City of Garden Grove

WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

April 16, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Scott C. Stiles, City Manager Members

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. <u>LETTERS OF SUPPORT IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS</u>

- a. Letters from Mayor Jones and Council member Bui requesting additional funding for the Housing Choice voucher program and supplemental support to assist residential and commercial property owners.
- b. Letter from OC Mayors requesting access to the coronavirus relief fund.
- c. Letters from Mayor Jones requesting federal aid and appropriations to local governments in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

B. APRIL 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS

- a. Business Resource and Resiliency Plan PowerPoint presentation.
- b. COVID-19 Financial Impact PowerPoint presentation.

C. <u>CITIWORKS COVID-19 SPECIAL EDITION</u>

The special edition of CitiWorks includes information on COVID-19 and available resources for Garden Grove residents and businesses.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

- **A.** CARE Ambulance Garden Grove service report for March 2020.
- **B.** Press Release from the County of Orange: Taxpayers Directly Affected by COVID-19 Will Have Penalties Cancelled.
- **C.** OC Streetcar Construction News for the week of April 13, 2020.

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.

Scott C. Stiles City Manager

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April 9, 2020

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The Honorable Charles Schumer Democratic Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Subject: Request for Additional Funding for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Supplemental Support to Assist Residential and Commercial Property Owners in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis

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April 10, 2020

The Honorable Michelle Steel
Orange County Board of Supervisors
10 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: COVID-19 Response: Access to Coronavirus Relief Fund

Dear Chairwoman Steel:

As the Mayors of the cities of Orange County, we write to respectfully request that the County work to secure funding from the Coronavirus Relief Fund, approved as part of the CARES Act, and quickly distribute the funding to the cities in Orange County that have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the CARES Act that President Trump signed into law on March 27th, the Coronavirus Relief Fund was established to provide state and local government assistance for those local governments with a population that exceeds 500,000. While Orange County is the third largest county in California, there are no cities within the county that qualify for a direct allocation of federal funding, yet we are still expected to respond to the impacts from COVID-19 while maintaining an ongoing level of city services demanded by a densely populated, high-risk area.

Through the quick distribution of this vital funding, cities will be able to greatly expand the number of testing sites serving our communities, secure and distribute personal protective equipment, provide our law enforcement and first responders with appropriate equipment, provide increased services to our residents in need, and work with community based organizations to help ensure the public health and safety of all our residents. While we have already been engaging in many of these activities, access to the funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund will enable us to greatly accelerate these efforts, reduce the number and severity of future COVID-19 cases, and begin the process of recovering from this devastating pandemic.

We respectfully request the County quickly provide our cities with resources from the Coronavirus Relief Fund that will be directly available to the County. Attached you will find a breakdown of the County's direct allocation by Orange County city and population. We believe that this would be a fair method of distributing the funding to ensure that all Orange County residents are able to benefit from the funding made available through the CARES Act. It is critical that cities in the county receive this direct financial support to be able to sustain our workforce, our businesses, and our local economy. We look forward to working with the County to combat the effects of this pandemic.

Respectfully,

The Orange County Mayors

Mike MunzingMayor
City of Aliso Viejo

Harry Sidhu Mayor City of Anaheim **Marty Simonoff**

Mayor City of Brea **Fred Smith**

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City of Buena Park

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cc: Vice Chair Do Supervisor Bartlett Supervisor Chaffee Supervisor Wagner

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin Secretary of the Treasury 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20220

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House of Representatives United States House of Representatives 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer Minority Leader of the Senate

United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader of the House of Representatives United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President, Secretary Mnuchin, Madam Speaker, Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader McCarthy:

Thank you for your bipartisan leadership on the measures taken to date to support local governments during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The existing three phases of federal aid packages do not address a number of issues local governments like us are facing, and we write to request federal aid and appropriations to local governments to assist with the overwhelming economic impacts and unmet needs caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The two primary requests we have are:

First, we ask that the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was signed into law on March 18, 2020, be amended by striking Secs. 7001(e)(4) and 7003(e)(4) from H.R. 6201 and explicitly clarifying that state and local governmental employers and public agencies, including those exempt from 26 USC 3111, fully qualify for reimbursement in lieu of Section 7001 and Section 7003 credits, for an amount equal to 100 percent of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave paid by the local government employer.



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The reality of COVID-19 has created a need for governmental employees to stay at home, whether they or a loved one is ill or they are home to take care of a child whose school or daycare is closed due to COVID-19. Congress's response was to create a paid sick leave and additional family medical leave requirements for both public and private employers. However, under the legislation only private employers will receive a tax credit against their payroll taxes to offset the costs for the paid leave provisions in the Families First Act. Public agencies are subject to the same costs as private employers. They should be treated equally.

Second, we request the Coronavirus Relief Fund be expanded to allow direct access for local governments with constituencies smaller than 500,000, and that it be amended to compensate for lost revenues, not just increased expenses. As currently written, the CARES Act does not provide a mechanism for local governments with a population less than 500,000 to receive funds needed; nor does it help with where they are hit the hardest. Local governments are absorbing increased costs that are due to COVID-19. Cities are losing revenue in many different forms, including sharp declines in tourism, hotel occupancy, and sales tax. Funds need to be available to locales of all size as everyone is taking a great financial impact.

We thank you for taking the time to consider these requests and we stand ready to provide any information you should need on any of these measures, or any additional provisions you are considering in the next emergency appropriations package.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein United States Senate 331 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Senator Kamala D. Harris

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April 15, 2020

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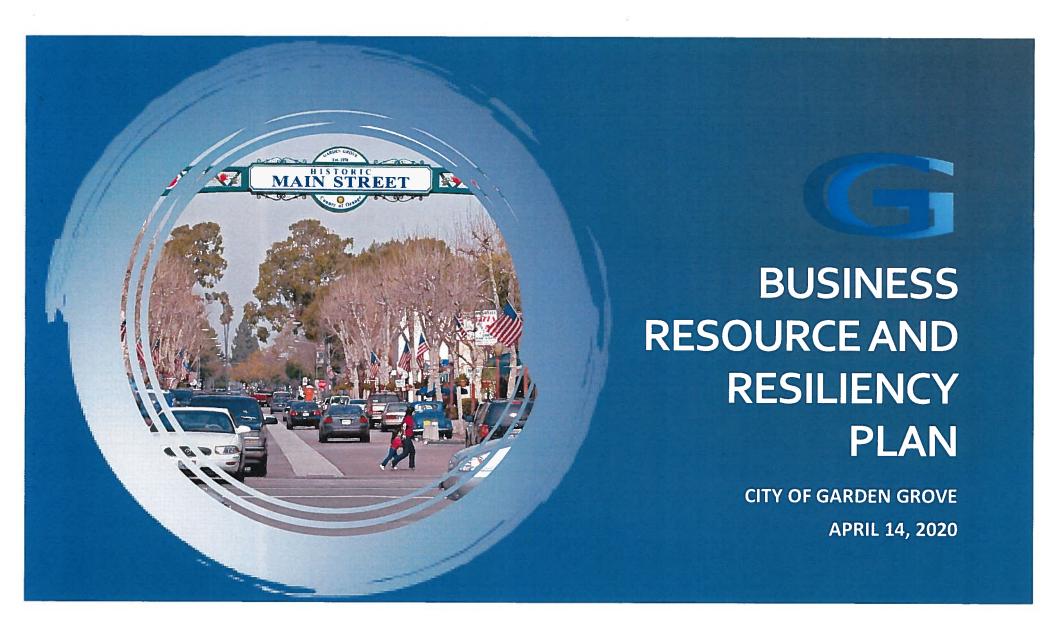
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OVERVIEW:

GARDEN GROVE BUSINESS RESOURCE AND RESILIENCY PLAN

- 1 Immediate Actions undertaken by the City
- Economic Development Actions in Process
- A comprehensive clearinghouse of Business Resources
- A Business Start-up Guide



BUSINESS RESOURCE AND RESILIENCY PLAN



City of Garden Grove

Office of Economic Development

11222 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840 ggcity.org (Dated April 9, 2020 – Version 1.0)

Business Resource Toolkit

Due to the continuing COVID-19 health emergency, the City of Garden Grove will do our best to provide the business community with programs and initiatives to offer relief to assist business owners navigate these unprecedented times. City officials continue to closely monitor the pandemic and its impacts to the community. The residents and business community remain our highest priority. Please check back daily as we are continually updating this web page as well as the Office of Economic Development COVID-19 page as information is funneled down to municipalities:

I Recent Changes (Click to expand)



Telephone Roundtable With Congressman Alan Lowenthal 4/7/2020 - 10 51 AM

Assistance and Relief Programs During the Coronavirus Crisis Thursday, April 9, 2020 10 a.m. ~ 11 a.m. Pacific









Economic Injury
Disaster Loan Advance
(Up to \$10,000)

COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (Up to \$2 million) Paycheck Protection Program (P3) (Unite \$10 million) Express Bridge Loan (Up to \$25,000)

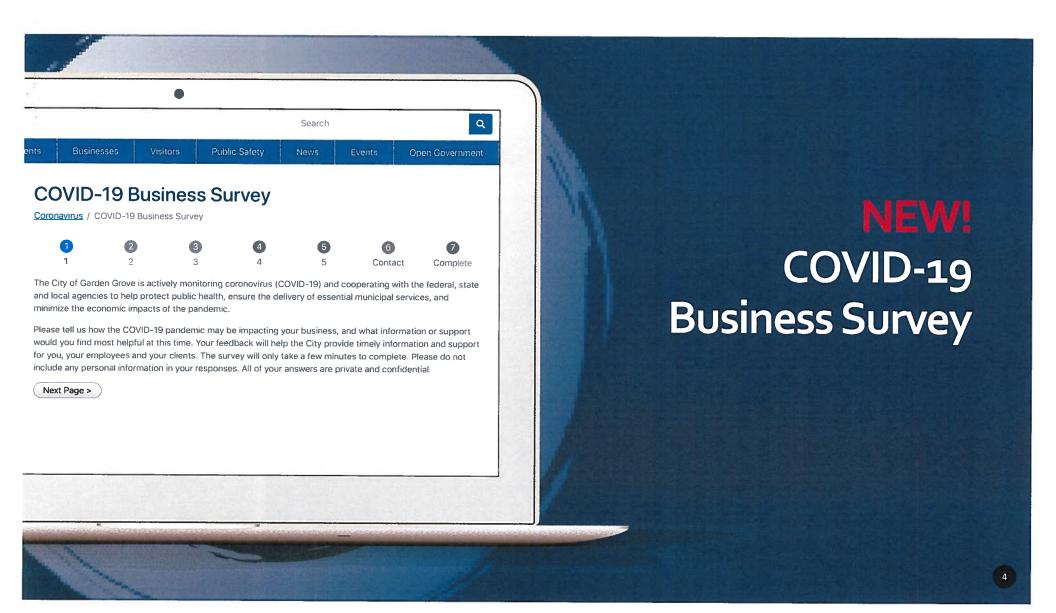


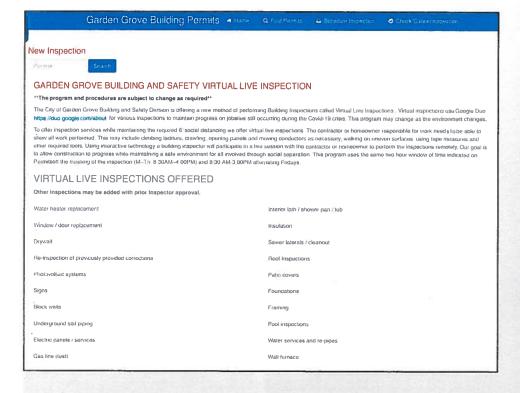






Business Resource Toolkit





Virtual Building Inspections

IN PROCESS! City's Small Business Assistance Program



Job Retention Priorities

Modified existing SBA guidelines to support small businesses impacted by COVID-19



Streamline SBA Application Process

Creating an online portal for SBA applicants to submit loan application and track the application process



Structured as a "Forgivable" SBA Loan

For small businesses impacted by COVID-19, the goal is to increase SBA loan amounts from \$25,000 to \$50,000



The CARES Act (CDBG-CV and ESG Funds)

Recommendation to program these one-time resources of approx. \$750,000 to SBA Program



NEW!

A comprehensive clearinghouse of business resources

IN PROCESS! ONE-TIME CDBG-CV and ESG-CV Funds



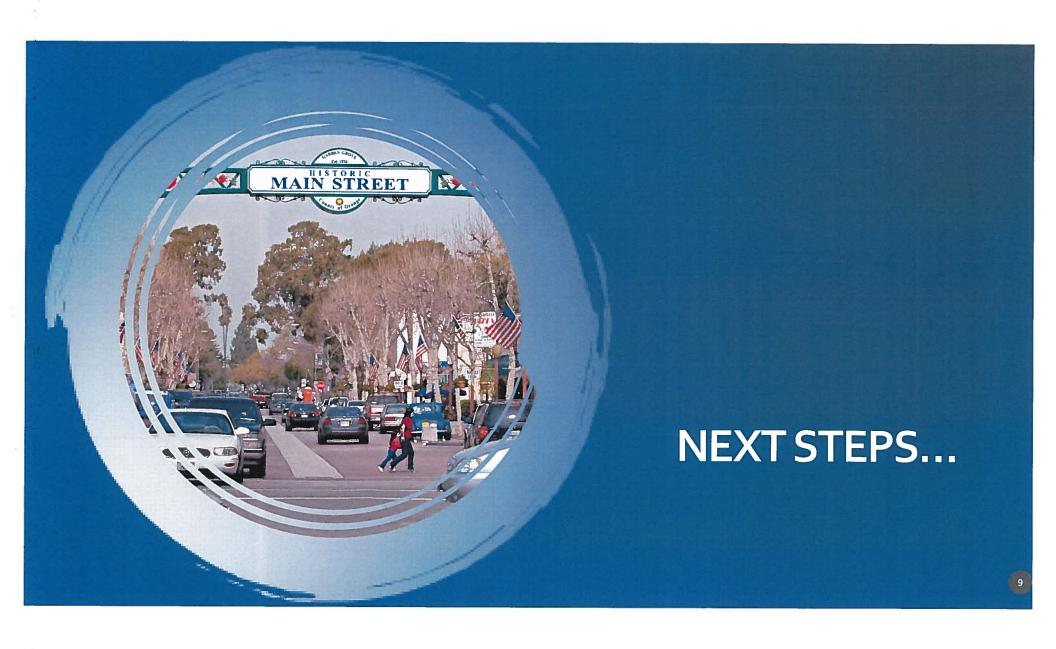
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Est. \$602,486

- Adminstration
- Assistance to Businesses, including Special Economic Development Assistance with focus on job retention
- Expand delivery meals on wheels program to individuals impacted by COVID-19

- Administration
- Homelessness Outreach and Prevention
- Rapid-Rehousing and Rental Assistance for individuals impacted by COVID-19



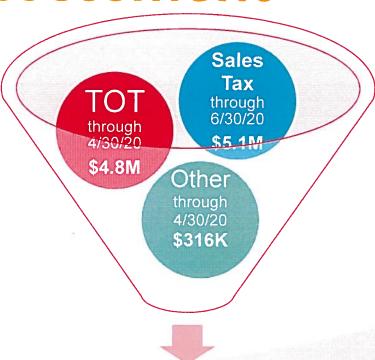
COVID-19 Financial Impact

City Council Meeting on April 14, 2020

Initial Damage Assessment

Damage Estimated Reported to County EOC

City of Garden Grove Initial Damage Estimate			
	As	As of 4/9/20	
Estimated Revenue Loss	\$	10,216,850	
Direct Cost other than Personnel	\$	258,472	
Direct Personnel Cost	\$	453,130	
Indirect Cost	\$		
Total	\$1	\$10,928,451	



Revenue Loss Reported to County EOC \$10.2M

Direct Cost Relates to COVID-19 - as of 4/9/2020

Purchase Orders:

- 39 issued since 3/16/2020
- > \$217,919 in value
 - Total cost to date is \$712K (including Warehouse Issues)
 - Future cost impact could be much more significant due to routine work being delayed...

Personnel Costs:

- > 9,184 man hours since 3/16/2020
- > \$453,130 in value

Credit Card Purchases:

- 35 transactions
- > \$24,996 in value
 - Average \$50K per week in additional spending for the initial three weeks;
 - Estimated additional expenses for the FY is \$550K (\$50K*11weeks)
 - Costs relate to <u>Emergency Paid Sick</u>
 <u>Leave</u> (up to 80 hour per eligible employee) unknown as of yet

Federal Assistance – CARES Act

Available Resources (\$2 trillion)

- ☐ FEMA Disaster Relief Fund (\$45B)
- Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Programs
 - □ CDGB (\$5B)
 - □ Homeless Assistance Grant (\$4B)
 - □ Public Housing Agency (\$2B)
- □ Economic Development Assistance Programs (\$1.5B)
- State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance (\$850M)

Known Funding for GG (\$1 million)

(as of April 9, 2020)

- HUD Programs:
 - □ CDBG Allocation \$1.2M
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)Allocation \$600K
- Coronavirus Emergency
 Supplemental Funding (CESF) -\$125K

We are actively seeking and applying grants/recovery funding, including:

- Submitted Request for Public Assistance initial step to establish eligibility
- Preparing application for the Coronavirous Emergency supplemental Funding (up to \$124,600)
- Tracking direct costs on Emergency Protective Measures (FEMA Category B)
- Tracking personnel hours including overtime
- Tracking equipment use
- Tracking estimated loss on revenues

General Fund Budget Outlook

Estimates as of 02/20/2020

FY2019-20 Operating Results

Estimates as of <u>04/02/2020</u>

FY2019-20 Operating Results

(\$ in '000)

Revenue \$ 128,151

Expenditure + Transfer 125,914

Estimated Surplus \$ 2,237

FY2020-21 Operating Results

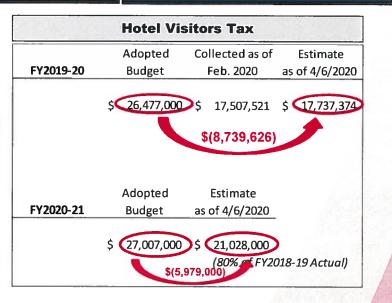
 (\$ in '000)

 Revenue
 \$ 127,374

 Expenditure + Transfer
 132,469

 Estimated Deficit
 \$ (5,095)

Sales Tax (& Measure O)										
		Adopted	Н	dL Estimate	Н	dL Estimate				
FY2019-20	Budget		as	of 2/4/2020	as of 4/6/2020					
Sales Tax	\$	22,668,000	\$	24,134,080	\$	21,509,914				
Transaction Tax (Measure O)		19,000,000		20,767,000		18,325,000				
Total	\$	41,668,000	\$	44,901,080	\$	39,834,914				
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		Adopted	Н	dL Estimate	Н	dL Estimate				
FY2020-21		Budget	as	of 2/4/2020	as	of 4/6/2020				
Sales Tax	\$	23,006,000	\$	24,388,607	\$	20,993,867				
Transaction Tax (Measure O)		19,285,000		21,003,000		17,654,000				
Total	\$	42,291,000	\$	45,391,607	\$	38,647,867				
	20			\$(6,74	13,74	0)				



Fiscal Measures Implemented

Cost containment

- Hiring freeze (with exceptions for sworn public safety, critical emergency dispatch, and certain enterprise-funded positions)
- Recruitment on hold, 30-day delay on part-time hiring
- Suspend non-essential training, travel & conferences
- Defer non-essential equipment & capital purchases
- Reassess personnel equipment needs (cell phone, uniform, take-home vehicle etc.)
- Eliminate low-value tasks & reassess business processes

Other considerations

Factors Impacting Future Years

- Long-term Economic Impact
 - Sales tax unemployment, consumer confidence, behavioral change
 - Hotel visitor tax business travels, leisure travel...

CalPERS investment loss

- Loss on investment fiscal year to date is -4%, projected fiscal year investment earning is 2%, targeted discount rate is 7%, ;
- Investment in PERS as of 6/30/18 was \$574M;
- FY19-20's 5% Loss = \$28.7M;
- Amortize over 20 years starting FY2022-23 (est. \$718K ramp up to \$3.6M/year starting FY2026-27)

CityWorks

COVID-19
CORONAVIRUS
SPECIAL EDITION

GGCITY.ORG/CORONAVIRUS



The health, safety, and well-being of Garden Grove residents, businesses, employees, students, and visitors is the City's highest priority.

The City will continue to provide important services, resources, and information that respond to the community's needs.

Stay Home, Stay Safe

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that spreads from person to person. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath.



PROTECT YOURSELF AND LOVED ONES

- · Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet between yourself and others.
- · Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.
- · Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- · If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- · Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- · Stay home and only leave for essential services.



Find important news, information and resources by regularly visiting ggcity.org/coronavirus or call the COVID-19 Hotline at (833) 426-6411 or visit ochealthinfo.com.

Receive updates instantly on your phone by downloading the Garden Grove mobile app, available on iOS and Android devices.

GARDEN GROVE CITY SERVICES

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has undertaken immediate health and safety measures in accordance with state quidelines that include:

City services being handled online, by telephone, email or mail only; discontinuation of street sweeping parking citations; suspension of rental evictions and water service disconnections; and closure of all park amenities, including restrooms, playgrounds, outdoor fitness equipment, and basketball and tennis courts.

Measures will remain in effect until further notice.

For updates, visit ggcity.org/coronavirus.



COMMUNITY/ BUSINESS

The City recognizes the importance of serving the community during this challenging time. Lists of resources, including a business toolkit and Business Resiliency Plan; organizations offering emergency relief; local restaurants open for take-out; mental health services; and resources for seniors, can be accessed at ggcity.org/coronavirus.





STAY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND ENGAGED.

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The Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD) has suspended in-person classes through June 12.

Visit ggusd.us/covidresources for at-home learning resources.



MEA **SERVICES**

Free breakfast and lunch for children, ages 18 and under, through GGUSD's Grab and Go Meal Service program.

Visit ggusd.us for locations and pick-up times.

Seniors over 60 years old can receive frozen meals through the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program.

Call (714) 741-5253, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.





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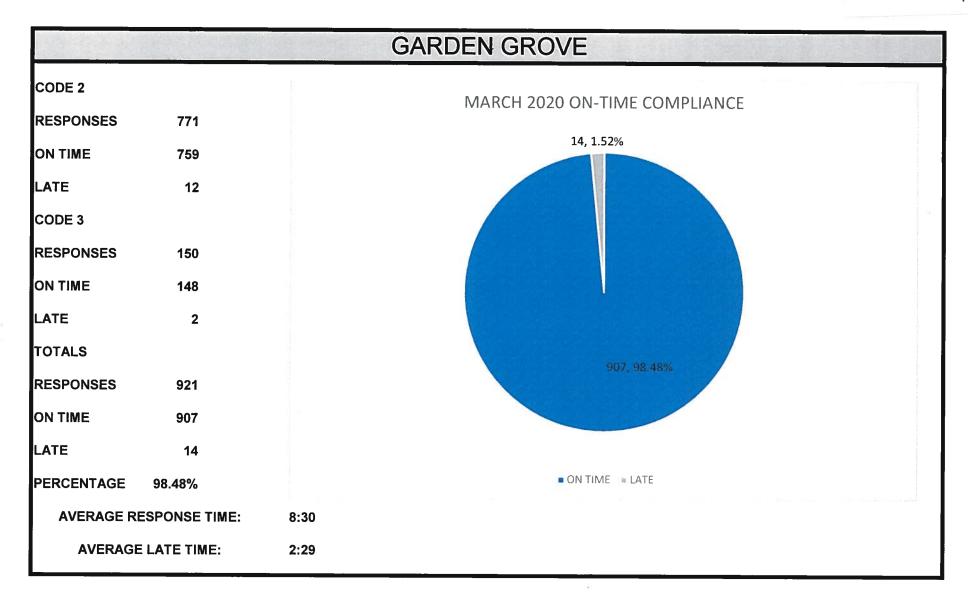














PRESS RELEASE

TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR
SHARI L. FREIDENRICH
CPA, CCMT, CPFA, ACPFIM



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 14, 2020

Contact: Shari L. Freidenrich (714) 834-7625 Treasurer@ttc.ocgov.com

Taxpayers Directly Affected by COVID-19 Will Have Penalties Cancelled

Penalty Cancellation Request Form and Payment Must Be Received Between April 11 and June 30

SANTA ANA – The Orange County Treasurer is now accepting penalty cancellation requests for taxpayers who have been directly impacted by COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the taxpayers here in Orange County, in the United States and all over the world. We want to be as compassionate and generous as possible," said Treasurer Shari Freidenrich. "We will be cancelling penalties for those homeowners, small businesses and other property owners that have been directly affected by COVID-19."

If you have been directly impacted by COVID-19 and did not pay your property taxes by April 10, you should complete the <u>COVID-19 Penalty Cancellation Request Form</u>. Although we were not able to change the payment deadline set by state law, we are now able to extend the time for you to submit and pay the base property taxes. You will need to submit the COVID-19 Penalty Cancellation Request form and pay the base tax amount (without penalties and costs) so that it is received between April 11 and June 30, 2020.

Examples of direct impacts due to COVID-19 include: illness, hospitalization, quarantine, loss of employment or business closures. Examples of documentation include hospitalization records, doctor's notes, employment notifications due to a business closure, layoff notices, rent receipt postponement notices/waivers, CA EDD Unemployment Insurance claim letters, etc. As these requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, we encourage you to apply and provide your specific circumstances to be considered. See COVID-19 FAQs at ttc.ocgov.com/proptax/infofaq/penalties.

"During these unprecedented times, it is important that you know we understand the current economic hardships you directly experienced due to COVID-19 and are doing our part to help by cancelling penalties. We want to thank taxpayers who timely paid their second installment taxes," said Treasurer Freidenrich. "Many of the services being provided during this emergency are paid for using property tax dollars, including those of first responders."

Our customer service center is available to assist taxpayers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (714) 834-3411 or you can email ttcinfo@ttc.ocgov.com. Our website at ttc.ocgov.com, also has a lot of information on property taxes.



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Mission: Ensure safe and timely receipt, deposit, collection and investment of public funds.

Fwd: Construction News

From :Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

Thu, Apr 16, 2020 02:14 PM

Subjectwd: Construction News

To: Meena Yoo <meenay@ci.garden-grove.ca.us>

From: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net> Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:00:33 AM

Subject: Construction News



Construction News Week of April 13, 2020

Foundation installation for the poles necessary to carry the overhead wiring of the OC Streetcar will continue in Segment 2

- Construction activities include excavation, trenching, concrete pours and road work and restoration
- Tree trimming and tree removals may be necessary along the streetcar route. Crews will follow all necessary guidelines for monitoring possible bird nesting's with an arborist
- · Temporary parking and lane closures may be in place

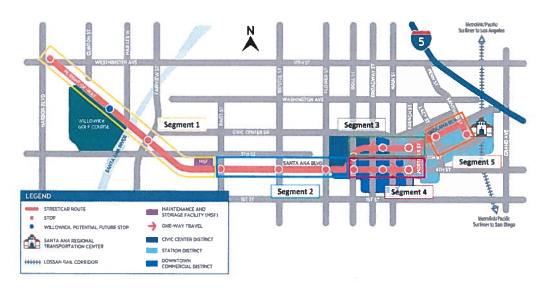
Water pipeline and storm drain work will continue along the streetcar route

- Construction activities include excavation, trenching, installation of water pipelines and storm drains, and road work and restoration
- Temporary parking and lane restrictions may be in place

Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses. Construction activities are dependent on weather and resource availability.

For specific work activities in your area, see the segment overviews below. For daily updates, please download the OC Streetcar app available in the <u>Apple Store</u> and <u>Google Play</u>.

Si tiene alguna pregunta acerca del proyecto del OC Streetcar, llame a Robert Chevez al (909) 714-0172.



SEGMENT 1 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Intersection of Harbor Blvd. and Westminster Ave. to Raitt St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 1 construction activities will include:

- Preliminary work at the site of the future Maintenance Storage Facility
- · Ongoing work including excavation and material hauling within Pacific Electric Right-of-Way (PEROW)
- Westminster Avenue Bridge construction
- · Storm drain installation within the PEROW

SEGMENT 2 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Raitt St. to Parton St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 2 construction activities will include:

 Foundation installation for the poles that will carry the streetcar overhead wiring on W. Santa Ana Boulevard, from Pacific Street to Flower Street

Pole foundation installation will require temporary lane closures and parking restrictions on W. Santa Ana Boulevard.

SEGMENT 3 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 3 construction activities will include:

- · Water pipeline installation on Ross Street
- · Water pipeline testing at the intersection of W. Santa Ana Boulevard and Main Street
- · Storm drain installation at the intersection of Mortimer Street and 6th Street
- Storm drain installation on Sycamore Street, from Santa Ana Boulevard to 3rd Street

Water pipeline and storm drain installation work will require temporary detours as well as lane and parking closures on W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Ross Street, Main Street, and Sycamore Street.

SEGMENT 4 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Ross St. to Mortimer St.

Over the next two weeks, Segment 4 construction activities will include:

- · Water pipeline installation and testing on 4th Street, from Ross Street to Mortimer Street
- · Storm drain installation at the intersection of 4th Street and Spurgeon Street
- · Water pipeline installation on 4th Street and Sycamore Street

Crews will be working during the day and night on 4th Street, from Ross Street to Mortimer Street, while some businesses are closed.

With a 24-hour road closure in place for these work locations, the time frame to install water pipelines will be significantly reduced.

SEGMENT 5 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Mortimer St. to SARTC

No construction activities are anticipated in Segment 5 over the next two weeks.

Safety of the crews and community is our top priority. Please slow down near work sites and follow pedestrian instructions.



OCTA's Eat Shop Play program supports businesses located along the future OC streetcar route. Benefits to customers include special deals, invitations to community events and free parking for the first 2 hours in nearby structures. Learn more at octa.net/eatshopplay.

El programa Eat Shop Play de OCTA apoya a los negocios ubicados a lo largo de la futura ruta del OC Streetcar. Los beneficios para los clientes incluyen ofertas especiales y promociones de

cupones, invitaciones a eventos comunitarios y estacionamiento gratuito durante las primeras 2 horas en estructuras cercanas. Aprenda más en octa.net/eatshopplay.

Two-Hour Free Parking

Since December 1, the first two hours of parking are free in parking structures in Downtown Santa Ana.

About the Project

OC Streetcar is the first modern streetcar project to be built in Orange County and will serve Santa Ana's historic and thriving downtown, which includes federal, state and local courthouses, government offices, colleges, an artists' village and a thriving restaurant scene. Expected to begin carrying passengers in 2022, it will operate along a 4.15-mile route that connects the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.

To share this e-blast, forward this link



OC Streetcar | 550 S. Main Street , Orange, CA 92868

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WEEKLY MEMO 4-16-2020

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance for **Garden Grove City Hall**

April 9, 2020 - April 15, 2020



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Casea Gady	Post	Tue 4/14/2020 11:08 am PDT U.S. Small Business Administration's regional and district offices are hosting daily webinars about	724	634	1.4%	10	0	0	1



Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Reach	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
G ()	Tue 4/14/2020 8:04 am PDT Caltrans Orange County District 12 Commuter Alert: Today (4/14), from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City Post	1,645	1,476	3.4%	56	5	0	4
G (F)	Mon 4/13/2020 2:17 pm PDT Tomorrow's (4/14) City Council meeting will take place as planned, however in an effort to protect Post	1,563	1,438	3.6%	57	32	0	1
G (F	Mon 4/13/2020 9:56 am PDT Residents should take the following precautions to help reduce the chances of breeding mosquitoe Post	1,179	1,081	3.8%	45	35	0	4
Canada Gasar	Mon 4/13/2020 8:50 am PDT There's still time to send us a cool photo of you, your family, your pets, or others, showing how you're Post	1,032	939	4.7%	49	6	0	2



Profile	Post by Publ	ished Date →	Impressions	Reach	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
G (F	Post	Sun 4/12/2020 11:00 am PDT From the City of Garden Grove to the #GardenGrove community, we wish you all a Happy Easter! #GG1!	1,188	1,056	3.5%	42	41	2	1
G (F	LUSH Post	Sun 4/12/2020 10:00 am PDT As a friendly reminder from Orange County Sanitation District, the toilet is only meant to flush the three P	3,686	3,216	13.7%	504	53	11	7
Gazzar Gazy	CANTEST CANTEST	Sat 4/11/2020 4:00 pm PDT Have you turned in your artwork for the Tree Art Contest? Local students, kindergarten through 12th grad	1,525	1,370	2.8%	43	18	0	3
Cantin Geldy	E 3	Sat 4/11/2020 12:00 pm PDT Happy #NationalPetDay, #GardenGrove! Celebrate with us by commenting down below and s	806	744	4%	32	8	2	1
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G (F	OVID-19 CURV Exactive GOVE DAY VES NO The last fine fine fine fine fine fine fine fine	Sat 4/11/2020 8:00 am PDT Please enjoy local parks, but do your part to help #FlattenTheCurve by maintaining a 6-foot distance b	6,351	5,585	10.8%	687	202	25	17
6	Post Post	Fri 4/10/2020 6:30 pm PDT The City would like to share a heartfel message from the Mayor, Council Members and City Manager wit	2,056 t	1,818	10.4%	214	40	3	3
Carlot Gally	Post	Fri 4/10/2020 12:30 pm PDT Garden Grove teacher races to #FeelGoodFriday highlights #GardenGrove High School	1,933	1,730	10.2%	197	122	2	7
G (F	Post	Fri 4/10/2020 9:00 am PDT Coronavirus: SoCal nail salons On this #FeelGoodFriday, check out #GardenGrove business Adva	1,831	1,677	7.8%	142	100	1	2



Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Im	npressions	Reach	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Reactions	Comments	Shares
G P	Thu 4/9/2020 7:: OC Health Offi Covering Recom Essential Busine	icer Issues Face mendation for	6,020	5,374	7.2%	433	93	7	22
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G P	2 0 X 1200	TEERS OneOC's	3,670	3,345	15.1%	553	141	11	14
	6 Post								
G (F	Thu 4/9/2020 1:5	Grove Parks and Summer 2020	1,522	1,345	4.7%	71	17	0	2
	6 Post								
Gagas Gailer	Thu 4/9/2020 10 Social Hour wi (4/10), at 5:00 p. hosting a virtual	th The GEM Tomorrow .m., The GEM is	2,361	2,104	4.8%	113	28	3	5
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Post Performance for **City of Garden Grove**

April 9, 2020 - April 15, 2020



Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
TARDER GADY	Wed 4/15/2020 1:38 pm PDT Stay Home, Stay Safe, and Stay Informed Find important news, information and resources by re Tweet	N/A	3,537	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Canpe Gapy	Tue 4/14/2020 12:06 pm PDT New resources for the community have been added to the City of Garden Grove's coronavirus (Co	169	3,833	N/A	3%	5	1	0
Gi Y	Tue 4/14/2020 10:11 am PDT @CaltransOC's maintenance crew will close the southbound SR-57 HOV lane from Ball Rd to Katella Ave today, April 14 and Wednesday, April Retweet with Comment	143	N/A	N/A	1.4%	2	1	0
G y	Tue 4/14/2020 8:07 am PDT @CaltransOC Commuter Alert: Toda (4/14), from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the City Drive on-ramp onto the	123 y	N/A	N/A	0.8%	1	0	0



Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
G Y	From the City of Garden Grove to the #GardenGrove community, we will you all a Happy Easter! #GG1!		3,531	N/A	0.3%	2	1	0
	AP Tweet by Ana P.							
G THANK GROY	Sun 4/12/2020 10:00 am PDT As a friendly reminder from @OCSewers, the toilet is only mean to flush the three Ps—	1,525	5,548	N/A	10.1%	154	11	1
	AP Tweet by Ana P.							
G 9	Sat 4/11/2020 6:28 pm PDT Have you turned in your artwork for the Tree Art Contest? Local students K-12, are invited to draw, paint		3,532	N/A	0.9%	3	1	0
	У Tweet							
Tanga Gapy	Sat 4/11/2020 12:55 pm PDT Happy #NationalPetDay, #GardenGrove! Celebrate with us commenting down below and s	1,149 by	3,531	N/A	5.3%	61	5	1
	У Tweet							



Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies	
Cases Gapy	Sat 4/11/2020 8:50 am PDT Please enjoy local parks, but do your part to help #FlattenTheCurve by maintaining a 6-foot distance b Tweet	693	3,531	N/A	6.2%	43	4	0	
G Y	Fri 4/10/2020 6:32 pm PDT The City would like to share a heartfelt message from the Mayor, Council Members & City Manager with residents, business owners, employed Tweet	661	3,655	N/A	4.2%	28	2	0	
G Y	Fri 4/10/2020 3:01 pm PDT Enjoy the #GardenGrove parks, but do your part to help flatten the curve! For more information, visit Tweet by Ana P.		3,529	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
G Y	Fri 4/10/2020 12:30 pm PDT #FeelGoodFriday highlights #GardenGrove High School computer science teacher, Eric Henninger, to make face shields for healthcare workers to		3,528	N/A	1.7%	12	5	0	
	AP Tweet by Ana P.								



Profile	Post by Published Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
G Y	Fri 4/10/2020 9:00 am PDT On this #FeelGoodFriday , check out #GardenGrove business Advance Beauty Colle Garden Grove's President Tam Nguyen as	2,523 ege -	490,702	N/A	1.8%	45	14	0
G Y	Thu 4/9/2020 7:45 pm PDT Today, @ochealth issued a recommendation for all employees essential businesses to wear a	990 s at	3,682	N/A	7.7%	76	1	0
G y	Thu 4/9/2020 5:55 pm PDT @OneOC's EVC has been activated Any individual who can virtually/physically provide vita	137 d.	N/A	N/A	1.5%	2	0	0
TARDA GAOY	Thu 4/9/2020 1:54 pm PDT The #GardenGrove Parks and Recreation Guide Summer 2020 edition can be accessed online	583	3,528	N/A	4.1%	24	1	0



Profile	Post by Publi	shed Date ▼	Impressions	Potential Reach	Video Views	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Engagements	Likes	@Replies
G Y	E A	Thu 4/9/2020 11:14 am PDT Social Hour with The GEM Tomorrow (4/10), 5PM, The GEM is hosting a virtual social hour with music, I	796 v	3,829	N/A	2.1%	17	2	0
	У Tweet								



Facebook Pages for **Garden Grove Police Department**

April 9, 2020 - April 15, 2020

Determine your impact on Facebook by analyzing your Facebook Page activity.



Facebook Performance Summary

View your key profile performance metrics from the reporting period.

Impressions

36,668 \(\(\sigma\)51.5\(\)

Engagements

3,174 ⊾72.4%

Post Link Clicks

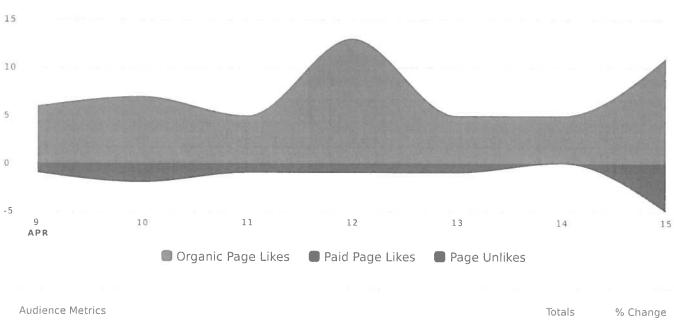
99 \(\)22%



Facebook Audience Growth

See how your audience grew during the reporting period.

Net Page Likes Breakdown, by Day



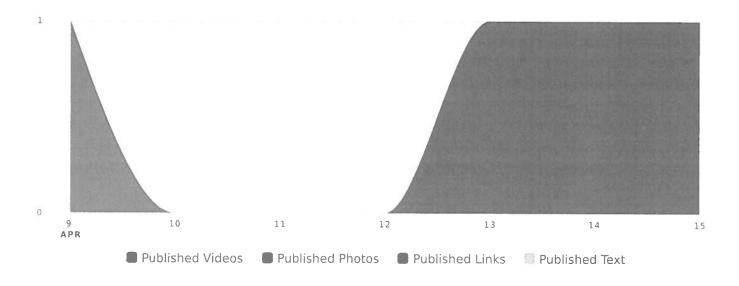
Audience Metrics	Totals	% Change
Fans	15,624	70.28%
Net Page Likes	41	₹ 5.13%
Organic Page Likes	52	≥ 1.89%
Paid Page Likes	0	→0.00%
Page Unlikes	11	≥ 21.43%



Facebook Publishing Behavior

View the different types of posts you published during the selected time period.

Published Posts Content Breakdown, by Day



Publishing Behavior by Content Type	Totals	% Change
Total Published Posts	4	¥ 42.9%
Published Videos	1	≥ 66.7%
Published Photos	3	≥ 25%
Published Links	0	→0%
Published Text	0	→0%



Facebook Top Posts

Review your top posts published during the selected time period, based on the post's lifetime performance.

By Lifetime Engagements



Garden Grove ...

Thu 4/9/2020 6:30 pm PDT

Today, ochealth issued a recommendation for all employees at essential



Total Engagements	1,264
Reactions	180
Comments	60
Shares	23
Post Link Clicks	6
Other Post Clicks	995



Garden Grove ...Mon 4/13/2020 4:15 pm
PDT

#NationalTelecommunicato rsWeek to the men and



Total Engagements	287
Reactions	208
Comments	7
Shares	7
Post Link Clicks	-
Other Post Clicks	139



Garden Grove ...Tue 4/14/2020 12:00 pm
PDT

Didn't go grocery shopping yet? Join our officers, get food (delivered or take out) ar



Total Engagements	268
Reactions	74
Comments	0
Shares	6
Post Link Clicks	88
Other Post Clicks	100



Facebook Impressions

Review how your content was seen by the Facebook community during the reporting period.

Impressions Breakdown, by Day

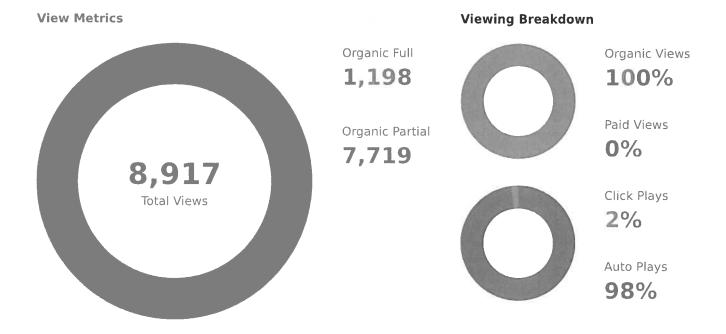


Impression Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Impressions	36,668	⅓ 51.53%
Organic Impressions	35,483	≥ 52.60%
Paid Impressions	0	→0.00%
Average Daily Impressions per Page	5,238.29	> 51.53%
Average Daily Reach per Page	3,535.29	> 53.81%



Facebook Video Performance

View your aggregate video performance during the reporting period.

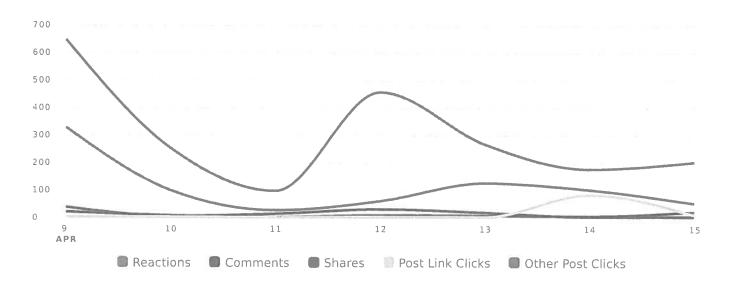




Facebook Engagement

See how people are engaging with your posts during the reporting period.

Engagements Comparison, by Day

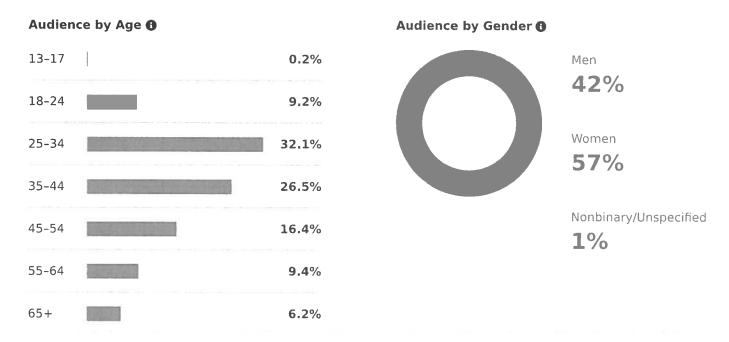


Engagement Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Engagements	3,174	⅓ 72.44%
Reactions	795	≱ 74.79%
Comments	110	⅓ 60.00%
Shares	70	⅓ 68.18%
Post Link Clicks	99	≥ 22.05%
Other Post Clicks	2,100	⅓ 72.87%
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.7%	¥ 43.14%



Facebook Page Fan Demographics

Review your audience demographics as of the last day of the reporting period.



Women between the ages of 25-34 appear to be the leading force among your fans.

Audience Top Countries

United States 14,919 Mexico 130 Vietnam 128 India 32 Canada 26

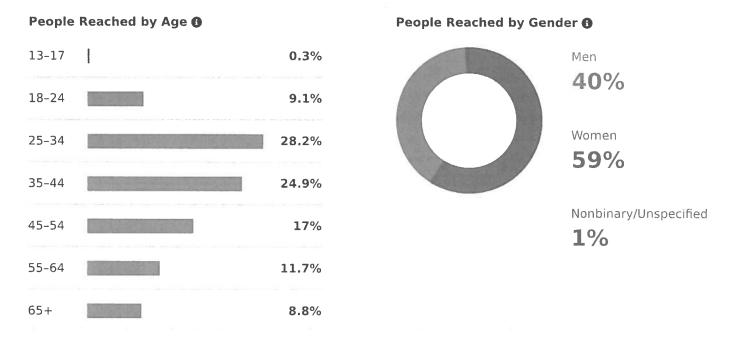
Audience Top Cities

Garden Grove, CA	4,694
Anaheim, CA	1,453
Santa Ana, CA	1,248
Huntington Beach, CA	623
Westminster, CA	556



Facebook People Reached Demographics

Review the average daily user demographics of the people reached during the reporting period.



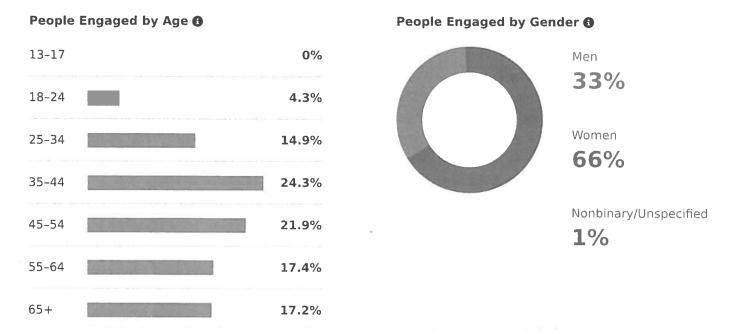
Women between the ages of **25–34** have a higher potential to see your content and visit your Page.

People Reached Top Countries	Daily Average	People Reached Top Cities	Daily Average
United States	2 256	Garden Grove, CA	1,460.67
officed States	3,256	Anaheim, CA	235.67
★ Vietnam	67.5		
		Santa Ana, CA	188.5
India	48.67		
		Westminster, CA	122.33
Mexico	21.33		
		Huntington Beach, CA	110.33
Australia	5.33		



Facebook People Engaged Demographics

Review the average daily user demographics of the people who took action on your page during the reportin...



Women between the ages of 35-44 are most likely to engage with your content.

People Engaged Top Countries	Daily Average	People Engaged Top Cities	Daily Average
United States	180	Garden Grove, CA	79
		Anaheim, CA	14.67
▼ Vietnam	1.67		
		Santa Ana, CA	10
india India	1		
		Huntington Beach, CA	7.33
Mexico	1		
		Westminster, CA	6.33
Australia	0.33		



Facebook Pages

Review your aggregate page metrics from the reporting period.

Page A	Fans	Net Page Likes	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Post Link Clicks
Reporting Period Apr 9, 2020 - Apr 15, 2020	15,624 ↗ 0.3%	41 ≯5.1%	4 42.9%	36,668 ≥ 51.5%	3,174 ≥ 72.4%	99 ≽ 22%
Compare to Apr 2, 2020 - Apr 8, 2020	15,581	39	7	75,650	11,516	127
🌊 🕜 Garden Grove Poli	15,624	41	4	36,668	3,174	99

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NEWS ARTICLES

oc covido cases spike to over 1,000

Garden Grove reports 38 cases; Stanton has 5

Coronavirus cases and deaths continue to rise in Orange County, according to updated figures from the Orange County Health Care Agency.

As of press time, there were 1,277 cases in Orange County, with 19 deaths. One hundred and seven of those 1,277 cases were hospitalized, and 52 of those were in intensive care.

Garden Grove reported 38 cases, Westminster had 20 and Stanton five.

For Stanton, in particular, that's good news. The number of cases has stayed low since tallies began.

"These are difficult times for everyone," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones. "It's important that we take care of ourselves, and help each other. Despite some dark days, I know the spirit of our community remains strong."

Cases in Westminster have grown by nine.

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VIRUS:

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The Health Care Agency and commercial labs had tested 12,870 people as of press time. The county started testing in February. By March 31, the number of coronavirus cases was 495. In the first week two weeks of April, that number has increased by about 40 percent.

The number of locals with coronavirus who are hospitalized has remained fairly steady, hovering around 100 since late March, and the number of those in ICU has remained in the 40s and 50s.

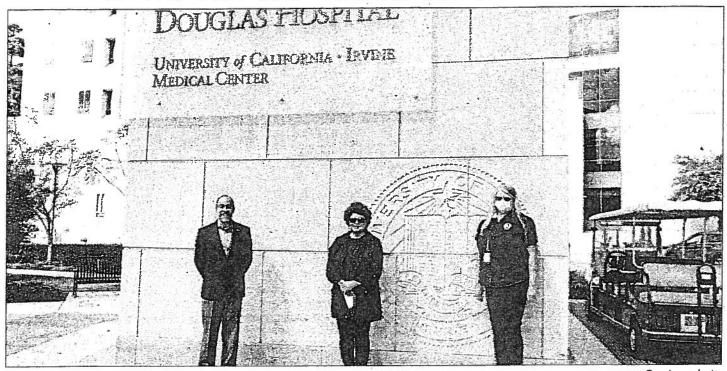
Some good news is that no new

deaths were reported for several days this and last week. The county is not releasing information about the 19 who have died because of the virus, including their cities of residence.

Garden Grove, Westminster and Stanton have all enacted emergency measures to protect residents. Further, the county and state have issued stay-at-home orders to limit the spread of the virus.

Nationally, there were nearly 500,000 cases and more than 22,000 deaths as of press time as citizens, first responders, businesses and elected officials navigate one of the biggest crises in modern history.

District donates N95 masks



From left, UCI Health CEO Chad T. Lefteris, Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education Vice President Teri Rocco, and district School Nurse Department Chair Cheryl Gibbs stand in front of UCI Hospital. GGUSD donated N95 masks to the hospital.

1,400 are giving to two medical facilities in OC

officials delivered more than 1,400 N95 masks and 1,700 surgical-style masks to University of California, Irvine Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) last week to help in the fight against

Board of Education Vice President Teri Rocco and School Nurse Department Chair Cheryl Gibbs delivered the masks to hospital executives at UCI and CHOC and personally thanked the health care workers for all they do to keep Orange Count communities safe and healthy.

Garden Grove Unified School District face masks came from a thoughtful group of have gone out of their way to support our teachers at Walton Intermediate School who wanted to do more to help the community during this unprecedented health crisis. Masks were collected from emergency bags across the district's 67 school sites.

> "Our health care workers are risking their own lives to help flatten the curve and ensure our families are getting the help they need to fight this virus," said Rocco. "It's important that they have access to all available N95 masks to carry out the important and selfless work they do each day."

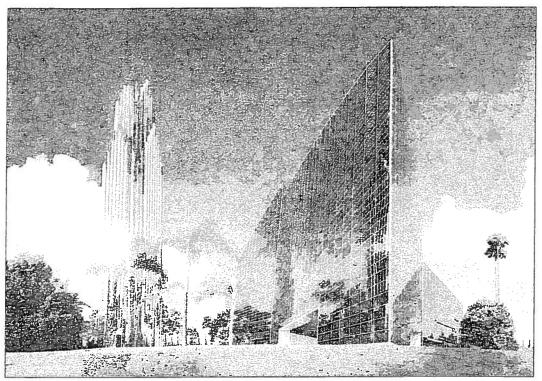
"UCI Health is grateful to have friends and The idea to donate the district's supply of neighbors like Garden Grove Unified who

caregivers," said Chad T. Lefteris, CEO, UCI Health.

The district's supply of non-N95 masks are being worn by food service workers who deliver free meals to families every Monday and Wednesday during the district's Grab and Go Meal Service program. The remaining masks were unused because all schools have implemented distance learning.

"Our health care workers are on the front lines in the fight against coronavirus and we want to support them in any way possible," said Walter Muneton, Board of Education president.

Focus on faith



Courtesy photo

The famous Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, where the late Rev. Robert Schuller held services and filmed the "Hour of Power," had humble roots. Sixty five years ago this month, Schuller started preaching at drive-in movie theaters, standing on top of his car. The site, at 13280 Chapman Ave., is now Christ Cathedral.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS PROJECT NO. 7212, 7215 AND 7292

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids to provide labor, material, tools, equipment and transportation, and perform all the work for "VARIOUS ARTERIAL AND RESIDENTIAL STREETS IMPROVEMENT" CITY PROJECT NO. 7212, 7215 and 7292, will be received by the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, City of Garden Grove, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Various arterial streets includes Magnolia Street from Shelly Drive to Katella Avenue; Brookhurst Street from Westminster Avenue to Trask Avenue and Lampson Avenue to Chapman Avenue; Lampson Avenue from Brookhurst Street to Nelson Street; Euclid Street from Lampson Avenue to Chapman Avenue, and residential streets includes La Vaughn Drive, Russell Avenue and Earle Drive at Imperial Avenue.

The following is a partial listing of work items: roadway rehabilitation by full depth reclamation and cement treatment; PCC curb and gutter, sidewalk, cross gutter and wheelchair ramps; cold milling; roadway excavation; aggregate base and asphalt paving; micro-surfacing; land-scaping and irrigation, adjustment of utility covers to finish grade; traffic detector loops; installation of traffic striping, signing and raised pavement markers; reestablishment of centerline ties and monuments; and other items not mentioned above that are required by the plans and specifications.

Due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus) City Hall has modified public counter services to online, or by telephone, email or mail only. Plans, specifications and contract documents can be obtained upon payment of a fee of one-hundred dollars (\$100) for each electronic set of plans and specifications, please email <a href="mailto:right-righ

Bids are due in the City Clerk's Office by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, and will be opened in Conference Room:1-South, first floor, in City Hall.

Due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus) and social distancing recommendations, bidders will need to mail in bid proposals to the City Clerk's Office, to the address listed above, prior to or by the deadline. The bid opening will be teleconferenced; teleconferencing information will be made available at least 7 days ahead of the bid opening date.

Direct ANY and ALL questions to Navin Maru, Project Engineer, (714) 741-5180.

/s/ TERESA POMEROY, CMC City Clerk

Date: April 2, 2020 Publish: April 8, 2020 and April 15, 2020 Orange County News 4/8,15/2020-95336



NEWS

CONTACT: Lisa Kim, Director Community & Economic Development Dept. (714) 741-5121

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280 Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Wednesday, April 15, 2020







NEW ONLINE BUSINESS TOOLKIT/BUSINESS RESILIENCY PLAN OFFERS RESOURCES & GUIDANCE DURING & AFTER PANDEMIC

Understanding the significant challenges and concerns of the local business community arising from the coronavirus pandemic, the City of Garden Grove's Office of Economic Development has created an online business toolkit. The toolkit includes the multi-language Garden Grove Business Resource and Resiliency Plan; COVID-19 Business Survey; links to business agencies and resources; assistance programs; and upcoming business seminars. The toolkit can be accessed from the City's coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/businesses#resource-toolkit.

"As equally important as providing crucial services and resources for the well-being of our residents, is ensuring that our business community has the tools necessary to manage through these difficult times, work towards recovery, and eventually, thrive again," said Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones.

The City's Business Resource and Resiliency Plan is a 24-page document, prepared in conjunction with the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, Korean American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, Vietnamese American Chamber of Commerce, and the Garden Grove Tourism Promotion Corporation. Included in the plan are:

Local relief efforts to support and assist business owners and employees;

New Online Business Toolkit/Business Resiliency Plan Offers Resources & Guidance 2-2-2

- Business actions and programs by the City's Office of Economic Development, including a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded small business assistance forgivable loan of up to \$50,000, designed especially to assist small businesses experiencing difficulty meeting the terms of traditional lenders, to retain local jobs. Loan will be available in early May 2020; to receive a notification when guidelines are available, please indicate upon completion of COVID-19 Business Survey.
- City, county, state, federal, and non-profit relief and stimulus programs;
- Employer/employee resources and workplace guidelines; and
- Business Start-up Guide

The COVID-19 Business Survey provides a valuable opportunity for business owners to provide confidential feedback and current business status for the City to develop future programs and efforts guided by the need of the local business community. To access the survey directly, go to surveymonkey.com/r/qq-covid-biz

For more information on coronavirus business relief programs and resources, visit the City's Office of Economic Development coronavirus webpage at ggcity.org/econdev/coronavirus or email gracel@ggcity.org.



Contact: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280

Public Information Officer

Tuesday, April 14, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCES ADDED TO CITY'S CORONAVIRUS WEBPAGE

New resources for the community have been added to the City of Garden Grove's coronavirus (COVID-19) webpage including local emergency relief resources for seniors and mental health services.

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center is offering a Senior Wellness Program for seniors to socialize with City staff, promote mental well-being, and provide valuable community resources. In partnership with the Meals on Wheels Orange County, frozen meals are available for seniors over 60 years old. Seniors interested in registering for the Senior Wellness Program or for more information on how to receive frozen meals, please call (714) 741-5253, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Other resources for seniors include Council on Aging Southern California's ReConnect Early Intervention Services for Older Adults Program, In-Home Supportive Services, and Orange County Adult Protective Services. For a complete list of local resources and services for seniors, visit ggcity.org/coronavirus/resources-seniors.

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In an effort to help residents who may be feeling misunderstood or overwhelmed and need someone to talk to, the City has compiled a list of safe, secure, and confidential mental health providers. Resources include COVID-19 Public Information Hotline, California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Orange County Child Protective Services, and more. For a complete list of resources and services, visit ggcity.org/coronavirus/mental-health-services.

For more information regarding COVID-19 resources, please contact the City's Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

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THÔNG TIN

Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

Đế phố biến trên các phương tiên truyền thông Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280







<u>Liên lac</u>: Ana Pulido, (714) 741-5280 Public Information Officer

Thứ Năm, 16 tháng Tư, 2020

CÁC CHƯƠNG TRÌNH TÀI NGUYÊN CÔNG ĐỒNG ĐƯỢC THÊM VÀO TRÊN TRANG WEB THÀNH PHỐ

Các chương trình tài nguyên phục vụ cho cộng đồng đã được cập nhật trên trang web coronavirus (COVID-19) của Thành phố Garden Grove, bao gồm các chương trình cứu trợ khẩn cấp tại địa phương cho người cao niên và các chương trình chăm sóc sức khỏe tâm thần.

Trung tâm phục vụ người cao niên H.Louis Lake Senior Center hiện đang cung cấp Chương trình chăm sóc sức khỏe cho người cao niên (Senior Wellness Program) để giúp người cao niên cùng trò chuyện với nhân viên Thành phố, giúp cho tinh thần khỏe mạnh và giảm sự lo lằng. Và cùng hợp tác với chương trình 'Wheels on Meals Orange County', trung tâm còn cung cấp các bữa ăn đông lạnh có sẵn (frozen meals) cho người cao niên trên 60 tuổi. Các vị cao niên nếu muốn đăng ký chương trình Senior Wellness Program hoặc để biết thêm thông tin về các bữa ăn đông lạnh, vui lòng gọi (714) 741-5253, từ Thứ Hai đến Thứ Sáu, 8:00 giờ sáng đến 3:30 chiều.

Các phục vụ khác dành cho người cao niên bao gồm Dịch vụ hỗ trơ tại gia và Dịch vụ bảo vệ người cao niên của Quận Cam. Để xem danh sách đầy đủ các tài nguyên và dịch vụ địa phương cho người cao niên, hãy truy cập ggcity.org/coronavirus/resources-seniors.

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Với nỗ lực để giúp cư dân có thể giảm những lo lắng và hiểu lầm, cũng như cần người trò chuyện ở thời điểm hiện tại, Thành phố đã soạn thảo danh sách các dịch vụ chăm sóc sức khỏe tâm thần an toàn và bảo mật. Các tài nguyên bao gồm Đường dây thông tin nóng COVID-19 cho công cộng; Đường dây chống xâm hại tình dục (California Coalition Against Sexual Assaul); Dịch vụ bảo vệ trẻ em tại Quận Cam (Orange County Child Protective Services.) Để biết danh sách đầy đủ các tài nguyên và dịch vụ, hãy truy cập ggcity.org/coronavirus/mental-health-services.

Để biết thêm thông tin và các dịch vụ hỗ trợ cộng đồng liên quan đến COVID-19, vui lòng liên hệ với Văn phòng Liên lạc Cộng đồng Thành phố tại số (714) 741-5279.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

April 16, 2020

- 1. Calendar of Events
- 2. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocate," dated April 10, 2020 to April 16, 2020.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16, 2020 - May 26, 2020

Thursday	April 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	April 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room CANCELLED
Friday	April 24		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority, Council Chamber Sanitary District Board, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Tuesday	May 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Council Chamber CANCELLED
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Friday	May 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	May 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	May 14	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, Constitution Room
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	May 21	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Friday	May 22		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	May 25		City Hall Closed – Memorial Day
Tuesday	May 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority, Council Chamber Sanitary District Board, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues More than \$30 Million in Tax-Exempt Bonds for Affordable Housing in Los Angeles

April 14, 2020

Affordable apartments for low-income families and seniors in Los Angeles are getting renovations and funding with tax-exempt, multi-family affordable housing bonds issued by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA).

ABS Sepulveda, LP acquired Apple Tree Apartments, which includes 125 multi-family affordable housing units for low-income residents. Under the new ownership, the apartments will continue to be 100 percent affordable.

CSCDA and ABS partnered with Stern Brothers, Walker & Dunlop, and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to provide the \$30 million in tax-exempt, multi-family affordable housing bonds for Apple Tree Apartments.

The project will undergo an extensive interior and exterior renovation, ensuring that residents have an updated, safe, and affordable community to call home for years to come. The financing of Apple Tree Apartments will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

The League's co-sponsorship of CSCDA continues to be a significant benefit for League members. CSCDA has issued more than \$63 billion in tax-exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools, and other fundamental services.

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer, and provides access to efficiently financed, locally-approved projects.

Visit CSCDA's website for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.

Message from League Executive Director Carolyn Coleman on Coronavirus Response

April 15, 2020

Dear California City Leaders,

California's local leaders continue to work tirelessly during this pandemic, taking actions that are saving lives and serving as a model for the country. The League remains focused on supporting you and ensuring that you have the resources and the information to make informed decisions for your communities.

Here's a brief recap of recent and on-going significant COVID-19 developments:

League Advocates for Federal Fiscal Assistance Due to COVID-19 Budget Impacts. In late March, Congress passed and the President signed into law the \$2 trillion CARES Act, which provides financial assistance to individuals and small businesses on the economic margins, as well as \$150 billion in direct aid to state and local governments with populations greater than 500,000 to help offset new costs directly related to the pandemic. According to guidance from the U.S. Treasury, this assistance cannot be used to replace revenue shortfalls, which states and local governments are experiencing.

While these resources are much needed and appreciated, only six California cities are eligible to receive this direct aid. However, all of our cities are experiencing revenue shortfalls and increases in costs due to COVID-19 and we cannot afford for any of our cities to be left behind.

That's why the <u>League is supporting H.R. 6467</u>, the Coronavirus Community Relief Act, and urging California House members to cosponsor this bill. H.R. 6467 provides \$250 billion in direct aid from the federal government to local governments with a population of less than 500,000 as they face mounting challenges related to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

If you haven't already, please contact your U.S. House member and urge them to support this much needed bill. A <u>sample template letter</u> is available.

No Changes to Property Tax Deadline. To preserve local governments' ability to deliver services during the COVID-19 crisis, the League joined with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) in urging the Governor to support retaining the April 10 deadline for property tax payments. On April 4, the Governor announced his support for the decision made by county officials to waive penalties on a case-by-

case basis for property owners unable to pay by that date, and the April 10 deadline passed without any changes.

Governor Clarifies Executive Order on District Elections. Last Thursday, the Governor issued Executive Order N-48-20, which clarified a previous Executive Order suspending the public hearing process for cities converting from at-large to district-based elections in response to a written demand, and states that both the public hearings and "safe-harbor" timeframes are suspended "until further notice." Despite the original Executive Order, cities continued to be at risk of costly litigation under the California Voting Rights Act if they did not complete the process of converting within the "safe-harbor" timeframes under Elections Code section 10010(e). At the urging of the League, the Governor's Office clarified that the "safe-harbor" timeframes are suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on COVID-19 updates, visit the League's <u>COVID-19 Resources for Cities webpage</u>. If you have questions related to COVID-19, please send them to <u>covid-19@cacities.org</u>. Thank you for your leadership. Please stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Coleman Executive Director League of California Cities

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Cities Continue to Deliver Essential Services (As Well As Groceries and Easter Eggs) Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

April 15, 2020

Local governments have been fronting the costs of coronavirus-related expenses, while at the same time facing decreased tax revenues.

However, this hasn't stopped California cities from finding creative ways to serve their communities and ensure the safety and health of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cities understand that in order to reduce the speed of virus transmission and "flatten the curve," people need to stay inside, so they are finding ways to bring services to citizens while they are at home.

The <u>City of Glendale</u> is helping their community stay safe at home during the pandemic by delivering groceries, as well as other essential items, to city residents who are considered high risk for COVID-19. Following Gov. Gavin Newsom's request for people over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions to stay at home, the Glendale Fire Department stepped up to help buy and deliver groceries, allowing these residents to stay isolated in their homes.

Glendale firefighters committed to providing groceries and other essential supplies to community members who call the department requesting a grocery run. The firefighters receive grocery lists from residents, buy the groceries, and provide them with a receipt to repay the department for their groceries. The department does not charge a delivery fee; residents are only charged for their groceries.

While delivering groceries is not the typical fire department service, protecting the health and safety of residents is right up the fire department's alley and the goal here is to help flatten the curve of coronavirus cases in their city.

Parks and Recreation is another department that doesn't normally deliver, but over the holiday weekend, a number of cities recognized the importance of finding a way to keep children entertained while physical distancing.

The <u>City of Watsonville</u> brought joy to families in their community through a virtual Easter egg hunt, which took place Easter morning. Since families were unable to gather Easter Sunday, the city brought Easter to residents. The Easter bunny, along with city employees, police officers, and McGruff the Crime Pup, the mascot for the <u>Watsonville Police Activities League</u>, visited 250 homes to deliver Easter eggs and smiles. Residents were asked to decorate their homes so that the

Easter bunny knew to stop at their homes. This not only delighted the children, it also brightened the streets of Watsonville with Easter decorations.

Coresta Angelo, Watsonville Police Activities League executive director stated, "The houses that were visited were all very appreciative of the effort our city is taking to ensure our youth are still being thought of during this time."

Cities are also finding a way to continue carrying out essential projects not related to COVID-19, such as the development of a homeless shelter in the <u>City of Bellflower</u>. The city is pushing the project forward despite the challenges brought up by the pandemic and intends to have the project complete by mid-May.

As cities work to provide resources and information for their residents, the League continues to update the <u>coronavirus resource</u> and <u>response webpage</u> as a resource for city staff. Daily updates on COVID-19 news, resources, and guidance specifically geared toward local leaders will help local governments navigate the current situation and is updated as new developments occur.

Cities that would like to share the actions they have taken in response to coronavirus can contact the communications team at <u>communications@cacities.org</u>. If you have questions related to COVID-19, please send them to <u>covid-19@cacities.org</u>.

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