

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
January 22, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo to inform about the 2026 International Week is attached

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

A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Woolsey Fire recovery bond financing order pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 et seq. (A.26-01-007)

B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing: Application of Southern California Edison Company (U-338E) for approval under Public Utilities Code Section 851 for the sale of its north coast property. (Application 25-12-015)

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
From: John Montanez
Dept.: City Manager
Dept.: Community Services
Subject: 2026 International Week
Date: January 21, 2026

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council about the 2026 International Week taking place on Tuesday, January 27, 2026 through Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. each day at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

BACKGROUND

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be hosting the 2026 International Week, which celebrates a variety of cultures from around the world. The event will feature an assortment of cultural themed activities throughout the week.

DISCUSSION

International Week is an exciting and immersive cultural experience for seniors to explore the rich diversity of global traditions. Participants will enjoy crafts, educational displays, performances, and culturally themed games throughout the week. This programming will feature engaging activities that highlight the histories and customs of various cultures, helping foster cross-cultural understanding within our older adult community. This inclusive celebration invites everyone to connect, learn, and build appreciation for cultures from around the world. Please see the attached flyer for a full schedule of activities and details.

SUMMARY

The highlight of the 2026 International Week will be cultural performances on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.




JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director



By: Amanda Cross
Human Services Assistant Supervisor

Attachment: 2026 International Week Itinerary



INTERNATIONAL WEEK ITINERARY

Location: H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Dining Room

Dates: January 27, 28, & 29, 2026

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

INTERNATIONAL WEEK KICK-OFF & TEA TASTING

Participants will have the opportunity to taste and learn about different teas from around the world.

- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Opening Remarks, Passport Activity, & World Map
- 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM | Taste of the World

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

INTERNATIONAL ATTIRE & PERFORMANCES

Participants will explore different cultural arts and dances. Participants are encouraged to wear traditional attire from countries around the world country.

- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM | Attire Showcase
- 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM | Taiko Performance
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM | Danza Azteca Performance

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

INTERNATIONAL GAME DAY

Participants will test their knowledge with a currency game and learn new words through cultural bingo.

- 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM | World Currency Matching Game
- 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM | Cultural Bingo - Lotería



*Received
City Clerk's Office
1/22/26 10:01 AM*

January 15, 2026

Re: Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) for Woolsey Fire Recovery Bond Financing Order Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 850 *et seq.* (A.26-01-007)

To Whom It May Concern:

On January 14, 2026, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an Application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to request that it issue a financing order for costs approved in CPUC Decision D.25-12-023. The requested financing order would allow SCE to finance \$1.951 billion Wildfire Expense Memorandum Account costs related to the 2018 Woolsey Fire, including associated financing costs, through the issuance of recovery bonds over 35 years. If SCE is allowed to finance these approved claims costs with recovery bonds, it will result in a lower rate increase to customers, when compared to traditional utility financing.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory and included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications. You may also request a printed copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

/s/ William Briggs

William Briggs

WKB/kdl
Enclosure

Notice of Southern California Edison Company's Rate Increase Request

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE's) Woolsey Fire Recovery Bond Application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) A.26-01-007

What is Being Requested?

SCE is requesting approval to finance an increase in revenue of \$1.951 billion with recovery bonds over a 35-year period (2027-2061) for approved claims costs related to the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

- The CPUC previously approved SCE to recover some of the claims' costs that it incurred related to the 2018 Woolsey Fire.
- With this application, SCE is seeking to finance those approved claims costs through the issuance of recovery bonds over 35 years.

WOOLSEY FIRE TOTAL BUNDLED RATE INCREASE REQUESTED

Customer Class	Total Rate Increase		
	Cumulative Bill \$	¢/kWh	%
Residential (Non-CARE)	492	0.25	0.6%
Residential (CARE/FERA)	–	–	–%
Lighting, Small, & Medium Power	2,437	0.18	0.6%
Large Power	247,438	0.12	0.6%
Agriculture & Pumping	8,972	0.17	0.7%
Street & Area Lighting	473	0.14	0.4%
Standby	567,496	0.09	0.6%

This ¢/kWh increase will be included in rates over 35 years with some years being more or less than others.

How Would This Impact the Average Residential Customer?

If the request is approved, a typical non-CARE residential customer could see a rate increase of 0.25 ¢/kWh from 39.84 ¢/kWh to 40.09 ¢/kWh. CARE customers would not be impacted since they are exempt from securitized wildfire costs. The actual impact will vary based on usage, baseline territory, and other factors.

Additional Information

An administrative law judge will hold hearings, consider evidence, testimony, and public comments before drafting a proposed decision on this application. CPUC Commissioners will then vote on a final decision at a public meeting.

You can read more about the utility's request and make public comment by visiting <https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2601007>. For questions about participating in CPUC matters, you can contact the Public Advisor's Office at Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, 1-866-849-8390, or 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. Please reference application A.26-01-007 in any communication with the CPUC.

Questions About the Request

For questions about this application, please contact SCE at via phone at (800) 655-4555, or via email at case.admin@sce.com. The mailing address is:

Case Administrator
Southern California Edison Company
A.26-01-007 – Woolsey Bond Application
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770.



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Attachment II B
Mgrs Memo 1/22/26

Robert Pontelle
Director and Managing Attorney
Robert.Pontelle@sce.com

December 23, 2025

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing:
Application of Southern California Edison Company (U-338E) for
Approval under Public Utilities Code Section 851 for the Sale of Its
North Coast Property. (Application 25-12-015)

To Whom It May Concern:

On December 17, 2025, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval of the sale of its property, known as North Coast Property, located at 28460 Avenue Stanford in the City of Santa Clarita.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory and will be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing on SCE's website at www.sce.com/applications: Click the "View and Search All CPUC Documents" green bar and filter by the "Proceeding # column." Alternatively, sort by the "Created" column and filter by the most recently filed applications.

You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

Robert Pontelle

RDP/kdl
Enclosure: 3.2 Notice

Notice of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Rate Increase Request

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) (U-338E) Request for California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Approval of Its North Coast Property Sale Application A2512015

What is Being Requested?

SCE is requesting approval to sell its North Coast Building located at 28460 Avenue Stanford in the City of Santa Clarita for \$7.21 million. This sale will result in an after-tax loss of approximately \$1.49 million which will be allocated to ratepayers and shareholders.

TOTAL RATE INCREASE REQUESTED

Customer Class	\$ Increase*	% Increase
Residential	\$0.00	0.01%
Lighting – Small & Medium Power	\$0.00	0.01%
Large Power	\$0.00	0.01%
Agricultural and Pumping	\$0.00	0.01%
Street and Area Lighting	\$0.00	0.00%
Standby	\$0.00	0.00%

*The total dollar amount increase for each customer class is less than a hundredth of a dollar.

How Would This Impact the Average Residential Customer?

If the request is approved, the average residential customer using 500kWh per month would see a rate increase of approximately \$0.01 per month. The actual impact will vary based on usage, baseline territory, and other factors. The increase will remain for one year.

Additional Information

An administrative law judge will hold hearings, consider evidence, testimony, and public comments before drafting a proposed decision on this application. CPUC Commissioners will then vote on a final decision at a public meeting.

You can read more about the utility's request and make public comment by visiting apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2512015. For questions about participating in CPUC matters, you can contact the Public Advisor's Office at Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, 1-866-849-8390, or 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. Please reference A.25-12-015 in any communication with the CPUC.

Questions About the Request

For questions about this application, please contact SCE at (800) 655-4555, or via email at case.admin@sce.com. The mailing address:

Case Administration

Southern California Edison Company
A.25-12-015 – North Coast Building 851 Sale
P.O. Box 800 Rosemead, CA 91770

WEEKLY MEMO 01-22-2026

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

January 15, 2026 – January 21, 2026

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Mon 1/19/2026 8:04 am PST

Honoring the life, legacy, and lasting impact of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as we reflect on his message of service and unity....



Views	1,970
Reach	1,396
Engagements	79
Engagement Rate (per View)	4%



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Sun 1/18/2026 8:39 am PST

Are you ready to step into a fast-paced, meaningful career where every second counts? The Garden Grove Police Department is...



Video Views	3,059
Views	3,059
Reach	2,450
Engagements	64
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.1%



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Sat 1/17/2026 8:16 am PST

In Memory of Lieutenant John Reynolds, #EOW January 17, 2021. ...



Video Views	4,663
Views	4,663
Reach	3,527
Engagements	301
Engagement Rate (per View)	6.5%



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January 15, 2026 – January 21, 2026

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 Garden Grove City Hall

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Wed 1/21/2026 12:20 pm PST

Please view the list of banned items at ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

Community Cleanup Days are only available to *Garden Grove residents and customers of the Garden Grove Sanitary District.* #GG1956 #GardenGrove



Post Link Clicks	2
Impressions	45
Potential Reach	4,739
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%



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Wed 1/21/2026 12:00 pm PST

COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY THIS SATURDAY

Begin the year with a fresh start by letting us...



Saturday, January 24, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Pacifica High School
6851 Lamson Ave

*Paper shredding and battery disposal offered.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days

Views	3,443
Reach	1,684
Engagements	102
Engagement Rate (per View)	3%

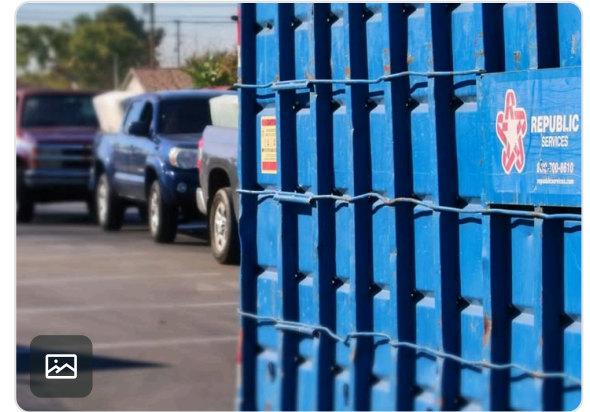


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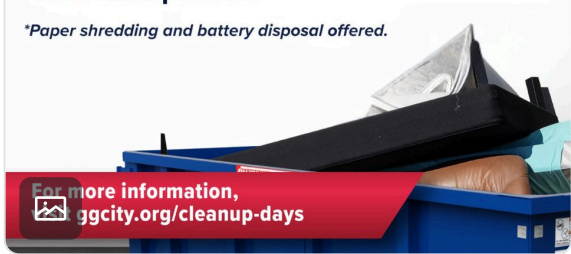
Views	28,601
Reach	20,110
Engagements	1,099
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.8%

 **@CityGardenGrove** Wed 1/21/2026 12:00 pm PST


Begin the year with a fresh start by letting us help you declutter! Bring your bulky items, electronics, household batteries, and persona...



Saturday, January 24, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Pacifica High School
6851 Lamspon Ave


**Paper shredding and battery disposal offered.*



Impressions	75
Potential Reach	4,739
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%

 **@CityGardenGrove** Tue 1/20/2026 12:02 pm PST


 Tuesday, February 3 | 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Garden Grove Community Meeting Center | 11300 Stanford Ave...



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CTI AI TRAINER

GISELE HASMAN
CTI AI TRAINER

FRED DE LA RIVA
CTI AI TRAINER

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Impressions	60
Potential Reach	4,738
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%


 **@CityGardenGrove** Tue 1/20/2026 12:02 pm PST

 Are you eager to explore the latest AI tools that can help your business grow in 2026? Join us for the **FREE** 4th Annual Artificial...


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE BUSINESS SUMMIT

 **FEB 3, 2026**

Impressions	77
Potential Reach	4,738
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%

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 Tue 1/20/2026 12:02 pm PST

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Views	888
Reach	359
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.6%

  **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Tue 1/20/2026 12:02 pm PST


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Views	899
Reach	563
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.8%


  **@CityGardenGrove**
 Tue 1/20/2026 9:30 am PST

Tue., 2/3 | 9AM-1PM
 Garden Grove Community Meeting Center | 11300 Stanford Ave...



Impressions	3
Potential Reach	4,738
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%


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Tue 1/20/2026 9:30 am PST

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Impressions	2
Potential Reach	4,738
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	50%

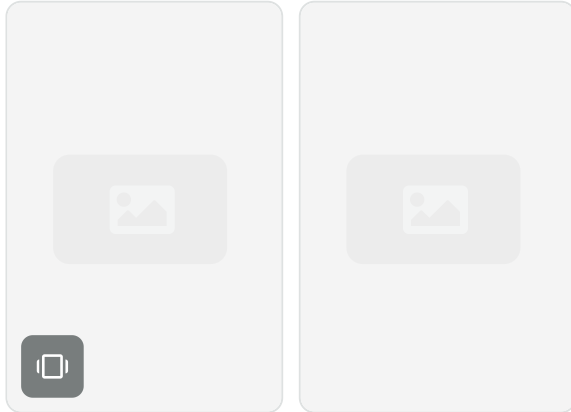
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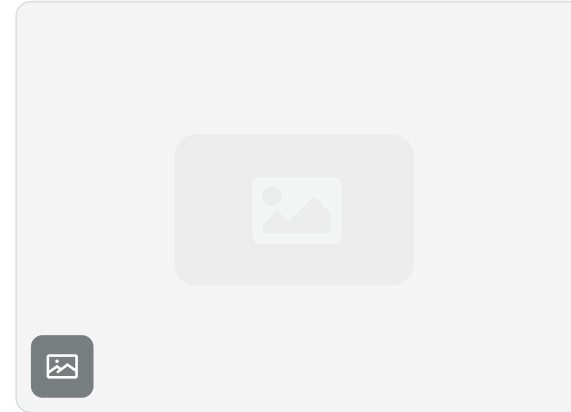
Views	0
Reach	0
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	—



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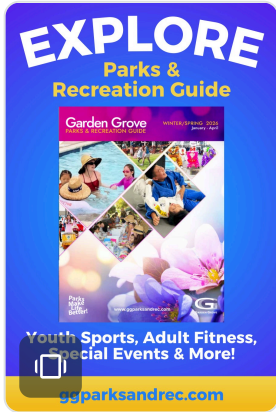
Views	0
Reach	0
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	—



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Tue 1/20/2026 9:00 am PST

From fitness and movement to youth leadership opportunities, the **Winter/Spring 2026 Parks and Recreation Guide** is packed wit...



Views	555
Reach	232
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 1/20/2026 9:00 am PST

From fitness and movement to youth leadership opportunities, the **Winter/Spring 2026 Parks and Recreation Guide** is packed wit...



Views	586
Reach	387
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.8%



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Mon 1/19/2026 9:00 am PST

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Today, we commemorate the life and legacy o...



Views	708
Reach	433
Engagements	34
Engagement Rate (per View)	4.8%




f Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/19/2026 9:00 am PST

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"The time is always right to do what is right."

Today, we commemorate the life and legacy o...



Views

949

Reach


690

Engagements

39

Engagement Rate (per View)

4.1%




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Mon 1/19/2026 9:00 am PST

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"The time is always right to do what is right."

Today, we commemorate the life and legacy o...



Impressions

59

Potential Reach

4,737

Engagements

1

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

1.7%

WEEKLY MEMO 01-22-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

The Tribune
January 15, 2026

Anyang, Garden Grove exchange

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JANUARY 15, 2026 • (LEAVE A COMMENT)



ANYANG, Republic of (South) Korea (Shutterstock).

The City of Garden Grove will welcome 10 high school students from Anyang, Republic of Korea, as part of the Sister City Association of Garden Grove’s Student Exchange Program.

The students will arrive on Saturday, January 24, 2026, for a nine-day stay in Garden Grove with local host families.

During their visit, the students will meet Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and members of the Garden Grove City Council, tour Garden Grove Unified School District high schools, and visit cultural and educational attractions throughout Orange County and Los Angeles.

The Anyang students will also be recognized during a Community Spotlight at the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

In a reciprocal exchange, ten Garden Grove Unified School District high school students will travel to Anyang during the District’s 2026 spring recess, where they will stay with host families and experience Korean culture Through education and travel.

The Student Exchange Program seeks to promote cultural understanding and appreciation, strengthens the bond between Garden Grove and its sister city of Anyang,, and highlights the “unique character” of Garden Grove. For more information, visit www.ggsistercity.org.

The Tribune
January 21, 2026

GGUSD honors athletes, staff

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JANUARY 21, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



The honoring of students, staff and teachers for their accomplishments filled the agenda and the board room chairs at Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education.

Honored as **Employees of the Month** were Santiago High School teacher Vicky Lieu and Patton Elementary School clerk Jessica Terrones.

Recognized as high school **Coaches and Athletes of Courage** were:

- Bolsa Grande: Fentriss Winn (boys basketball coach), Lena Giang (cross country and track athlete);
- Garden Grove: Michelle Hong (flag football and wrestling coach), Aros Ortega (wrestling, swimming athlete);
- Hare: Noah Bulthuis (basketball and flag football coach), and Jonathan Valenzo-Ortiz (flag football athlete);
- La Quinta: Brian Dawson (baseball coach) and Ethan Nguyen (cross country, soccer and track athlete);
- Los Amigos: Noah Devine (flag football and girls volleyball coach) and Beidy Ocampo (flag football and girls soccer athlete);
- Pacifica: Olga Proskura (girls water polo and swimming coach) and Greta Greaves (girls water polo and swimming athlete);
- Rancho Alamitos: Bernice Mungai (cross country and track coach) and Isaac Roldan-Cardenas (cross country and track athlete);
- Santiago: Tony Tran (boys and girls tennis coach) and Kimberly Tran (tennis athletes).

The GGUSD serves most of Garden Grove and parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster.

The next meeting of the GGUSD board is set for Feb. 3.

The Tribune
January 19, 2026

Minh Do is spelling champion

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JANUARY 19, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



MINH DO (GGUSD).

An eighth-grade student from Jordan Intermediate School in Garden Grove has won the 38th Annual Intermediate Spelling Bee of the Garden Grove Unified School District.

Minh Do took the championship trophy. It was the third year in a row that a Jordan student won top honors.

The top 10 spellers were Kaitlyn Yun (Lake), Elliana Nguyen (McGarvin), Joaquin Ablis (Fitz Language Academy), Daniyal Adil (Jordan), Mauri Tuvera (Alamitos), Quynh Vu (Doig), Jacob Vo (McGarvin), Katie Vu (McGarvin) and Aric Huynh (Irvine).

OC Register
January 20, 2026

OC Restaurant Week announces 2026 lineup



Five Crowns will be part of OC Restaurant Week 2026. (File photo by Ygnacio Nanetti, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **BROCK KEELING** | bkeeling@scng.com

PUBLISHED: January 20, 2026 at 10:00 AM PST | UPDATED: January 20, 2026 at 11:21 AM PST

Orange County’s most reliable excuse to book dinner plans is back. [OC Restaurant Week](#) will return Sunday, March 8 through Saturday, March 14., bringing a countywide slate of prix-fixe menus, themed dining options and cocktails-heavy specials aimed at getting locals out of the house and into dining rooms from Brea to San Clemente.

Back for its 18th year, the annual ode to local food, produced by the Orange County Restaurant Association, has grown into one of the region’s biggest dining promotions designed to spotlight both longtime favorites and newer eateries looking to win repeat customers.

“OC Restaurant Week has never been just about specially priced menus, it’s about how it feels to dine out and connect with family and friends,” said Pamela Waitt, founder of OC Restaurant Week and president of OC Restaurant Association, Inc. “There’s a shared understanding that something meaningful is happening across our community as we celebrate the many individuals who are the backbone of our culinary community, from owners and chefs, to cooks and servers.”

Diners can search participating restaurants by price range, type of cuisine and city, while also honing in on special dining themes, including [Date Night](#), Brunch and Breakfast, [Vegetarian Dining](#), [Family Friendly](#), [Luxe Menus](#) and [Wine Pairings](#). Price range from the tasty-yet-affordable to more special-occasion, high-end affairs.

Among the early lineup this year are coastal heavy-hitters like [21 Oceanfront Restaurant](#) (in Newport Beach, \$75 prix-fixe dinner) and [Five Crowns and Sidedoor](#) (Corona Del Mar, \$80 prix-fixe dinner), alongside destination dining rooms like [Summit House](#) (Fullerton, \$92 prix-fixe dinner) and [Seabutter](#) (Laguna Beach, \$99 sushi dinner).



The short rib taco and the crispy chicken tender taco at Costa Mesa's Salt and Lime. (Photo by Brock Keeling, Orange County Register/SCNG)

The list also reflects the county's wide dining spectrum, from celebratory spots to more casual local staples, with eateries like Cafe Sevilla (Costa Mesa, \$45-\$50 dinner), [Cha Cha's Latin Kitchen](#) (Brea and Irvine, \$20 lunch, \$45-\$50 dinner), [Salt and Lime](#) (Costa Mesa, \$25 lunch, \$35 dinner) and [Sushi Roku](#) (Newport Beach, \$150 sushi dinner including one glass of prosecco). Other choice spots include [Bloom Restaurant and Bar](#) (San Juan Capistrano, \$60 three-course dinner) and [Fermentation Farm](#) (Costa Mesa and San Juan Capistrano, \$15 breakfast, \$25 lunch).

No tickets or passes required, either show up to the restaurant of your choice or, better yet, book a reservation in advance.

The week officially kicks off with a VIP launch party on Saturday, March 7 at the Marriott Irvine Spectrum, happening from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. The ticketed (21+, cocktail-attire) event will feature tasting-style bites from local chefs, as well as cocktails and wine.

Additional OC Restaurant Week menus will be revealed in the coming weeks (you will absolutely want to check back for [Smoke Queen Barbecue's menu](#) when it goes live! Ditto for [Lola Gaspar!](#)). For more information on menus and restaurants, visit ocrestaurantweek.com.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
January 22, 2026

1. Notice of cancellation of the January 22, 2026 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
2. League of California Cities articles from January 16 to January 22, 2026.

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 9:01 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-023-2014 (REV 2026)

Applicant: ANDY LY
Location: 12741 Main St
Date: January 8, 2026

Request: A request to modify conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-023-2014 to add a new preschool/daycare at the Garden Grove United Methodist Church site, which currently operates a head start program and a preschool, Sunflower Preschool. In conjunction with this request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1864-26

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary



Audit underscores housing element challenges and calls for increased support for cities

Jan 21, 2026

By Brady Guertin, legislative advocate, and Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

The California State Auditor last week [released a review](#) of the state's housing element process. The audit, [requested by former Sen. Steve Glazer](#), found that while the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has met its legal requirements during the current housing element cycle, there is still plenty of room for improvement.

The audit re-emphasized many of the challenges local governments have expressed in recent years, noting that the current cycle was more complex to navigate due to new state housing laws. Many of the audit's recommendations are in line with Cal Cities' longstanding calls for more individualized, timely assistance from HCD, as well as more time to work on housing elements in general.

What did the audit find?

The audit examined 10 counties and cities, as well as HCD. The report found that the median time from when a local agency submitted its draft housing element and received HCD's approval exceeded one year — 126% longer than in the fifth cycle. Many cities submitted multiple rounds of revisions before receiving certification from HCD. Jurisdictions submitted a median of three drafts before achieving compliance, up from two during the last housing cycle.

The report attributes these delayed submittals in part to new legal requirements, community opposition to housing, increased housing allocations, challenges with consultants, and workload issues at HCD.

According to the report, HCD provided precise, measurable feedback on time, as required by state law. However, the guidance was not prescriptive. According to the audit, HCD staff didn't distinguish between a suggestion and a legislative requirement when providing feedback. Nor did they always release timely guidance on new state laws. The report attributes some of the department's deficiencies to higher turnover, incomplete training, increased legal complexity, and purposely broad state laws.

Ultimately, the report determined that new site analysis and fair housing laws were the most likely explanations for the increased number of drafts and longer timelines among local governments. (In both cases, HCD provided guidance over a year after the laws took effect.) Many jurisdictions did not receive guidance on key issues until they had started their drafts or were in the middle of their review process.

All in all, the auditor concluded that HCD needs to provide more individualized assistance and support for local jurisdictions — which it characterized as “critical to shortening the approval process.” In its recommendations, the auditor urged the agency to adopt consistent language and address workforce challenges.

The auditor also suggested that lawmakers stagger housing element deadlines on a regional basis to reduce workload issues and establish incentives for cities that complete their elements early.

The report did not provide any suggestions related to local challenges, including consultant-created logjams and community opposition to approved housing elements.

HCD said that it largely agreed with the report's findings and [will implement the suggested changes](#). In its response, it cited “extreme workload conditions,” which created “unique challenges” for both the department and local governments. However, it told the auditor that the Legislature would need to implement a transition period for new housing laws before it could provide guidance on the new requirements.

[What is Cal Cities' response?](#)

Cal Cities has long called for many of the changes recommended by the auditor, including giving cities more time to analyze and prepare for new housing laws. In 2024, Cal Cities [worked with Glazer](#) and supported his request for the audit.

Last year, Cal Cities sponsored [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#), which would have given cities more time to complete their housing elements, improved clarity in the review process, and addressed some of the challenges the auditor found in its report. Despite unanimous bipartisan support in both houses, Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed the bill.

Given the audit results, Cal Cities hopes to work with the Legislature and the Governor on a revamped measure that will address many of the solutions to the challenges identified in the audit. Additionally, Cal Cities will urge lawmakers to provide further clarity in the housing element review process and establish temporary protection from the increasingly punitive accountability measures for cities that are actively working diligently and in good faith with HCD to complete their housing elements.

Overall, Cal Cities believes the audit underscores what cities have been discussing for several years about the housing element review process: The current process is inconsistent, not always timely, and sometimes unfair. Many cities worry that these problems will compound during the next housing cycle due to new laws and extended review times.

Cal Cities believes that the proposed recommendations in the audit are a good starting point. However, much more is needed to ensure cities have the resources and support they need to get their housing elements approved and certified on time, especially as the 7th Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle begins soon.



Public records act ruling contains good news and bad news for cities

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What started as a series of California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests in 2018 and 2019 recently culminated in a California Supreme Court decision that both limits and expands municipal responsibilities under the CPRA.

The case, centered around a series of police bodycam recordings, addresses the importance of a city's retention schedule, as well as the fact that plaintiffs may seek recourse — even when a city has produced all records responsive to a request.

Case background

The nonprofit Law Foundation of Silicon Valley sent several public records requests to Gilroy in 2018. Three of the requests referenced enforcement actions taken by the city's police department at homeless encampments. The city released some records and withheld others. The city also asked the Law Foundation to notify the city if other records were being requested.

In May 2019, the Law Foundation submitted another public records request, this time focusing on the department's bodycam recordings. The city again provided some records but denied the request for the footage, saying they were exempt from disclosure. After the Law Foundation stated it intended to file a legal challenge, Gilroy voluntarily placed a "litigation hold" on the footage, preserving it beyond the city's normal one-year retention policy.

Still contending that the videos were exempt from disclosure, the city released footage that did not relate to citations or arrests. The city informed the Law Foundation that it had no other nonexempt records to disclose: Per the city's records retention policy, it had destroyed all bodycam footage taken before early 2018.

In late 2020, the Law Foundation filed a lawsuit, alleging that the city violated the CPRA in handling its 2018 and 2019 requests. It alleged that Gilroy failed to search for responsive records, delayed searching, improperly withheld records, and destroyed records while the Law Foundation's requests were pending.

The trial court held that the city violated the CPRA by conducting an inadequate search for the Law Foundation's 2018 requests. In particular, the trial court determined that the city did not watch all of the footage before asserting a blanket exemption, even though it had a duty to do

so. Furthermore, the court held that the city's response to one of the 2018 requests was untimely. However, the court found the city did not violate the CPRA during its handling of the 2019 request.

Both parties appealed, with Cal Cities offering amicus support for the city. Ultimately, the contest made its way to the California Supreme Court, which issued its opinion last Thursday.

What did the Supreme Court rule?

The state Supreme Court's ruling contains two notable findings. First, it clarified that the CPRA does not require agencies to keep records beyond their retention schedule, even if those records may be subject to a request. Second, in certain circumstances, courts may issue declaratory relief against agencies, even when it is uncontested that there are no nonexempt records to disclose.

Declaratory relief is a type of judgment that clarifies rights, duties, and obligations, with the goal of providing guidance to the parties regarding ongoing and potential future disputes.

The city argued that the CPRA already requires a public agency to pay court costs and attorneys' fees if a requester prevails in litigation. Therefore, allowing claims for declaratory relief based on alleged technical violations of the CPRA (such as a delayed initial response), even when an agency has otherwise fully complied with a request, would generate frivolous lawsuits solely designed to generate attorneys' fees.

Despite this, the Supreme Court opined that, at a minimum, declaratory relief is appropriate when an agency is "reasonably likely" to repeat past conduct that *allegedly* violates the CPRA in response to future requests.

The Supreme Court did not directly address the trial court's determination that Gilroy did not watch the dozens of hours of bodycam footage before asserting the investigative exemption. The Supreme Court remanded the case to the Court of Appeal, which will likely deal with the issues of the propriety of the trial court's issuance of declaratory relief in this case.

Final thoughts

Despite clarifying that cities need not retain potentially responsive records beyond their own retention schedules, the Supreme Court's apparent expansion of declaratory relief may lead to further CPRA litigation.

For information about how this ruling could impact your city, please consult your city attorney.



Local Streets and Roads allocation estimates updated for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27

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By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

Cal Cities this week released [new local streets and roads revenue estimates](#) prepared by Cal Cities Fiscal Policy Advisor [Michael Coleman](#). The allocations come from state taxes on gas and diesel fuels, and vehicle registrations. Cities and counties should use these estimates for budgeting.

The report is based on new statewide revenue estimates provided by the California Department of Finance with the release of Gov. Gavin Newsom's [January budget proposal](#). These allocations are from formulas in law and are not subject to budget negotiations.

The report contains updated estimated allocations for [all cities and counties](#) for the current fiscal year 2025-26 and budget fiscal year 2026-27. The estimates reflect a very small upward revision of the overall current fiscal year estimates by about 0.2%. For 2026-27, the department estimates that the statewide Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account allocations to cities and counties will increase by 6%. Highway Users Tax Account allocations will grow by 1.8%. Individual city and county 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 by the California State Association of Counties. The next update of these revenue estimates will be in May 2026.

The revenue estimates, together with a detailed explanation of local streets and roads revenues and allocations, are [available online](#).