibs

**Dear Mayor Jones and Council members,**

Regarding Agenda Item 5.b. (Youth Commission), please consider:

From approximately 2016 to February 2018, I worked and advocated for the City to reestablish its Youth In Government Day (YIGD) program that took place in February 2018 with the active participation of about 50 or more GGUSD senior high school students (see attached letter). When I attended Pacifica High School, it was an honor to work with the City's then-established Youth Commission and to be a YIGD participant in the capacity of serving with City Council members that year.

After the City discontinued its Youth Commission, I advocated as noted above, that YIGD and possibly a Youth Commission be reestablished after a lapse of about 20

years. YIGD in 2018 was a success but unfortunately the City did not continue providing this special event in 2019.

**Action Item 5.b.:** Please consider amending 5.b. to include the following:

1) That a GG City Youth Commission be established to include eight (8) or more GGUSD outstanding senior High School students (minimum of one student from each of District's high schools) PLUS seven (7) adult members (perhaps one from each Council District) in Garden Grove who have demonstrated experience as a teacher, and/or youth mentor, and/or leader of youth activities, etc.. Term of office to be one or two years.

2) That YIGD be an annual City event (similar to the one in 2018 or modeled similar to YIGD provided by the City of Huntington Beach and/or other cities in Orange County) to be organized with the assistance of City staff and members of the proposed Youth Commission.

3) That City staff apply for grants that are or may be available to help fund all or part of Youth Commission activities and programs.

As a Teacher and three-year cosponsor of the City's Annual College Graduates Reception, and as a Garden Grove resident and community proponent of reestablishing the City's Youth Commission and YIGD (that I participated in years ago as a Pacifica High School senior), please consider appointing me to serve a first-term as part of the City's proposed Youth Commission if the Commission can also include adult mentors as suggested above. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Dibs, Teacher and  
GGUSD certificated employee (2001 - 2017)  
(714) 715-7600

Attachments (5)

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From: **Nick Dibs** <[nickdibs1@gmail.com](mailto:nickdibs1@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Jul 14, 2020 at 3:09 PM

Subject: Please post for 7/14 Written Public Comments, Thank you, re: Important for City to provide youth with mentoring, internships and civic opportunities -- Please have City of GG reestablish Youth Commission and Youth In Government Day, re: Youth in Government Day letter

To: <[teresap@ggcity.org](mailto:teresap@ggcity.org)>, <[cityclerk@ggcity.org](mailto:cityclerk@ggcity.org)>

Dear Ms. Teresa Pomeroy, City Clerk,

As the below and attached important request and information is for the Mayor and City Council and was not included/posted as Written Public Comments for the Council's June 23, 2020 meeting, please include the below and attached as my Written Public Comments submitted for tonight's July 14th City Council meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Dibs, Teacher

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From: **Nick Dibs** <[nickdibs1@gmail.com](mailto:nickdibs1@gmail.com)>

Date: Tue, Jun 23, 2020 at 6:41 PM

Subject: Important for City to provide youth with mentoring, internships and civic opportunities -- Please have City of GG reestablish Youth Commission and Youth In Government Day, re: Youth in Government Day letter

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**Dear Teresa (City Clerk),**

Please provide this email with two supporting attachments for the Public Comment record for tonight's City Council meeting. Thank you.

**Dear Mayor Jones and Council members,**

As opportunities should be provided and increased to provide the youth of the City with avenues for civic engagement and career-exploration internships, etc., in the near future please place on the Council AGENDA re-establishing the City's **Youth Commission** and **Youth In Government Day** program.

Three or more years ago in Public Comments at multiple Council and School Board meeting, I urged the City and GGUSD to partner to re-establish Youth In Government Day event that took place in February 2018 after its long absence (see attached letter).

Request: Today I urge you to AGENDIZE for a near-future Council meeting, consideration to re-establish the City's much-needed Youth Commission and Youth In Government Day opportunities to help the youth of our City during this difficult time.

Please let me know your thoughts regarding the above and attached.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Dibs, Teacher  
Garden Grove community leader and 2016  
GGUSD Board of Education candidate  
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From: **John Montanchez** <[johnmo@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:johnmo@ci.garden-grove.ca.us)>  
Date: Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 12:14 PM  
Subject: Youth in Government Day letter  
To: NickDibs1 <[NickDibs1@gmail.com](mailto:NickDibs1@gmail.com)>

Hi Nick,

Attached is a scanned copy of the letter you requested. Again, thank you for proposing the reinstatement of Youth in Government Day. It was a great success!

Regards,  
John Montanchez  
Community Services Director  
City of Garden Grove

**Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!**



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