

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**March 12, 2026**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City  
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. 2026 CITY COUNCIL RETREAT SUMMARY REPORT

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached informing the City Council that the Park Security Pilot Program with Lyons Security Services will begin on Monday, March 16, 2026.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo is attached to summarize the Start, Fund, and Grow in Garden Grove small business webinar.

D. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Records Requests report for February 2026

• **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

# City Council Retreat Summary

February 2026



## Mission

The mission of the City of Garden Grove is to provide responsible leadership and quality services as we promote safety, cultural harmony, and life enrichment.



## Vision

The vision of Garden Grove is to be a safe, attractive, and economically vibrant city with an informed and involved public. We are a diverse community that promotes our unique attributes and preserves our residential character.



## Values

We commit ourselves to the betterment of the individual, the organization, and the community, by fostering a spirit of trust, creativity, cooperation, integrity, empathy, respect, and quality service to all.

## Council Priorities

The City Council reaffirmed its baseline principle of financial health and sustainability. The Council made one change to its six priorities by adding community improvement to code enforcement. These six priorities are key areas of focus for the Council and City government. Each priority carries equal weight for the Council.



As part of its annual retreat held February 9, 2026, the City Council and Central Management Team reviewed accomplishments and what contributes to the City's success. Highlights are captured in the following graphic.



**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: Park Security Pilot Program –  
Lyons Security Services

From: John Montanez  
Dept: Community Services  
Date: 03/12/2026

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OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council that the Park Security Pilot Program with Lyons Security Services will begin on Monday, March 16, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove is initiating a Park Security Pilot Program to provide dedicated, uniformed security services at designated park locations. The program is intended to reduce vandalism, drug use, unauthorized overnight camping, and other activities that contribute to park and restroom closures. The program will help keep restrooms and public amenities open, clean, and safe for community use.

The pilot program will operate for a minimum six (6) month term and will not exceed one (1) year or continue beyond available funding, whichever occurs first. If the program proves successful, the City may consider extending services for additional terms.

DISCUSSION

Beginning Monday, March 16, 2026, Lyons Security Services will begin providing dedicated, uniformed security services at the following parks:

Garden Grove Park  
Magnolia Park  
Chapman Sports Complex  
Eastgate Park  
Pioneer Park  
Haster Basin Park

Security personnel will maintain a visible presence in these parks to help deter vandalism, address inappropriate activities, and support safe and accessible park facilities for the community.

Daily schedules will vary by park location, but coverage will generally occur during the following hours:

Monday through Friday: 10 AM to 9 PM  
Saturday and Sunday: 9 AM to 8 PM

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Security staff will monitor park activity, report issues, and coordinate with City staff and public safety when needed.

SUMMARY

The Park Security Pilot Program will begin March 16, 2026 and will focus on improving park safety, reducing vandalism, and supporting the continued availability of park restrooms and amenities. Staff will monitor the program during the pilot period and evaluate its effectiveness in improving park conditions and the overall visitor experience.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ  
Community Services Director

*Mark Freeman*

By: Mark Freeman,  
Community Services Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	Start, Fund, and Grow in Garden Grove Small Business Webinar	Date:	March 12, 2026

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the Start, Fund, and Grow in Garden Grove small business webinar, which provided local entrepreneurs and small business owners with information on capital resources and technical assistance programs that support business startup and growth.

DISCUSSION

The webinar was hosted in partnership with the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Grow America and was held online on March 10, 2026. During the session, presenters shared an overview of financing opportunities available to help small businesses obtain capital, particularly those that may encounter barriers to traditional lending. The presentation also emphasized the value of technical assistance, including business planning, financial preparation, and advisory services that help entrepreneurs prepare for and secure funding.

More than 20 participants attended the webinar. Throughout the session, City staff and partner organizations responded to attendee questions and shared additional details about available initiatives and services. After the event, participants received a copy of the webinar recording along with supporting materials and contact information so they can continue to access assistance and connect with program partners as needed.

CONCLUSION

The webinar served as an important outreach effort to connect local businesses with financial tools and technical support that can help them grow and remain competitive. Through collaboration with organizations that specialize in capital access and business advisory services, the City continues to encourage entrepreneurship and enhance the strength of the local small business community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ursula Luna-Reynosa" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ursula Luna-Reynosa  
Assistant City Manager  
Economic Development and Housing Director

By: Henry Surjono, Administrative Analyst

- **Attachment A:** Start, Fund, and Grow in Garden Grove Flyer

# Start, Fund, and Grow in Garden Grove



Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
3 – 4 p.m. | Online

**Start, Fund, and Grow in Garden Grove** is a collaborative informational webinar designed to help Garden Grove-based entrepreneurs and small business owners access capital and the support needed to grow and thrive. Hosted in partnership with the City of Garden Grove, the Orange County Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, and Grow America, **this session will highlight funding opportunities available through the MicroBiz and Grow Garden Grove Fund programs, along with no-cost technical assistance and capital access resources.**

Participants will gain an overview of available financing programs, learn how to prepare for funding, and understand how technical assistance partners can support them at every stage—from startup to growth. This webinar is intended as an informative session for businesses looking to start, stabilize, or scale in Garden Grove.



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Cal State  
Fullerton



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[StartFundGrow.eventbrite.com](https://StartFundGrow.eventbrite.com)



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# Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10895	02/02/26	Hello, I would like to request a listing/copies of new businesses that filed in the City of Garden Grove for the month of January 2026. This listing must include, at the very minimum, business name and address. Other information such as contact n...	Finance	02/12/26	02/10/26
10896	02/02/26	Respectfully requesting approved plans from time 1990 to 2025 for address: 10181 Flanner Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840  Building permit counter located plans under 15-2792. Can you please reassign so I can obtain a copy of these plans?	Community Development	02/12/26	02/12/26
10897	02/04/26	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 1/27/2026 - 2/3/2026. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	03/03/26	02/18/26
10898	02/04/26	Request for list of plan-holders Request Code: 14570416 Date: 02/04/26  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the fo...	Economic Development Finance	03/03/26	03/03/26
10899	02/04/26	For address 12122 Laguna Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840, need the records from 2018 to the present building as a whole, as well as for Unit #4. Need the records housing, and any additional records you may have with building and safety. Thank you.		02/17/26	02/05/26
10901	02/05/26	Hello, My name is Phuong Ta, and I am the owner of 11441 Gilbert St., Garden Grove, CA 92841. I am requesting a copy of the approved plans for my home to move forward with a solar installation. Please let me know if you are able to provide this, ...		02/17/26	02/05/26

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10903	02/08/26	Good Day,  I am Switzerlan Montefrio, I am currently working with "Video Voice Data Communications Company" as a CAD Drafter & I have a project under the City of Garden Grove. Can I kindly request for As-Built/Substructure Maps along the Street...		02/19/26	02/09/26
10904	02/10/26	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings January 2026  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	02/23/26	02/23/26
10905	02/10/26	I am looking for the certificate of occupancy for all rooms at the location 9411 Central Avenue Garden Grove California 92844 Specifically the rooms attached to the garage and main home dwelling		02/23/26	02/10/26
10906	02/11/26	I am requesting an electronic list or individual records of all commercial building permits issued by the City between January 1, 2025, and January 31, 2026.  Project Details: Site address, Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), and a brief description...	Community Development	02/23/26	02/23/26
10907	02/11/26	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 2/4/2026 - 2/10/2026. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	02/23/26	02/23/26
10908	02/11/26	SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the Garden Grove Police Department for any and all purchasing records from 11/7/2025 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning, or pr...	Finance	02/23/26	02/19/26
10909	02/11/26	I am the community manager at a mobile home community located in Garden Grove and I am looking for the original lot lines or plot plan to this park. This park is very old and previous management did little to no record keeping so I am trying to ac...		02/23/26	02/12/26

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10910	02/12/26	<p>Hello,</p> <p>We submitted a bid for the Medal Honor Trail (EDD-1003) project. Please send us the bid results.</p> <p>Thank you SAVI Construction Inc.</p>		02/23/26	02/12/26
10911	02/13/26	<p>Dear City Clerk's Office,</p> <p>Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request the following records held by the City of Garden Grove. I request these records in electronic form, and for records that are not held electronically, I seek to ins...</p>	City Manager	02/23/26	02/23/26
10912	02/13/26	<p>Request Code: 14570416 Date: 02/13/26</p> <p>On behalf of our customers who are contractors &amp; suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct...</p>	Economic Development	03/09/26	03/03/26
10913	02/13/26	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I hope this message finds you well. I previously submitted a public records request on December 12, 2025, but I received a list of general contractors. I am following up to kindly request the following information instead:</p> <p>A list of all ...</p>	Community Development	03/09/26	02/27/26
10914	02/14/26	<p>Hello, I am requesting the following information:</p> <p>Parking enforcement citation-level data from 01/01/2020 to Present), including both issued parking citations and parking warnings.</p> <p>Please provide one row per citation/warning in a machine-rea...</p>	Police Public Works	02/27/26	02/19/26
10915	02/16/26	<p>Any and all occupancy permits/certificates for the time period of 2017-2024 for the motel/hotel located at 12091 Trask Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843</p>		02/27/26	02/17/26
10916	02/17/26	<p>Hi please I am the the property owner and would like to request for the police for incident that happened on 1/14 at 8506 garden grove blvd , garden grove.</p> <p>I would also like the report of yesterday's burglary which occurs on 1/16/2026 at the sa...</p>		02/27/26	02/17/26

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10917	02/17/26	Please , I would like a police report of what occurred on 1/14/2026 and Burglary that occurred yesterday on 2/16/2026. I am the property owner for 8506 garden grove blvd garden grove		02/27/26	02/17/26
10918	02/17/26	Bid results for project invitation number EDD-1003: Medal of Honor Trail Concrete Installation for Fitness Equipment. Bid due date 02/12/2026 11:00AM.		02/27/26	02/17/26
10919	02/18/26	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 2/11/2026 - 2/17/2026. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pr...	Community Development	03/02/26	02/27/26
10921	02/19/26	Please see attached document for full Public Records Request.	Community Development	03/01/26	02/19/26
10922	02/19/26	Dear Public Records Officer,  Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code, Division 10, §§ 7920.000 et seq.) The Data Branch is submitting a public records request to your police department for purchasing and expenditure data...	City Manager	03/02/26	02/19/26
10923	02/20/26	Seeking documents for medal of honor bike pedestrian trail replacement of train mural, cost trim tree maintenance cost, dates of any services reposting tree stakes, Seeking documents for dates number of trees trimmed.	Economic Development	03/05/26	03/04/26
10924	02/20/26	Request document any memos inter office update sb932v2022 update general plan for 2026 to include ca state law require cities UPDATE general plan with bike The Plan for the Future Bill (SB 932)September 28, 2022 bicycle and pedestrian plans an...	Community Development	03/05/26	02/24/26
10925	02/23/26	Permits, blueprints everything public record about this house. Looking to buy. Address- 11781 Diamond St		03/05/26	02/23/26

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10926	02/24/26	Requesting a copy of all full time employees' first, middle and last names including their job title/position, their campus/office location, date of hire, and email address.  Please provide this information in an electronic format such as Excel...	Human Resources	03/06/26	02/25/26
10927	02/24/26	Place name policies of United States incorporated settlements.  Would like to understand if City of Garden Grove has such a policy, and if so, whether you can share it with us	City Manager	03/06/26	02/24/26
10928	02/24/26	Request plans for sidewalks at 11777 Harbor Blvd	Public Works	03/06/26	02/27/26
10929	02/24/26	Public Records of 14172 -14182 Buena St. Garden Grove, CA 92843 from the Garden Grove Housing Authority.	Economic Development	03/06/26	02/24/26
10930	02/25/26	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 2/18/2026-2/23/2026. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of proj...	Community Development	03/07/26	02/25/26
10931	02/25/26	Reporter with the Voice of OC requesting the names of public commenters at last night's (02/24/26) city council meeting.	City Manager	03/07/26	02/25/26
10932	02/25/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 et seq.), I respectfully request records related to coyote management within the City of Garden Grove from January 1, 2020 to present.  Specifically, I request:  1. All coyot...	Public Works	03/23/26	
10933	02/25/26	Preliminary bid results for CP- 1414000 LAMPSON AVENUE AND KNOTT STREET STORM DRAIN IMPROVMENT PROJECT.	City Manager	03/07/26	02/25/26

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10934	02/25/26	I am the successor trustee of the property at 12612 Ohmer Way, Garden Grove CA 92841. I would like to request the complete permit history for the property, including finalized permits and any open permits.  Specifically: 1. Bedroom conversion ...	City Manager	03/08/26	02/26/26
10935	02/25/26	I am the successor trustee of the property at 12612 Ohmer Way, Garden Grove CA 92841. I would like to request the complete permit history for the property, including finalized permits and any open permits.  Specifically: 1. Bedroom conversion ...		03/08/26	02/26/26
10936	02/26/26	Looking for video footage of a car accident that happened at the intersection of Dale St & Lampson Ave in Garden Grove. Accident happened on 2/21/2026 roughly around 1010am. Accident was between a Black Toyota Venza and a Black Toyota Camry both ...		03/08/26	02/26/26
10937	02/26/26	I would like to request any site plan/site plan approvals, architectural drawings, MEP plans, blueprints that are available for 12582 Garden Grove Blvd, 92843	City Manager	03/08/26	02/26/26
10938	02/26/26	I am reaching out to kindly request additional information regarding the project In-N-Out Drive-Thru Improvements, case number: SP-157-2025, listed on the public engagement website <a href="https://ggcity.org/sites/default/files/q4-final.pdf">https://ggcity.org/sites/default/files/q4-final.pdf</a>  Proj...	Community Development	03/09/26	02/27/26
10939	02/26/26	I am reaching out to kindly request additional information regarding the project Bixby Apartments, Site Plan No. SP-129-2023, listed on the public engagement website <a href="https://ggcity.org/planning/current-projects">https://ggcity.org/planning/current-projects</a>  Project address: 9691 Bi...	Community Development	03/09/26	03/02/26
10940	02/26/26	I am reaching out to kindly request additional information regarding the project Warehouse Building On Lincoln Way, Site Plan No. SP-158-2025, listed on the public engagement website <a href="https://ggcity.org/planning/current-projects">https://ggcity.org/planning/current-projects</a>  Project a...	Community Development	03/09/26	03/03/26

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10941	02/26/26	I am reaching out to kindly request additional information regarding the project 98-Unit Garden Grove Apartments, Site Plan No. SP-145-2024, listed on the public engagement website <a href="https://ggcity.org/planning/current-projects">https://ggcity.org/planning/current-projects</a>  Project add...	Community Development	03/09/26	02/27/26
10942	02/26/26	I am reaching out to kindly request additional information regarding the 13281 Brookhurst St project, with Site Plan No. SP-169-2026, listed on the public engagement website <a href="https://ggcity.org/sites/default/files/q4-final.pdf">https://ggcity.org/sites/default/files/q4-final.pdf</a>  Project add...	Community Development	03/09/26	03/03/26
10945	02/27/26	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings February 2026  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	03/09/26	03/02/26
10946	02/27/26	I am requesting: 1 - A current copy of contract for ambulance service and any extension with Care Ambulance, AKA Falck Mobile Health Corp. 2 - Any and all response time data reports from calendar years 2024 and 2025. 3 - Copies of financial rep...		03/12/26	03/02/26
10947	02/27/26	Our client was involved in a accident on 02/22/2026 @ 01:30PM in the location of Garden Grove Blvd & Galway St, Garden Grove, CA. I wanted to check if the cameras located in that intersection might have captured any footage.  Thank you		03/12/26	03/02/26
10948	02/28/26	Please provide copies of any open/unresolved zoning, building and fire code violations on file for the property address 7089 to 7091 Belgrave Avenue parcel: 131-244-06		03/12/26	03/02/26

**WEEKLY MEMO 03-12-2026**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

March 5, 2026 – March 11, 2026

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

**Included in this Report**

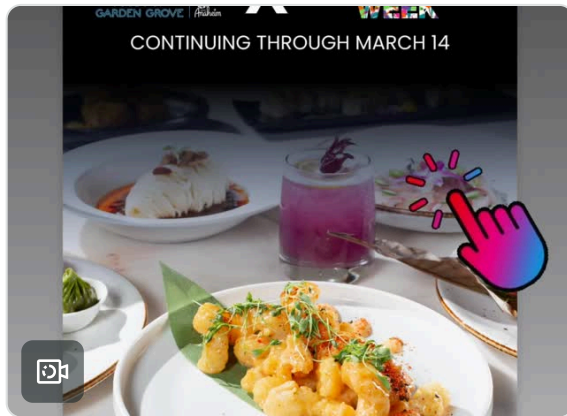
 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

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  **gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 3/11/2026 9:49 am PDT

Check out our post for all the delicious details!  
🥰 #DYK it's Orange County Restaurant Week?!  
🍴



<u>Views</u>	0
<u>Reach</u>	40
<u>Comments</u>	0
<u>Story Taps Back</u>	1

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 3/11/2026 9:42 am PDT

🥰 EGGSCAVATION TICKETS ARE NOW  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE! (UNTIL QUANTITIES  
RUN OUT)



<u>Views</u>	150
<u>Reach</u>	92
<u>Comments</u>	0
<u>Story Taps Back</u>	—

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 3/11/2026 9:38 am PDT

It's OC Restaurant Week and #GardenGrove is  
serving up delicious deals! 🥰



<u>Engagements</u>	4
<u>Views</u>	374
<u>Reach</u>	201
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	1.1%



X @CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/11/2026 9:30 am PDT

Get a true taste of Garden Grove by experiencing some of our Latin, Middle Eastern, Asian, and American cuisine.

📱 Visit the “Celebrate Your Way” tab at [ocrestaurantweek.com](https://ocrestaurantweek.com) to view the participating Foods of Garden Grove restaurants and experience the one-of-a-kind flavors!



Engagements	3
Post Link Clicks	2
Impressions	35
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.6%
Potential Reach	9,783



X @CityGardenGrove

Wed 3/11/2026 9:30 am PDT

It's OC Restaurant Week and #GardenGrove is serving up delicious deals! 😊



Engagements	3
Impressions	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.3%
Potential Reach	9,783



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Wed 3/11/2026 9:30 am PDT

It's OC Restaurant Week and #GardenGrove is serving up delicious deals! 😊



Engagements	2
Views	113
Reach	90
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.8%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 3/10/2026 4:58 pm PDT

Some-bunny told us this year's **Eggscavation** tickets are now available for purchase until quantities run out! Get yours today at



<b>Engagements</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
<b>Video Views</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Potential Reach</b>	<b>4,740</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 3/10/2026 4:58 pm PDT

Take a look at all the egg-citing event offerings in action! You won't want to miss out on this hoppy afternoon filled with egg hunts, inflatable obstacle courses, a petting zoo, and more!

Sat, 4/4 | 1PM-4PM  
Atlantis Play Center | 13630 Atlantis Way

#GG1956 #GardenGrove



<b>Engagements</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Potential Reach</b>	<b>4,740</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 3/10/2026 4:52 pm PDT

Some-bunny told us this year's **Eggscavation** tickets are now available for purchase until quantities run out! Get yours today at



<b>Engagements</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Views</b>	<b>1,695</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>1,100</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per View)</b>	<b>3.8%</b>



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Tue 3/10/2026 4:52 pm PDT

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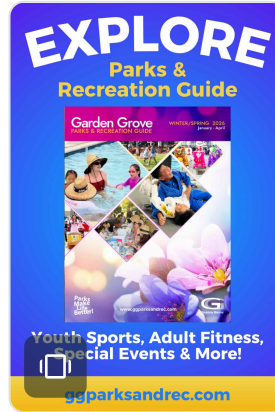
<u>Engagements</u>	<b>2</b>
<u>Views</u>	<b>419</b>
<u>Reach</u>	<b>415</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	<b>0.5%</b>
<u>Video Views</u>	<b>141</b>



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Tue 3/10/2026 1:45 pm PDT

🌸 This spring season, make sure to soak up the sun, plant meaningful goals, and let new opportunities blossom!



<u>Engagements</u>	<b>6</b>
<u>Views</u>	<b>1,412</b>
<u>Reach</u>	<b>173</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	<b>0.4%</b>



**f Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 3/10/2026 1:45 pm PDT

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<u>Engagements</u>	<b>65</b>
<u>Views</u>	<b>949</b>
<u>Reach</u>	<b>690</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	<b>6.8%</b>

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
 Tue 3/10/2026 10:47 am PDT

♥ March is Women's History Month, and we're celebrating the incredible women in our community, including our very own Mayor



<u>Engagements</u>	<b>43</b>
<u>Views</u>	<b>6,129</b>
<u>Reach</u>	<b>638</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	<b>0.7%</b>

  **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Tue 3/10/2026 10:47 am PDT


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<u>Engagements</u>	<b>4</b>
<u>Impressions</u>	<b>44</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</u>	<b>9.1%</b>
<u>Potential Reach</u>	<b>4,740</b>

  **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Tue 3/10/2026 10:47 am PDT

Recently, she was selected as the CA 36th Senate District Woman of the Year for her outstanding contributions and lasting impact on the community. When she's not leading the GG City Council, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and exploring the Eastern Sierra.



<u>Engagements</u>	<b>0</b>
<u>Impressions</u>	<b>43</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</u>	<b>0%</b>
<u>Potential Reach</u>	<b>4,740</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 3/10/2026 10:47 am PDT

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Engagements	395
Views	5,017
Reach	3,439
Engagement Rate (per View)	7.9%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 3/9/2026 5:13 pm PDT

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB? 😊  
@gardengrovecityhall



Views	729
Reach	668
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	26



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Mon 3/9/2026 5:05 pm PDT

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Engagements	233
Views	14,874
Reach	3,934
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.6%



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Engagements	2
Post Link Clicks	1
Impressions	44
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%
Potential Reach	4,740



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Engagements	7
Impressions	76
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.2%
Potential Reach	4,740



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Engagements	231
Views	7,590
Reach	5,369
Engagement Rate (per View)	3%



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Mon 3/9/2026 12:28 pm PDT

It's **#MemoryMonday**, and we're looking back at this year's 🌸 Flower Street on Historic Main event. From intricate floral displays and



<b>Engagements</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Views</b>	<b>1,494</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>1,041</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per View)</b>	<b>3.2%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 3/9/2026 12:24 pm PDT

It's **#MemoryMonday**, and we're looking back at this year's 🌸 Flower Street on Historic Main event. From intricate floral displays and



<b>Engagements</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Views</b>	<b>670</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>597</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per View)</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Video Views</b>	<b>245</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 3/9/2026 8:25 am PDT

Join us for an online webinar  
**TOMORROW, MARCH 10!**



<b>Views</b>	<b>783</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>643</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Story Taps Back</b>	<b>13</b>



X @CityGardenGrove

Sun 3/8/2026 9:41 am PDT

In honor of International Women's Day, we're highlighting the incredible women who help make Garden Grove a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. Meet some of the dedicated female City staff members who work tirelessly to serve our community each and every day.

#GG1956



Engagements	0
Impressions	67
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%
Potential Reach	4,741



X @CityGardenGrove

Sun 3/8/2026 9:41 am PDT

♥ Happy International Women's Day

Throughout history, women have shaped the



Engagements	6
Impressions	124
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%
Potential Reach	5,397



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Sun 3/8/2026 9:41 am PDT

Happy International Women's Day ✨

Throughout history, women have shaped the



Engagements	130
Views	12,117
Reach	3,269
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.1%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Sun 3/8/2026 9:41 am PDT

*Happy International Women's Day ✨*

Throughout history, women have shaped the



<u>Engagements</u>	<b>372</b>
<u>Views</u>	<b>6,787</b>
<u>Reach</u>	<b>4,460</b>
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	<b>5.5%</b>



# Post Performance

March 5, 2026 – March 11, 2026

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

**Included in this Report**

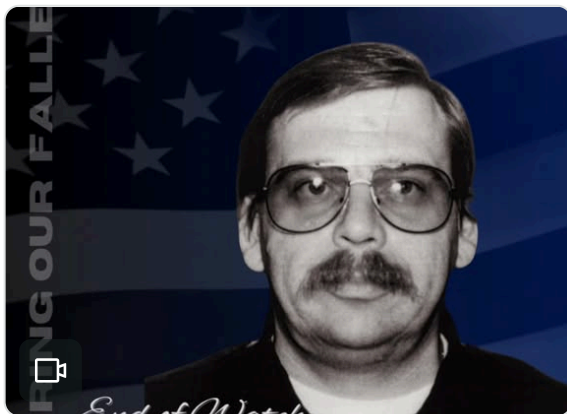
 Garden Grove Police Department



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Mon 3/9/2026 7:06 am PDT

In Memory of Master Officer Howard E. Dallies  
#EOW March 9, 1993.



Engagements	154
Views	1,933
Reach	1,595
Engagement Rate (per View)	8%
Video Views	795



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Sun 3/8/2026 9:44 am PDT

Happy International Women's Day! 🚔❤️

Today we celebrate all women everywhere and



Engagements	375
Views	4,171
Reach	2,350
Engagement Rate (per View)	9%

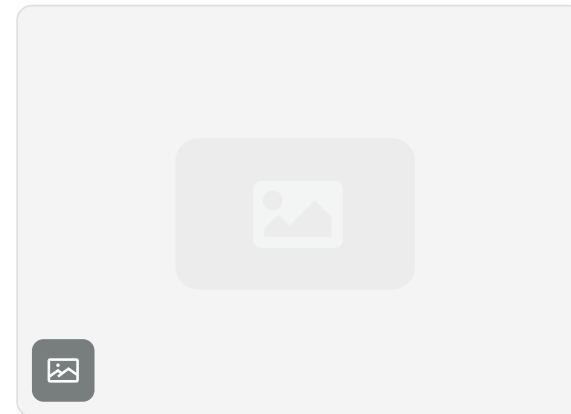


**Garden Grove Police Department**

Sat 3/7/2026 8:58 am PST

Happy International Women's Day! 🚔❤️

Today we celebrate all women everywhere and



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



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Fri 3/6/2026 8:00 am PST

Join GGPD personnel for a morning of hands-on fun at the Kids Workshop hosted at The Home Depot! 🛠️👷



<u>Engagements</u>	142
<u>Views</u>	3,539
<u>Reach</u>	2,228
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	4%



**Garden Grove Police Department**

Thu 3/5/2026 4:06 pm PST

This week, our officers have been visiting local classrooms to celebrate Read Across America! A nationwide event held in honor of Dr. Seuss's



<u>Engagements</u>	701
<u>Views</u>	13,899
<u>Reach</u>	9,831
<u>Engagement Rate (per View)</u>	5%

**WEEKLY MEMO 03-12-2026**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# Nitrous oxide ordinance OK'd

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFFON MARCH 10, 2026 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



TRANSIT bus for Garden Grove hotels (Visit Anaheim).

**By Jim Tortolano**  
Orange County Tribune

An ordinance restricting the sale and distribution of nitrous oxide was approved by the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday night.

The vote on the second and final vote and adoption was 7-0.

This new law takes effect 30 days after adoption. It will restrict the use and possession of nitrous oxide to professional uses such as a mild sedative for medical and dental uses, certain foods (such as whipped cream) and some auto racing purposes.

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

Several other Orange County cities – including Huntington Beach, Stanton and Westminster have adopted, or are considering adoption, of similar laws.

Also at Tuesday’s meeting, a presentation was made about the Garden Grove Tourism Improvement District, funded by the city’s 10 hotels. With the demise of Anaheim’s transit shuttle bus system, Garden Grove’s TID will spend \$600,000 for a city-branded bus system (see illustration).

The Garden Grove Police Department made a report on e-bike safety and enforcement.



Contact: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5242  
Community Services Department  
[danam@ggcity.org](mailto:danam@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, March 12, 2026



## **NOMINATE YOUR FRONT YARD FOR RECOGNITION AND CHANCE TO WIN HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD**

The City of Garden Grove reminds homeowners to spruce up their home's front yards for Garden Grove Gems, a home beautification program that recognizes residents for their home's outstanding curb appeal. Residents can nominate their homes online from Wednesday, April 1 through Friday, April 24 at [www.ggcity.org/gems](http://www.ggcity.org/gems). From all the nominations received four will be selected at random to receive \$100 Home Depot gift cards. Gift card winners will be announced the week of Monday, April 27.

Online voting will take place from Monday, May 4 through Monday, May 18. Winning homes will receive citywide recognition with homeowners invited to an awards reception hosted by the Garden Grove City Council. The home that receives the highest number of votes, along with a runner up, will be determined for each district. All winners will be announced during the week of Tuesday, May 26, through the City's website, social media platforms, and local media.

For more information and program guidelines, visit [www.ggcity.org/gems](http://www.ggcity.org/gems) or call (714) 741-5200.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Rene Camarena  
Community Services Department  
(714) 741-5200 / [renec@ggcity.org](mailto:renec@ggcity.org)

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, March 9, 2026



## NOW HIRING SEASONAL PART-TIME RECREATION STAFF

The City of Garden Grove's Community Services Department is accepting online applications for part-time seasonal positions at a variety of city facilities and programs. The application deadline is Monday, March 30, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. To apply, visit [ggcity.org/recjobs](http://ggcity.org/recjobs).

Job openings include:

- [Lifeguard \(Recreation Leader\)](#)
- [Instructor Guard \(Recreation Specialist\)](#)
- [Recreation Leader](#)

Individuals who enjoy working with local youth, being outdoors, serving the community, and want to gain skills and experience in a professional setting are encouraged to apply.

For more information visit [ggcity.org/recjobs](http://ggcity.org/recjobs) or call (714) 741-5200.

Follow the Community Services Department [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages @gardengroveparksandrec to see announcements on events, programs, services and opportunities.

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# Save the Date

Garden Grove Gems is a virtual home beautification program recognizing Garden Grove residents for their amazing homes.

## *Nominations*

7:30 AM WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1  
through  
5:30 PM FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Participating residents will nominate themselves.

## *Voting*

7:30 AM MONDAY, MAY 4  
through  
5:30 PM MONDAY, MAY 18

Community will vote online for  
one home per District.



*Nominate your home  
online to participate!*

visit [ggcity.org/gems](http://ggcity.org/gems) for more details.



**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**March 12, 2026**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the March 19, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from March 6, 2026 to March 12, 2026



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 12, 2026 – April 17, 2026

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
Thursday	April 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 3		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	April 4	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Eggscavation Atlantis Play Center, 13630 Atlantis Way
Thursday	April 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 9	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation & Arts Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	April 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 16		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	April 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 19, 2026 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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**Meeting Assistance:** Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, 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).

**Agenda Item Descriptions:** Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief and general description of the item. The Planning Commission 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.

**Documents/Writings:** Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, 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 of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.**

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS ASHLAND, BEARD, CUEVA, FLANDERS, LARICCHIA,  
LINDSAY, RAMIREZ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR
- B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [February 19, 2026](#)
- D. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - D.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-129-2023 \(TE1\)](#)

APPLICANT: BIXBY AVENUE APARTMENTS, LLC.  
LOCATION: 9691 BIXBY AVENUE

REQUEST: A request for a one-year Time Extension for the approved entitlement under Site Plan No. SP-129-2023, which allowed the construction of a three-story, 27-unit residential apartment complex that includes three (3) affordable housing units for "very low-income" households, and associated site improvements on a 0.83-acre lot. A CEQA determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution approving Site Plan No. SP-129-2023 (TE1) pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

E. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

E.1. Review of the [Code of Ethics](#)

E.2. Legislative Update on new land use laws

E.3. Land Use Entitlement Presentation

F. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

G. MATTERS FROM STAFF

H. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Laricchia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lindsay.

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:

Action: Commissioner Ramirez motioned to continue the Selection of Chair and Vice to the next meeting due to commissioner(s) absence. Motion received a second from Commissioner Lindsay.

Action: Motion approved with a 6-1 vote as follows:

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Laricchia

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

October 2, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

Ayes: (4) Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (0)  
Absent: (1) Laricchia  
Abstain: (2) Ashland, Beard

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-166-2026

Applicant: RICHARD MARTIN BECK  
Date: February 19, 2026

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new employee break room consisting of a 1,504 square-foot, one-story building with a 1,202 square-foot roof deck, and a 529 square-foot open air patio. The proposed building will replace an existing 1,923 square-foot, one-story employee break room at the GKN Aerospace Transparency Systems Facilities. 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: Resolution No. 6128-26 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ashland

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (0)  
Absent: (1) Laricchia

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: February 19, 2026

Request: A request for the Planning Commission to consider a resolution denying the City Tree Replacement and Removal Application for the address located at 12411 Pine Street per motion of the Planning Commission adopted October 2, 2025.

Action: Resolution No. 6127-26 was approved.

Motion: Ashland Second: Cueva

Ayes: (5) Ashland, Cueva, Flanders Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (1) Beard  
Absent: (1) Laricchia

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2025 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Beard Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Laricchia

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Beard welcomed Officer Polopek to the Planning Commission meetings.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the March 5<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting would be cancelled, and gave a brief description of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. Staff mentioned upcoming Planning Commission tours and will provide dates.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 p.m.

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Carol Sebbo  
Recording Secretary



## Interested in serving on the 2026-27 Cal Cities

### Board of Directors?

Mar 10, 2026

*By Zach Seals, governance and leadership support manager*

Are you passionate about local control? Do you have a keen understanding of the complex issues facing California's cities and how they are responding? Consider serving on the 2026-27 League of California Cities Board of Directors. Board members play a key role in shaping both state policy and the actions of Cal Cities.

Cal Cities is accepting [applications](#) from city officials for one of six at-large board positions and second vice president. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22.

Below are answers to common questions about board member duties, application requirements, and the application process. For questions or assistance, please contact Zach Seals at [zseals@calcities.org](mailto:zseals@calcities.org) or (916) 658-8204.

#### What are the positions on the Cal Cities Board of Directors?

The Board of Directors includes officers (president, first vice president, second vice president, and immediate past president); 12 directors-at-large; one director elected by each of the 16 divisions; one director elected by each of the 10 departments; one director elected from each of the five caucuses; and one director designated by each of the 10 largest cities in California.

Cal Cities is currently seeking candidates for six at-large positions and second vice president. *Officials from southern California are encouraged to apply for second vice president.*

#### Who is eligible to serve on the Cal Cities Board?

To serve on the Cal Cities Board, you must be officially in city service in a [member city](#). Second vice president candidates must currently serve or have served previously on the Board of Directors.

#### How long are the terms of office?

At-large board members serve a two-year term and may run for reelection. The two-year term for all newly elected 2026-27 board members begins immediately upon the adjournment of the Annual Conference and Expo in September 2026.

Cal Cities officers serve a one-year term, beginning immediately on the adjournment of the annual conference. Officers customarily rotate through each of the officer positions for a total four-year commitment.

#### When are board meetings?

The Board of Directors typically meets every quarter at locations throughout the state. Officers and directors are expected to attend *all* meetings. A preliminary list of meeting dates is below.

- **December 2026:** This meeting is generally held in conjunction with League Leaders. During the event, leadership from departments, policy committees, divisions, caucuses, and the Board meet to discuss Cal Cities' advocacy priorities for the coming year.
- **February 2027:** This meeting is generally held during February at a location selected by the Cal Cities president.
- **April 2027:** This meeting is held immediately following the [City Leaders Summit](#). This is a special opportunity for local officials to promote the importance of local issues to the Legislature and Administration.
- **June/July 2027:** This meeting is generally held in late June or July.
- **September 2027:** This meeting is held in conjunction with the [Annual Conference and Expo](#).

Cal Cities will communicate the meeting dates, times, and locations when finalized.

### How are travel expenses handled?

In general, Cal Cities pays actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by directors attending the regular two-day board meetings. Cal Cities *does not* pay the expenses or the registration for Cal Cities' conferences or institutes — including the Annual Conference and Expo — on the theory that, as a city official, each director is already attending the event at the expense of the director's city.

Expenses incurred by Cal Cities on behalf of the director, along with direct reimbursements, are reportable to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on the director's Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700). Cal Cities will supply directors with the information necessary to submit the required information to the FPPC.

### If I apply, how are the at-large board members and the second vice president selected?

After the application period closes on April 22, the Cal Cities' nominating committee will review all applications and select up to 12 finalists to interview for the six open at-large positions.\* The committee will interview all candidates for the second vice president position.

*The nominating committee will invite at-large finalists, as well as candidates for second vice president, for an interview before the Cal Cities summer board meeting. Cal Cities staff will contact at-large finalists and second vice president applicants with their interview details. Staff will also contact those not selected as finalists.*

At the Board meeting directly after the nominating committee meeting, the Board will vote to accept— in full or part — or reject the nominating committee's recommendations. If the recommendations are accepted, the Board shall consider final action (approval) on the recommended candidates at the Annual Conference and Expo (Sept. 23-25, Anaheim).

If the Board accepts in part or rejects the recommendations, the nominating committee shall make additional recommendations. The Board can consider these recommendations at the same meeting or in a subsequent special meeting called by the president, no less than 30 days before the annual conference. The nominating committee will announce its final recommendations at the opening general session of the annual conference (Sept. 24).

### What are the roles and responsibilities of the Cal Cities Board of Directors?

In accordance with the bylaws of the League of California Cities and the policies of the Board, directors have the following collective and individual responsibilities:

#### **General governance responsibilities**

- Determine and support the organization’s vision, mission, and core beliefs.
- Select and support the chief executive.
- Ensure adequate revenues and approve a budget for effective management of the revenues.
- Assist the Board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibilities, such as reviewing the annual financial statements and the budget.
- Participate in grassroots activities in support of Cal Cities’ strategic priorities.
- Support Cal Cities ballot measure fundraising activities for CitiPAC.
- Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization’s programs and services.
- Review agenda and supporting materials prior to board meetings.
- Attend all Board and general membership meetings, including periodic meetings by conference call, and notify the executive director of any planned or emergency absence and the reason for it. (*Board members are only allowed three consecutive absences.*)
- Serve on the nominating or other committees and offer to take on special assignments.

### **Ethical responsibilities**

- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.
- Use your Cal Cities position responsibly.
- Perform Board duties in good faith and with such care as necessary to promote the best interests of Cal Cities.
- Become familiar with and follow conflict of interest legal requirements and policies to promote confidence in the Cal Cities’ decision-making.
- Disclose potential conflicts of interest prior to voting on any matter before the Board.

### **Communication responsibilities**

- Facilitate two-way communication between Cal Cities and city officials within your sphere of influence (your city, neighboring cities, division, department, caucus, policy committee, etc.).
- Assume responsibility for interpreting Board policy to the membership. Ensure Cal Cities speaks with “one voice” once the Board has made a decision. Division and department representatives should report back regularly and directly to their members.
- Ensure that board members are aware of the views of city officials throughout the state.
- Attend all appropriate division, department, or general membership meetings.
- Seek out city officials who have the potential to strengthen Cal Cities and encourage their participation in their division, on the Cal Cities Board, etc.

### **Roles and responsibilities of Cal Cities second vice president**

- Carries out the duties of the president and first vice president when they are unavailable.
- Serves as a member of the Cal Cities [Executive Committee](#).
- Participates in weekly Executive Committee calls.
- Helps to achieve the organization’s annual strategic priorities.
- Represents the Cal Cities leadership team at various events.
- Participates in Cal Cities meetings and conferences in Sacramento and around the state.
- As a member of the Cal Cities Executive Committee, attend and represent Cal Cities at the National League of Cities’ (NLC) national conferences:
  - The City Summit is NLC’s annual conference and is held in a different city and state each year. The 2026 City Summit conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee, from Nov. 18-21.
  - The Congressional City Conference is NLC’s legislative conference held in March each year in Washington, D.C. It is an opportunity for city officials to promote the importance of local priority issues to Congress and the Administration. The 2027 Congressional City Conference will be held March 15-17.
- Presides over the Resolutions Committee at the Annual Conference and Expo and presents the report of the Resolutions Committee to the General Assembly at the annual conference.
- Serves as Chair for the Cal Cities Audit Committee and as a member of the Board Finance Committee:
  - The Cal Cities Audit Committee is charged with the responsibility to:
    - Select Cal Cities’ independent auditor.
    - Oversee the audit contract and interact directly with the audit team.

- Identify any audit issues and, along with the independent auditor, report these to the board.
- Coordinate with staff to ensure the adequacy of accounting and internal control systems.
- The Board Finance Committee is charged with the responsibility to:
  - Collaborate with Cal Cities staff on the preparation of Cal Cities' budget for Board consideration.
  - Assist with financial matters such as reviewing the mid-year financial report and other internal financial issues as they arise.

#### How do I apply?

The application form is available [here](#). If you are applying for multiple positions, you will need to fill out each application separately. Application text boxes expand to accommodate responses, and an attached bio or resume is required at the time of submission. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Zach Seals at [zseals@calcities.org](mailto:zseals@calcities.org) or (916) 658-8204.

*\*2026 Nominating Committee; Chair: LaTanya Bellow, City Manager, Emeryville; Ashleigh Aitken, Mayor, Anaheim; Walter Allen, Council Member, Covina; Dan Arriola, Mayor, Tracy; Ulises Cabrera, Mayor, Moreno Valley; Alice Dowdin Calvillo, Council Member, Auburn; Alma Hernandez, Mayor, Suisun City; Lisa Kaplan, Council Member, Sacramento; Jim Lewis, City Manager, Atascadero; John Minto, Mayor, Santee; Ida Obeso-Martinez, Mayor, Imperial; Cindy Silva, Council Member, Walnut Creek; Tyller Williamson, Mayor, Monterey*



# Help shape the 2026 Annual Conference and Expo program

Mar 10, 2026

*By Cal Cities Staff*

The League of California Cities is looking for volunteers to help shape this year's [Annual Conference and Expo](#) programming. Volunteers will provide feedback on proposed educational sessions to ensure programming meets the needs of Cal Cities members.

The annual conference is Sept. 23-25 in Anaheim. The annual event brings together local officials and policy experts for three days of learning, sharing, and problem-solving.

At the end of this month, volunteers will receive instructions and a link to an online survey. They will have one week to complete the survey and provide input on session proposals. After reviewing the survey results, Cal Cities will select sessions and share member feedback with session organizers so that they can tailor their sessions based on member needs.

To participate, please email your name, title, and city with the subject line "Annual Conference 2026 — Proposal Review" to Event Program Manager [Kayla Boutros](#) by Wednesday, March 18.



# High-speed rail financing proposal could derail local housing and infrastructure funding

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Cal Cities and other local government groups are pushing back on an [unprecedented proposal from the California High-Speed Rail Authority](#) that would threaten local revenues and local control. The plan would allow the agency to collect property and sales tax revenues within a half-mile radius of station areas to fund rail construction and commercialization through state-run Tax Increment Financing districts.

The coalition, which includes the California State Association of Counties, [sent a letter to state leaders](#) and the High-Speed Rail Authority board on Monday, urging them to withdraw the proposal and work with local governments to identify funding strategies that work for everyone. “California’s local agencies support the vision of a modern, statewide, high-speed rail system,” the group wrote. “However, funding that system must not come at the expense of constitutionally protected local revenues, local land-use authority, or the fiscal stability of our communities. We cannot lift up communities with a project that is built upon their backs.”

## Can the High-Speed Rail Authority actually do this?

The High-Speed Rail Authority has yet to flesh out all the details. However, diverting local tax increment to a state entity would almost certainly invite legal challenges. The state constitution specifically prohibits reallocating local tax proceeds imposed for local purposes. Proposition 1A (2004) safeguards local property tax shares. Proposition 13 (1978) allocates property tax among constitutionally recognized districts, and the High-Speed Rail Authority is NOT one of them.

California already provides lawful, locally driven tax increment tools, including Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts and Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities. These mechanisms require local initiation, consent from affected taxing entities, and transparent public processes. *Participation in both is voluntary.* The proposal put forth by the High-Speed Rail Authority departs from this model.

There are more constitutionally sound funding proposals that the state could pursue, such as voter-approved bonds or dedicated state revenues, if it needs additional revenue. In fact, the Legislature did just that last year when it allocated \$20 billion dollars from the state’s Cap-and-Invest program to the project.

## How would this impact cities?

City officials and [even some transit advocates](#) have raised concerns about the proposal’s impact. A new, state-controlled district could conflict with existing financing districts that have already pledged revenues to housing, infrastructure, and economic development.

A decades-long diversion of revenue growth in station areas would significantly constrain local governments' ability to fund public safety, roads, parks, and essential services. In Fresno, for example, the proposal would capture much of the tax revenue generated in the downtown area. Residents and city officials in Merced have also raised concerns, in part because the exact location of the Merced station has not yet been confirmed.

Equally concerning is the suggestion of state regulatory authority over station areas. Local planning power is constitutionally guaranteed: While the state may establish policy frameworks, it cannot assume total control over local zoning and development decisions.

### What's next?

While there is no official language in print, this item will likely be discussed at [future High-Speed Rail Authority Board meetings](#) and potentially state budget negotiations. If you are a city with a planned high-speed rail station, or are concerned about potential state overreach, please reach out to Cal Cities lobbyists [Damon Conklin and Ben Triffo](#). All cities should contact their legislators to express their opposition due to the precedent it seeks to establish.