

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**May 21, 2026**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. LETTER OF OPPOSITION**

A copy of the Mayor's letter of opposition to SB 866 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Housing Element (May 21, 2026) is attached for your review.

**B. LETTER OF OPPOSITION**

A copy of the Mayor's letter to oppose as amended AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public employees' retirement benefits (May 21, 2026) is attached for your review

**C. HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION RESOURCE FAIR**

This memorandum from Ursula provides information on the upcoming Resource Fair (May 30, 2026) hosted by NeighborWorks OC.

**• OTHER ITEMS**

– **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

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

– **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**Stephanie Klopfenstein**  
Mayor

**George S. Brietigam**  
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Council Member - District 6

May 21, 2026

The Honorable Tom Umberg  
The Honorable Tony Strickland  
Members, California State Senate

**RE: SB 866 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element.  
Notice of OPPOSITION**

Dear Senators Umberg and Strickland,

The City of Garden Grove must respectfully **oppose SB 866 (Blakespear)**. SB 866 would require all but 14 cities to add extensive homelessness reporting requirements to their housing elements, targeting cities that do not receive state funding to address homelessness.

Currently, the state's flagship homelessness grant program, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program, allocates funding to all 58 counties, 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs), and the 14 cities in California with populations over 300,000. To receive HHAP funding, grantees must submit a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan to the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department that includes specific system performance metrics.

SB 866 would copy these system performance metrics from the HHAP regional plans and impose them as a separate reporting requirement only on cities not receiving state funding – forcing them to track these metrics in their housing elements. Some of the metrics are nearly impossible for cities to collect. For example, the bill requires cities to share information about the number of people who become homeless after exiting institutional settings, including jails, prisons, and hospitals. These are systems operated by counties, the state, or private entities, not cities.

Additionally, some of the data required under SB 866 is already collected through existing systems. CoCs receive federal funding to conduct annual point-in-time counts to gather key homelessness data. This data includes the number of individuals who are unhoused and if an individual has been unhoused long enough to be considered chronically homeless. Despite this information being collected and publicly shared by CoCs, SB 866 shifts the responsibility for collecting and reporting it to cities, without providing us with any additional funding to do so.

**SB 866 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element. Notice of OPPOSITION**

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The data requirements in SB 866 would create significant administrative burdens for communities that already do not receive state financial support to address homelessness. The challenge of collecting and reporting this data may jeopardize our ability to achieve a compliant housing element and potentially subject us to [legal action by the state](#).

Our city is also concerned that this measure would create siloed data. SB 866 would require over 400 cities to collect and report data independently through their housing elements, while counties and larger cities continue to do so through regional plans. It is unclear how HCD would synthesize this data into meaningful, actionable policy at the statewide level.

Although we understand the goal of increasing transparency around the efforts of smaller cities to address the state's homelessness crisis, it can't be at the expense of burdening the smallest cities with housing element requirements that will not be equally applied to other local governments.

Each year, the Legislature introduces bills that significantly complicate cities' efforts to secure housing element certification. These multi-year planning efforts are already complex, time-consuming, and expensive. SB 866 would add yet another layer of reporting requirements – through a non-reimbursable state mandate – placing a disproportionate burden on smaller cities.

For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove respectfully **oppose SB 866 (Blakespear)**.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Klopfenstein  
Mayor

c: Senator Tom Umberg, 34<sup>th</sup> District, ([Emily.Rodriguez@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Emily.Rodriguez@sen.ca.gov))  
Senator Tony Strickland, 36<sup>th</sup> District, ([Zechariah.Jauregui@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Zechariah.Jauregui@sen.ca.gov))  
Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70<sup>th</sup> District, ([Colin.Edwards@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Colin.Edwards@asm.ca.gov))  
Connor Medina, League of California Cities, ([CMedina@calcities.org](mailto:CMedina@calcities.org))  
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Lauren Kline, ACCOC, ([LKline@accoc.org](mailto:LKline@accoc.org))



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May 21, 2026

The Honorable Tina McKinnor  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement  
1020 N Street, Room 153  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public employees' retirement benefits.  
OPPOSE (As Amended May 13, 2026)**

Dear Assembly Member McKinnor,

The City of Garden Grove must respectfully **oppose AB 1383**, which would make several significant changes to public employees' retirement benefits and lead to increased pension liability for public agencies.

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) was designed to address a wide range of issues involving public employee pensions and was a major step in helping local agencies better manage future pension costs and prevent the California Public Employees Retirement System from sliding into insolvency. AB 1383 would upend many of the reforms put in place in 2013 by PEPRA.

While we recognize and appreciate the intent of the bill to support recruitment and retention of essential public safety professionals, the bill would increase mandated costs without funding. The potential cost of this bill comes at a time of uncertainty. The fiscal volatility in the market compounded with the increased benefit costs from this bill could lead to serious cost increases for local government.

While our city supports competitive recruitment and retention for all public employees, AB 1383 represents an unfunded mandate that fails to balance sustainable retirement benefits with taxpayer fairness and long-term financial stability.

**AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public employees' retirement benefits.  
OPPOSE (As Amended May 13, 2026)**

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For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove respectfully **opposes AB 1383.**

Sincerely,



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**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: MAY 30 HOMEOWNER PRESERVATION RESOURCE FAIR

From: Ursula Luna-Reynosa  
Dept: Economic Development and Housing  
Date: May 21, 2026

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the upcoming Homeowner Preservation Resource Fair hosted by NeighborWorks Orange County (NeighborWorks OC).

DISCUSSION

On Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., NeighborWorks OC will host a free Homeowner Preservation Fair at the Garden Grove Elks Lodge, located at 11551 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92843. This event is designed to provide homeowners and residents with educational resources and direct access to professional guidance focused on maintaining, protecting, and maximizing the value of their homes. The fair will feature workshops, community resource booths, and one-on-one support from HUD-certified housing counselors.

Residents and attendees will have an opportunity to learn more about estate planning, reverse mortgage education, home repair and rehabilitation resources, foreclosure prevention support, and disaster preparedness strategies. Resources will be available to help residents better understand how to prepare their homes and finances for unexpected events while protecting their long-term investment in homeownership.

The primary goal of the Homeowner Preservation Resource Fair is to help residents in Garden Grove access available resources that support housing stability, homeowner education, and community resources that strengthen neighborhoods. Community members are encouraged to attend and share information about the event with family, friends, and neighbors who may benefit from the available services and educational opportunities.

For additional information and registration details, please visit <https://bit.ly/41YH9ec> or contact Sahara Garcia at [saharag@nwoc.org](mailto:saharag@nwoc.org).



Ursula Luna-Reynosa  
Economic Development and Housing Department Director

By: Kathy Nguyen, Program Specialist



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sgt. Thomas Capps  
Garden Grove Police Department  
(714) 741-5787 / [thomasc@ggcity.org](mailto:thomasc@ggcity.org)

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, May 21, 2026



## HEAVY TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURES EXPECTED DURING MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Beginning Friday, May 22 through Monday, May 25, 2026, the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will take place at Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street. Heavy traffic and road closures are expected throughout the four-day event, and motorists are encouraged to plan ahead.

Main Street, between Garden Grove Boulevard and Euclid Street, will be closed from Friday, May 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. through Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. for festival activities.

On Saturday, May 23, 2026, from 4:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the following streets will be closed for the 2026 Strawberry Stomp 5K and the Strawberry Festival Parade:

- Acacia Parkway, from Grove Avenue to 9<sup>th</sup> St.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Street, between Garden Grove Blvd. and Orangewood Avenue
- Chapman Avenue, between West Street and Nutwood Street
- Euclid Street, between Orangewood Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard

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

May 14, 2026 – May 20, 2026

## Post Performance



Included in this Report

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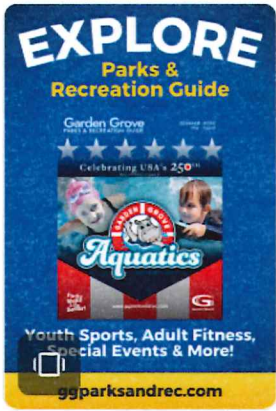
 Garden Grove City Hall

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 **gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 5/20/2026 5:30 pm PDT

School's almost out, and there's plenty to do to make this a summer to remember! 😊

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Engagements	18
Views	809
Reach	338
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.2%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Wed 5/20/2026 5:30 pm PDT

School's almost out, and there's plenty to do to make this a summer to remember! 😊

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Engagements	19
Views	452
Reach	311
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.2%

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
Wed 5/20/2026 2:56 pm PDT

In observance of Memorial Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026....



Engagements	1
Impressions	58
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%
Potential Reach	4,742



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Wed 5/20/2026 2:56 pm PDT

Check out the full schedule at [gg.city/memorial-day-2...](#)

#GG1956 #GardenGrove #MemorialDay #communitynews



Engagements	0
Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	31
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%
Potential Reach	4,742



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Wed 5/20/2026 2:56 pm PDT

In observance of Memorial Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026....



Engagements	2
Views	601
Reach	354
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.3%




Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 5/20/2026 2:56 pm PDT

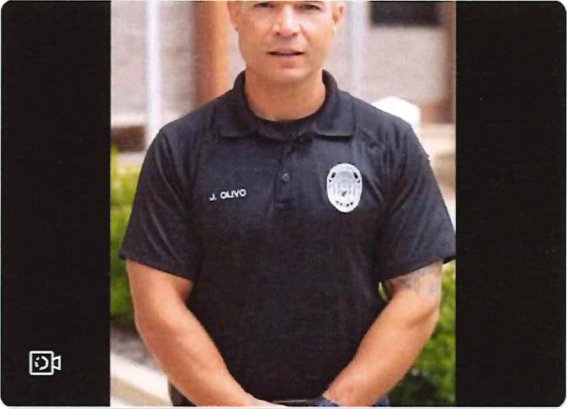
In observance of Memorial Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026....




Engagements	44
Views	1,666
Reach	1,226
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.6%


 **gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 5/19/2026 4:35 pm PDT

Watch along and learn how you can stay safe!  
👉 Will you be attending the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival? 🍓




Views	667
Reach	568
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	27

 **gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 5/19/2026 1:44 pm PDT




Views	601
Reach	518
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	12

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
Tue 5/19/2026 1:40 pm PDT

Kenya may be a little shy when you first meet, but you'll quickly unlock her loving personality. She's an affectionate and loyal dog with a soft and gentle spirit who is sure to bring joy to your home. 🐾

#GG1956 #PetoftheMonth #Kenya  
#GardenGroveAnimalCareServices  
#PetAdoption



Engagements	0
Impressions	48
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%
Potential Reach	4,742



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 5/19/2026 1:39 pm PDT

Ready to adopt a furry best friend? 🐾

Kenya, a sweet 3-year-old petite husky mix,...



Engagements	4
Impressions	79
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%
Potential Reach	4,774



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Tue 5/19/2026 1:38 pm PDT

Ready to adopt a furry best friend? 🐾

Kenya, a sweet 3-year-old petite husky mix,...



Engagements	17
Views	1,350
Reach	920
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 5/19/2026 1:38 pm PDT

Ready to adopt a furry best friend? 🐾

Kenya, a sweet 3-year-old petite husky mix,...



Engagements	15
Views	512
Reach	363
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.9%



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Tue 5/19/2026 12:38 pm PDT

Make sure to stop by to hear from all our panelists! 📺 The event ends at 2:00 p.m. today!



Views	620
Reach	565
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	20



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Tue 5/19/2026 12:29 pm PDT

Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein shares what we can expect to hear!



Views	683
Reach	589
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	40



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Tue 5/19/2026 12:23 pm PDT

It's not too late to join us at today's Know the Trades, Know the Way panel! 📺📍 Garden Grove Community Meeting Center,...



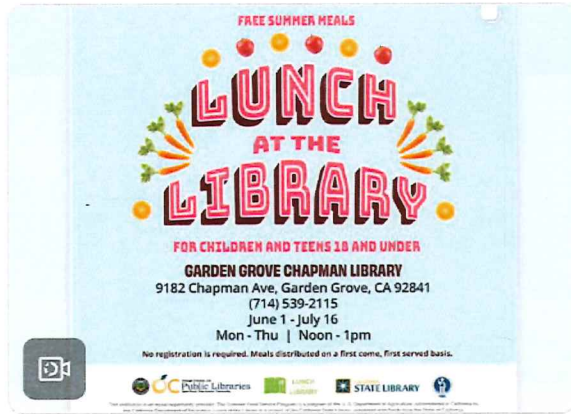
Views	711
Reach	596
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	57



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Tue 5/19/2026 11:42 am PDT

FREE SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS 18 AND UNDER! CLICK THE POST TO LEARN MORE!!



Views	1,057
Reach	792
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	10



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Mon 5/18/2026 8:09 am PDT



Views	822
Reach	646
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	11



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/15/2026 1:31 pm PDT

National Small Business Month continues in #GardenGrove!



Engagements	574
Views	5,891
Reach	5,483
Engagement Rate (per View)	9.7%
Video Views	2,164



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Fri 5/15/2026 1:30 pm PDT

National Small Business Month continues in #GardenGrove! 🇺🇸 🐾

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Engagements	236
Views	2,551
Reach	1,813
Engagement Rate (per View)	9.3%



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Thu 5/14/2026 6:09 pm PDT

Know the Trades...Know the Way 🧑🏻‍🔧 🧑🏻‍🔧

Thinking about a future in construction or the...



Engagements	51
Views	3,138
Reach	1,290
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 5/14/2026 6:09 pm PDT

Know the Trades...Know the Way 🧑🏻‍🔧 🧑🏻‍🔧

Thinking about a future in construction or the...



Engagements	36
Views	1,050
Reach	689
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.4%



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Thu 5/14/2026 6:05 pm PDT

Thinking about a future in construction or the skilled trades? Come connect, learn, & hear directly from industry professionals at this...



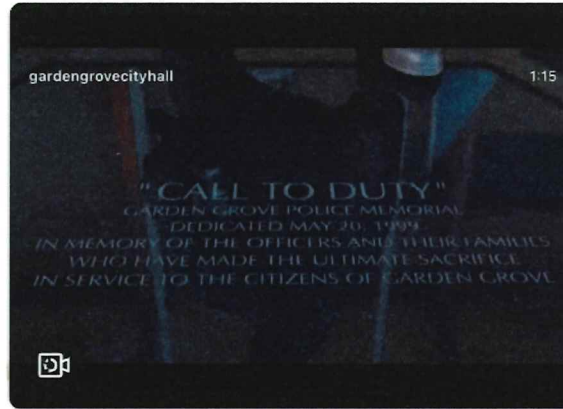
Engagements	5
Impressions	95
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.3%
Potential Reach	4,742



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Thu 5/14/2026 2:35 pm PDT

We'll see you today! 🌞

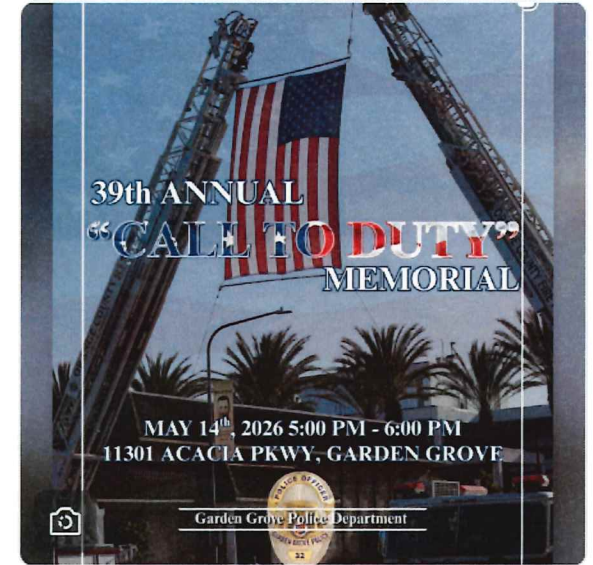


Views	439
Reach	405
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	10




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Thu 5/14/2026 2:34 pm PDT




Views	372
Reach	347
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	5


 **gardengrovecityhall**  
 Thu 5/14/2026 2:32 pm PDT

Cast your vote TODAY for Garden Grove Gems! 🏡

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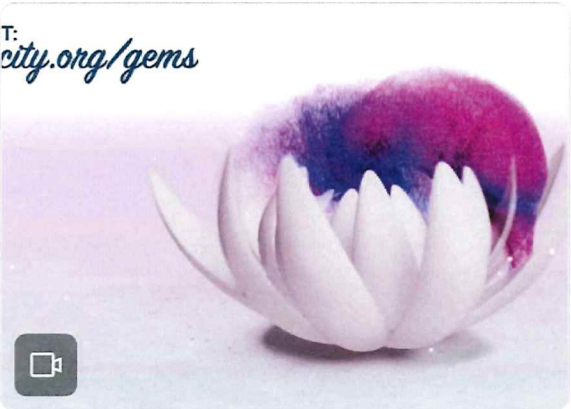
Engagements	15
Views	756
Reach	593
Engagement Rate (per View)	2%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Thu 5/14/2026 2:30 pm PDT


Cast your vote TODAY for Garden Grove Gems! 🏡

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T: [city.org/gems](https://www.city.org/gems)




Engagements	16
Views	449
Reach	385
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.6%
Video Views	133

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Thu 5/14/2026 10:56 am PDT

From brick pathways and picket fences to desert landscapes and floral backdrops, which style is your favorite? Don't miss out on this friendly neighborhood fun, **voting closes on June 1!** 🌻🔑

#GG1956 #GardenGrove  
 #GardenGroveGEMS  
 #homebeautification #gardening



Engagements	1
Impressions	81
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.2%
Potential Reach	4,741



X @CityGardenGrove

Thu 5/14/2026 10:56 am PDT

**Cast your vote TODAY for Garden Grove  
Gems!** 🏠💙

Voting is now open for Garden Grove  
Gems, the City's virtual home beautification  
competition.

🔗 Learn more [atggcity.org/gems](http://atggcity.org/gems)

[youtu.be/FiqR3SF2dfQ](https://youtu.be/FiqR3SF2dfQ)



Engagements	14
Post Link Clicks	7
Impressions	78
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	17.9%
Potential Reach	4,741





## Post Performance

May 14, 2026 – May 20, 2026

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

## Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Wed 5/20/2026 8:00 am PDT

According to #NHTSA, nearly half of all car seats installed by parents and caregivers are installed incorrectly....



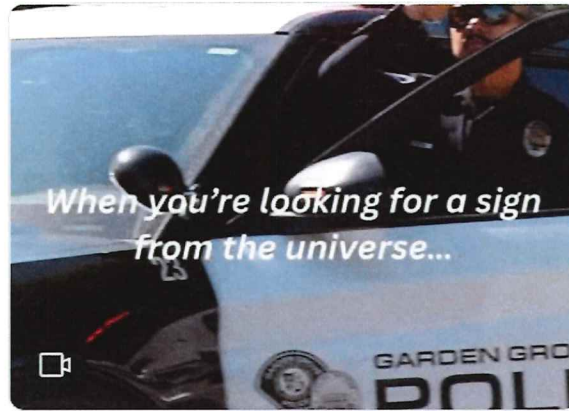
Engagements	55
Views	1,720
Reach	1,177
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.2%



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Tue 5/19/2026 12:22 pm PDT

Do you have what it takes to make a difference?  
Join a team where courage, courtesy, and comm



Engagements	197
Views	4,063
Reach	3,184
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.8%
Video Views	1,661



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Sun 5/17/2026 12:14 pm PDT

\*\*\*UPDATE\*\*\*  
Missing person has been LOCATED and reunited with his family. Thank you for your...



Engagements	325
Views	12,119
Reach	7,938
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.7%

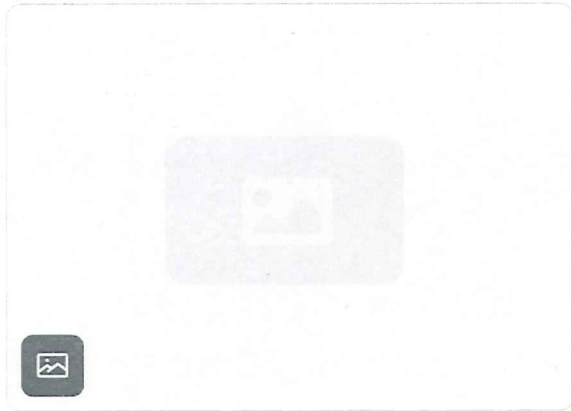


**Garden Grove Police Department**

Sun 5/17/2026 12:11 pm PDT

\*\*\*SILVER ALERT\*\*\*

Missing Person (MP) TEMO VELASQUEZ, is a 66-year-old male....



Engagements 0

Views —

Reach —

Engagement Rate (per View) —

## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**May 21, 2026**

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," from May 13-20, 2026
3. Zoning Administration meeting agenda (May 28, 2026)



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 21, 2026 – June 18, 2026

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Thursday	May 21	4:30 p.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center 49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Ball, CMC
Thursday	May 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 22- May 25		66 <sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, Village Green Park
Monday	May 25		City Hall Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 29		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	June 1	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	June 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 4 July 12		One More Productions PRESENTS: Footloose- GEM Theatre
Tuesday	June 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 11		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	June 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 12		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC



# Two pension bills threaten city budgets

May 13, 2026

City officials should call into the CalPERS meeting on May 18 at 2 p.m. and urge them to oppose SB 1319

*By Johnnie Piña, legislative advocate (labor) (<https://www.calcities.org/people/johnnie-pina>)*

Two bills are moving through the Legislature that would tighten the squeeze on city budgets: **SB 1319 (Durazo)** ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=q1cpsaEmx6kfxwklQIVNWNsTI9Zcxb3oXQY97Gi+GzSefWnyOOEZ6VLAvcWUn5Og3zAQYtULizf6D7EcfQGrS8o0CINcBQnRHAuO1f2WBS8dQbsHDODqAlx1gjwgH2tzHA9jh7IT9TgvQTCs/y5Ceg==](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=q1cpsaEmx6kfxwklQIVNWNsTI9Zcxb3oXQY97Gi+GzSefWnyOOEZ6VLAvcWUn5Og3zAQYtULizf6D7EcfQGrS8o0CINcBQnRHAuO1f2WBS8dQbsHDODqAlx1gjwgH2tzHA9jh7IT9TgvQTCs/y5Ceg==))) and **AB 1383 (McKinnor)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=E9KJohulOISx+w2mnox8qRF4xrSDwsnOr6s0cKzJRk7Oa2U409IF1JifhB6CWzQfNxxqfXMP8DwdE6CAOHkJO4ZC84Nd0zj8IYzp3g0vh9amrt/uydK2uhQEERY8M3LhxWL79LujFAQxrzQEeFI6oNA==>). The combined effect would crowd out funding for core city services, raise employer and employee contributions, and reduce local fiscal flexibility.

Cities can voice their concerns in several ways, including by contacting **CalPERS** (<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/>). The agency's board will consider whether to oppose SB 1319 next week.

## What would SB 1319 do?

SB 1319 requires public pension systems to disclose detailed, company-level information on alternative investments, including private equity and real estate. CalPERS has stated that these changes would create a competitive disadvantage and restrict access to top-performing private market opportunities. This would, in turn, reduce returns and potentially force a lower discount rate.

CalPERS uses the discount rate — similar to an assumed rate of return — to determine employer and employee contributions. A lower discount rate increases employer and

employee contributions.

**The agency estimates** (<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/202605-full-agenda-item08a-00-a/download?inline>) that the bill would cut its funded status by roughly 5% and increase annual contributions by \$6.1 to \$6.8 billion across state and local plans. These costs would be shared by employers and employees. The bill also creates new administrative burdens and legal risks tied to retroactive disclosure requirements.

## What would 1383 do?

AB 1383 would **roll back key elements** (<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/03/18/cal-cities-warns-that-costly-changes-to-california-s-pension-reform-law-could-undermine-government-services>) of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 by expanding pensionable compensation and adopting more generous retirement formulas for public safety employees, including lowering the retirement age from 57 to 55. Overall, AB 1383 would raise annual costs for both employers and employees while expanding long-term pension obligations.

The Legislature approved the 2013 act to contain long-term pension liabilities. **According to CalPERS** (<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/documents/202411-finance-admin-agenda-item06a-02-a/download?inline#:~:text=Actuarial%20Valuation-,Reports,over%20the%20next%2010%20years>) , those reforms have generated \$5.8 billion in savings to date, with potentially larger savings in the future. Increased pension obligations would crowd out funding for core services, including police and fire.

## What can my city do?

Cal Cities is preparing to mobilize members on both bills. SB 1319 is on the Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file and could advance to the floor for a full vote by May 26. AB 1383 is the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee but has not yet been set for hearing.

In the meantime, city officials can contact the CalPERS Board of Administration and urge them to oppose SB 1319. The board will vote on the bill on May 18 at approximately 2 p.m. City officials can provide public comments during the meeting by calling (800) 259-4105.

Cal Cities is also collecting information from city managers on the potential impact of AB 1383 on city budgets, staffing, and services through a short survey. To complete the survey

— due May 22 — or to learn how your city can make its voice heard, contact your **regional public affairs manager (/get-involved/regional-divisions)** .

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# Gov. Newsom's May budget revision asks cities to do more with less on housing and homelessness

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Sacramento** — Following the release of Gov. Gavin Newsom's revised 2026-27 budget proposal, League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman issued the following statement:

"Like the state, local governments are tightening their belts and making tough budget decisions, while preserving the delivery of essential public services. We applaud the Governor's support for solutions that increase revenues at the local level, including a digital software tax. This is a positive step.

But the May Revision falls short on homelessness. At the same time, the Governor touted the state's progress on reducing unsheltered homelessness, he proposes cutting round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant program — the backbone of the state's local homelessness response system. This will slow hard-won progress by forcing cities to close shelter beds and reduce homelessness prevention programs. Cities need an ongoing funding commitment to reduce the homelessness crisis, not a decrease in funding.

On top of state cuts in funding to address homelessness, the Governor's proposal also cuts funding for housing by banning local impact fees on projects supported with state affordable housing funding. Impact fees help fund the very infrastructure — sewers, roads,

parks, fire protection, and water — that make these projects viable. Contrary to the Governor's remarks, cities are not "pocketing state money" when they assess impact fees.

Finally, the May Revision ignores the will of the voters on public safety by failing to include new funding to implement Proposition 36.

We look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature in the coming weeks to bridge the gaps on housing, homelessness, and public safety.

*Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.*

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# New state budget proposal asks cities to do more with less

May 14, 2026

By Cal Cities Staff

Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled a revised budget blueprint with his usual bragging about California's economy, salvos at political opponents, and record-touting — and of course, a slide on revenue volatility. But what good is economic dominance if the state cannot help its most vulnerable residents and backs away from supporting what many Californians need the most: affordable housing.

Carolyn Coleman, Cal Cities executive director and CEO, praised the Governor's proposed digital software tax. But she also noted that the budget proposal falls short in many areas for cities and their residents.

"At the same time, the Governor touted the state's progress on reducing unsheltered homelessness, he proposes cutting round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant program — the backbone of the state's local homelessness response system," **she said in a statement** (<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/14/gov.-newsom-s-may-budget-revision-asks-cities-to-do-more-with-less-on-housing-and-homelessness>) .

"This will slow hard-won progress by forcing cities to close shelter beds and reduce homelessness prevention programs. Cities need an ongoing funding commitment to reduce the homelessness crisis, not a decrease in funding."

The \$349.9 May Revision — up slightly from January — purports to close the structural deficit through July 2028. First, the notable positives for cities: The budget maintains investments in transportation and infrastructure and creates a \$100 million loan program for victims of the Los Angeles wildfires. The Governor also proposed a new tax on certain types of software that could direct money toward local governments. End of list.

What's noticeably absent in the budget is new money for affordable housing production, a full restoration of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program, new money for Proposition 36 implementation, or an early resolution to several high-profile environmental funding discussions. Despite higher-than-projected revenues, somehow the budget math doesn't work for the millions of Californians who depend on local services.

Keep reading for an analysis of the May Revision from Cal Cities lobbyists.

**- Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor**

**(<https://www.calcities.org/people/brian-hendershot>)**

## Revenue and Taxation

Since January, the state's revenues have surpassed expectations. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recently **published ([https://lao.ca.gov/LAOEconTax/Article/Detail/856?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://lao.ca.gov/LAOEconTax/Article/Detail/856?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email))** an increased General Fund revenue estimate, showing revenues up nearly \$25 billion over the Governor's January Budget proposal estimates. The LAO attributed the increase to the current stock market boom, driven by artificial intelligence companies. However, they urged caution, warning that the growth is likely unsustainable.

Governor Newsom also noted the surge in revenues when rolling out his May Revision. His team estimates revenues will come in \$16.5 billion higher than their January estimate, but did not commit those funds to ongoing spending. Rather, the Governor unveiled a \$349.9 billion budget proposal, with a \$1.8 billion General Fund reduction from January. The updated budget proposal includes increases to the state's reserve accounts, with combined balances reaching \$39.9 billion — including nearly \$10 billion in a newly created special surplus fund.

The revised budget proposal seeks to balance not just this fiscal year, but also FY 27-28: The Governor emphasized that there will be no structural deficits through July 2028, and that his budget reduces structural deficits in further outyears.

To achieve a balanced budget, the Governor proposed both reduced spending and new revenue streams. Spending solutions — representing \$411 million in FY 26-27 — primarily come from changes to the Medi-Cal system. On the revenue side, the Governor touted over \$3.6 billion in total solutions for FY 26-27, with most increases deriving from the Managed Care Organization Tax and reforms to certain business tax credits.

Notable to cities, the Governor proposed expanding the state's sales tax to digital prewritten software and software as a service. The Administration estimates that this will result in local sales tax revenues increasing by \$560 million in FY 26-27 and approximately \$1.1 billion annually thereafter. Governor Newsom emphasized that the sales tax will not apply to streaming services.

Recently, the **Senate** (<https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/system/files/2026-04/foundation-for-the-future-budget-plan-final-2026.pdf>) released its own budget plan, while the **Assembly** (<https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/system/files/2026-05/assembly-democrats-budget-road-map.pdf>) released a high-level "road map." Both laid significant blame at the feet of the Trump Administration for health care cuts in H.R. 1 that, in their view, the state must backfill. A cornerstone of the Senate's plan includes a new health care tax on some of the state's largest employers, expected to generate \$5 to \$8 billion in annual revenues. The Assembly's road map mentions "closing tax loopholes" but is light on specifics. Both committed to no new major ongoing spending commitments and the need to reform the state's reserves policy to allow for higher savings, views held by the Governor as well.

- **Ben Triffo, legislative advocate** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/ben-triffo>)

## Community Services

The Governor's May Revision does not include new funding to address homelessness through the state's flagship Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. Instead, the May Revision maintains the Governor's proposed cuts to HHAP and includes increased accountability requirements.

In January, the Governor proposed slashing the next round of HHAP to \$500 million, half its historic funding level. **Cal Cities and its allies** ([/docs/default-source/advocacy/hhap-funding-csac-bcm-calcities-bch.pdf?sfvrsn=4cb6b458\\_10](/docs/default-source/advocacy/hhap-funding-csac-bcm-calcities-bch.pdf?sfvrsn=4cb6b458_10)) urged the Governor and the Legislature to restore HHAP funding to \$1 billion and make the program ongoing. The proposed cuts threaten the progress the cities have made in reducing unsheltered homelessness, which dropped 9% last year. According to California's **largest cities** ([https://www.linkedin.com/posts/california-big-city-mayors\\_with-the-may-revision-approaching-california-activity-7459721770560835584-Y-mu?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_desktop&rcm=ACoAACd8SzlBMxiaW4pVgsB0aSrb04fHbCRDzAo](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/california-big-city-mayors_with-the-may-revision-approaching-california-activity-7459721770560835584-Y-mu?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAACd8SzlBMxiaW4pVgsB0aSrb04fHbCRDzAo)), the cuts would result in a loss of 6,000 shelter beds across the state, forcing thousands of people back to the streets.

The Governor's office also released [budget trailer bill language](https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:7487d9fc-cd86-4ffc-b9dd-9d4830c93dcb) (<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:7487d9fc-cd86-4ffc-b9dd-9d4830c93dcb>) today detailing new accountability requirements to access HHAP funding. This includes requiring HHAP recipients to have a pro-housing designation and provide local matching funds to receive HHAP in the future.

The May Revision maintains the Governor's [proposed shift of the Medi-Cal Mobile Crisis benefit](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/29/cal-cities-opposes-proposed-funding-cuts-to-mobile-crisis-services) (<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/29/cal-cities-opposes-proposed-funding-cuts-to-mobile-crisis-services>) from a statewide mandatory benefit to an optional, county-funded benefit, which could force local governments to scale back or eliminate mobile crisis teams. This policy change — opposed by Cal Cities and a coalition of local governments and behavioral health advocates — would force cuts to critical behavioral health services in [communities across the state](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/29/cal-cities-opposes-proposed-funding-cuts-to-mobile-crisis-services) (<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/29/cal-cities-opposes-proposed-funding-cuts-to-mobile-crisis-services>) .

Below is a breakdown of other allocations, reductions, and policies announced:

- **Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP):** Maintains \$500 million for round 7 of the HHAP program, consistent with the Governor's January budget proposal.
- **Homeless encampment liaisons:** The May Revision includes a two-year investment of \$6.2 million General Fund annually to sustain efforts addressing homelessness and encampments on the state highway right-of-way.
- **Child care infrastructure:** The May Revision includes a one-time increase of \$28 million in federal funds for child care facilities affected by the 2023 and 2024 natural disasters.
- **CalFood:** Includes an increase of \$30 million one-time General Fund for food banks in 2026-27.

- [Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate](https://www.calcities.org/people/caroline-grinder) (<https://www.calcities.org/people/caroline-grinder>)

## Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Governor Newsom continued an all-too-familiar tune: No new funding for some of the most effective programs local governments have historically used to help promote affordable housing. The only new investment is a \$7 million reappropriation to the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program — a drop in the bucket for California's dire housing needs. Other successful

programs, such as the Multifamily Housing Program and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, would not receive any new funding under the Governor's proposal.

If anything, the Governor wants to further tighten the screws on local governments. He unveiled a policy proposal that prohibits local governments from charging impact fees on state-funded affordable housing projects if they are a lead or co-applicant. The Governor added salt to the wound during his press conference, stating that "locals are pocketing the state money by taking fees on these projects in essence."

This is an inaccurate statement. Local governments do not make revenue from impact fees. They can only levy impact fees for the cost of service, as determined by nexus studies, which require evidence-based reasoning and must be completed before local governments adopt impact fees, per the state's Mitigation Fee Act.

As always, the devil will be in the details — or rather, a budget trailer bill. But such a policy would create barriers for the very jurisdictions that need affordable housing the most: It is unlikely that less-resourced communities will be able to front the General Fund cash needed to provide the infrastructure and public services necessary to develop livable, equitable, and thriving communities. This would perversely disincentivize cities from applying for state-funded affordable housing projects.

One final (positive) takeaway: The Governor proposed a \$100 million investment to help homeowners impacted by last year's devastating wildfires rebuild.

*- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate (<https://www.calcities.org/people/brady-guertin>)*

## Environmental Quality

The Governor's May Revision was relatively silent on several [swirling funding and policy discussions](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/06/natural-disaster-report-further-fuels-wildfire-liability-debate?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCA_050626) ([https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/06/natural-disaster-report-further-fuels-wildfire-liability-debate?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CCA\\_050626](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/06/natural-disaster-report-further-fuels-wildfire-liability-debate?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCA_050626)) that would impact cities' disaster and climate priorities. In fact, the Governor largely avoided touching any environmental issues, aside from wildfire rebuilding as noted above. The [Senate signaled earlier this week](https://www.politico.com/newsletters/california-climate/2026/05/13/affordability-debate-california-gas-heater-climate-00920000?nname=california-climate&nid=00000189-315c-d8dd-a1ed-797dc9f10000&nrid=fdad156d-5199-4ea8-a36b-ffed57dfdb40) (<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/california-climate/2026/05/13/affordability-debate-california-gas-heater-climate-00920000?nname=california-climate&nid=00000189-315c-d8dd-a1ed-797dc9f10000&nrid=fdad156d-5199-4ea8-a36b-ffed57dfdb40>) that it will dive deeper into the state's electrical and insurance system policies, including [wildfire liability](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/15/the-hotly-debated-return-of-wildfire-liability?) (<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/15/the-hotly-debated-return-of-wildfire-liability?>

[utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CCA\\_041526](#)) standards that hold utilities accountable for causing wildfires.

However, the Governor's May Revision did announce a budget trailer bill related to wildfire recovery, which will likely further tee up an end-of-session play, including on the wildfire liability cost debate.

The updated budget proposal also maintains two important sources of climate funding: \$2.1 billion from the 2024 [climate bond \(/docs/default-source/advocacy/environmental-quality/guide-to-prop-4-climate-bond.pdf?sfvrsn=f2d18059\\_3\)](#) and \$3.77 billion from the [Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund \(GGRF\)](#). ([https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2025/09/17/the-cap-and-trade-deal-includes-money-for-major-city-priorities---with-more-funding-fights-ahead?](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2025/09/17/the-cap-and-trade-deal-includes-money-for-major-city-priorities---with-more-funding-fights-ahead?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=CCA_091725)

[utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=CCA\\_091725](#)) However, what the GGRF actually funds could quickly change. The [California Air Resources Board](#) ([https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/13/cal-cities-urges-lawmakers-to-intervene-if-carb-doesn%27t-reverse-proposed-cap-and-invest-changes?](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/13/cal-cities-urges-lawmakers-to-intervene-if-carb-doesn%27t-reverse-proposed-cap-and-invest-changes?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCA_051326)

[utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CCA\\_051326](#)) proposed dissolving the Cap-and-Invest framework authorized just last year, which would reduce funding for key city priorities, including affordable housing and wildfire mitigation. That decision will come later this month and impact negotiations in the Legislature over hard-fought climate program dollars.

The May Revision includes an additional \$25 million one-time General Fund to deliver environmental, habitat restoration, science, and monitoring to support the management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Bay Delta. This funding supports both flow for environmental purposes and the habitat and scientific investments necessary to achieve measurable ecosystem improvements in the Bay Delta.

- [Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate](https://www.calcities.org/people/melissa-sparks-kranz) (<https://www.calcities.org/people/melissa-sparks-kranz>)

## Public Safety

The Governor's May Revision still does not provide any new funding for Proposition 36 implementation, but notes that the prison population will likely rise from 592 to 1,547 upon full implementation. The Governor stated that the \$100 million allocated last year was sufficient for the implementation of Proposition 36.

There are no changes to the January proposal regarding wildfire resiliency and mitigation, except for a new \$100 million Disaster Rebuilding Fund, as noted in the housing section above. Other major adjustments and changes include:

- **Organized retail theft.** \$2.2 million one-time General Fund to help the Department of Justice resolve 27 existing cases from 2022-23.
- **Combat human trafficking.** \$10 million one-time General Fund for the Board of State and Community Corrections to administer a competitive Vertical Prosecution grant program to prevent human trafficking.
- **Next Generation 9-1-1 transition.** \$141.9 million one-time funds to continue the Next Generation 9-1-1 deployment and transition the system from a regional model to a unified statewide system model.
- **Cannabis Tax Fund.** \$414.1 million will be available to address the impacts of Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana Act:
  - \$248.5 million for education, prevention, and treatment of youth substance use disorders and school retention.
  - \$82.8 million for the clean-up, remediation, and enforcement of environmental impacts created by illegal cannabis cultivation.
  - \$82.8 million for public safety-related activities.

- *Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate* (<https://www.calcities.org/people/jolena-voorhis>)

## Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

Governor Newsom's May Revision maintains investments in transportation and infrastructure despite broader budget pressures. The proposal continues to provide approximately \$18 billion in state highway repair and rehabilitation projects through the State Highway Operations and Protections Program and \$2.5 billion in transportation improvements through the State Transportation and Improvement Program.

To incentivize the transition to zero-emission vehicles, the Governor announced a Clean Fuel Reward rebate program — between \$7,500 to \$120,000 — that local governments can use to obtain zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Funded through the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, the program will provide \$250 million this year and more than \$1 billion through 2030.

In preparation for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games, the Administration proposed statutory changes authorizing automated enforcement along the

planned Games Route Network. Newsom's office signaled that more transportation funding will be necessary to complete related infrastructure improvements.

Other noteworthy transportation and public works proposals include:

- \$40 million one-time General Fund for continued Clean California litter abatement and encampment cleanup efforts along state highways.
- \$16.4 million for Caltrans to deploy generative artificial intelligence tools intended to improve roadway safety and traffic mobility analysis.
- \$6.2 million funding for homeless encampment liaison programs to coordinate state and local responses along highway rights-of-ways.

Notably, the May Revision does not include major new broadband or middle-mile internet infrastructure proposals. It also warns that the state's Motor Vehicle Account — which funds California Highway Patrol and Department of Motor Vehicles operations — could become insolvent as early as FY 2028-29, signaling potential future transportation funding challenges.

***- Damon Conklin, legislative advocate (<https://www.calcities.org/people/damon-conklin>)***

## Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

The May Revision includes several changes to employee benefits of note from January. This includes \$9.6 billion for the state's contribution to CalPERS. This is a decrease of \$107.2 million. It also provides \$307.2 million to reflect updated employee compensation and projected health care and dental premiums for active state employees for the 2027 plan year. This is an increase of \$40.4 million.

Notably, the May Revision also includes a commitment from the Governor's Administration to "work collaboratively with the Legislature to identify ways to continue to protect democracy in the state of California."

***- Johnnie Piña, legislative advocate (<https://www.calcities.org/people/johnnie-pina>)***

## Next steps

Lawmakers must pass a balanced budget by June 15. To learn how you can get involved, stay subscribed to ***Cal Cities Advocate*** (<https://www.calcities.org/resource/cal-cities-advocate->

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# Cities are losing state funding and facing bigger reporting burdens on the homeless front

May 20, 2026

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***(<https://www.calcities.org/people/caroline-grinder>)***

Last week, the Legislature and Governor sent a troubling message to cities working to address homelessness: do more, with less.

## Legislative Actions

In the Legislature, the Assembly Appropriations Committee held Cal Cities-sponsored **AB 1708 (Solache)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=AB%201708&t=bill>), which would have expanded access to state homelessness funding for cities with populations under 300,000. The bill failed to advance despite support from more than 80 cities, and without receiving a single no vote in the policy committees it cleared.

That same day, the Legislature passed **SB 866 (Blakespear)**

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**bi=gFRhfv90R7mqN3WYS4%2b9x%2bGU9gHI6M2tfn0q0m0XHp4rJBK5TtNkYoMIXMz1yv6Z99FsCvk9YaZm4aBfdyqhWA%3d%3d**), which targets the same cities that lack access to state homelessness funding by imposing extensive new reporting requirements in their housing elements. Even with strong local efforts, many cities may not be able to collect the required data. Under SB 866, that inability could result in a non-compliant housing element.

SB 866 is eligible for consideration on the Senate floor at any time before May 29. Cal Cities is **[urging cities](/advocacy/take-action)** to contact their senator and urge them to vote

no on SB 866.

## May Budget Revision

To make matters worse, the Governor's May Revision does not include any new funding for the state's flagship homelessness grant program, despite revenues coming in more than \$16 billion above the January estimate. Instead, the proposed budget cuts the next round of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program in half, reducing it to \$500 million.

"At the same time, the Governor touted the state's progress on reducing unsheltered homelessness, he proposes cutting round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grant program — the backbone of the state's local homelessness response system," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman in a [statement \(https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/14/new-state-budget-proposal-asks-cities-to-do-more-with-less\)](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/14/new-state-budget-proposal-asks-cities-to-do-more-with-less). "This will slow hard-won progress by forcing cities to close shelter beds and reduce homelessness prevention programs. Cities need an ongoing funding commitment to reduce the homelessness crisis, not a decrease in funding."

The May Revision also adds several new accountability provisions tied to HHAP funding. These include requiring direct recipients to obtain a pro-housing designation, provide yet-to-be-determined local match funding, and obligate 75% of the previous rounds funding before accessing new funds.

While framed as accountability measures, these provisions do little to improve outcomes for getting people off the streets and into housing. If anything, they risk creating additional delays and barriers to accessing already limited funds.

Cal Cities and its [partners are urging](https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:779214c5-1356-4a34-ba82-e5c2f10f1b7f)

[the Legislature to restore HHAP funding to \\$1 billion and make the program ongoing](https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:779214c5-1356-4a34-ba82-e5c2f10f1b7f). They are also calling on lawmakers to reconsider the proposed local match funding requirement and prioritize getting resources into communities as quickly as possible.

## What's Next?

Legislative Budget Subcommittees will meet this week to review the Governor's May Revision and its proposed changes. From there, the Legislature and the Governor must negotiate a final budget agreement and pass the finalized state budget by June 15.

At the same time, key legislative deadlines are approaching. May 29 is the house of origin deadline, meaning all bills must pass out of their respective houses of introduction before they can move to the other house for consideration.

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# Local streets and roads allocation estimates updated for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27

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**(<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2025/05/21/local-streets-and-roads-allocation-estimates-updated-for-fiscal-years-2024-25-and-2025-26>)**

Cal Cities this week released **new local streets and roads revenue estimates** (<https://www.californiacityfinance.com/LSR2605.pdf>) prepared by Cal Cities Fiscal Policy Advisor Michael Coleman. The allocations come from state taxes on gas and diesel fuels, and vehicle registrations through the state Highway Users Tax Account and state Road Maintenance and Repair Account.

The report is based on new statewide revenue estimates provided by the California Department of Finance with the release of Gov. Gavin Newsom's May Revision. These allocations are formula-based and are not subject to budget negotiations. Cities and counties should use these estimates for budgeting.

The estimates are for the current fiscal year 2025-26 and budget fiscal year 2026-27. The estimates reflect a very small downward revision of the overall current fiscal year estimates by about 0.7%. For 2026-27, the California Department of Finance estimates that the statewide Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account allocations to cities and counties will increase by 6.9%. Highway Users Tax Account allocations are projected to grow by 2.4%.

Individual agency revenue growth will vary. The individual agency estimates take into account the various allocation rules contained in statute, along with agency population, vehicle registration, assessed valuation, and road mileage.

The county estimates were prepared in collaboration with the California State Association of Counties. The next update of these revenue estimates will be in January 2027.

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# Bill Talk: Which bills important to cities survived the suspense file slash?

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May 14 wasn't just [the Governor's May Revision](#)

<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/14/new-state-budget-proposal-asks-cities-to-do-more-with-less> . It also marked the inauspicious death of nearly 260 bills in both chambers. Last Thursday, the powerful appropriations committees quickly culled dozens and dozens of bills, citing their impact on the state budget, as part of the Legislature's biannual suspense file hearings. It was a mixed bag for cities, with the committees holding several of Cal Cities' sponsored measures, but also holding a few less-than-ideal bills for cities.

It is a [controversial process](https://www.caprдио.org/articles/2023/05/16/understanding-how-a-california-bill-dies-without-public-debate/) <https://www.caprдио.org/articles/2023/05/16/understanding-how-a-california-bill-dies-without-public-debate/> that sometimes results in some rather contradictory results. For example, the committees this year held a bill that would have given cities increased access to state funding and passed a bill that targets those same cities with additional reporting requirements in their housing elements.

But the process cuts both ways. Lawmakers also held a measure that would have spiked pension costs for cities and two bills that would have exposed cities to (even more) litigation under the state's environmental review law.

Gov. Gavin Newsom projected a rosy budget picture in his May Revision. But the state's revenue increases are notoriously fickle. And the Legislative Analyst's Office is warning that the revised budget leaves the state "ill-prepared for even a slip-up in revenues."

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## Community Services

Assembly Appropriations held Cal Cities' **AB 1708 (Solache)**

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[bi=m3E5ofEhq4LoCxaIEvpG%2fUw3azkjuUI2EXCS3j9dWYKoDVzEOn2bJ%2baPPKkk%2f3%2be0%2bFDTVj6TK6%2bY%2bcR4nCaTw%3d%3d](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?bi=m3E5ofEhq4LoCxaIEvpG%2fUw3azkjuUI2EXCS3j9dWYKoDVzEOn2bJ%2baPPKkk%2f3%2be0%2bFDTVj6TK6%2bY%2bcR4nCaTw%3d%3d)), even though the bill sailed through two policy committees with zero no votes and was supported by over 80 cities. The Cal Cities-sponsored bill sought to increase access to existing state homelessness funding for cities with populations under 300,000. While the measure did not require the state to allocate any new funding, the estimated cost to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to help cities access these funds was in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

However, projected HCD costs in the hundreds of thousands did not stop **SB 866**

(**Blakespear**) ([https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?bi=gFRhfv90R7mqN3WYS4%2b9x%2bGU9gHI6M2tfn0q0m0XHp4rJBK5TtNkYoMIXMz1yv6Z99FsCvk9YaZm4aBfdyqhWA%3d%3d)

[bi=gFRhfv90R7mqN3WYS4%2b9x%2bGU9gHI6M2tfn0q0m0XHp4rJBK5TtNkYoMIXMz1yv6Z99FsCvk9YaZm4aBfdyqhWA%3d%3d](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?bi=gFRhfv90R7mqN3WYS4%2b9x%2bGU9gHI6M2tfn0q0m0XHp4rJBK5TtNkYoMIXMz1yv6Z99FsCvk9YaZm4aBfdyqhWA%3d%3d)) from moving forward to the Senate floor. Cal Cities opposes SB 866 because it would require all but 14 cities to add extensive homelessness reporting requirements to their housing elements, targeting cities that do not receive state homelessness funding.

In essence: The committees held a bill that would have given cities increased access to state funding and passed a bill that targets those same cities with additional reporting requirements in their housing elements. Cal Cities is urging cities to submit a letter and call their senators to urge them to vote no on SB 866.

Cal Cities will continue to fight for increased funding for small and mid-sized cities. Other priority bills include:

- **AB 1924 (Gabriel)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=tGo2sa9X8lwqPffUWbiqT6cJ+AAg/p2Xo67DDF9BkoG/ACbdSZZa81bG0WejUsfUoSfsdaKl2nh7kFi4qrpIH8f9pHzuNyAzHvrc53lbGFTmDB9ZbJuuy3ErQsmHlp6CU0gzwmuEJtoysTX7iZZQrQ==>) Statewide homelessness prevention strategy  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- **AB 2072 (Solache)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=0GXqCmpceyM+r9DxJd9ssz77FG8NfcA3hplqsAG8xLGom55fuwG35xo15q5H6Y/B3MCfEtqoyxGNSi4xELF/40Y5haTNwl+FFWx7CNnFwWcJLBMFTnQlqCk+qmtETkmej02jx+VKgTk5suNpEJuoHQ==>) CalFresh and WIC Contingency Fund

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)

- **AB 2574 (Alanis)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=3n39ZICEqwWiO9pJEtoyKmV8kOgF6mSSinCYUVs0FRbE0BN8oPRG9ZhGI5AD/2ppZ7lyM0g2p1FW/48bCTmVyr5WbwPvcrNHczlbn74UEQUN635aqabBAZuyK6eVi1tcwHNxN2aWD2KAQZqGEUpSTw==>) Potentially dangerous and vicious dogs

Cal Cities Position: Concerns (Status: Held)

- **SB 1314 (Menjivar)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=JGY2Vv/ewb4rl+osDWFrOqJrWLeWBaIU4ITjVKf4w8Bx5/DrYTIGT5Eicz0J1K+okeIktQpO3TMWd3LHpSeJ0LX1gwupMsAD/WRdz5u1DpFdjVTQrBY9m9b0jYpiqDlmltralAfvGgmPwAYcHXkQuQ==>) Smoke shops: locations, hours of operation, and nitrous oxide.

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

- **Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/caroline-grinder>)

## Housing, Community, and Economic Development

Two important housing measures survived the suspense gauntlet this week, including a Cal Cities-sponsored bill. **AB 2296 (Papan)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=ab%202296&t=bill>), which allows cities to begin the housing element update process six months early and provides greater certainty in the review process, passed with amendments. The changes should reduce the amount of analysis HCD would need to include in its finding letters to cities. Although the amendments may limit the amount of information cities receive, the measure still provides greater clarity than what currently exists. The measure passed 11-0 and is headed to the Assembly floor.

**SB 417 (Cabaldon)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=sb%20417&t=bill>), which creates a \$10 billion housing bond on the November ballot, passed out of the committee by a vote of 12-3. The bond, if it makes it to the ballot and passes, would help support the development of much-needed affordable housing across California.

Other priority bills include:

- **AB 1738 (Carrillo)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=ab%201738&t=bill>) State Housing Law: remote inspections  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed)

- **AB 1751 (Quirk-Silva)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=ab%201751&t=bill>) Missing Middle Townhome Ownership Act  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed with Amendments)
- **AB 2002 (Solache)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=ab%202002&t=bill>) Local government assistance: Regional Early Action Planning Fund  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)  
(<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=ab%201567&t=bill>)
- **AB 1567 (Ta)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=ab%201567&t=bill>) General plan: annual report: congregate and residential care for the elderly  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

- **Brady Guertin, legislative advocate** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/brady-guertin>)

## Revenue and Taxation

Cities notched a clear win on state mandate reimbursements. **AB 2640 (Hadwick)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=uQ1LKX6ilPET9lfQo9fAMkt1hKXwIDw6yW2LZ1hJyDhsWbBbMJZe2yIGXw9zZJSRv8hX/9ym2rJTbmHDscXKnU5iUA8C8pUR11hRxPos1woS9V1li77+6usVc4u9+H27LEUMedqFKqs3u9C/3WA0jA==>), supported by Cal Cities, unanimously sailed through Assembly Appropriations and advanced to the Assembly floor. The bill would prevent the state from clawing back reimbursement funds from a city while still owing that same city money for other state-mandated costs. This is a common-sense fix that protects local budgets and gives cities more flexibility over how state reimbursement disputes are resolved.

Cal Cities also secured key protections on a tax bill before it was held in Assembly Appropriations. **AB 2389 (Irwin)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=IXw0tOGnWN+ULyc8btQWveWGIU5UUEcuzOriIMAI11rpxi3RGNM5KVmDAmPF7ytQYrKtLKYxucQvOfg54w9qiHizaBaqXUdw1S+qLKFGngH9uHDGXyVMREU8/wbldo/vp1jCycJlI8W5g+nB+zKrg==>) would have extended a solar energy system property tax exemption. Cal Cities was able to score important changes that would have helped ensure that when solar projects on public property receive a tax benefit, that benefit goes back to the public agency through lower or more affordable lease costs. This allowed Cal Cities to adopt a neutral position on the bill.

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and [Ben Triffo, legislative advocate](https://www.calcities.org/staff/ben-triffo) (<https://www.calcities.org/staff/ben-triffo>)

## Environmental Quality

Environmental legislation was on the [chopping block](#)

(<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/california-climate/2026/05/14/welcome-to-the-bill-slaughter-00922584?nname=california-climate&nid=00000189-315c-d8dd-a1ed-797dc9f10000&nrid=fdad156d-5199-4ea8-a36b-ffd57dfdb40>) in the appropriations committees. Assembly Appropriations held two Cal Cities-sponsored bills for the year. The state fire marshal claimed that [AB 2517 \(Calderon\)](#) (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=6wu4D7UbXuqzHPTLKOtppK8Z+tSKHZW4D+JZyh08+b5qqS283GCiVCCeJpDpd+ZdhkHchmMSIJ63c2j8bDJoyi06XSwggP8OKbjIHQr1kLIyvEh7jEFM7ThDfSf002vL1pmLzBLbiWad6dNo2bjTw==>), which sought to improve the fire hazard severity zone designation process, would cost the state \$6 million annually. The bill would have required the state fire marshal to provide timely, updated maps that cities and local fire protection agencies could use to designate high fire areas and to implement defensible space and home hardening requirements.

[AB 1866 \(Rogers\)](#) (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=P+T4jPiZANPgG0199wqVnnB00OrUUtl8ciScwToBcqS6Mkxkx/uNvOw5w1LCX+0tOsqU2y+ssdMi+gpu22qhqx+Bob+VWCnJlryuBvO3rfxHzkWkbOcnfedB+QLYT7m3vz6YIYjG1sbIAEf0a7aqyw==>)

would have required the state to offer greater consideration for cities that do not qualify for federal reimbursement when allocating state disaster aid. The Office of Emergency Services suggested the bill would require more staff time to review reimbursements and would result in cost pressures on the state disaster assistance funding program of an unknown, but likely significant amount.

Other bills caught up in the bill slashing include [AB 2569 \(Hart\)](#)

([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id="+CAgzvm6fxMyfLlbVQAUMuaJdhHwIXcO9y/yB1ZEPkJOo/IUsDe+ZPlnBIXm+OoFFkcRwQ8pqZs1Doatg6sCfvrW6qPRwjCqNQA6Cbo6Orvw7GltF+ZzYxJ3nx7JVY1HZPcxAueMuPczaWhWVz8EwA==](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=)),

which would have changed the standard of review under [CEQA](https://www.lci.ca.gov/ceqa/) (<https://www.lci.ca.gov/ceqa/>),

and [AB 2170 \(Boerner\)](#) (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=Qx6T8iO/lh+eAZOUNGwneWT+kdpQiY8Y/ygXAYzkdGdlc8JMiezMOXOHQhIFUDs7mnp71dCHBoR2ffrRi7t09vFHMzuJRcl/gZE7s7HrN9g4F7EeEWrn9DJsmY0xSqicAlw9e06J750p6tU1c6bnaQ==>),

which would have required written and live translation for CEQA documents and hearings.

The committee held both bills, ensuring cities do not face new legal exposure under the state's already litigious environmental law.

As the Legislature and Governor turn their disaster discussions to focus on wildfire recovery, insurance, and **liability** ([https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/15/the-hotly-debated-return-of-wildfire-liability?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CCA\\_041526](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/04/15/the-hotly-debated-return-of-wildfire-liability?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCA_041526)) for the second half of the session, Cal Cities will fight for an improved fire hazard severity designation process while protecting cities from shouldering the blame when **utilities cause catastrophic wildfires** ([https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/06/natural-disaster-report-further-fuels-wildfire-liability-debate?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=CCA\\_050626](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2026/05/06/natural-disaster-report-further-fuels-wildfire-liability-debate?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CCA_050626))

Other priority bills include:

- **AB 2373 (Dixon)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=AB%202373&t=bill>) : Local coastal programs: neighborhood scale adaptation approach  
Cal Cities Position: Sponsor/Support (Status: Held)
- **SB 1313 (McNerney)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=SB%201313&t=bill>) : PFAS: Drinking Water: State Revolving Fund Program  
Cal Cities Position: Sponsor/Support (Status: Held)
- **AB 2739 (Soria)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=AB%202739&t=bill>) : Water: Affordability and system stabilization  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- **SB 1218 (Arreguín)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=SB%201218&t=bill>) Refusal of registration: illegal dumping violation penalties  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- **AB 2462 (Pellerin)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=AB%202462&t=bill>) : Unsafe products: disposal: penalties  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- **SB 1081 (Laird)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=SB%201081&t=bill>) : Waste discharge requirements:

minimum penalties: exceptions

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)

- **AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=AB%201577&t=bill>) : Data centers: reporting  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

- **Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/melissa-sparks-kranz>)

## Public Safety

Most of Cal Cities' key public safety bills passed out of both appropriations committees and are awaiting floor votes, including Cal Cities' **AB 1941 (Gonzalez, Mark)**

([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=nNrxxrMXTlgPnG7NSvEAfPfohYQeHEvldinVPEVXBPQpZArwNZenXCG/mLi37847/IJxzU89/bDc//ZfsnaWLuondeoMQwUIGIMWsSGwy5t31DMg3SkTq5f/SnA8MJ0BR8AImC2kiF4kf991/xzAA==)

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Companion bills to Cal Cities' other sponsored public safety bill, **SB 758 (Umberg)**

([https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?bi=6NboKuV3MhT2B4n3JrOld5HPfutulwvVWInUzBZx9XQufbrhV3kSykUE3ecTag9j5ke1dZANQQ11MVsl0Q2leSw%3d%3d)

[bi=6NboKuV3MhT2B4n3JrOld5HPfutulwvVWInUzBZx9XQufbrhV3kSykUE3ecTag9j5ke1dZANQQ11MVsl0Q2leSw%3d%3d](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/publishbillinfo.aspx?bi=6NboKuV3MhT2B4n3JrOld5HPfutulwvVWInUzBZx9XQufbrhV3kSykUE3ecTag9j5ke1dZANQQ11MVsl0Q2leSw%3d%3d)) , also passed. SB 758 addresses the rise in illicit nitrous oxide use by closing a loophole in state law. **AB 2076 (Lowenthal)**

([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=g5AcmpFUVJbGn93GejoXiyst1Y0TIJDkO0zomn2/GpqBdnOXLT6JRvnrsVXqms7QD8A20rahbffaOBCgNDZmPJxTeWeUvM4X6pK1Ag8YZKSF7q2SeFu4wiRGybiH/4xsJDjdJ3UjSIS3v+eLDMkYDQ==)

[id=g5AcmpFUVJbGn93GejoXiyst1Y0TIJDkO0zomn2/GpqBdnOXLT6JRvnrsVXqms7QD8A20rahbffaOBCgNDZmPJxTeWeUvM4X6pK1Ag8YZKSF7q2SeFu4wiRGybiH/4xsJDjdJ3UjSIS3v+eLDMkYDQ==](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=g5AcmpFUVJbGn93GejoXiyst1Y0TIJDkO0zomn2/GpqBdnOXLT6JRvnrsVXqms7QD8A20rahbffaOBCgNDZmPJxTeWeUvM4X6pK1Ag8YZKSF7q2SeFu4wiRGybiH/4xsJDjdJ3UjSIS3v+eLDMkYDQ==)) and **SB 936 (Blakespear)** ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=IF9AoCMf6GN0iwYNN8O3d6XTAbFU7egUbYvg7c5y3x2L0FJOEHf/4ycfcCUWRPiXUMoRTp4gd8rMdlcmS+wacRiCaZIZHlmbm0cSn+Jlk4D70o7WNNjCXayVjMEo5llnntozPbflYuyznOloiYCyMg==)

[id=IF9AoCMf6GN0iwYNN8O3d6XTAbFU7egUbYvg7c5y3x2L0FJOEHf/4ycfcCUWRPiXUMoRTp4gd8rMdlcmS+wacRiCaZIZHlmbm0cSn+Jlk4D70o7WNNjCXayVjMEo5llnntozPbflYuyznOloiYCyMg==](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=IF9AoCMf6GN0iwYNN8O3d6XTAbFU7egUbYvg7c5y3x2L0FJOEHf/4ycfcCUWRPiXUMoRTp4gd8rMdlcmS+wacRiCaZIZHlmbm0cSn+Jlk4D70o7WNNjCXayVjMEo5llnntozPbflYuyznOloiYCyMg==)) , both supported by Cal Cities, increase penalties for companies that sell nitrous oxide for recreational use.

**SB 1013 (Cervantes)** ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=hMOFUkO0IOcGv96H6ohwu7RSBMSAydzO2napw+2B3rTlwWYLUwfGZ9Ofj66I9wCMHt3JvwoGw1ovlQD7BikGOM+dcRIS2hHQZVdIPyhKwxGr4tPy/W8362qKRjS1LraunKEeqQpOJz1j7T8Gal+w==)

[id=hMOFUkO0IOcGv96H6ohwu7RSBMSAydzO2napw+2B3rTlwWYLUwfGZ9Ofj66I9wCMHt3JvwoGw1ovlQD7BikGOM+dcRIS2hHQZVdIPyhKwxGr4tPy/W8362qKRjS1LraunKEeqQpOJz1j7T8Gal+w==](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=hMOFUkO0IOcGv96H6ohwu7RSBMSAydzO2napw+2B3rTlwWYLUwfGZ9Ofj66I9wCMHt3JvwoGw1ovlQD7BikGOM+dcRIS2hHQZVdIPyhKwxGr4tPy/W8362qKRjS1LraunKEeqQpOJz1j7T8Gal+w==)) , which prohibits local governments from holding automatic license plate reader data beyond 30 days, passed with amendments. The changes clarify that cities can use the data

for missing persons and can hold data for any active case. Cal Cities still has an oppose unless amended position on the bill and is urging the author to take amendments to address the limited data retention provisions and the ability to use automatic license plate readers without significant restrictions.

Almost every DUI measure passed appropriations except [AB 1605 \(Ransom\)](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=lqZ1/t0xBOgu67hipU8qzPZ9M6Jh9cbKEhJHdYPewMv3KASoBtAp1rnmgniFtbTobCo1DbyT9obw0WSQqCacP3Fj/OlcEARp+AQvcizpg7GDYI0wBlxp7FVruyOS/ytsaM87SJeTVXJILfKD9kAU5w==)

([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=lqZ1/t0xBOgu67hipU8qzPZ9M6Jh9cbKEhJHdYPewMv3KASoBtAp1rnmgniFtbTobCo1DbyT9obw0WSQqCacP3Fj/OlcEARp+AQvcizpg7GDYI0wBlxp7FVruyOS/ytsaM87SJeTVXJILfKD9kAU5w==)

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which would have prohibited people with multiple DUIs from buying alcohol. However, a Senate version of the proposal, [SB 1156 \(Caballero\)](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=nqsz6swScdNjVN3sCR+/IUhCBZG1bWGVsVN8eiu9AxNbyCkIUSnPkcT4ZRytKLYkUR76qV65vwH6tQp4iTL6HaVXMajQs510yowS7hniAa55FeYTxRiD0rxqqdtmLz7M+llvWm4KVq4iQxRS9jM+g==)

([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=nqsz6swScdNjVN3sCR+/IUhCBZG1bWGVsVN8eiu9AxNbyCkIUSnPkcT4ZRytKLYkUR76qV65vwH6tQp4iTL6HaVXMajQs510yowS7hniAa55FeYTxRiD0rxqqdtmLz7M+llvWm4KVq4iQxRS9jM+g==)

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passed and is now on the Senate floor. Assembly Appropriations also held [AB 1874](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=SjCuRpKwUbSqiI0ChUtGfWVnYqyUkFiOsf1b97ICvcI2QKdbtN7C1x5Q4U3jYsljm6IOMy0JKvXxLuyQt3yA75s+0QYr4mkg+WbID62QcEHUIjPBMO/OeTIW+o34oDTXiR0ESG0iI4Equ2tAPadn0w==)

([Wilson](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=SjCuRpKwUbSqiI0ChUtGfWVnYqyUkFiOsf1b97ICvcI2QKdbtN7C1x5Q4U3jYsljm6IOMy0JKvXxLuyQt3yA75s+0QYr4mkg+WbID62QcEHUIjPBMO/OeTIW+o34oDTXiR0ESG0iI4Equ2tAPadn0w==)) ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=SjCuRpKwUbSqiI0ChUtGfWVnYqyUkFiOsf1b97ICvcI2QKdbtN7C1x5Q4U3jYsljm6IOMy0JKvXxLuyQt3yA75s+0QYr4mkg+WbID62QcEHUIjPBMO/OeTIW+o34oDTXiR0ESG0iI4Equ2tAPadn0w==)

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Other priority bills include:

- [AB 1934 \(Bennett\)](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=KnSYAeF6cxg8VJDMwA7emffT/1xjQEpKeMHDB58ZFQOYKxycfd4YbJ+rgjAbfMzRw5bj1rarG6I20nviQOaVQW4a6qhfwoZX6xwbTIdCsXa85dIQi41tWUbx9oLEp8ri3IF/ztb2NWRAoF51+hxsA==) ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=KnSYAeF6cxg8VJDMwA7emffT/1xjQEpKeMHDB58ZFQOYKxycfd4YbJ+rgjAbfMzRw5bj1rarG6I20nviQOaVQW4a6qhfwoZX6xwbTIdCsXa85dIQi41tWUbx9oLEp8ri3IF/ztb2NWRAoF51+hxsA==)  
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Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 1667 \(Boerner\)](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=htJYbNCE/UPFtH+LBssNx+06tL2PkpbgpuFZjEaEYqW0QzZrtzOPzvjTYKQ+ZG9uoCG7Hf5ISh/GLinjAgUNIXUXuSWezyO+mY0/hTbIkSfV8Y1TP/RuJDe4GGj+obRJzmNpglxdDjER4iCAjCOb8w==) ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=htJYbNCE/UPFtH+LBssNx+06tL2PkpbgpuFZjEaEYqW0QzZrtzOPzvjTYKQ+ZG9uoCG7Hf5ISh/GLinjAgUNIXUXuSWezyO+mY0/hTbIkSfV8Y1TP/RuJDe4GGj+obRJzmNpglxdDjER4iCAjCOb8w==)  
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Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as Amended)
- [AB 2405 \(Gipson\)](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=K0OTx5sZ8/9Y6sYxiZvwbOp6BsDmoCT2WV+0H51r8DjnAMkPMkj4sGHW9GnBlxVaPD5XWCf0MFHvt8tkfDc1+rnCpDKDT65chD/OUdsCAmXq0hutHmLvK4gs0zPC1cbGu26++bkOnBb1ujbdYVhdsQ==) ([https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?](https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=K0OTx5sZ8/9Y6sYxiZvwbOp6BsDmoCT2WV+0H51r8DjnAMkPMkj4sGHW9GnBlxVaPD5XWCf0MFHvt8tkfDc1+rnCpDKDT65chD/OUdsCAmXq0hutHmLvK4gs0zPC1cbGu26++bkOnBb1ujbdYVhdsQ==)  
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Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed as Amended)

- **SB 877 (Perez)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=BhB3wFxyjOUEopCQO9wkQk22yNdPjhiYIYCizw3c2OtF7b5Sayr3ixggyT1F73aQ/vc+xBPefB37po3JNcAV4jcdcdf3rCARIDmUsoqg8F6UdXhHcwkN5X0w/T3Do1fdTcB8cvuBtK5ZmrzU+qXxdg==>) Residential Property Insurance: loss estimate transparency

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

- **SB 926 (Strickland)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=kCETMOd6Kk9NwH3z7SeCChS3Pm0MmLGWaVUIdvW3gC7EgAwFLUclqygWX22W1/ndadv1HaWUay0ocjRLA/hdgzX7n9yBBImVmrLFPCBRzk54AXmNHPo7qRI8BtzW5sb6MCKV/SIKdN0JFH9Ec2+LA==>) Public Safety: Funding of Proposition 36 Act

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)

- **SB 1266 (Stern)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=V4ddabTjuUpOJd02ovjSkrP/nTO9yF78uyaCNRRhUQU4mC3n3auS1i5q871Kwmvo/hgkMpn6xltPwnpkhBfmPQYgHkcmxxThAYz5VAve0foyBbXbILmpd77a56BPT8FnBOdQL4jQdbEW/aPJUXpAOw==>) Crimes: theft

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as Amended)

- **SB 1301 (Allen)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=6RXzNBjzg9KiatKa5dE8z455IGP0Oi60Wta2o2RnyQlfdT92u1nZGiJwCe33nsKEDr/FCn0vndzgoL9rmrN/D4oCz84XiDikDWR+U38Xd7wqcFkTOZ3rH41r3E1e/agPCDOfvM53dxy8qoTvIESrg==>) Residential property insurance: nonrenewals

Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed as Amended)

- **Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/jolena-voorhis>)

## Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

It was a mixed bag for Cal Cities' priority e-bike measures. **AB 2346 (Wilson)**

(<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=Hx64W1YMQWDEXOnHzKBNLhFpXBBWcfcfmKGU3dYH0IQLizHSrd3q4v3OQIHXd+aLj30SPe93g4kkioK0UxD7glyveFSV4/gGITD48yRibQBNYkRMOIDC/MT4Yxn1yNF007OAEdd14bnpqWsRa79otg==>) and **SB 1167 (Blakespear)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=8XwoRHjzpk9EjWgBq2mbVC0t3twcMtsnBj4923lh3DqUmRwHdEfzKIYVImJ8Rna6pckA02mygnXC5u+m1k4LqXoloG6H+WXcMtdcDes38aDgFUZoUeUwhPDQKqzCYFwkXchaCJIKcjC7VZc2U/yFEg==>)

both advanced to their respective floors for a full vote. AB 2346 establishes basic equipment standards for Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, including speedometers and integrated lights, and requires manufacturers to provide consumers with a summary of California e-bike laws. SB 1167 reclassifies higher speed devices as mopeds and establishes clearer

standards for how e-bikes are marketed and sold. Together, the bills seek to address growing safety and enforcement concerns caused by high-powered devices marketed as e-bikes despite exceeding California's legal definitions. Outcomes for other e-bike bills include:

- **AB 1942 (Bauer)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=UEcCNezMhu9SINc/qtPpcdxqbwQzroLo0H13kSqBIEZb5EdmdWfr61c34OdLuui7LYEnNC06RcHytuyX1+coAXntZvD2nkgB3xuC2VqXxII9PIVB/Q4nee5s1+AkfSGvgRhI0eoYbBJRzHP9I9/hQ==>): E-bike  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- **AB 1557 (Papan)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=ojZGwf+vS3fBNLclQne6+72g3ngRuwERz28WHXP2MhRojr5DG/yUO4SJa46qNYDYpOTsEVeeZmMFGj6TdPaWSWbkAPjgwqtpCRg+Ph4ozsfkiKwluXgvXX+3mCanMnQXamRc+50u0K+r1118sGbPNw==>): E-bike  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held)
- **AB 1569 (Davies)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=FYdBVE+dRd+++37JpMmxyhfReWeOZ6Lg9u8CPh6Y7z+13o2974e5ibCNV0bAWr72aoLKvU6Yelh5gBCA/Ty5i3hhyY1kMOKT+xUBWef52xY/B2Im7Jw+QZLQtNvkDiHQtwB2P63YiZhzqNF7IEIDfw==>): E-bike  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- **AB 1614 (Dixon)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=wOldKUIJ8Pb73Bny7p+OYDNWbAYhjomBNb7OM3XmssYpjeZHuvQT+0UodEjEBuBmvFnb7msw4Z6RjnXaZ5USak99UNXIQEBnV0UpnKSzftsX736SPQDKHWzO6EzxNn9Uf2byA+IDxtDR5kzX7BNeRfg==>): E-bike  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Senate)

Despite unanimous support from two separate policy committees, Senate Appropriations held the Cal Cities-sponsored **SB 1001 (Archuleta)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=UYsIPrcy5XdLgRwVQYQbEb99wsb3QaJqWQjdEfw+g2ewKk2QzQ7XOETOoliZvDWVVKaBSvE19xdmUC2+SnttRcW7c9wGh+hFQ9Xhn2+6+AYQHizoaABRN/E2DMflamzuLT+ARfyfog6Ulzs14NP1Bmg==>). This measure would have required Cal OES to issue identification badges for public works professionals, allowing them to enter closed-off areas when responding to emergencies to restore critical infrastructure.

Two measures opposed by Cal Cities due to their increase in legal and operational risks for cities also passed off suspense. **AB 1859 (Ortega)**

<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=zwqXt0kWYAlBwVWB5VV/9qp7UQZqxUiMIInnjzoZD6SwiAFP3uZrkKRQPr7XXFjyQOe0lo6FwfJNQSuZkX/EWpIBarcKumpNCgw6tehZvJF8fSqjmMaANwKXkn+NSBDpTG4PFgJIrcmNM5qW61X/xg==>) would expose cities to litigation and penalties over contractor-controlled worksites by granting labor representatives expanded site access and legal standing. **SB 1283 (Ashby)** (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=25&s=SB%201283&t=bill>) creates a pathway for automatic approval of electric vehicle charging projects if cities miss permitting timelines, potentially bypassing critical safety and site-specific review for major infrastructure installations.

Cal Cities did secure the removal of language in SB 1283 that would have allowed applicants to legally compel local governments to approve such permits. However, Cal Cities still has serious concerns about the bill's impact.

- ***Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/damon-conklin>)

## Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Cal Cities secured a key win in Senate Appropriations, where lawmakers held **SB 1319 (Durazo)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=q1cpsaEmx6kfxwklQIVNWNsTI9Zcxb3oXQY97Gi+GzSefWnyOOEZ6VLAvcWUn5Og3zAQYtULizf6D7EcfQGrS8o0CINcBQnRHAuO1f2WBS8EK/xmZgOdARDpEFq4u5XurLqb7gz/qe4IjP9XMCs15A==>) . The bill would have forced public pension systems to disclose sensitive investment information, limiting access to high-performing alternative investments and ultimately raising pension costs for local agencies and their employees. Keeping the bill on hold protects cities from higher long-term financial obligations.

**AB 1564 (Ahrens)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=FnvOcAEx82mqmgw+K00kOiRg1ngee18YCtTu4zQ2zPDoz72WBIVfeKvHP4tFacLX8ACs7Yu0V+m6Rtltrs+yIsNd+t1HsmnQ5T87ix6EkQYzdVWXp55loDU4YEuc644NO1VwVXmBQq7QfPcH478GQ==>) , however, passed off suspense, despite posing significant challenges for local governments. The bill restricts employers' ability to conduct internal investigations, making it harder for cities to address misconduct, protect employees, and maintain safe workplaces. By increasing liability exposure and limiting essential investigative tools, the measure would create operational and financial risks for cities already working to ensure accountability and public trust.

In contrast, **AB 1961 (Ahrens)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=en5b+rKEmb4QXh/QSzAq1xd6NRwWyCtdeMT6JABxIK210/bAV8LQcnEZbdfIz4DPfrq0CBivAv/Od3bxK6iCozx3OMYSZbh2SEV/oJ/SAFvq15jZULRi1qqjSa0+JhOf9iy0bV+FZt1JU2bS6953zQ==>), which passed off suspense, could create a meaningful benefit for cities. The bill strengthens tools to prevent and respond to workplace violence without imposing new mandates or costly programs. As cities continue to face rising hostility and threats directed at public employees, AB 1961 would provide practical support to help local agencies keep their workers safe.

Other priority bills include:

- **AB 1883 (Bryan)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=upx3XV/WZb/KBKXobN4yNBFhNsF6YjByqHo8K4GZEdO3ei68uvYqvBHily9uCJ/iTZ6pipkf5NGwfnIIHwtmQu/qexvNI5rEhdZgOnDKn4jUMsfhOlsz85Cz1R4o9cjvtqq4CYDg6Mpbx2InVs+Q==>) Workplace surveillance tools  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed)
- **AB 2530 (Caloza)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=iEgpz1UwdfuH9kSNU0B1y875ZnD28tHu384+TOiATo3QiME621tm/Ila2CKs/Ru6bxNtbdWBq1/eWdMi4h4v1sCeLXnHUjG5/D9O3kL685T6V9UOm1CFRuge3Qpyd28by+gHOx4n2IVU9JEaUHFoWQ==>) Employment: Cal/WARN Act: plant closings and mass layoffs  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)
- **AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=Y7fyvHFIMGbum5B/RIfV5YpV6Pytf9A4Z5uPEbInMR8Vqkhuw7ik4k9GpF034cV9uLrt717ffKSa6KjiHr/NVlcz9JQcZteJ2qHNPNz/2POToOb+PvU1d06lqCtCmAQZXApN/Q2E3uMpAMDFHZkT5g==>) Public employees: notice: artificial intelligence performing service within scope of work  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed)
- **AB 1898 (Schultz)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=a9QAtU48/KpwKbIBDdy3YSrZ00kjGsS+bK/KDKE7HIAX5t8NfRNHE/0f7irUJvT8OvFK1tDCeITlwx8Ng/Vdh7GcYiMg6775NY0dPNa2i0NjMAHTbVVuauOAJf5V0Cx/JG1zjc0II3B8vWAMFSJj+g==>) Workplace artificial intelligence tools  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)
- **AB 2027 (Ward)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=rNkGyioaCG37oaHNug3ZN4d+GDD0PBeujcS//xXzMCVK2DxlwrM66PwlfWczBeU5i8GDd01wEioeJHrcGSpMF/eP6CrP4RUckOA8D9XeHMqhi1Na1JCFxh6D0eaqDNwPj4QKi7EprMfOateXxmMVg==>) Worker data: prohibitions: artificial intelligence  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)

- **SB 947 (McNerney)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=fzTh9kGK9uWrWSF8Cyo1s/0OMU2a2xBRvMhQM1kyXjhQqduYo8CddIXfKhgtUtLv3K3EaN7cF32mcZFH6EGUgmkNildK3fwj2Qdy2pP6WF0pjU76Dd9OvBLF/H4JfgxgGTIEvT3lspBasQ+ndo8uFQ==>) Employment: automated decision systems.  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed with Amendments)
- **SB 951 (Reyes)** (<https://ct35.capitoltrack.com/public/25/report/bill?id=NCO/FR3UdFtL0SBTtBQ78i+NbLIXNAEtCGuxN1UPJrzyNPIgebXZSBLWtl+4n2GPL7G1+3/FIXaEeEVeJaZ0KuDZmkODpEP8nnBpz/Wuv1QMAM9zVg1k6fkYssiV1O+cYRmKslgzk91qEXLAVRUINg==>) Employment: technological displacement: notice.  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed with Amendments)

- ***Johnnie Piña, legislative advocate*** (<https://www.calcities.org/people/johnnie-pina>)

## Next steps

Lawmakers have until May 29 to get their bills to their colleagues in the other house. After that, legislators repeat the policy committee process, with July 2 marking the last day for committees to meet.

Bills that make it to the floor of the second house usually make it to the Governor's desk. That means this summer is the best time to stop bad bills in their tracks and ensure helpful bills pass. To learn how you can make your voice heard, contact your [regional public affairs manager \(/get-involved/regional-divisions\)](#).

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## AGENDA

### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

MAY 28, 2026 – 9:00 am

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
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Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [public-comment@ggcity.org](mailto:public-comment@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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

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

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

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-297-2026](#)

APPLICANT: CT Trading Inc.

LOCATION: 9764 Garden Grove Blvd.

REQUEST: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing mini-market, OC Mart, with an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off Sale, General) License. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination

that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Decision approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026 pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

3. ADJOURNMENT

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING STAFF REPORT

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.:</b> 2.a.	<b>SITE LOCATION:</b> South side of Garden Grove Boulevard, between Kerry Street and Galway Street, at 9764 Garden Grove Boulevard
<b>HEARING DATE:</b> May 28, 2026	<b>GENERAL PLAN:</b> RC3 (Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 3)
<b>CASE NO.:</b> Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026	<b>ZONE:</b> GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use Zone 3)
<b>APPLICANT:</b> CT Trading Inc.	<b>APN:</b> 098-205-09
<b>PROPERTY OWNER:</b> In Suk Suh, Yeon Hee Suh, Jae Wan Park, Yang Soon Park, and Bo Hee Park	<b>CEQA DETERMINATION:</b> Exempt – Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

**REQUEST:**

A request to allow an existing mini-market to operate with an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type “21” (Off-Sale General) License. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**BACKGROUND:**

The specific tenant space under application is an approximately 2,885 square-foot space within an existing shopping center, Hanmi Square, located on the south side of Garden Grove Boulevard, between Kerry Street and Galway Street, at 9764 Garden Grove Boulevard. The subject shopping center is currently occupied by a variety of uses, including retail, restaurants, a supermarket, offices, and personal service businesses.

The subject property has a General Plan Land Use Designation of RC3 (Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 3), and is zoned GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3). The subject property is adjacent to GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zoned properties to the east, south, and north, across Garden Grove Boulevard. To the west, across Galway Street, the property is adjacent to GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zoned properties.

Located on the southern side of the shopping center, the subject tenant space is currently occupied by OC Mart, which has been in operation since 2024 according to the Business Tax records. The tenant space has historically been formerly been occupied by diverse range of retail, medical, and office tenants.

A staff site visit was conducted at the subject property on May 18, 2026. During the inspection, staff identified interior improvements that deviated from the originally

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approved floor plan and were completed without the necessary building permits. The applicant is required to submit a tenant improvement plans to the City, and obtain a permit for the interior modifications.

The applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the mini-market to operate with an ABC Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License, which would allow the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for consumption off the premises. None of the previous businesses have applied for, or received a CUP for the sale and service of alcohol. Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 9.18.060.030 requires a CUP when there is an application for an original ABC license.

**DISCUSSION:**

The mini-market has a total floor area of approximately 2,885 square feet. Within the tenant space, the mini-market provide areas for retail, transaction counter, shopping aisles, walk-in cooler, walk-in freezer, and storage. The business would continue to sell a variety of consumable products, such as, frozen meat, frozen fish, seasonings, fruits, vegetables, snacks, condiments, and non-alcoholic beverages.

The mini-market would continue to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week. In the event any issues arise concerning the operation of this business, the hours of operation may be reduced by the order of the Chief of the Police Department.

The subject property is located in a high-crime district, and in an area with an under-concentration of Alcoholic Beverage Control "Off-Sale" licenses. In order to approve the request, a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity is required. A summary of the district and the Findings of Public Convenience or Necessity can be found in Decision No. 1871-26 for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026.

The Community Development Department and the Police Department have reviewed the request and are supportive of the request. All standard conditions for an ABC Type "21" License would apply.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):**

CEQA's Class 1 exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, and minor alterations of existing facilities, with negligible or no expansion of use (CEQA Guidelines §15301). The subject site is improved with an existing mini-market. A mini-market with alcohol sales is a conditionally permit use, and the addition of the ABC license does not involve the intensification or expansion of said use. Therefore, the proposed project would be exempt from CEQA.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Zoning Administrator take the following action:

1. Adopt Decision No. 1871-26, approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.



Maria Parra  
Planning Services Manager

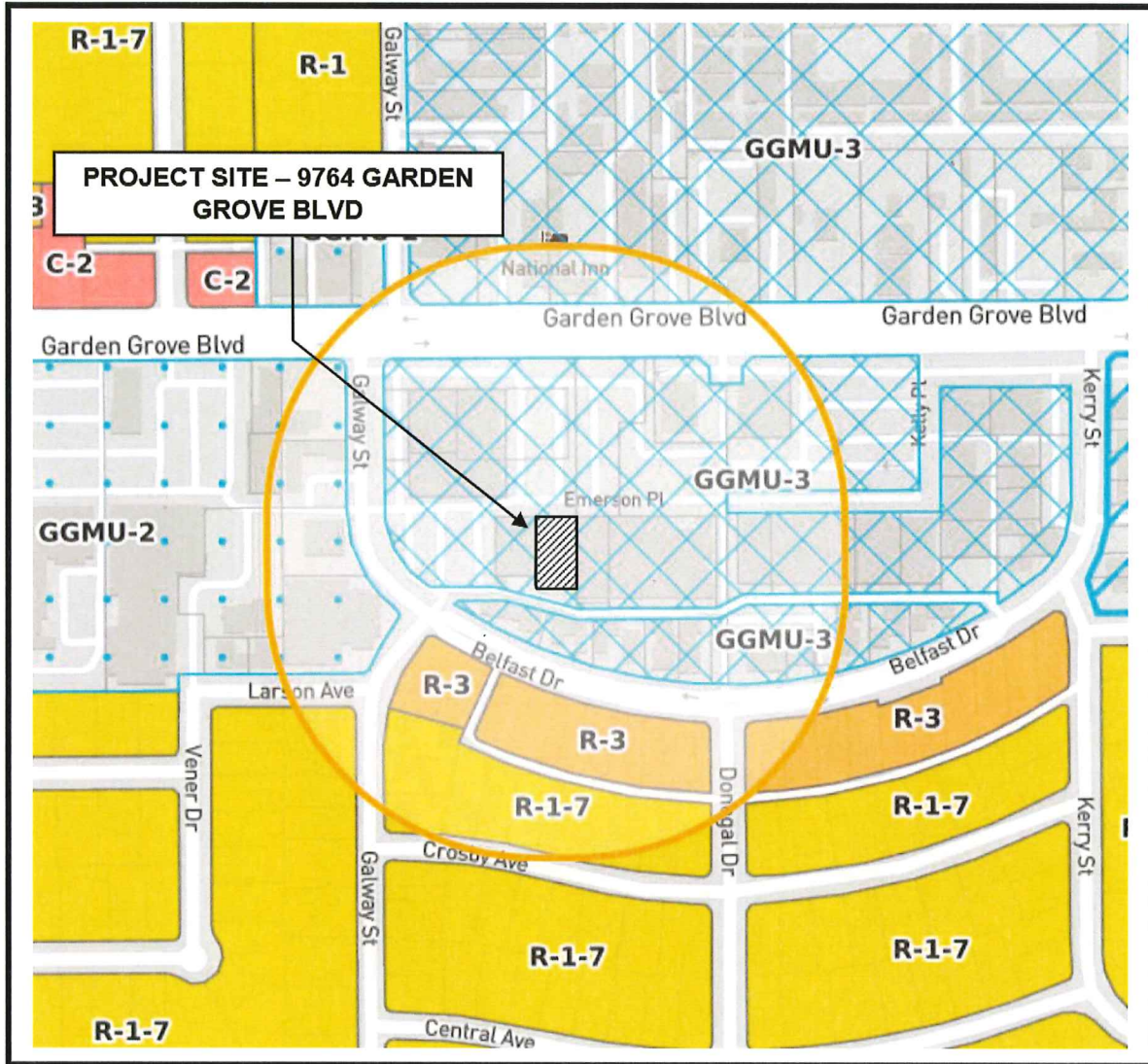


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Contract Assistant Planner



- Attachment 1: Vicinity Map  
Attachment 2: Plans  
Attachment 3: Decision No. 1871-26 with Exhibit "A" – Conditions of Approval



# CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-297-2026

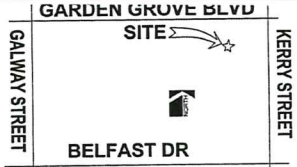


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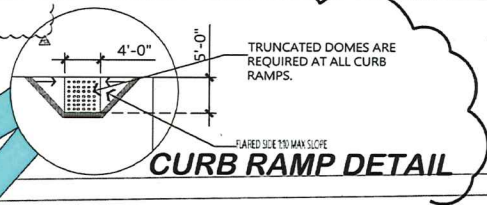
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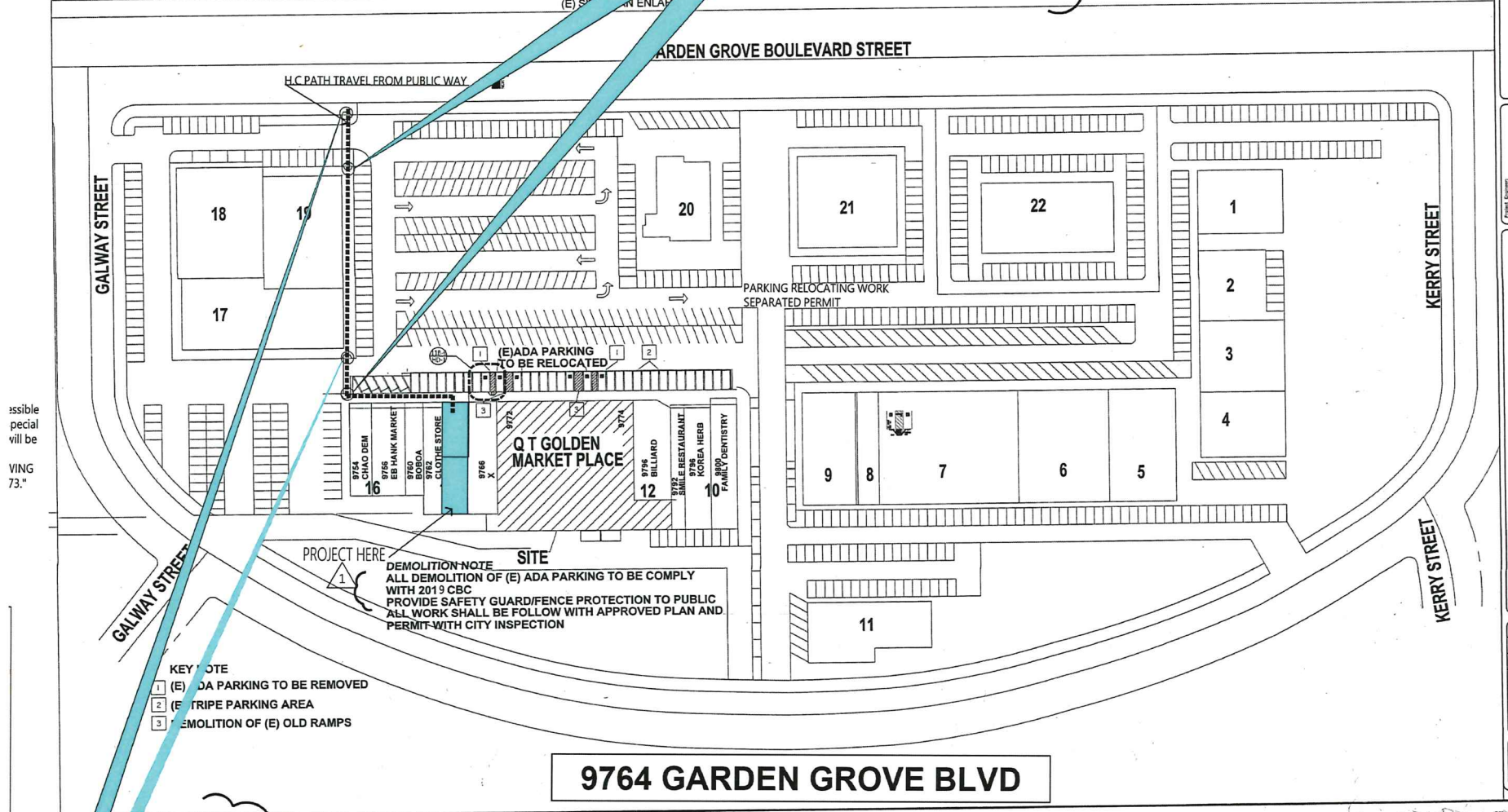
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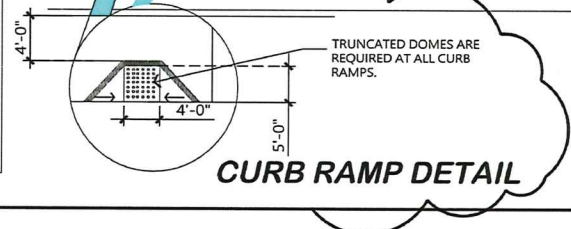
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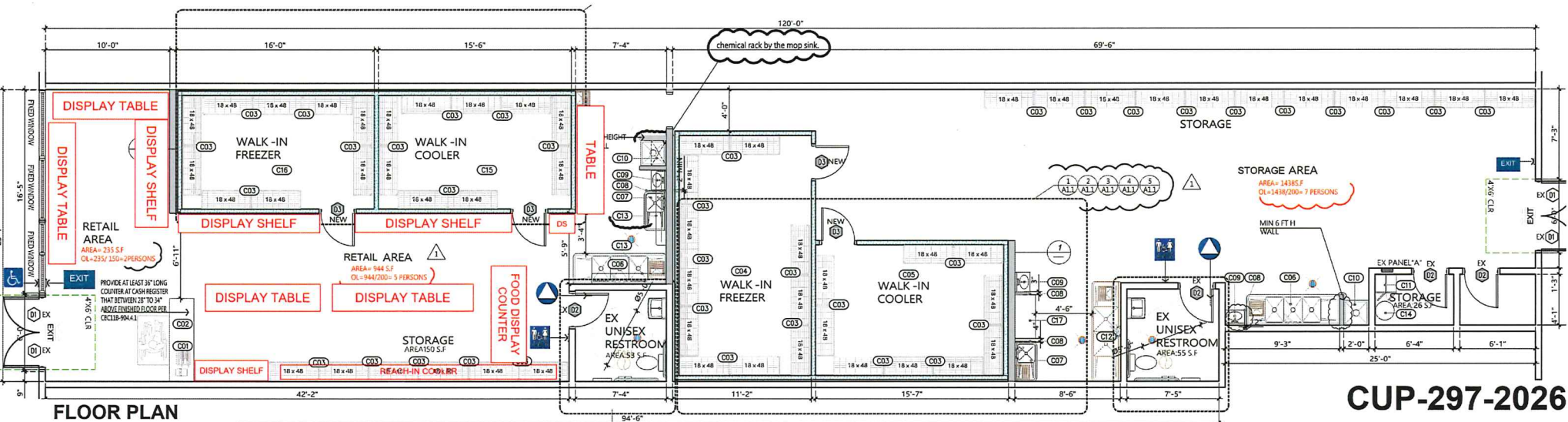
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FLOOR PLAN

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DECISION NO. 1871-26

A DECISION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-297-2026, FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN KERRY STREET AND GALWAY STREET, AT 9764 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 098-205-09.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator of the City of Garden Grove does hereby approve Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026, for a property located on the south side of Garden Grove Boulevard, between Kerry Street and Galway Street, at 9764 Garden Grove Boulevard, Assessor's Parcel No. 098-205-09, and hereby determines that public convenience or necessity would be served by issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License at this location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the matter of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026, the Zoning Administrator of the City of Garden Grove does hereby report as follows:

1. The subject case was initiated by CT Trading Inc., with the authorization of the property owners: In Suk Suh, Yeon Hee Suh, Jae Wan Park, Yang Soon Park, and Bo Hee Park.
2. The applicant is requesting to allow an existing mini-market to operate with an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License.
3. The Zoning Administrator hereby determines that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs., Section 15301).
4. The subject property has a General Plan Land Use Designation of RC3 (Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 3), and is zoned GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use Zone 3). The subject tenant space is an approximately 2,885 square-foot, and is located in a multi-tenant commercial shopping center named Hanmi Square.
5. Existing land use, zoning, and General Plan designation of property within the vicinity of the subject property have been reviewed.
6. Report submitted by City Staff was reviewed.
7. Pursuant to a legal notice, a public hearing was held on May 28, 2026 and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

8. The Zoning Administrator gave due and careful consideration to the matter during its meeting of May 28, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, FOUND AND DETERMINED that the facts and reasons supporting the conclusion of the Zoning Administrator, as required under Municipal Code Section 9.32.030 (Conditional Use Permits), are as follows:

FACTS:

The subject property has a General Plan Land Use Designation of RC3 (Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 3), and is zoned GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use Zone 3).

The subject property is adjacent to GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zoned properties to the east, south, and north, across Garden Grove Boulevard, and GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zoned properties to the west, across Galway Street.

The specific tenant space under application is an approximately 2,885 square-foot mini-market. The applicant is requesting approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow the mini-market to operate with an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License. Garden Grove Municipal Code Section 9.18.060.030.A requires the approval of a Conditional Use Permit when there is an application for an original ABC license.

The business would sell a variety of consumable products, including distilled spirits for off-site consumption. The hours of operation would be from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week.

The subject property is located in a high-crime district, and in an area with an under-concentration of "Off-Sale" ABC Licenses. A summary of the district is as follows:

- The subject site is located in Crime Reporting District No. 95.
- The crime count for the District is 139.
- Average crime count per district in the City is 69.
- A District is considered high when it exceeds the citywide average by 20%.
- The subject District has a crime count of 101% above the citywide average; therefore, it is considered a high-crime area.
- The subject site is located in Alcoholic Beverage Control Census Report District No. 887.02.
- ABC Census Reporting District No. 887.02 allows for three (3) off-sale licenses within the District. Currently, there are two (2) off-sale licenses in the District. The approval of this Conditional Use Permit would increase the number of off-sale ABC Licenses in the District 887.02 by one (1), and the total number of off-sale licenses in the District will be three (3). This will result in an even-concentration of off-sale ABC licenses within the district.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY:

A finding for public convenience or necessity would have to be made in order to approve an establishment that is requesting an original Alcoholic Beverage Control license that is located within a district with a high crime rate and/or in an area with an over-concentration of ABC licenses. California Business and Professions Code Section 23817.5 prohibits the ABC from issuing new alcoholic licenses in areas of over-concentration. Business and Professions Code Section 23958 states:

The department further shall deny an application for a license if issuance of that license would tend to create a law enforcement problem, or if issuance would result in or add to an undue concentration of licenses, except as provided in Section 23958.4.

Business and Professions Code Section 23958.4 provides the following exception:

(b) Notwithstanding Section 23958, the department may issue a license as follows:

(2) With respect to any other license, if the local governing body of the area in which the applicant premises are located, or its designated subordinate officer or body, determines within ninety (90) days of notification of a completed application that public convenience or necessity would be served by the issuance. The 90-day period shall commence upon receipt by the local governing body of (A) notification by the department of an application for licensure, or (B) a completed application according to local requirements, if any, whichever is later.

Although the subject site is located in an area considered to be in a high-crime district, a finding for public convenience or necessity is warranted given the potential community benefit through the operation of convenience store with an ABC Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License. The addition of the new ABC Type "21" License would provide and maintain an amenity that enhances the customer shopping experience, increases the variety of goods available for purchase, and maintains the intent of being a business serving the local community. The use would not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. Provided the Conditions of Approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use would be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area. Therefore, the City of Garden Grove hereby determines and approves a Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026.

FINDINGS AND REASONS:

1. That the proposed use will be consistent with the City's adopted General Plan and redevelopment plan.

The subject property has a General Plan Land Use Designation of RC3 (Residential/Commercial Mixed Use 3), and is zoned GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use Zone 3). The RC3 designation is intended to provide a mix of residential and commercial uses. The GGMU-3 zone is intended to integrate developments either on a single development site or as complementary uses within a district, such as commercial uses that provide goods and services for adjacent or integrated residential units. The proposed use would meet the intent of the RC3 Land Use Designation, and the GGMU-3 zone. In particular, the proposed project is consistent with several General Plan Goals, Policies, and Implementation Programs, including specifically:

*Policy LU-1.4 Encourage a wide variety of retail and commercial services, such as restaurants and cultural arts/entertainment, in appropriate locations.*

The subject mini-market is located along Garden Grove Boulevard, and in an area already developed with a variety of commercial businesses. The proposed ABC license to sell beer, wine, and distilled spirits would be an additional amenity to the mini-market that would enhance the customer experience, and maintain the intent of being a business serving the local community.

*Goal LU-4 Uses compatible with one another.*

The mini-market has been in operation since 2024, and in a commercial center with a variety of uses. Prior to their operation, the tenant space was previously occupied by a variety of commercial and retail uses. Directly adjacent to the subject use are retail, restaurant, supermarket, and personal service uses. Mini-market uses, including with off-sale ABC Licenses, are compatible with these uses. Furthermore, provided conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use would be compatible with other nearby uses, and would be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area.

*Goal LU-5 - Economically viable, vital, and attractive commercial centers throughout the City that serve the needs of the community.*

Mini-markets, which offer a variety of retail products, can help enhance the vitality of the City's commercial corridors. The proposed Conditional Use Permit would allow for the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at an existing mini-market. The sale of alcohol is intended to enhance the customer experience. This could enhance the community by providing another unique retail opportunity.

*Goal ED-2 The City must attract new businesses, while supporting and assisting those already located within Garden Grove.*

The existing mini-market has been operating since 2024. The request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits at an existing mini-market would provide an additional amenity to support the existing business, while also serving the local community. Should the Conditional Use Permit be approved, the City would be providing an existing business resources needed to be successful.

*SAF-IMP-2C Involve law enforcement agencies in the design and planning phases of ABC licensed establishments to reduce design elements that conceal or encourage criminal activity.*

The Garden Grove Police Department has reviewed all relevant data pertaining to the Conditional Use Permit. The intent of their review is to reduce the number of alcohol-related crimes, and promote the safe operation of the business. No concerns were raised by the Police Department regarding the new "Type 21" ABC License. The Police Department has reviewed the request and is supportive of the proposal.

2. That the requested use at the location proposed will not: adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of the persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or unreasonably interfere with the use, enjoyment, or valuation of the property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to public health, safety, or general welfare.

The use would not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area. The mini-market with alcohol sales would be consistent and compatible with the existing uses in the area. The proposed use would comply with the intent of the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone by allowing the operation of a mini-market with an ABC License. The mini-market would operate from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week. The proposed conditions of approval would minimize potential impacts to the adjoining area. Provided the conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use would not interfere with the use, enjoyment, and peace of the properties located within the vicinity of the subject site. The Police Department has reviewed the proposal, and all appropriate conditions of approval have been incorporated. The conditions of approval would seek to ensure public health, safety and welfare.

3. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this title or as is otherwise required in order to integrate such use with the uses in the surrounding area.

The subject shopping center site, with the existing site improvements, is of adequate size to accommodate the proposed use within the surrounding area. No modifications are required to any of the existing site development features on site. This includes any buildings, yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, and landscaping. The subject tenant space would be of adequate size to accommodate the use within the surrounding area.

4. That the proposed site is adequately served: by highways or streets or sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such as to be generated, and by other public or private service facilities as required.

The subject site is located on the south side of Garden Grove Boulevard, between Kerry Street and Galway Street. The shopping center is adequately accessed by three (3) driveways along Garden Grove Boulevard, three (3) driveways along Galway Street, and two (2) driveways along Kerry Street. On-site circulation is adequate to serve all the uses in the shopping center. The site is also sufficiently served by the public service facilities required, such as public utilities: gas, electric, water, and sewer facilities. As part of this request, no changes are proposed for the design and function of the subject mini-market, or shopping center. Therefore, the site would continue to be adequately served by all existing highways, streets, and other public and private service facilities.

#### INCORPORATION OF FACTS AND REASONS SET FORTH IN THE STAFF REPORT

In addition to the foregoing, the Zoning Administrator incorporates herein by this reference, the facts and reasons set forth in the staff report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator does conclude:

1. The Conditional Use Permit does possess characteristics that would indicate justification of the request in accordance with Municipal Code Section 9.32.030 (Conditional Use Permits).
2. In order to fulfill the purpose and intent of the Municipal Code and thereby promote the health, safety, and general welfare, the following Conditions of Approval, attached as Exhibit "A", shall apply to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026.

Dated: May 28, 2026

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DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026**

9764 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

#### **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

##### **General Conditions**

1. Each owner of the property shall execute, and the applicant shall record against the property, a "Notice of Discretionary Permit Approval and Agreement with Conditions of Approval," as prepared by the City Attorney's Office, within thirty (30) days of approval. This Conditional Use Permit runs with the land and is binding upon the property owner, his/her/its heirs, assigns, and successors in interest.
2. All Conditions of Approval set forth herein shall be binding on and enforceable against each of the following, and whenever used herein, the term "applicant" shall mean and refer to each of the following: the project applicant, CT Trading Inc., the current property owners, In Suk Suh, Yeon Hee Suh, Jae Wan Park, Yang Soon Park, and Bo Hee Park, the future owner(s) and tenants(s) of the property, and each of their respective successors and assigns. The applicant and subsequent owner/operators of such business shall adhere to the Conditions of Approval for the life of the project, regardless of property ownership. Except for minor modifications authorized to be approved by the Community Development Director pursuant to Condition No. 4, any changes of the Conditions of Approval require approval by the appropriate City hearing body.
3. Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026 only authorizes the operation of an approximately 2,885 square-foot mini-market with an Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License as identified on the plans submitted by the applicant and made part of the record of the May 28, 2026 Zoning Administrator proceedings, subject to these Conditions of Approval. Approval of this Conditional Use Permit shall not be construed to mean any waiver of applicable and appropriate zoning and other regulations, and wherein not otherwise specified, all requirements of the City of Garden Grove Municipal Code shall apply.
4. The approved plans are an integral part of the decision approving this Conditional Use Permit. Minor modifications to the approved site plan, floor plan, and/or these Conditions of Approval may be approved by the Community Development Director, in his or her discretion. Proposed modifications to the approved floor plan, site plan, or Conditions of Approval that would result in the intensification of the project or create impacts that have not been previously addressed, and which are determined by the Community Development Director not to be minor in nature shall be subject to approval of

new and/or amended land use entitlements by the applicable City hearing body.

5. All conditions of approval shall be implemented at the applicant's expense, except where specified in the individual condition.

**Police Department**

6. There shall be no gaming tables or gaming machines, as outlined in City Code Sections 8.20.010 and 8.20.050, on the premises at any time.
7. Hours of operation shall be permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven (7) days a week. The hours of operation shall be applicable to the entire premises. The City of Garden Grove reserves the right to reduce hours of operation, by order of the Chief of the Police Department, in the event problems arise due to noise, disturbances or other problems that may be resolved by modifying the hours of operation.
8. There shall be no customers or patrons in or about the premises when the establishment is closed.
9. In the event security problems occur, and at the request of the Police Department, the permittee, at his own expense, shall provide a California licensed, uniformed security guard(s) on the premises during such hours as requested by the Police Department.
10. The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is prohibited. Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not occur anywhere on the site or within the premises.
11. All pay phones located on the property, adjacent to the premises, shall be limited to out-going calls only. This condition shall be complied with within 30 days following approval of this application.
12. The business, prior to obtaining the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License, shall show proof to the Police Department that all members of the business staff have completed the LEAD training (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) through the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department or an ABC approved "Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) Training" program.
13. In the event that the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License is suspended for any period of time and/or fined for any ABC violation as a result of disciplinary action, the Conditional Use Permit shall be presented to the Planning Commission for review or further consideration.

14. Any violations or noncompliance with the conditions of approval may result in the issuance of an Administrative Citation of up to \$1,000 pursuant to GGMC 1.22.010 (a).

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15. This approval shall allow the mini-market to operate with ancillary alcoholic beverage sales.
16. The sales area for alcoholic beverages shall not exceed 5% of the retail sales floor area of the store.
17. No outdoor storage or display shall be permitted outside of the building, including, but not limited to, storage and display of merchandise, cardboard, pallets, or boxes.
18. A prominent, permanent sign stating "NO LOITERING IS ALLOWED ON OR IN FRONT OF THE PREMISES" shall be posted in a place that is clearly visible to patrons of the licensee. The sign lettering shall be four (4) to six (6) inches high with black letters on a white background. The sign shall be displayed near or at the entrance, and shall also be visible to the public.
19. There shall be no amusement devices permitted on the premises at any time. Any adult merchandise (books, magazines, videos) shall be kept under the control of the management, behind the cashier's counter, and must be segregated and screened from minors.
20. There shall be no uses or activities permitted of an adult-oriented nature as outlined in City Code Section 9.08.070.
21. There shall be no deliveries to or from the premises between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., seven (7) days a week.
22. All rear doors shall be kept closed at all times, except to permit employee ingress and egress, and in emergencies.
23. Litter shall be removed daily from the premises, including adjacent public sidewalks, and from all parking areas under the control of the licensee. These areas shall be swept or cleaned, either mechanically or manually, on a weekly basis, to control debris.
24. All trash bins shall be kept inside the trash enclosure, and gates closed at all times, except during disposal and pick-up. Trash pick-up shall be at least three (3) times a week.

25. The applicant/property owner shall maintain all existing landscaped areas in a neat and healthy condition. Landscaping maintenance shall include pruning or removal of overgrown weeds and vegetation.
26. The applicant/property owner shall abate all graffiti vandalism within the premises. The applicant/property owner shall implement best management practices to prevent and abate graffiti vandalism within the premises throughout the life of the project, including, but not limited to, timely removal of all graffiti, the use of graffiti resistant coatings and surfaces, the installation of vegetation screening of frequent graffiti sites, and the installation of signage, lighting, and/or security cameras, as necessary. Graffiti shall be removed/eliminated by the applicant/property owner as soon as reasonably possible after it is discovered, but not later than 72 hours after discovery.
27. The applicant is advised that the establishment is subject to the provisions of State Labor Code Section 6404.5 (ref: State Law AB 13), which prohibits smoking inside the establishment as of January 1, 1995.
28. No roof-mounted mechanical equipment shall be permitted unless a method of screening complementary to the architecture of the building is approved by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division. Said screening shall block visibility of any roof-mounted mechanical equipment from view of public streets and surrounding properties.
29. The applicant shall be responsible for providing adequate parking area lighting in compliance with City regulations. Lighting in the parking area shall be directed, positioned, or shielded in such a manner so as not to unreasonably illuminate adjacent properties.
30. No satellite dish antennas shall be installed on said premises unless, and until, plans have been submitted to and approved by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division. No advertising material shall be placed thereon.
31. There shall be no outdoor activities conducted on the premises without approval of a Special Event Permit or Community Event Permit.
32. Permits from the City of Garden Grove shall be obtained prior to displaying any temporary advertising (i.e., banners).
33. Signs shall comply with the City of Garden Grove sign requirements. No more than 15% of the total window area and clear doors shall bear advertising or signs of any sort. No signs advertising alcoholic beverages shall be placed on

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the windows. Any opaque material applied to the store front, such as window tint, shall count toward the maximum window coverage area.

34. Any modifications to existing signs or the installation of new signs shall require approval by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division prior to issuance of a building permit.
35. A copy of the decision and the conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026 shall be kept on the premises at all times.
36. The permittee shall submit a signed letter acknowledging receipt of the decision approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026 and his/her agreement with all conditions of the approval.
37. The Conditional Use Permit may be called for review by City staff, the City Council, or Planning Commission, if noise or other complaints are filed and verified as valid by the Code Enforcement office or other City department concerning the violation of approved conditions, the Garden Grove Municipal Code, or any other applicable provisions of law.
38. If deemed necessary by the Community Development Director, the Conditional Use Permit may be reviewed within one year from the date of this approval, and every three (3) years thereafter, in order to determine if the business is operating in compliance.
39. The applicant shall, as a condition of project approval, at its sole expense, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees, agents and consultants from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City, its officers, agents, employees and/or consultants, which action seeks to set aside, void, annul or otherwise challenge any approval by the City Council, Planning Commission, or other City decision-making body, or City staff action concerning Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026. The applicant shall pay the City's defense costs, including attorney fees and all other litigation related expenses, and shall reimburse the City for court costs, which the City may be required to pay as a result of such defense. The applicant shall further pay any adverse financial award, which may issue against the City including but not limited to any award of attorney fees to a party challenging such project approval. The City shall retain the right to select its counsel of choice in any action referred to herein.
40. Unless a time extension is granted pursuant to Section 9.32.030.D.9 of Title 9 of the Municipal Code, the use authorized by this approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-297-2026 shall become null and void if the subject use or construction necessary and incidental thereto is not commenced within two (2)

years of the expiration of the appeal period and thereafter diligently advanced until completion of the project.

41. The applicant is advised that if the use of the establishment ceases to operate for more than 90 days, then the existing Conditional Use Permit will become null and void and the new applicant shall be required to apply for a new Conditional Use Permit subject to the approval by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division. In the event the use(s) authorized by the CUP cease and the property owner no longer desires to continue such use(s) on the property, property owner may voluntarily terminate the CUP and all rights and obligations thereunder by executing and recording a request for voluntary revocation and termination of the CUP in a form acceptable to the City.
42. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold until all conditions of approval have been met, as determined by the Planning Services Division, and the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) has approved the release of the ABC License.

#### **Building and Safety Division**

43. The applicant shall submit tenant improvement plans to the Building and Safety Division that complies with all applicable California building code (CBC) requirements, including accessibility, egress, and other applicable requirements.

#### **Public Works Water Services Division**

If applicable, the following conditions of approval for the Water Services Division shall apply:

44. Any new water service installations two-inches (0'-2") and smaller may be installed by the City of Garden Grove at owner's/developer's expense. Installation shall be scheduled upon payment of applicable fees, unless otherwise noted. Fire services and larger water services three-inches (0'-3") and larger, shall be installed by developer/owner's contractor per City Standards.
45. Water meters shall be located within the City right-of-way or within dedicated waterline easement. Fire services and large water services three-inches (0'-3") and larger, shall be installed by contractor with a Class A or C-34 license, per City water standards and inspected by approved Public Works inspection.
46. A Reduced Pressure Principle Device (RPPD) backflow prevention device shall be installed for meter protection. The landscape system shall also have RPPD device. Any carbonation dispensing equipment shall have a RPPD device.

Installation shall be per City Standards and shall be tested by a certified backflow device tester immediately after installation. Cross-connection inspector shall be notified for inspection after the installation is completed. Owner shall have RPPD device tested once a year thereafter by a certified backflow device tester and the test results to be submitted to Public Works, Water Services Division. Property owner must open a water account upon installation of RPPD device.

47. It shall be the responsibility of owner/developer to abandon any existing private water well(s) per Orange County Health Department requirements. Abandonment(s) shall be inspected by Orange County Health Department inspector after permits have been obtained.
48. A composite utility site plan shall be part of the water plan approval.
49. Any new or existing water valve located within new concrete driveway or sidewalk construction shall be reconstructed per City Standard B-753.
50. If required, fire service shall have above ground backflow device with a double check valve assembly. Device shall be tested immediately after installation and once a year thereafter by a certified backflow device tester and the results to be submitted to Public Works, Water Services Division. Device shall be on private property and is the responsibility of the property owner. The above ground assembly shall be screened from public view as required by the Planning Division.
51. There is an existing six-inch (0'-6") AC water main on-site and there shall be a minimum fifteen-foot (15'-0") clearance of building footings from water main. Clearances less than fifteen feet (15'-0") shall be reviewed and approved by Water Engineering.
52. There shall be no new structures or utilities built on or crossing water or sewer main easements.
53. New utilities shall have a minimum five-foot (5'-0") horizontal and a minimum one-foot (1'-0") vertical clearance from water main and appurtenances.
54. Food grinders (garbage disposal devices) are prohibited per Ordinance 6 of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Code of Regulations. Existing units are to be removed.
55. If needed, owner shall install new sewer lateral with clean out connecting to existing private sewer system on site. It is the responsibility of the owner to install appropriate size sewer lateral.

56. Contractor shall abandon any existing unused sewer lateral(s) on the property owner's side in accordance with California Plumbing Code.