

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 27, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached to inform the City Council about the 2026 Lunar New Year Celebration at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center.

• **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

The background is a vibrant red with a decorative border of white streamers and gold lanterns. The lanterns are in shades of red and gold, with tassels. The streamers are white with gold outlines and are interspersed with small gold starburst patterns. The overall theme is festive and celebratory.

Lunar New Year Celebration

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2026
TIME: 9AM - 11AM

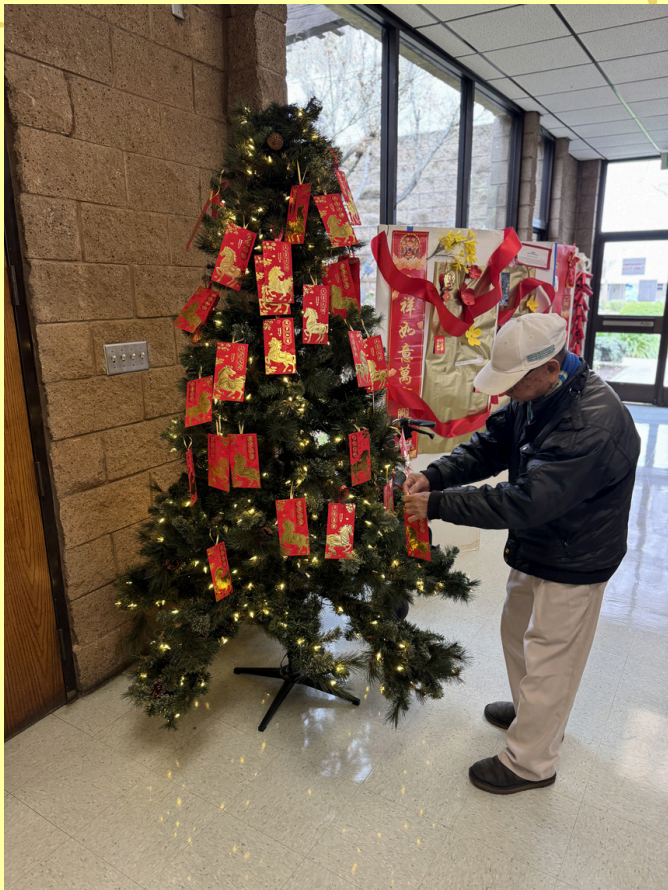
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2026 Lunar New Year Celebration

WEEKLY MEMO 02-27-2026

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

February 19, 2026 – February 25, 2026

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

Included in this Report

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  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 2/25/2026 11:51 am PST


Start growing in
Garden Grove TODAY! ✨



Views	928
Average Reach per Post	757
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	7

  **@CityGardenGrove**
Tue 2/24/2026 5:32 pm PST


  Saturday, April 4 | 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way

 Tickets go on sale Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Learn more at ggcity.org/eggscavation.
#GG1956 #GardenGrove #Eggscavation
#AtlantisPlayCenter #Atlantis
#communitynews #communityevent



Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	39
Average Potential Reach per Post	4,741
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 2/24/2026 5:32 pm PST

 Spring is in the air, and we can't wait to ring in the season with you at this year's Eggscavation!...



Views	21,690
Average Reach per Post	1,295
Engagements	83
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.4%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Tue 2/24/2026 5:32 pm PST

🐣 Spring is in the air, and we can't wait to ring in the season with you at this year's Eggscavation!...



Impressions	59
Average Potential Reach per Post	4,741
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 2/24/2026 5:32 pm PST

🐣 Spring is in the air, and we can't wait to ring in the season with you at this year's Eggscavation!...



Views	19,504
Average Reach per Post	13,813
Engagements	404
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.1%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Mon 2/23/2026 5:15 pm PST

#GardenGrove residents, get up to 6 bags of free compost at our **Free Compost Giveaway** this Saturday, February 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Views	651
Average Reach per Post	395
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 2/23/2026 4:25 pm PST

He's fully potty trained, thrives on a routine, and loves long walks.

[i](#) Learn how you can help Scrappy find his forever home at gg.city/petofthemoth.

#GG1956 #PetoftheMonth #Scrappy
#GardenGroveAnimalCareServices
#PetAdoption



Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	48
Average Potential Reach per Post	4,741
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 2/23/2026 4:25 pm PST

🐾 Have you ever wanted to adopt a furry four-legged companion? Now's your chance!

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Impressions	99
Average Potential Reach per Post	4,741
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4%



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Mon 2/23/2026 4:25 pm PST

🐾 Have you ever wanted to adopt a furry four-legged companion? Now's your chance!


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Views	1,611
Average Reach per Post	553
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per View)	1%

 **Garden Grove City Hall** Mon 2/23/2026 4:25 pm PST


🐾 Have you ever wanted to adopt a furry four-legged companion? Now's your chance!
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<u>Views</u>	731
<u>Average Reach per Post</u>	506
<u>Engagements</u>	20
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	2.7%

 **gardengrovecityhall** Thu 2/19/2026 3:28 pm PST

FREE compost for Garden Grove residents!




<u>Views</u>	550
<u>Average Reach per Post</u>	468
<u>Comments</u>	0
<u>Story Taps Back</u>	28

 **gardengrovecityhall** Thu 2/19/2026 3:00 pm PST

🌱 FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY 🌱

#GardenGrove residents can pick up free...




<u>Views</u>	1,906
<u>Average Reach per Post</u>	1,028
<u>Engagements</u>	42
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	2.2%


 **Garden Grove City Hall** Thu 2/19/2026 3:00 pm PST

FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY


#GardenGrove residents can pick up free...




<u>Views</u>	3,509
<u>Average Reach per Post</u>	2,258
<u>Engagements</u>	69
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	2%

 **@CityGardenGrove** Thu 2/19/2026 3:00 pm PST


#GardenGrove residents can pick up FREE COMPOST on a first come, first served basis while supplies last....



<u>Impressions</u>	113
<u>Average Potential Reach per Post</u>	4,738
<u>Engagements</u>	4
<u>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</u>	3.5%

 **@CityGardenGrove** Thu 2/19/2026 1:22 pm PST

#GardenGrove residents can pick up FREE COMPOST on a first come, first served basis while supplies last....



<u>Impressions</u>	—
<u>Average Potential Reach per Post</u>	4,738
<u>Engagements</u>	—
<u>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</u>	—

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 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 2/19/2026 12:51 pm PST

 IMPORTANT REMINDER! 



<u>Views</u>	610
<u>Average Reach per Post</u>	503
<u>Comments</u>	0
<u>Story Taps Back</u>	31

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 2/19/2026 12:38 pm PST

APPLY BY:
 Building Inspector - 2/27/26
 Senior Recreation Specialist - 3/3/26
 Custodian - 3/4/26
 Planning Aide/Assistant Planner - 3/10/26
 Administrative Analyst - 3/16/26
 Recreation Specialist - 3/16/26
 Senior Engineering Technician/Engineering Technician - 3/24/26



<u>Impressions</u>	57
<u>Average Potential Reach per Post</u>	4,738
<u>Engagements</u>	0
<u>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</u>	0%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Thu 2/19/2026 12:38 pm PST

Looking for a meaningful career in
#GardenGrove?

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<u>Impressions</u>	108
<u>Average Potential Reach per Post</u>	4,738
<u>Engagements</u>	7
<u>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</u>	6.5%



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Thu 2/19/2026 12:34 pm PST

Looking for a meaningful career in #GardenGrove? 📁🌟

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FULL-TIME

- Administrative Analyst
- Building Inspector
- Planning Aide/Assistant Planner
- Senior Engineering Technician/Engineering Technician

PART-TIME

- Custodian
- Recreation Specialist
- Senior Recreation Specialist

APPLY AT GGCITY.ORG/JOBS

Views	55,047
Average Reach per Post	7,579
Engagements	360
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.7%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 2/19/2026 12:34 pm PST

Looking for a meaningful career in #GardenGrove? 📁🌟

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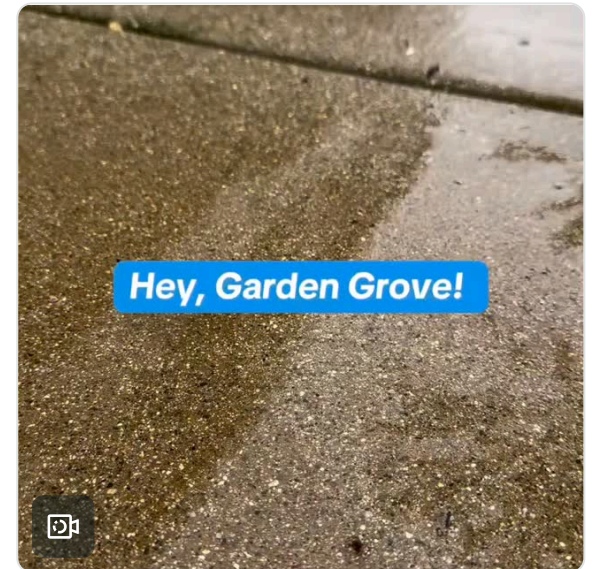
APPLY AT GGCITY.ORG/JOBS

Views	42,243
Average Reach per Post	28,454
Engagements	1,347
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.2%



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Thu 2/19/2026 11:34 am PST



Views	704
Average Reach per Post	577
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	5



Post Performance

February 19, 2026 – February 25, 2026

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Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



f Garden Grove Police Depart...

Tue 2/24/2026 2:54 pm PST

Yesterday, while officers were investigating a burglary in the area, a witness spotted a possible suspect nearby. The suspect...



<u>Video Views</u>	5,042
<u>Views</u>	12,181
<u>Average Reach per Post</u>	9,087
<u>Engagements</u>	229
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	1.9%

WEEKLY MEMO 02-27-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

Nitrous oxide curbs wins OK, street name change study

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



IN ADDITION to the nitrous oxide ordinance, the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday night advanced the idea of renaming – or adding another name to – Traylor Way (City of Garden Grove).

By a staff writer

An ordinance restricting the sale and distribution of nitrous oxide – known as “laughing gas” and by other names – won unanimous approval from the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday night.

“This is really a no-brainer,” said Mayor Pro Tem George Brietigam, who made the motion to approve the ordinance.

The ordinance will prohibit nitrous oxide except for certain uses as in food products – whipped cream, for example – and medical and dental purposes as a mild sedative and for some automotive racing applications.

Aside from those uses, nitrous oxide – also known as “nox” – can be a highly addictive intoxicant, often favored by young persons.

The ordinance will come back for a second and final reading at the next council meeting and would go into effect in 30 days.

A proposed ordinance prohibiting the sale and distribution of kratom products was pulled from the agenda.

Both proposed ordinances were tabled for two weeks from the Feb. 10 city council meeting.

Also on Tuesday night, the council voted to move forward with studying a proposal brought to re-name – or add an additional name – to Traylor Way, which runs diagonally from Brookhurst Street to Bowen Street.

Councilmember Joe DoVinh made the request. He suggested that rather than change the street name – which would require the consent of a majority from the 32 residences on the street – he would prefer the addition of a smaller sign atop the main sign at Brookhurst with the word “Freedom” in English, Vietnamese (Tu Do) and Spanish (Libertad).



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, February 26, 2026



BULKY ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES DROP OFF AND PAPER SHREDDING FREE AT MARCH 14 EVENT

The City of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Sanitary District, in collaboration with Republic Services, will host a community cleanup day, offering residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items, recycle household batteries, and obtain paper shredding services for free. The event takes place on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Skylark Pre-School, located at 11250 Mac Murray Street.

Residents may bring unwanted bulky items, such as non-refrigerant appliances, furniture, mattresses, and carpets. Electronic waste, including printers, computers, and televisions are also accepted. This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items, on a first-come, first-served basis, until bins are full.

Residents may recycle household batteries, such as AA, AAA, D, C, and old power tool batteries. Automotive batteries will not be accepted.

Paper shredding services will be available on a first come, first served basis to help safely dispose of personal documents. There is a limit of four boxes per vehicle.

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Bulky Items, Household Batteries Drop Off and Paper Shredding Free March 14 2-2-2

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, tires, and construction and demolition debris.

Cleanup days will be held at various locations throughout the city, every other month, with the next event scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Garden Grove Park, located at 9301 Westminster Avenue.

Republic Services also provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. To schedule a pickup, please call (714) 238-3300.

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

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Tuesday, February 24, 2026



SUNSHINE, SURPRISES, AND SPRINGTIME FUN AT ANNUAL EGGSCAVATION FAMILY EVENT

Hop into the spring season with a search for colorful treasures at Garden Grove's annual "Eggscavation" event on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center, located at 13630 Atlantis Way in Garden Grove Park. Ticket sales begin Tuesday, March 10, 2026, and continue until quantities run out. Tickets may be purchased at ggcity.org/eggscavation or by calling (714) 741-5200. There will be no ticket sales at the door.

This year's event will feature the addition of "golden eggs" hidden throughout each egg hunt, with special prizes awarded to those who find them. Other event activities include carnival games, inflatable obstacle courses, a petting zoo, photos with the Easter Bunny, and more. The egg hunts for each age group will take place at the following times:

- 2 to 3 years old - 2:00 p.m.
- 4 to 5 years old - 2:30 p.m.
- 6 to 7 years old - 3:00 p.m.
- 8 to 10 years old - 3:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$12 for children, ages 2 to 10, participating in the egg hunt, and \$3 for spectators, ages 11 and up.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/eggscavation or call (714) 741-5200.



EGGSCAVATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



13630 Atlantis Way, Garden Grove

\$12 CHILD TICKET | **\$3** ADULT TICKET
CHILDREN AGES 2-10 | EVERYONE AGES 11+
Ages 1 and under enter free

Ticket sales begin on Tuesday, March 10, 2026

No ticket sales at the door. No refunds except for
cancellation of event.



TO REGISTER, VISIT GGCITY.ORG/EGGSCAVATION
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (714)741-5200



MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
February 27, 2026

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the March 5, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Meeting minutes for the October 2, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
4. Meeting minutes for the February 26, 2026 Garden Grove Zoning Administration Meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from February 20, 2026 to February 26, 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 26, 2026 – March 26, 2026

Thursday	February 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Saturday	February 28	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Compost Giveaway Garden Grove Public Works, 13802 Newhope St.
Monday	March 2	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission, CMC
Tuesday	March 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 6		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 12	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	March 12	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Saturday	March 14	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Community Cleanup Day Skylark Pre-School, 11250 Mac Murray St.
Thursday	March 19		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	March 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	March 20		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	March 24	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
Thursday	March 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 2, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Ashland
Commissioner Beard
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Flanders
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Ashland, Beard, Flanders

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Laricchia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

September 18, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva
Ayes: (4) Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez
Noes: (0)
Absent: (3) Ashland, Beard, Flanders
Abstain: (0)

PUBLIC HEARING – INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-007-2025, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-162-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WEST ON VALLEY VIEW STREET, SOUTH OF LAMPSON AVENUE AT 12491 VALLEY VIEW STREET

Applicant: MOONKYU LIM
Date: October 2, 2025

Request: A request for Interpretation of Use approval to determine the compatibility between indoor playground facilities and the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone, and to allow indoor playground facilities in the C-1 zone subject to a Conditional Use Permit. Also, a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a new 10,132 square-foot

indoor playground facility to operate within an existing inline multi-tenant shopping center. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: In order to re-evaluate the proposed business operation, the applicant, who was not present, requested that the item be continued to a date uncertain. The item will be re-noticed and re-advertised to coincide with future undetermined hearing date.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (4) Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez
Noes: (0)
Absent: (3) Ashland, Beard, Flanders

PUBLIC HEARING -CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-283-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST OF GALWAY STREET, AT 9757 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, UNIT #3

Applicant: HIEU NGUYEN
Date: October 2, 2025

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a new 1,449 square-foot "tattoo, general" business within an existing multi-tenant commercial shopping center. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6126-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

Ayes: (4) Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez
Noes: (0)
Absent: (3) Ashland, Beard, Flanders

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION NO. IFC-002-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PINE STREET, NORTH OF LAMPSON AVENUE AT 12411 PINE STREET

Applicant: PHI VAN NGUYEN
Date: October 2, 2025

Request: A request for the Planning Commission to review and approve an Item for Consideration, a tree removal application for the address located at 12411 Pine Street, per the revised Tree Ordinance adopted by City Council on November 12, 2024.

Action: Staff was directed to bring back a Resolution of denial for Resolution No. 6127-25 to the next meeting reflecting the findings of fact expressed by the Planning Commission: (1) the trees are healthy and pose no danger to surrounding area, and (2) removal of said trees would destroy neighborhood conformity.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

Ayes: (0)

Noes: (4) Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez

Absent: (3) Ashland, Beard, Flanders

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Laricchia raised concerns that the no street parking in the Buena Clinton area is overflowing into the Roxey Drive/ Clinton Street area, north of Westminster Avenue. Corporal Arellano mentioned that based on his experience, the parking issues affecting the Roxey Drive and Clinton Street area is probably due to the condominiums and apartments in that area, and not necessarily overflow from the Buena Clinton area. Corporal Arellano will look into the manner further.

Commissioner Lindsay asked if the no street parking in the Buena Clinton area is still necessary, and can the streets be open to parking. Staff mentioned that the subject matter was not under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission, and will bring the manner to the attention of the Public Works Director and the City Manager.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff made a presentation on the status of planning projects approved by the Planning Commission. Staff mentioned upcoming Planning Commission tours on October 10th and October 24th. Staff stated that the October 16, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting would be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:47 p.m.

Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
MARCH 5, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: February 26, 2026

JOHN RAMIREZ
CHAIR

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-289-2026

Applicant: BOILING CRAB RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC
Location: 13892 Brookhurst Street
Date: February 26, 2026

Request: A request to allow an existing restaurant to operate with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale General) license. Also, a recommendation that the Zoning Administrator revoke the previous Conditional Use Permit governing the tenant space, CUP-237-08. 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).

Action: Public Hearing Held.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1865-26

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary



Cal Cities Board votes on sales tax policy, prepares for the year ahead

Feb 25, 2026

By *Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

The Cal Cities Board met last week in Berkeley to vote on a proposed sales tax policy, review key legislation, and more.

The Board first took stock of Cal Cities' [strategic advocacy priorities](#) and the wider political environment. With the state staring down a turbulent budget forecast and continued federal uncertainty, member support will be critical to securing success in the Legislature.

The state is focusing heavily on accountability but [has not yet provided new money](#) to help cities meet their housing and homelessness goals. [Impact fees](#), factory housing, and energy infrastructure have also emerged as top early issues at the state level.

Cal Cities preemptively responded by meeting early with lawmakers — over 100 meetings in the first few weeks of the year. Cal Cities is also sponsoring around a dozen bills related to housing element reform, [disaster preparedness](#), [homelessness](#), [metal theft](#), [road repairs](#), and more. Brandon Castillo, one of the state's leading ballot measure campaign strategists, gave an update on the 2026 ballot measure landscape. In recent years, special interest groups have used ballot measures to leverage legislative action. This year will be no different, with over a dozen measures expected to qualify for the November election. Cal Cities is prepared to mobilize its membership to fight any measures that could harm cities.

Castillo also reviewed the average cost of initiative campaigns, after which staff briefed the Board on plans for [CitiPAC](#), the fundraising mechanism for Cal Cities.

The Board also reviewed Cal Cities' positions at the federal level, which Cal Cities leadership will discuss with federal representatives during the upcoming [Congressional City Conference](#).

Sales tax policy decision

The Board acted on a set of proposed changes to the allocation of Bradley-Burns sales and use tax revenues generated from e-commerce transactions. The recommendations came from the Revenue and Taxation Policy Committee. The proposal was originally put forth by a working group of city managers, which met over 20 times since 2022.

The Board rejected policy related to:

- A 50/50 split of Bradley-Burns sales tax revenue generated from e-commerce transactions.
- A plus or minus 5% flexibility band.
- Prospective application, excluding revenues from existing sales tax sharing agreements, from any split.
- Five-year phase-in, following state implementation.

- A plus or minus 20% volatility band for reallocating revenues, whereby revenues gained by a city in excess of 20% would be used to mitigate revenue losses greater than 20% for cities negatively impacted by the reallocation of the Bradley-Burns.

The Board directed staff to pursue a statutory change that will enact the following: “County pool use tax dollars from out-of-state e-commerce transactions reallocated from the county pools to destination cities.” In addition, the Board of Directors committed to further studying broader tax reform to increase revenue for all cities.

[Western City rebrand and repositioning](#)

Rachel Vincent, senior director of strategic communications and marketing, provided an update on [Western City](#) magazine. Originally established in 1899 (then called *Pacific Municipalities*), the magazine covered up to 11 western states, including California. In 1932, the magazine was renamed *Western City*. In 1976, it became exclusive to Cal Cities and California.

Western City became a digital publication in 2021 and features a diverse range of voices and stories on the biggest issues facing California’s cities.

Starting this year, staff began the process of rebranding and repositioning the magazine, with the goal of expanding its influence to a wider audience. Staff will work with a group of volunteer board members to ensure that this process aligns with Cal Cities’ mission and vision.

The next board meeting is April 24-25 in Sacramento, after the [City Leaders Summit](#).



Cal Cities-sponsored bill would protect vital public infrastructure from ongoing damage

Feb 25, 2026

By Serena Scott, legislative affairs analyst, and Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate (public safety)

Cal Cities this month partnered with Asm. Mark González and broadband organizations on legislation seeking to crack down on copper wire theft. [AB 1941](#) builds on a sponsored copper wire theft bill by González that Gov. Gavin Newsom signed late last year.

Cities across California continue to face the serious impacts of organized metal theft. Cities must absorb the financial costs and public safety consequences of copper theft targeting critical public infrastructure like telecommunications lines, electrical utility equipment, water systems, streetlights, and traffic signals.

"Copper wire theft is not a victimless crime," [said González](#). "It is a crime that leaves abuelitas without power for A/C or heat, brings our public transportation to a halt, blackouts phone service to rural community members, and leaves our neighborhoods in the dark."

AB 1941 would strengthen metal theft enforcement and prevention efforts in two keyways:

- Target repeat and organized offenders who steal or traffic prohibited metal materials.
- Establish a statewide data-sharing tool to improve coordination and visibility among law enforcement agencies, public agencies, and private entities.

"Cal Cities is proud to co-sponsor AB 1941, a crucial step toward enforcing copper wire theft laws and protecting the critical public infrastructure our communities rely upon," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "Copper wire theft threatens the delivery of essential emergency response services, broadband, electricity, water, and street safety, and places a significant financial strain on cities. AB 1941 is a smart solution that will keep our communities safe and fiscally sound."

The city of Los Angeles is a devastating example of the consequences of organized metal theft. Since opening its Sixth Street Bridge in 2022, thieves have stripped 38,000 feet of copper wire from the bridge, costing an estimated \$2.5 million to repair. [The bridge remains dark at night](#), along with sections of the busy 405 freeway and numerous city blocks.

[CBS News California Investigates](#) found that residents submitted close to 40,000 service requests in 2025, nearly half the result of wire theft. The Bureau of Street Lighting spent \$60 million on copper wire theft repairs in 2025 due to theft and vandalism to their network, with individual council members using their discretionary funds to pay for some repairs.

To show your support for AB 1941, please submit a letter using [Cal Cities' sample support letter](#).



City of San Ramon Earns Top Honors in 2026 Local Streets and Roads Project Awards

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Also recognized are: San Francisco; the counties of Nevada, Placer, and San Diego; and the cities of Atascadero and West Sacramento

Sacramento, CA – The California State Association of Counties (CSAC), League of California Cities (Cal Cities), and County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) are proud to announce the winners of the 2026 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards. These awards highlight local government projects that demonstrate innovation and cost efficiency while protecting long-term investments in California’s streets, roads, and bridges. Sponsored by CSAC, Cal Cities, and CEAC, the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards were presented during the Cal Cities Public Works Officers Institute/CEAC Spring Conference on February 25 in Monterey.

“Counties and cities across California lead in delivering sustainable and enduring transportation projects,” said **Johannes Hoevertsz, President of CEAC and Sonoma County Public Infrastructure Director**. “By applying innovative approaches, local governments are strengthening mobility while protecting the long-term performance of their streets and roads.” This year’s overall winner, the City of San Ramon, is recognized for its Iron Horse Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing at Bollinger Canyon Road, a transformative project that enhances safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists.

“Throughout California, local governments are leading the way on transportation investments that keep streets safe and communities connected while navigating increased public demands and dwindling financial resources,” said **Cal Cities Public Works Department President and Folsom Public Works Director Rebecca Neves**. “These award-winning projects reflect the creativity, commitment, and innovation at the city and county level to improve roadway safety, strengthen communities, and help California meet its climate goals under challenging and adverse circumstances. They are an inspiration to us all in the daily pursuit of safe and dependable transportation networks.”

Brief descriptions of the winning projects are included below. Full descriptions of winners and finalists are available on the [Save California Streets](#) website.

Overall Winner:

Iron Horse Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing at Bollinger Canyon Road, City of San Ramon

The \$29M Iron Horse Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing at Bollinger Canyon Road is a 340-foot, cable-stayed bridge that provides a safe, grade-separated crossing over one of San Ramon's busiest corridors. Anchored by 900 feet of MSE wall approaches, it eliminates a previously signaled crossing and completes a link in the 30-mile regional Iron Horse Trail system. The project integrated context-sensitive landscaping with over 7,000 native and drought-tolerant plants and 80 trees along with community gathering spaces enhanced by architectural lighting.

Roads: Efficient and Sustainable Road Maintenance, Construction, and Reconstruction Projects

El Camino Real Downtown Infrastructure Enhancement Plan, City of Atascadero

The City of Atascadero's El Camino Real Downtown Infrastructure Enhancement Plan was an efficient and sustainable reconstruction of a nearly 100-year-old historic highway through downtown. This project reduced the number of vehicle lanes, added parking and a more inviting flexible space for events in the street center, provided enhanced bicycle facilities on the road, and promoted safer pedestrian crossings.

Bridges: Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects

Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project, County of Placer

Placer County's Fanny Bridge Community Revitalization Project includes a new bypass segment of State Route 89 with a new bridge crossing the Truckee River downstream of Fanny Bridge along with roundabouts on the east and west ends of a new bypass that has been key to managing traffic during the Fanny Bridge closure. The bridge features widened sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides as well as activated pedestrian crossing signals on both ends; these improvements will provide ADA access to businesses, a transit hub and recreational areas surrounding the project area.

Complete Streets Projects – TIE

6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project, City and County of San Francisco

The 6th Street Pedestrian Safety Project aims to transform 6th Street into a multi-modal corridor that improves safety for pedestrians and other vulnerable users of the street. Between Market and Howard streets the improvements along 6th Street include: a reduction in the number of vehicle travel lanes on 6th Street, widening of the sidewalks on both sides of 6th Street, installation of new curb bulb-outs at all intersections, installation of new traffic signals at Stevenson and Natoma Streets and the striping of new crosswalks at all alleys crossing 6th Street, installation of streetscape, and application of new roadway striping at various locations.

Combie Road Multi-Purpose Trail, County of Nevada

The Combie Road multi-purpose trail is a Class 1 concrete trail that stretches $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from Higgins Road to West Hacienda Drive. This trail provides safe, non-vehicular and pedestrian-friendly access for students of three neighboring schools, as well as for residents traveling to nearby Marketplace shopping centers and the new community library. The \$1.3M project consists of an ADA-compliant, 8-foot-wide concrete path with 2-foot shoulders, placement of drainage improvements, rock retaining walls, and safety rails.

Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects

HSIP Traffic Safety & Signal Improvement Project, City of West Sacramento

This federally funded effort brings targeted upgrades designed to reduce collisions, improve visibility, and enhance pedestrian access at more than twenty locations throughout the community. Planning was guided by the City's Systemic Safety Analysis Report, which identified high-risk corridors and intersections. This project improved: Geometric Modification of

Approaches at Intersections (4 Locations), Signal Hardware and Safety Improvements at Signalized Intersections (6 Locations), and Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements (10 Locations).

Best Pavement Management Practices

Pavement Management Program – “Road to 70”, County of San Diego

In 2017, San Diego County formalized “Road to 70” an ambitious program to restore their network to Pavement Condition Index (PCI) 70, backed by \$70 million annually based on SB-1 (Road Repair & Accountability Act) funding. “Road to 70” placed robust Pavement Management Program (PMP) data at the center of their decision process, combining data analytics with engineering expertise and community feedback. From 2017-2025, they invested \$500 million and increased network PCI from 61 to 69, reaching 70 by summer 2026. They delivered: 900+ miles resurfaced, 366 culvert improvements, 2,260+ ADA curb ramps, 145 intersection upgrades, 57 traffic signals with video detection, 349 bike lane miles. “Very Good” roads: 39% to 54.7%; “Very Poor”: 9% to 0.6%.

To learn more about the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards and explore previous award-winning projects, please visit the [Save California Streets](#) website.