

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**May 29, 2025**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City  
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. LETTER OF OPPOSITION

A copy of the Mayor's letter of opposition to SCAQMD Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 is attached.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**Stephanie Klopfenstein**  
Mayor

**Joe DoVinh**  
Mayor Pro Tem - District 4

**George S. Brietigam**  
Council Member - District 1

**Phillip Nguyen**  
Council Member - District 2

**Cindy Ngoc Tran**  
Council Member - District 3

**Yesenia Muñeton**  
Council Member - District 5

**Ariana Arestegui**  
Council Member - District 6

May 27, 2025

Honorable Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
SCAQMD Governing Board  
21865 Copley Dr.  
Diamond Bar, CA 91765

Dear Chair Delgado and Governing Board Members -

The City of Garden Grove has is aware of two proposed rules being advanced by South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff for consideration by your Governing Board. On behalf of our city's residents, business owners, organizations and city employees, we are conveying our opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121 and urge you to defer consideration of these rules to allow SCAQMD Governing Board members and staff to receive additional information, data, input and dialogue from the numerous stakeholders potentially impacted by this proposed rule.

We have significant concerns regarding the scale of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other requirements necessary to comply with retrofits of existing commercial buildings, single family homes and multifamily residential properties, as well as the dramatic cost implications to thousands of families who call Garden Grove home.

We believe it is highly likely that if Rules 1111 and 1121 are adopted by the Governing Board, the high costs of compliance will force the owners of older multifamily properties to sell or redevelop their properties, subsequently resulting in a dramatic reduction in the availability of affordable housing in our city and across the region.

Our City Council shares your commitment clean air and water and other quality of life benefits that draw and retain the residents and business owners who live here. However, the current versions of PAR 1111 and 1121 will deliver consequences that will lead to a variety of negative impacts, impacting jobs and increasing the cost of living in our region.

Honorable Vanessa Delgado, Chair  
SCAQMD Governing Board  
Opposition to Proposed Amended Rules 1111 and 1121  
May 27, 2025  
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**We urge the SCAQMD Governing Board to delay consideration/adoption of PAR 1111/1121 to allow District staff to better inform the millions of Southern California residents of these proposed rules and to address the many unanswered questions regarding cost, technology, and the availability of potential incentives.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Klopfenstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stephanie Klopfenstein  
Mayor

c: Senator Tom Umberg, 34<sup>th</sup> District, (Emily.Rodriguez@sen.ca.gov)  
Senator Tony Strickland, 36<sup>th</sup> District, (zechariah.jauregui@sen.ca.gov)  
Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70<sup>th</sup> District, (Colin.Edwards@asm.ca.gov)  
Connor Medina, League of California Cities, (cmedina@calcities.org)  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, (cityletters@calcities.org)  
Lauren Kline, ACCOC, (lkline@accoc.org)

**WEEKLY MEMO 05-29-2025**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**





# Post Performance

May 22, 2025 – May 28, 2025


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


## Included in this Report

✕ @CityGardenGrove


📘 Garden Grove City Hall

📷 gardengrovecityhall





**gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 5/28/2025 12:48 pm PDT

Join us for “50 Years of Little Saigon’s Resilience: From Refugee to Legacy,”- a FREE commemorative event honoring the...




Views	1,786
Reach	1,659
Comments	2
Story Taps Back	24



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Tue 5/27/2025 5:30 pm PDT

🌸 Your backyard is putting in the work this season, and so should your green bin 🌱. Not sure where something belongs? Check...



Impressions	70
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.1%




**gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 5/27/2025 5:30 pm PDT

🌸 Your backyard is putting in the work this season, and so should your green bin. Remember, organic recycling also include...



Views	499
Reach	389
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per View)	2%





**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 5/27/2025 5:30 pm PDT

🌸 Your backyard is putting in the work this season, and so should your green bin. Remember, organic recycling also include...



Impressions	252
Reach	252
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%







**@CityGardenGrove**  
Tue 5/27/2025 4:28 pm PDT

As National Small Business Month almost comes to an end, we are highlighting another local gem, Pose Palace ( 📍 9618...



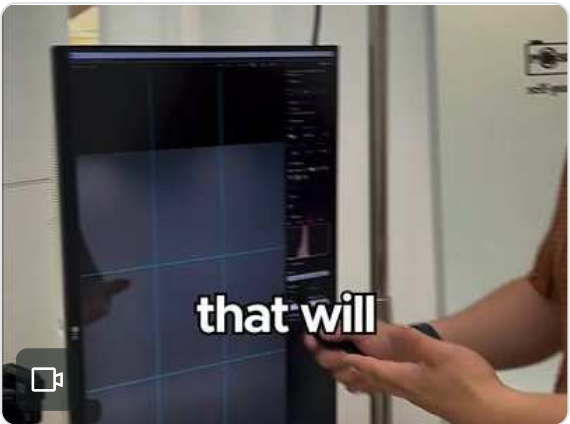
Video Views	20
Impressions	115
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%







**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 5/27/2025 4:16 pm PDT

As 📍 almost comes to an end, we are highlighting another local gem, Pose Palace, located at...




Video Views	147
Impressions	383
Reach	367
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%







**gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 5/27/2025 4:15 pm PDT

As almost comes to an end, we are highlighting another local gem, Pose Palace, located at...




Views	1,501
Reach	1,049
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.7%





**gardengrovecityhall**  
Mon 5/26/2025 12:00 pm PDT

Ready to put some pep in your step, #GardenGrove!? Lace up and join us for the next in District 5 with...



Views	1,569
Reach	972
Engagements	28
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.8%







**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Mon 5/26/2025 12:00 pm PDT


Ready to put some pep in your step, #GardenGrove!? Lace up and join us for the next in District 5 with...




Impressions	798
Reach	791
Engagements	52
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%





**gardengrovecityhall**  
Mon 5/26/2025 8:01 am PDT


 We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to the brave members of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice defendin...




Views	838
Reach	704
Engagements	62
Engagement Rate (per View)	7.4%





**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Mon 5/26/2025 8:00 am PDT


 We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to the brave members of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice defendin...




Impressions	933
Reach	907
Engagements	48
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%




**@CityGardenGrove**  
Mon 5/26/2025 8:00 am PDT

 We'd like to express our sincere gratitude to the brave members of the armed forces who made the ultimate sacrifice defendin...



Impressions	78
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



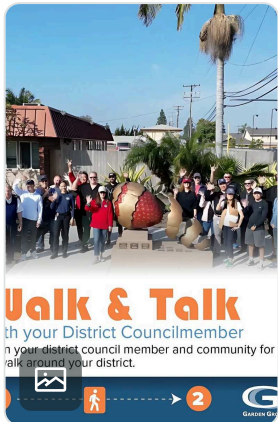


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@CityGardenGrove

Mon 5/26/2025 12:00 am PDT

Ready to put some pep in your step,  
[#GardenGrove](#)!? 🧑 Lace up and join us for  
the next Walk and Talk in District 5 with...



Walk & Talk

th your District Councilmember

n your district council member and community for  
alk around your district.

Impressions

89

Potential Reach


4,743

Engagements

4

Engagement Rate (per  
Impression)

4.5%



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Fri 5/23/2025 5:31 pm PDT

As a part of 🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱  
🌱🌱🌱, we're spotlighting another local gem!  
🥘 Kaju Soft Tofu, located at 📍 8895 Garde...



Views

1,552

Reach

1,043

Engagements

38

Engagement Rate (per View)


2.4%



f Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 5/23/2025 5:31 pm PDT

As a part of 🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱🌱  
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🥘 Kaju Soft Tofu, located at 📍 8895 Garde...



Video Views

652

Impressions

1,940

Reach


1,940

Engagements

41

Engagement Rate (per  
Impression)


2.1%




@CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/23/2025 5:30\_pm PDT

As a part of National Small Business Month, we're spotlighting another local gem, 🍲  
 Kaju Soft Tofu ( 📍 8895 Garden Grove Blvd)...



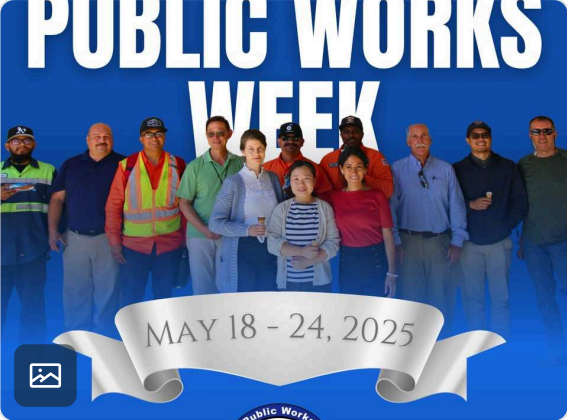
Video Views	36
Impressions	160
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%




@CityGardenGrove

Fri 5/23/2025 2:30\_pm PDT

As National Public Works Week comes to a close, we'd like to thank our Public Works Department for their hard work—both see...



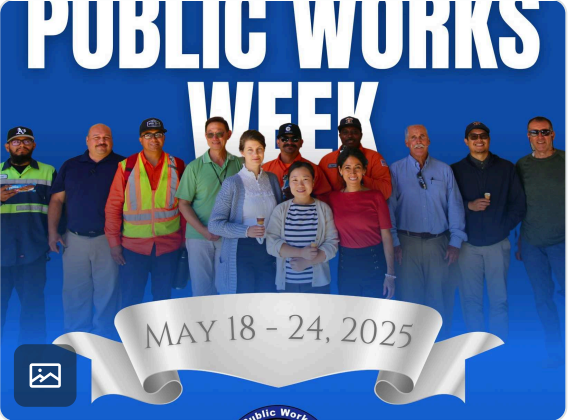
Impressions	111
Potential Reach	4,741
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



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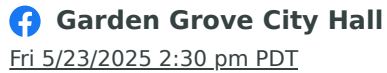
Fri 5/23/2025 2:30\_pm PDT

As National Public Works Week comes to a close, we'd like to thank our Public Works Department for their hard work—both see...



Views	1,050
Reach	807
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.1%





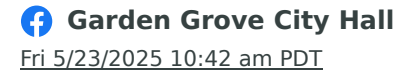
A promotional banner for Public Works Week. The top half features the text "PUBLIC WORKS WEEK" in large, bold, white capital letters against a blue background. Below the text is a group of eleven diverse public works employees standing in two rows. The bottom half of the banner has a white ribbon graphic with the dates "MAY 18 - 24, 2025" in blue text. In the bottom left corner, there is a small blue square icon with a white camera symbol. At the very bottom, a small portion of a circular logo with the text "Public Works" is visible.

<b>Impressions</b>	<b>658</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>642</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>2.9%</b>



**When you support  
local we all win! 🌟**

Video Views	25
Impressions	118
Potential Reach	4,741
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%



Video Views	245
Impressions	816
Reach	814
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.6%



Fri 5/23/2025 10:42 am PDT



**When you support local we all win! 🌟**

Views	1,004
Reach	747
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.2%



# Post Performance

May 22, 2025 – May 28, 2025

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

## Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Wed 5/28/2025 12:28 pm PDT

\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\* An in-home behavioral therapist has been charged with molesting an autistic boy under the age of...



Impressions	2,872
Reach	2,843
Engagements	918
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	32%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Mon 5/26/2025 8:06 am PDT

Let us not forget the true meaning of #MemorialDay 🇺🇸 We pause to remember the brave men and women who laid down...



Video Views	330
Impressions	1,267
Reach	1,240
Engagements	80
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Thu 5/22/2025 6:48 pm PDT

This morning, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) handed out awards in recognition of law enforcement personnel...



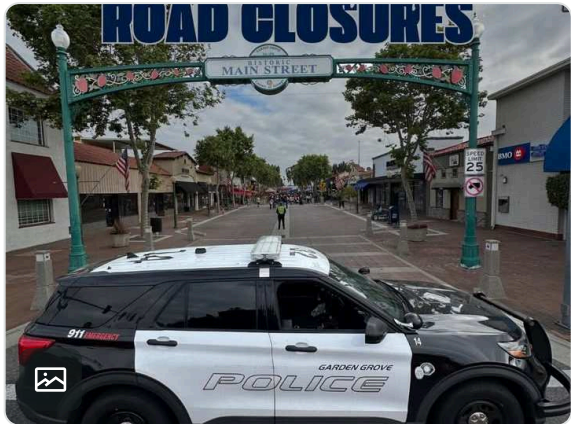
Impressions	3,046
Reach	2,792
Engagements	259
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**

Thu 5/22/2025 3:03 pm PDT

Beginning Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26, 2025, the 65th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will take place a...



Impressions	16,313
Reach	15,625
Engagements	913
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**

Thu 5/22/2025 8:21 am PDT

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



Impressions	2,291
Reach	2,222
Engagements	108
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%

**WEEKLY MEMO 05-29-2025**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**



The Tribune

May 28, 2025

# HB, GG ‘best to raise families’

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 28, 2025 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



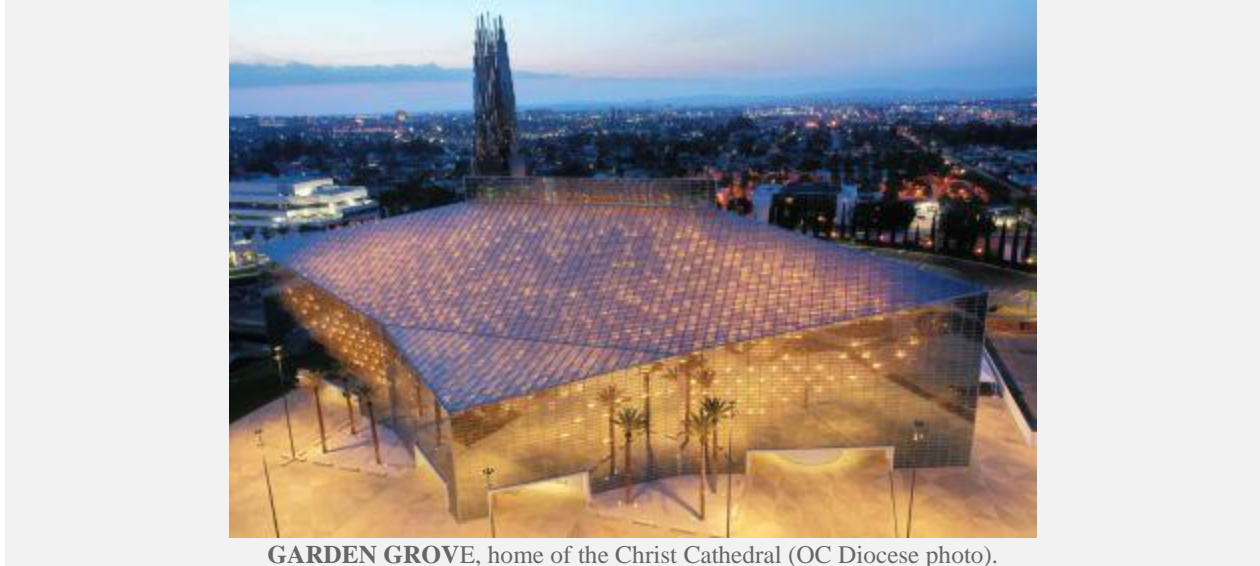
HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER (Flickr/Corey Thompson).

If you live in Huntington Beach or Garden Grove, you live in one of the best cities in the United States to raise a family.

That's the opinion, anyway, of the marketing firm [wallethub.com](https://wallethub.com), which released its findings on Tuesday.

Among the cities with a population of at least 150,000 residents, Huntington Beach is ranked 11th in the nation. Garden Grove is ranked 48th.





**GARDEN GROVE**, home of the Christ Cathedral (OC Diocese photo).

Other Orange County cities rated are Irvine (fourth), Anaheim (102nd) and Santa Ana (123rd).

The top-ranked cities are Fremont (California), Overland Park (Kansas), Plano (Texas), and South Burlington (Vermont)

San Diego is 10th, San Jose is 13th, San Francisco is 21st and Santa Rosa is 30th,

Cities are rated based on “family fun,” health and safety, education and child care, and affordability.

Huntington Beach ranked fourth in the nation for education and child care. Garden Grove was not far behind in ninth place.

Affordability dragged those cities’ scores down, and Huntington Beach was 103rd and Garden Grove – surprisingly – was 173rd.

Wallethub has often ranked Surf City and the Big Strawberry highly in its surveys. In its ranking of the safest cities in the nation in October 2024, Irvine was 11th, Garden Grove 35th and Huntington Beach 36th.

In July 2022, Huntington Beach was ranked as the best-run city in the nation on the basis of its quality of services. In March of 2021, Huntington Beach was 33rd “happiest” city in the nation with Garden Grove in 40th place. Irvine took 13th.

The Tribune

May 28, 2025

# Relief is coming to a tangle of two very busy boulevards

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON MAY 28, 2025 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**ROADWORK** is coming to ease the crunch at Garden Grove and Harbor boulevards (Shutterstock).

**By Jim Tortolano**  
Orange County Tribune

The good news is relief is coming to the often-jammed intersection of Garden Grove and Harbor boulevards.

On Tuesday night the City Council on a 7-0 vote approved a contract worth \$6,678,330 to PALP Inc. for street widening and other improvements at that key intersection.

The not-quite-as good news is that the extensive construction and demolition work will complicate traffic in that area for a while.

According to a staff report, the project “generally” consists of a 12-foot roadway widening to add an eastbound right-turn lane along Garden Grove Boulevard and a five-foot roadway widening to add a second left-turn lane along Harbor Boulevard.

Additionally, the project will widen existing “substandard” through lanes to a minimum width of 11 feet. All-new traffic signals will be installed at all four corners.

The funding will be 65 percent from the Orange County Transportation Authority and 35 percent from the city.

Also the council awarded a contract to Act 1 Construction Inc. for the Woodbury (Park) Revitalization and Expansion Project at a cost of \$10,992,000.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Shawn Park  
Assistant to City Manager  
(714) 741-5371 / [shawnp@ggcity.org](mailto:shawnp@ggcity.org)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, May 22, 2025



## JOIN GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A "WALK & TALK" AROUND DISTRICT 5 AND 6

Get to know your elected officials and enjoy an active morning with neighbors and friends by joining the Garden Grove City Council for our next two "Walk & Talk" events in City Council District 5 and 6. Council member Yesenia Muñeton will host a "Walk & Talk" on Saturday, June 7, 2025, in District 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and Council member Ariana Aristegui will host a walk on Saturday, June 14, 2025, in District 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and City Manager Lisa Kim will also participate in the walks.

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, participants can join at any stop along the District 5 route, below:

1. **Orange County Fire Authority Station 86 / Westhaven Park –**

Starting location, 12252 West St.

2. **Donut Star –** 12052 Chapman Ave.

3. **Walton Intermediate School –** 12181 Buaro St.

4. **Violette Elementary School –** 12091 Lampson Ave.

5. **Orange County Fire Authority Station 86 / Westhaven Park –**

Returning location, 12252 West St.

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JOIN GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A "WALK & TALK"  
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On Saturday, June 14, 2025, participants can join at any stop along the District 6 route, below:

- 1) **Sabroso! Mexican Grill** – Starting location, 13129 Harbor Blvd.
- 2) **Garden Grove Kia** – 13731 Harbor Blvd.
- 3) **Tribute Coffee House** – 13960 Harbor Blvd.
- 4) **Sabroso! Mexican Grill** – Returning location, 13129 Harbor Blvd.

"Walk & Talk" is held once a month on Saturdays in each district in Garden Grove. For more information, visit [www.ggcity.org/walk-talk](http://www.ggcity.org/walk-talk) or contact Shawn Park, Assistant to City Manager at (714) 741-5371 or [shawnp@ggcity.org](mailto:shawnp@ggcity.org).

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# Walk & Talk

with your District 5 Councilmember Yesenia Muñeton

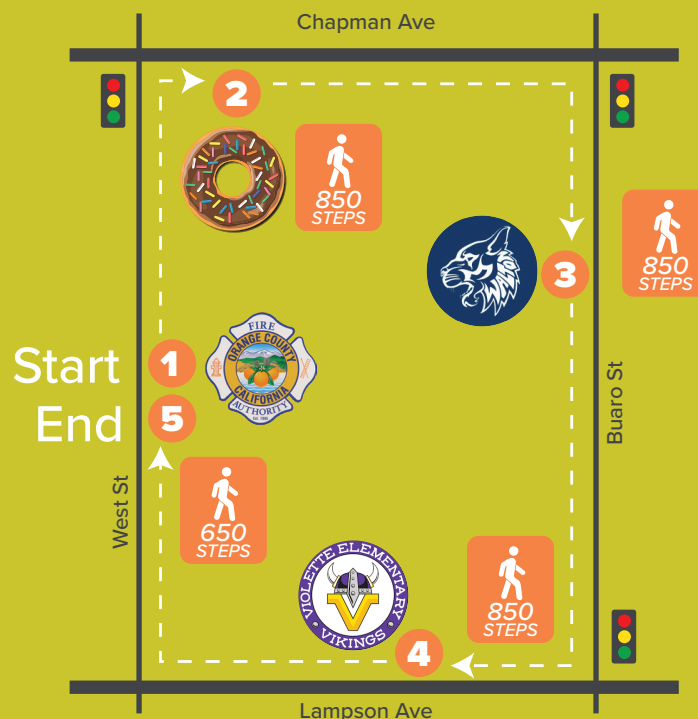
Join your **District 5 Councilmember, Yesenia Muñeton**, and fellow residents and community members for a walk around your block! Get to know your neighborhood better, meet Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and City Manager Lisa Kim, make some new friends, and get your steps in! Feel free to join us at any stop along the way!

**When:**  
Saturday, June 7, 2025

**Time:**  
8:00am to 9:30am

## Start

- 1** OCFA Station 86 / Westhaven Park  
12252 West St
- 2** Donut Star  
12052 Chapman Ave
- 3** Walton Intermediate School  
12181 Buaro St.
- 4** Violette Elementary School  
12091 Lampson Ave
- 5** Return to OCFA Fire Station 86 / Westhaven Park  
12252 West St



 **Upcoming Walk!**

# Walk & Talk

with your District 6 Councilmember Ariana Arestegui

Join your **District 6 Councilmember, Ariana Arestegui**, and fellow residents and community members for a walk around your block! Get to know your neighborhood better, meet Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and City Manager Lisa Kim, make some new friends, and get your steps in! Feel free to join us at any stop along the way!

## When:

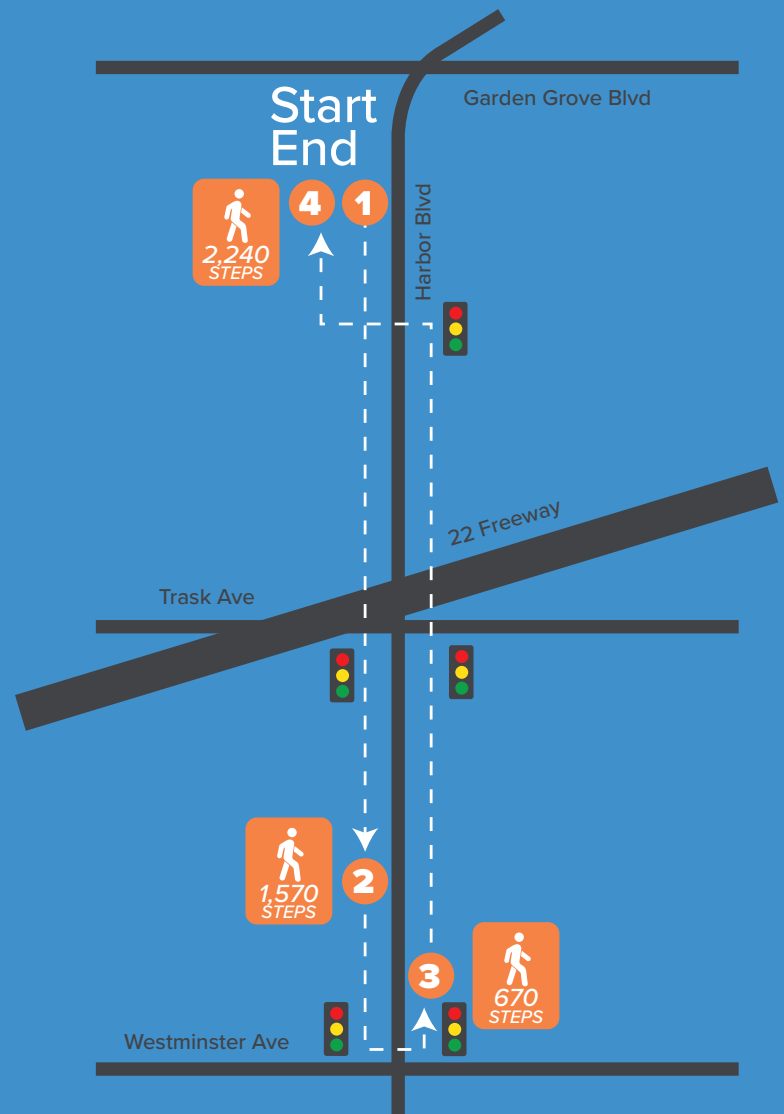
Saturday, June 14, 2025

## Time:

8:00am to 9:30am

## Start

- 1** Sabroso! Mexican Grill  
13129 Harbor Blvd
- 2** Garden Grove Kia  
13731 Harbor Blvd
- 3** Tribute Coffee House  
13960 Harbor Blvd
- 4** Return to Sabroso! Mexican Grill  
13129 Harbor Blvd







Contact: Dana Yang  
Econ Dev and Housing Department  
(714) 741-5131 / [danay@ggcity.org](mailto:danay@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, May 29, 2025



**CITY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS  
FOR HOME REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM**

The City of Garden Grove is encouraging local, qualifying homeowners to apply for the Home Repair Program (HRP), available for low-income Garden Grove residents to receive up to \$5,000 for home improvements. Funding will be distributed to approximately 20 eligible applicants, selected through a blind raffle.

Facilitated by the Economic Development and Housing Department, the HRP will provide eligible homeowners with up to \$5,000 to address code violations, substandard conditions, and necessary health and safety improvements. The first application period starts Monday, June 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., through Monday, June 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. A second application period will take place from Monday, December 1, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. through Monday, December 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. To view eligibility requirements and apply, visit the [Home Repair Program webpage](#).

The homeowner is required to contribute a minimum of \$500 of their own funds towards the repairs. Major repairs to the home that are above \$5,000 will not be considered for the Home Repair Program.

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CITY ANNOUNCES OPENINGS FOR HOME REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM  
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Acceptable exterior and interior home repairs include, but are not limited to, window replacement, electrical repairs, pest control, exterior painting, plumbing repairs, heater replacement (HVAC), handicap accessibility modifications, and repairs to address building or safety code violations in the home.

Homeowners looking to repair or replace their roof can visit the City's Re-Roof Loan Program at [www.ggcity.org/re-roof-loan-program](http://www.ggcity.org/re-roof-loan-program).

For more information, contact Dana Yang at (714) 741-5131 or email [danay@ggcity.org](mailto:danay@ggcity.org).

# # #

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**May 29, 2025**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the June 5, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Committee Meeting
3. Meeting Minutes for the May 15, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting
4. League of California Cities articles from May 23, 2025 to May 29, 2025



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 30, 2025 – July 8, 2025

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Friday	May 30		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	June 2	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	June 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	June 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 12	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 12	11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting @ CMC, AB Room
Friday	June 13		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	June 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	June 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Board Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 26		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	June 26	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	June 27		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	July 1	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	July 4		City Hall Closed – Independence Day
Tuesday	July 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



## AGENDA

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 5, 2025 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

**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. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [May 15, 2025](#)
- C. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-157-2025](#)  
[LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-036-2025](#)

APPLICANT: IN-N-OUT BURGERS, INC.

LOCATION: SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRASK AVENUE AND  
MAGNOLIA STREET, AT 9032 AND 9062 TRASK AVENUE

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a 778 square foot freestanding outdoor dining patio structure at an existing restaurant, In-N-Out burger, and to reconfigure the existing drive-thru lane and parking area. The project includes the demolition of an existing vacant restaurant building, formerly occupied by Mae's Café, to accommodate additional drive-thru vehicle queuing and parking spaces. Also, a request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) adjoining parcels into one (1) parcel to accommodate the proposed improvements. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-157-2025 and Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA-036-2025, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.2. [AMENDMENT NO. A-042-2025](#)

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

LOCATION: CITYWIDE

REQUEST: A City-initiated zoning text Amendment to various provisions of Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code. The proposed Amendment would update portions of Chapters 9.04 (General Provisions), 9.08 (Single-Family Residential Development Standards), 9.12 (Multifamily Residential Development Standards), 9.16 (Commercial, Office Professional, Industrial, and Open Space Development Standards), 9.18 (Mixed Use Regulations and Development Standards), 9.32 (Procedures and Hearings), 9.54 (Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units), and 9.60 (Special Housing Regulations) to conform to changes in State law and City policies, and to make clarifications and typographical corrections. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed Amendment is categorically and

statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Amendment No. A-042-2025(A) and Amendment No. A-042-2025(B) to the City Council.

- D. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

D.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-158-2025](#)

APPLICANT: JYJ LOGISTICS LLC

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF LINCOLN WAY AND WESTERN AVENUE, AT 7441 LINCOLN WAY

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new 50,300 square foot shell industrial building along with other associated site improvements following the demolition of the existing 22,108 square foot building. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-158-2025, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

D.2. [NEGATIVE DECLARATION](#)  
[GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-002-2025](#)  
[SITE PLAN NO. SP-159-2025](#)

APPLICANT: HARBINGER MOTORS, INC.

LOCATION: NORTHWEST CORNER OF KNOTT STREET AND ACACIA AVENUE, AT 12821 KNOTT STREET

REQUEST: A request that the Planning Commission recommend City Council approval of a General Plan Amendment, and Site Plan for the construction of a mezzanine office space for an existing industrial building on an approximately 7.97-acre site. The specific land use entitlement approvals requested include the following: (i) General Plan Amendment to establish subareas A and B within the IC (Industrial Commercial Mixed Use) land use designation, and establish a 0.55 FAR for industrial uses within Subarea B; and (ii) Site Plan approval to allow for an approximately 10,368 square-foot interior mezzanine addition for an existing industrial building.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council adopt a Negative Declaration for the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of a Negative Declaration, and approval of General Plan Amendment No. GPA-002-2015, and Site Plan No. SP-159-2025, to City Council, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

D.3. SITE PLAN NO. SP-156-2025

APPLICANT: WILLIAM D. JAGER

LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF CHAPMAN AVENUE, BETWEEN GILBERT STREET AND BROOKHURST STREET, AT 9562 CHAPMAN AVENUE

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a four-story, thirty-six (36) unit residential apartment building and associated site improvements on an approximately 0.82-acre lot. The proposal includes four (4) affordable housing units for "very low-income" households. Inclusion of the four (4) very low-income units qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law and Garden Grove Municipal Code (GGMC) Section 9.60.040 (collectively, the "Density Bonus Law" or "DBL"). The project has been designed to incorporate certain incentives/concessions and waivers/reductions of development standards pursuant to the DBL. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-156-2025, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

- E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- F. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- G. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 15, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Cueva, Flanders, Ramirez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Ashland.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

May 1, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Ashland Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (4) Ashland, Beard, Laricchia, Lindsay

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (3) Cueva, Flanders, Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-042-2025.

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Date: May 15, 2025

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(Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units), and 9.60 (Special Housing Regulations) to conform to changes in State Law and City Policies, and to make clarifications and typographical corrections. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed amendment is categorically and statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: The Public Hearing was opened and continued to the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission did not receive an oral staff report, take public testimony, or discuss the item.

Motion: Ashland Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (4) Ashland, Beard, Laricchia, Lindsay  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Cueva, Flanders, Ramirez

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION - PRESENTATION ON PERTINENT HOUSING AND LAND USE LAWS: The Assistant City Attorney gave a presentation and general discussion on the pertinent housing and land use laws.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioners Lindsay mentioned that the Strawberry Festival will be held in a week.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the June 5, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting, and mentioned that meeting will also be held on June 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:23 p.m.

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Carol Sebbo  
Recording Secretary



## Cal Cities and partners push for climate-safe infrastructure priorities in the Cap-and-Trade negotiations

May 28, 2025

*By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

Today, Cal Cities joined a coalition of business, labor, local government, and transit agencies urging state leaders to prioritize climate-safe infrastructure improvements during debates over the Cap-and-Trade Program's future. The move comes in response to [Gov. Gavin Newsom and the Legislature committing to reauthorizing](#) the program before its 2030 expiration.

### How does the Cap-and-Trade program impact cities?

High-emitting businesses, which represent roughly three-quarters of the state's emissions, must reduce greenhouse gases. However, they can buy a limited number of credits each year — the "cap" — from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to cover their emissions. The process creates a market price for the credits, with auction proceeds going toward the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

The fund has generated roughly \$30 billion over the last ten years, often distributed to cities and others as grants for transit, rail, transportation, air quality, affordable housing, safe drinking water, and organic waste programs.

"Cap-and-Trade funding is helping us build resilient and sustainable cities that we need for the future of this great state," said Carolyn Coleman, Executive Director and CEO of the League of California Cities. "It is also a critical source of investment in clean transportation options to help us fight back against climate change."

### What are Cal Cities' priorities?

Cal Cities believes that the state must prioritize providing incentives to local governments that are working diligently to carry out its housing and climate goals. Future investments and projects from the program should maximize emission reductions, enhance climate-safe infrastructure, bolster sustainability and resilience to climate change impacts, and speed up progress toward climate commitments.

The top priorities for Cal Cities within the coalition include:

- Local clean transportation and transit infrastructure
- Climate adaptation programs, sea level rise, and organic waste infrastructure
- Land use/infill development for affordable housing and sustainable communities

The Climate Safe Infrastructure Coalition — led by the Alliance for Jobs, Cal Cities, California State Association of Counties, and California Transit Association — is emphasizing the need to invest in *proven* projects that reduce the greatest amount of greenhouse gas emissions, make Californians safer and more resilient to the impacts of climate change, and support good paying jobs.

#### What recent changes did the Governor propose?

During his [May Revision](#), Newsom announced a proposal to earmark a significant amount of the program's funding, leaving less for cities. He wants to reauthorize the program until 2045 to align with the state's carbon neutrality goals and argued that high-speed rail should receive \$1 billion annually from the fund. He also proposed sweeping up \$1.5 billion each year (scaling up to \$1.9 billion by 2030) to cover CalFire's operational costs.

Ironically, the Governor dubbed a renaming of the program to cap and invest. The now accelerated reauthorization negotiations have a newfound sense of urgency since the Legislature must address the Governor's proposal to earmark the fund to help close the budget deficit.

Lawmakers will likely hammer out a long-term vision for the program through the end of the legislative session, as the Governor committed to working on the detailed investment plan in the final months after the budget deal.

For the [full press release](#) and more additional information on the coalition and its priorities and more additional information on the coalition and its priorities, visit [ClimateSafeInfrastructureCA.com](https://ClimateSafeInfrastructureCA.com) and follow on [Facebook](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).



## What cities need to know about SB 79, the biggest land use bill of the year

May 28, 2025

*By Brady Guertin, legislative advocate*

This year, one of the major bill fights making its way through the Capitol is the debate around [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#). The measure would force cities to approve tall, dense residential buildings near public transit, irrespective of local zoning laws. It would also give transit agencies full land-use authority over land they own, without any obligation to build housing.

Cal Cities is [leading the charge](#) in opposing SB 79 due to its impact on local governments' land use authority, one-size-fits-all approach to local planning and zoning, and its defiance of state-mandated and certified housing elements. Although the new amendments narrow the bill's scope, Cal Cities remains opposed to the measure.

### What exactly would SB 79 do?

The most notable change in the bill is an increased height limit of 55-75 feet that would only apply to [urban transit counties](#) — “a county with more than 15 rail transit stations.” This would impact cities located within a quarter mile or half mile from a transit stop associated with heavy rail, high-frequency commuter rail, or light rail in the following counties: Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Alameda. Those cities would need to approve tall (up to 75 feet) and dense (up to 120 dwellings per acre) residential development projects by-right depending on the transit stop.

Cities in non-urban transit counties within a half mile of a qualifying transit stop would have to approve residential projects up to 55 feet with a density of 80 dwellings per acre without any public engagement or acknowledgment of state-certified housing plans. In other words, the new amendments provide a carve-out for some communities even though the transit stops are nearly identical in function.

New amendments would also let transit agencies designate major transit stops as a transit-oriented development, forcing cities to approve new housing without regard for local general plan and zoning requirements. Transit agencies could develop objective design standards if the land is within a half mile of a transit-oriented development stop.

### What happens next?

Cal Cities is still concerned about granting use authority to transit agencies without requiring them to build affordable housing or follow state-approved housing elements. Transit agencies

could essentially buy land and develop it for commercial purposes in areas identified as sites for future housing development.

A [coalition letter from the Gateway Cities](#) expresses some of the challenges cities have faced when transit agencies infringe on local plans that balance the need for housing and community needs in areas planned for transit-oriented development. Those cities have spent years developing site-specific plans that support transit-oriented development along the planned Southeast Gateway Line and the planned Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 Project.

“The Gateway Cities region is approximately 3.5 times denser than Los Angeles County and 33 times denser than California,” wrote the group of 14 cities. “SB 79 undermines years of responsible planning and imposes dense, high-rise projects without evaluating our capacity to support them.”

After [passing the Senate Appropriations Committee](#) last week, the bill is now on the Senate Floor. Cities should [express their opposition](#) to the bill by contacting their state senator before June 6. For more information, including how your city could be affected, please contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



# We want your two cents: Submit a session proposal for the 2025 Municipal Finance Institute

*May 28, 2025*

## Session Proposals due June 30

*By Cal Cities Education Staff*

Cal Cities is accepting [session proposals](#) for the Municipal Finance Institute, a two-day educational and peer-learning event taking place Dec. 10–11 at the Renaissance Hotel in Palm Springs.

The institute serves as a vital forum for peer learning, professional development, and innovative thinking. The institute will bring together California municipal finance officers to discuss the biggest, evolving issues affecting cities and key areas of interest for those in the public finance industry.

Member-driven and member-led programming is at the heart of Cal Cities' educational mission — over 95% of sessions are developed through open calls for proposals. Individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations may submit ideas for panel discussions, facilitated conversations, and keynote presentations.

## What makes a standout proposal?

Cal Cities is looking for thorough, thoughtful, and non-commercial proposals that highlight how your session can help fire service leaders strengthen their communities, enhance leadership skills, and expand policy knowledge. Past topics have included:

- Developments in municipal finance law and policy
- CalPERS updates
- Ethics for fiscal officers
- Cybersecurity essentials
- California's economic outlook

## How to submit a proposal

To submit a proposal, visit the [Municipal Finance Institute webpage](#) and review the "Call for Proposals" guidance. [Proposals are due online](#) by June 30. Acceptance notices will go out in the early fall. If accepted, you'll present your session at the institute in Palm Springs this December.



## Fire Chief Leadership Seminar session proposals

due June 30

*May 28, 2025*

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*By Cal Cities Education Staff*

Cal Cities is accepting [session proposals](#) for the 2025 Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar, a two-day educational and peer-learning event taking place Dec. 10–11 at the Renaissance Hotel in Palm Springs.

Designed for current and aspiring fire chiefs, the seminar will explore the most pressing issues facing California cities and the fire service industry. Through engaging discussions and practical learning, participants will gain insights into community leadership, policy development, and operational innovation.

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- Mental health
- Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps
- Emergency Medical Services
- Finances for fire chiefs
- Wildfire and disaster preparation

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## Which bills survived the suspense file slash?

May 23, 2025

*By Cal Cities Staff*

Friday morning, lawmakers hacked their way through some 1,000 bills on the aptly named suspense file. As usual, the biannual culling had mixed results for cities, with most of Cal Cities' priority bills — good or bad — advancing to the next legislative hurdle.

Most of Cal Cities' sponsored bills passed through the gauntlet, including ones that would provide greater clarity in the housing element review process, address encampments, increase oversight of unlicensed sober living homes, and help cities prepare for disasters. Cal Cities also scored some big wins with measures that threaten local budgets.

As a reminder, the Assembly and Senate appropriations committees meet twice a year to review the impact of hundreds of measures on the state's coffers. Holding a bill in the suspense file effectively kills it for the year. But those that make it off the suspense file are hardly safe — especially this year. The state is on its [third consecutive budget shortfall](#). Given that lawmakers [held essentially the same number of bills](#) they did last spring, they will likely need to axe a few more before the year ends.

*-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

### Revenue and Taxation

The suspense hearing produced mixed results for the Revenue and Taxation portfolio, as both [SB 86 \(McNerney\)](#) and [SB 710 \(Blakespear\)](#) passed off the suspense file. However, the Senate Appropriations Committee altered both bills.

The committee changed SB 86, a bill that would permanently extend and raise the annual cap of a sales and use tax exclusion administered by [CAEATFA](#), to include a five-year sunset provision and reduce the amount of the sales and use tax exclusion. SB 710, which seeks to indefinitely extend the property tax exemption for installing behind-the-meter solar energy systems, only received technical amendments despite having an estimated \$11 million fiscal impact on property taxes. However, Sen. Catherine Blakespear's office has committed to addressing the concerns raised by Cal Cities.

Even with these amendments, it will be interesting to see how the Legislature squares the remaining fiscal impacts of these bills with the looming \$12 billion budget deficit.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 265 \(Caloza\)](#) Small Business and Nonprofit Recovery Fund Act  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)



- [AB 330 \(Rogers\)](#) Local Prepaid Mobile Telephony Services Collection Act  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 696 \(Alvarado-Gil\)](#) Sales and Use Tax Law: exemptions: firefighting equipment  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Held in Committee)

- *Ben Triffo, legislative advocate*

## Environmental Quality

Surprisingly few of Cal Cities' priority environmental bills were held, suggesting favorable odds for future policy negotiations on key legislation related to disaster preparedness, water supply, environmental review, and more.

The two Cal Cities-sponsored disaster and wildfire preparedness bills — [AB 262 \(Caloza\)](#) and [AB 846 \(Connolly\)](#) — passed off the Assembly suspense file with minor changes. AB 262 would now make [proposed clarifications](#) to California's disaster assistance funding contingent upon a future appropriation. Legislators took out a mapping requirement in AB 846 to provide fiscal relief to the state. The measure would still provide local agencies with a voluntary, streamlined path to secure permits from the Department of Fish and Wildlife for vegetation management.

On the water supply front, [SB 454 \(McNerney\)](#) sailed through Senate Appropriations. Co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the bill would establish a fund to help remove PFAS from water supplies, contingent on a future funding allocation.

Another bill sponsored by Cal Cities, [AB 996 \(Pellerin\)](#), also survived the suspense file. It would help coastal and bay cities comply with required sea level rise planning but no longer includes a coastal planning fund. The measure would still create an early consultation process between cities developing sea level rise plans and the California Coastal Commission, as well as clarify that existing sea level rise information or plans may meet one or all the components of the mandated sea level rise plans.

Other priority bills include:

- [SB 682 \(Allen\)](#) Product safety: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 607 \(Wiener\)](#) CEQA: categorical exemption: infill projects  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 222 \(Bauer Kahan\)](#) Data centers: energy usage reporting: electricity rates  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 261 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#) Fire safety: fire hazard severity zones: State Fire Marshal  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 986 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) State and local emergency: landslides and climate change  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 1313 \(Papan\)](#) Water quality: permits  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed)

- *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

## Community Services

In recent weeks, the spotlight has been on homelessness, as the Governor released a [model ordinance](#) urging swift action on encampments — without committing any [new funding](#) to support cities' efforts. At the same time, the administration placed an inflated price tag on a Cal Cities co-sponsored bill that would increase coordination between state agencies and cities

when addressing encampments. Despite the high price tag, [SB 569 \(Blakespear\)](#) passed out of appropriations with only one no vote coming from Sen. Aisha Wahab.

However, Sen. Catherine Blakespear's [SB 16](#) advanced out of appropriations without Cal Cities' requested changes. The bill mandates detailed homelessness data in housing elements for all but 14 cities. Cal Cities opposes the measure unless amended to instead include smaller cities in the existing regional planning process. While the author's office has indicated a willingness to address Cal Cities' concerns, the bill has not yet been amended.

After failing in appropriations last year, [SB 35 \(Umbert\)](#) passed off the suspense file. The Cal Cities-sponsored bill would require the Department of Health Care Services to conduct more timely and thorough investigations of unlicensed sober living homes accused of violating state licensure law. The department claimed SB 35 would cost millions to implement to stop the bill. Following [advocacy from Southern California cities](#), SB 35 now heads to the Senate floor.

Other priority bills include:

- [SB 329 \(Blakespear\)](#) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations  
Cal Cities Position: Sponsor/Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 692 \(Arrequin\)](#) Vehicles: homelessness  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 543 \(González\)](#) Medi-Cal: street medicine  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

## Housing, Community, and Economic Development

The Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#) passed with unanimous bipartisan support in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, continuing its trend of moving forward without impediment. This measure would allow local governments to begin the housing element process six months earlier and provide greater certainty in the review process. The measure goes to the Assembly Floor next and must pass by June 6.

On the other hand, several bills that disregard state-certified housing elements also made it out, including [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#). The measure would force local governments near specific rail transit stations to approve tall, high-density residential housing by-right and grant land use authority to transit agencies without any requirement for affordable housing. The measure passed with a 4-2 vote.

Senate Appropriations Chair Anna Caballero said amendments to the bill will revise the definition of an "urban transit county," add a severability clause, delete Surplus Land Act provisions, and remove light industrial zones from the bill. Cal Cities will review the changes when they are in print. In the meantime, cities should reach out to their senators expressing opposition to the measure. SB 79 now heads to the Senate Floor, where it will need to pass by early June.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 610 \(Alvarez\)](#) Housing element: governmental constraints: disclosure statement  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed)
- [AB 906 \(Gonzalez, Mark\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing elements: affirmatively furthering fair housing.  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed)

- [AB 1294 \(Haney\)](#) Planning and zoning: housing development: standardized application form.

Cal Cities Position: Oppose Unless Amended (Status: Passed)

- *Brady Guertin, legislative advocate*

## Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

Despite flying out of both Senate Environmental Quality and Senate Transportation with bipartisan support, the Senate Appropriations Committee held [SB 496 \(Hurtado\)](#). This was somewhat surprising, given that most members of the Senate Appropriations Committee supported the bill in either of the two policy committees.

The Cal Cities-sponsored bill would have created an appeals board within the California Air Resource Board to review denials to cities' requests for extensions when complying with the Advance Clean Fleet rule. It also would have broadened the definition of an "emergency" as it relates to exemptions and deleted the "pay-to-play" provision that forces cities to buy a zero-emission vehicle to qualify for an extension to build out the infrastructure to electrify that vehicle.

On a positive note, the Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 476 \(Gonzalez\)](#) passed out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The measure cleared prior committee hearings with unanimous support, sending a strong signal to the Senate. The bill would establish enhanced enforcement and reporting mechanisms to combat copper and other non-ferrous metal theft within public infrastructure.

Cal Cities convinced the committee to hold [AB 1022 \(Kalra\)](#). The measure sought to strip away one of the few remaining tools cities have to enforce parking laws. Cal Cities argued that the legislation would result in a cascade of fiscal damage: lost revenue, increased administrative costs, decreased compliance, harm to local businesses, public safety risks, and overall reduced effectiveness of municipal government operations.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 911 \(Carrillo\)](#): Emergency Telecommunications medium-and-heavy duty zero-emission vehicles  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 620 \(Jackson\)](#): Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Fleet Purchasing Assistance Program: rental vehicles  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 431 \(Arrequin\)](#): Assault and battery: Public works employees  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 283 \(Laird\)](#): Battery Energy Storage Systems  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 74 \(Seyarto\)](#): Infrastructure Gap Funding  
Cal Cities Position: Sponsor (Status: Held)

- *Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*

## Public Safety

The majority of Cal Cities' public safety bills passed, including key measures on home hardening and fire insurance. However, Senate Appropriations held one of the few bills that would have helped implement Proposition 36, last year's public safety ballot measure. Cal Cities supported [SB 38 \(Umberg\)](#), which would have allowed behavioral health and collaborative

courts to receive funding distributed by the Board and State Community Corrections from Prop. 47 savings.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 1 \(Connolly\)](#) Residential Property Insurance: Wildfire Risk  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [AB 888 \(Calderon\)](#) California Safe Homes Grant Program  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)
- [SB 6 \(Ashby\)](#) Controlled Substances: Xylazine  
Cal Cities Position: Support (Status: Passed)

*Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate*

### Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

In a win for cities, Assembly Appropriations turned [AB 1383 \(McKinnor\)](#) into a two-year bill and held [AB 465 \(Zbur\)](#) on the suspense file. AB 1383 would have made several major changes to public employees' retirement benefits and led to increased pension costs for local governments. AB 465 would have required a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between a local agency and a union to incorporate due process rights for disciplined employees. This would have included a "grievance procedure" that culminates with compulsory final and binding arbitration for all disputes over the interpretation or application of the MOU.

Unfortunately, [AB 339 \(Ortega\)](#) passed with amendments. This bill, like previous unsuccessful proposals, would undermine local agencies' ability to contract for public services. This sweeping change to the fundamental work of local governments would require cities to give a union no less than 120 days written notice before issuing a request for proposals, request for quotes, or renewing or extending an existing contract to perform services that are within the scope of work of the job classifications.

AB 339 undermines existing provisions in the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act that ensure negotiating parties can reach a final agreement on an MOU and deters local agencies from working in partnership with local community organizations that provide critical local services.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 340 \(Ahrens\)](#) Employer-employee relations: confidential communications  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed)
- [AB 614 \(Lee\)](#) Claims against public entities  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Held)
- [AB 1337 \(Ward\)](#) Information Practices Act of 1977  
Cal Cities Position: Oppose (Status: Passed with Amendments)

*- Johnnie Pina, legislative advocate*

### Next steps

Lawmakers have until June 6 to get their bills to their colleagues in the other house. After that, legislators repeat the policy committee process, with July 18 marking the last day for committees to meet.

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