

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**June 6, 2024**

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 AB 3039 (Ward) Land use: housing element: streamlined multifamily housing is attached for your review.

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A copy of the Mayor's letter of opposition to proposed 50% budget cut to small business Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Capital Infusion Program (CIP) at GO-Biz is attached for your review.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager



## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

June 6, 2024

The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
Chair, Senate Housing Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 3330  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Council Member - District 4  
**Stephanie Klopfenstein**  
Council Member - District 5  
**Kim B. Nguyen-Penalosa**  
Council Member - District 6

**RE: AB 3093 (Ward) Land use: housing element: streamlined multifamily housing. Notice of OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED**

Dear Senator Skinner,

The City of Garden Grove is opposed to **AB 3093 (Ward)** unless amended. Currently, AB 3093 would require local governments to account for the housing needs of people experiencing homelessness in their housing elements without funding to develop the plan, implement strategies, or support the construction of affordable housing.

Specifically, AB 3093 adds two new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) framework: acutely low-income (ALI) and extremely low-income (ELI). While these new categories are intended to help assess the needs of homeless residents, they fall within the existing very low-income category, which already accounts for the needs of individuals in our cities earning between 0% and 50% of the area median income.

The City of Garden Grove is concerned that this will only lead to duplicating planning efforts since existing housing element law already requires cities to assess the need for emergency shelters and assist in developing adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-income households. Housing element law also currently requires cities to identify sites and encourage the development of a variety of housing, including supportive housing and transitional housing. Through these processes, cities are doing more than ever to plan for the needs of unhoused residents in their communities. Rather than duplicate existing planning efforts, the Legislature should focus on providing funding directly to cities to realize these plans and spur much-needed development.

Before imposing these requirements on local governments, the author's office should consider amending the proposal. Specifically, cities would benefit from clarifying how the allocations for these new categories will be determined so they can carry out the obligations in this bill. Cities also need direction on how the sites identified for ALI and ELI should differ from the housing cities are planning for already through the very low-income category. Lastly, the Legislature needs to provide direction on density as

a benchmark for identifying sites. Without these amendments, cities will be set up to fail, leading to even more housing elements being deemed out of compliance.

The City of Garden Grove shares the goal of preventing and reducing homelessness and increasing the supply of affordable housing in our communities. However, real progress will require ongoing funding that allows for the development of long-term, ambitious plans that support unhoused residents and prevent more individuals from losing their homes. In the absence of ongoing funding to address homelessness, the complicated requirements included in AB 3093 fail to expand or develop local governments' capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges across California.

For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove **is opposed to AB 3093 unless amended.**

Sincerely,



Steve Jones  
Mayor

c: The Honorable Chris Ward ([Charles.Loudon@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Charles.Loudon@asm.ca.gov))  
Senator Tom Umberg, 34<sup>th</sup> District, ([Ysa.Lu@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Ysa.Lu@sen.ca.gov))  
Senator Janet Nguyen, 36<sup>th</sup> District, ([Tina.Tran@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Tina.Tran@sen.ca.gov))  
Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70<sup>th</sup> District, ([Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov))  
Connor Medina, League of California Cities, ([cmedina@calcities.org](mailto:cmedina@calcities.org))  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, ([cityletters@calcities.org](mailto:cityletters@calcities.org))  
Lauren Kline, ACCOC, ([lkline@accoc.org](mailto:lkline@accoc.org))



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June 4, 2024

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
Chair, Senate Budget Committee Chair,  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel  
Assembly Budget Committee  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Stephen Padilla  
Chair, Senate Budget Subcommittee #4  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
Chair, Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5  
California State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE:** Proposed 50% Budget Cut to Small Business Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Capital Infusion Program (CIP) at GO-Biz- **OPPOSE**

Dear Budget Chairs and Budget Subcommittee Chairs:

The City of Garden Grove respectfully **OPPOSES** the Governor's proposed 50% budget cut to the core business support services of the Small Business Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and Capital Infusion Program (CIP) at GO-Biz. While we understand the fiscal challenge the Governor currently faces, the budget should not be balanced by reducing these core services that support our small, minority, women-owned and rural businesses.

Small businesses are the backbone of California's recovering economy. This \$13 million cut to TAP and CIP will gut the ecosystem that currently supports over 100,000 businesses with training and consulting. These fundamental programs show consistent year-over-year results, are net-positive in sales and income tax revenue-generating, and leverage over \$35 million in federal funding that could be lost. Every district will see reduced jobs and revenue growth. What is worse, **the most marginalized businesses in California will be hurt most severely.**

The City of Garden Grove strongly urges the state to reconsider any plans to defund our Small Business Development programs. This vital initiative has been instrumental in fostering economic resilience and growth within our community. These programs provide invaluable support to local entrepreneurs and small businesses, offering

Proposed 50% Budget Cut to Small Business Technical Assistance Program (TAP) and  
Capital Infusion Program (CIP) at GO-Biz- **OPPOSE**

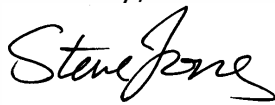
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essential services such as business counseling, financial planning, and access to capital. Defunding this program would undermine these efforts, jeopardizing the progress we have made and the future prosperity of our city. We respectfully request the state's continued investment in the Small Business Technical Assistance Programs to ensure Garden Grove remains a vibrant and economically robust community.

We call on the respective California Budget Committees to stand in solidarity with our small businesses and maintain current funding for TAP and CIP.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Jones  
Mayor

**WEEKLY MEMO 06-06-2024**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

May 30, 2024 - June 5, 2024

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**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove City Hall





**Garden Grove City Hall**

Sat 6/1/2024 10:00 am PDT

🇺🇸 This month, we celebrate #PrideMonth! In recognition of the #LGBTQ+ community, #GardenGrove's iconic clock...



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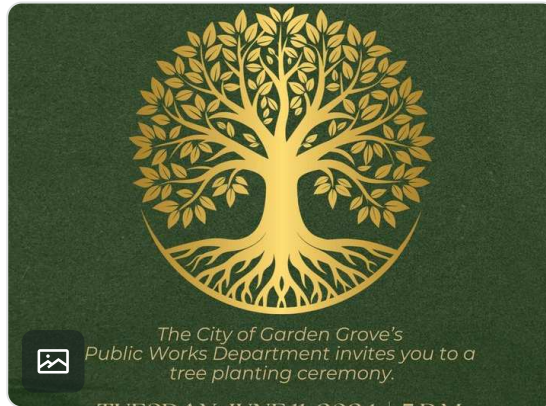
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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 5/30/2024 10:48 am PDT

Save the date for Garden Grove's Tuesday, Ju...



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1,606



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 6/5/2024 12:33 pm PDT

Are you a #GardenGrove resident that wants to serve the community? Now's your chance to volunteer your time and apply...



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1,193



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 5/30/2024 5:10 pm PDT

Interested in shaping the future of #GardenGrove's housing, community development, and infrastructure projects...



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1,121



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 6/5/2024 9:20 am PDT

**FREE COMPOST, WILDFLOWER SEED PACKETS, AND MORE!** Save the date for the **Arbor Day Tree Planting...**



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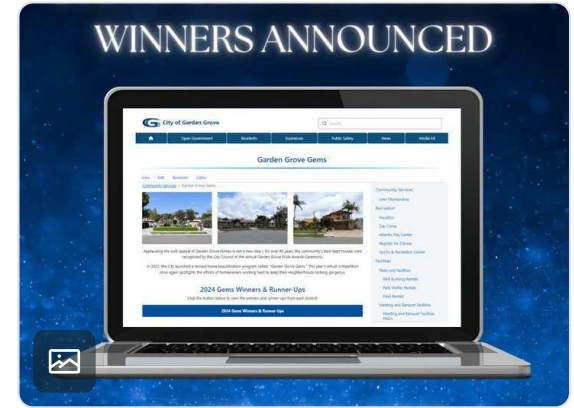
1,086



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 5/30/2024 3:20 pm PDT

The 2024 Garden Grove Gems winners are now available at [ggcity.org/gems](http://ggcity.org/gems). We would li...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/3/2024 10:29 am PDT

The Garden Grove Police Department is collaborating with local organizations to host [Community Policing](#), an...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/3/2024 5:17 pm PDT

**Join us for Homebuyer Day on July 13, 2024!** You're invited to a free resource fair with mortgage lenders, community...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 6/5/2024 4:13 pm PDT

**CAMP GROVE SUMMER FUN OPENINGS FILLING FAST**  
#GardenGrove youth, ages 5 to 12, are...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 6/4/2024 10:53 am PDT

**THE VOICE**  
— of Garden Grove —  
AT THE FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

**WIN \$500**  
plus \$500 for your school's choir program!

Students interested in auditioning MUST fill out an online interest form, which can be found at [ggcf.com/thevoice](http://ggcf.com/thevoice).

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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/3/2024 4:20 pm PDT

#DYK the Building and Safety Division can help you build in #GardenGrove? The Building and Safety Division performs pla...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 5/30/2024 9:25 am PDT


July 4 is approaching, please take the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and memorable celebration. Visit...


**NO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS**  
**\$1000 FINE**

**G** [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org)  
GARDEN GROVE

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 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Thu 5/30/2024 1:43 pm PDT




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 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Tue 6/4/2024 3:39 pm PDT

Learn about the dangers of fentanyl and how you can keep your family safe at the Fentanyl Town Hall this Friday, June 7, fro...




Reach 249

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 6/3/2024 1:11 pm PDT

Explore Garden Grove's Parks and Recreation Guide for everything you need to stay active and engaged! The Parks a...

**Click here to register!**



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 5/30/2024 9:25 am PDT

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**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Wed 6/5/2024 9:00 am PDT

Do you live or work in #GardenGrove and have an interest in how your police department operates? Join our upcoming...



Impressions	<b>1,291</b>
Reach	<b>1,251</b>
Engagements	<b>49</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.8%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Tue 6/4/2024 6:35 pm PDT

Please celebrate this 4th of July responsibly. #GardenGrovePD will have additional officers out to saturate high...



Impressions	<b>902</b>
Reach	<b>873</b>
Engagements	<b>25</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.8%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Mon 6/3/2024 3:00 pm PDT

Last Friday, May 31, 2024, #GardenGrovePD officers were dispatched to a bicycle theft in the area of Chapman...



Impressions	<b>3,037</b>
Reach	<b>3,037</b>
Engagements	<b>963</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>31.7%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 6/1/2024 3:34 pm PDT

Outreach & Cleanup Recap #GGPD32  
 #SRTsaturday #WheresTheSRT  
 #TeamWork Be Well OC Garden Grove...



Video Views	<b>699</b>
Impressions	<b>1,881</b>
Reach	<b>1,823</b>
Engagements	<b>211</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>11.2%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 5/31/2024 3:00 pm PDT

This morning, members of  
 #GardenGrovePD participated in the  
 annual #SoCalTorchRun. Our first of two...



Impressions	<b>2,182</b>
Reach	<b>2,099</b>
Engagements	<b>341</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>15.6%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Thu 5/30/2024 9:01 am PDT

In Memory of Reserve Officer Andy Reese  
 #EOW May 30, 1970. Reserve Officer  
 Reese was one of the first reserve officer...



Impressions	<b>3,322</b>
Reach	<b>3,108</b>
Engagements	<b>236</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>7.1%</b>

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**



CONTACT:  
Teresa Pomeroy (714) 741-5040  
City Clerk

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Tuesday, June 5, 2024



## **CITY SEEKS CANDIDATE FOR OPENING ON PLANNING COMMISSION**

The City of Garden Grove is seeking a qualified candidate to fill one opening on the Planning Commission by serving as a non-compensated commissioner. Applicants must be and remain a Garden Grove resident and a registered voter until the term expires in December 2024. To apply online, visit [ggcity.org/city-clerk/applications](http://ggcity.org/city-clerk/applications), or visit the City Clerk's Office, located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway. The deadline to apply is Friday, July 5, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Regular Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Thursday of every month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue. Applicants must be able to attend all meetings.

The Planning Commission reviews and develops the Comprehensive General Plan as well as policies, standards, and design guidelines for the comprehensive planning, regulation, and development of land use.

In addition, the Planning Commission must communicate recommendations to the Garden Grove City Council on matters that pertain to the General Plan and zoning amendments to the code.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/city-clerk](http://ggcity.org/city-clerk) or call (714) 741-5040.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Dana Saucedo  
Community Services Department  
(714) 741-5200/[danam@ggcity.org](mailto:danam@ggcity.org)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024



## CAMP GROVE SUMMER FUN OPENINGS FILLING FAST

Garden Grove youth, ages 5 to 12, are invited to register for the 2024 "Camp Grove: Fun Under the Sun" day camp, a 9-week summer program filled with outdoor activities and excursions. The program runs June 10 through August 9, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Edgar Park, located at 12781 Topaz Street. Camp weeks are limited to a first-come, first-served basis, with some weeks nearly or already sold out. To register, visit [ggcity.org/daycamp](http://ggcity.org/daycamp).

A complete listing of camp weeks, excursions, and fees follows:

- June 10-June 14, Valley View Bowling/Shakey's Pizza Parlor, \$165
- June 17-June 21, Knott's Berry Farm, \$195
- June 24-June 28, Disneyland, \$265
- July 1-July 5, John's Incredible Pizza, \$140
- July 8-July 12, Knott's Soak City, \$195
- July 15-July 19, LA Sparks Kids Day at Crypto Arena, \$165
- July 22-July 26, Medieval Times/Magnolia Park and Pool, \$190 – NEARLY SOLD OUT
- July 29-August 2, Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center, \$170 – SOLD OUT
- August 5-August 9, Dave and Buster's, \$175 – NEARLY SOLD OUT

Camp costs include weekly excursions, a T-shirt, and participation in daily activities and games.

Providing a safe environment for children to participate in summer activities and develop social skills, Camp Grove staff are qualified counselors committed to ensuring the health and safety of each participant.

For registration and information, visit [ggcity.org/daycamp](http://ggcity.org/daycamp) or call (714) 741-5200.



A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

# NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(714) 741-5291

CONTACT: Amanda Cross, (714) 741-5168

June 3, 2024

## **ARE YOU THE NEXT "VOICE OF GARDEN GROVE"?**

The Garden Grove Community Foundation is looking for vocally talented local high school students to compete in the 12th annual The Voice of Garden Grove singing competition for a chance to win \$500 and the title "The Voice of Garden Grove 2024." Another \$500 will be donated towards the winning student's high school choir.

To be considered an official contestant of The Voice of Garden Grove, students must be in grade level 9-12 and enrolled in a Garden Grove Unified School District high school, or attend private school or homeschool and live in Garden Grove.

There are two more in-person auditions scheduled for this year's competition, located at the Community Meeting Center (11300 Stanford Avenue): Thursday, June 6 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM and Monday, June 10 from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Students may also submit a virtual audition tape in-lieu of attending one of the in-person auditions, via email at [thevoice@ggcity.org](mailto:thevoice@ggcity.org), from now through 5:30 PM on June 10. Students who are interested in auditioning MUST fill out an online interest form, which can be found at [ggcf.com/thevoice](http://ggcf.com/thevoice).

- MORE -

## **ARE YOU THE NEXT "VOICE OF GARDEN GROVE"?**

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The Voice of Garden Grove is a pre-show to the free Summer Concert Series, every Thursday, from July 11 to August 1, 2024. The finals for The Voice of Garden Grove will take place at the final concert on Thursday, August 1 at Eastgate Park, 12001 Saint Mark Street.

The Garden Grove Community Foundation supports education and the arts in the community and recognizes the degree of young talent within the city. The Voice of Garden Grove is one way the Foundation can provide performance and scholarship opportunities for local high school students, and support the arts in the community.

For more information, please contact the Garden Grove Community Foundation at (714) 741-5168.

# # #

Garden Grove Community Foundation presents the 12th Annual

# THE VOICE

— of Garden Grove —

AT THE FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



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#voiceofgg







**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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(714) 741-5144 / [timothyt@ggcity.org](mailto:timothyt@ggcity.org)  
Economic Development and Housing Department



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

Monday, June 3, 2024

**GARDEN GROVE TO HOLD FREE HOMEBUYER DAY EVENT  
OFFERING RESOURCES FOR POTENTIAL HOMEOWNERS**

The City of Garden Grove will hold the 2024 Homebuyer Day event on Saturday, July 13, 2024 at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, at 11300 Stanford Avenue. A resource fair will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with mortgage lenders, community housing organizations, and real estate agents providing a variety of resources and information related to becoming a home owner. The event is for anyone interested in learning more about down payment assistance, understanding the home buying process, credit readiness, financing, and more. Admission and parking are free.

Information will also be available on down-payment assistance programs offered by the Cities of Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Santa Ana.

Food and refreshments will be provided and participants can take part in a free raffle for a chance to win prizes, including a 43" television.

To register for the event, please visit [ggcity.org/homebuyer-day](http://ggcity.org/homebuyer-day). For more information, call (714) 741-5131 or email [danay@ggcity.org](mailto:danay@ggcity.org).

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# HOMEBUYER DAY 2024

Down Payment Assistance,  
Understanding the Home Buying Process,  
Credit Readiness, Food, and Giveaways!

**JULY 13, 2024**

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, 92840

Resource Fair  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Community Lending  
Partners offering  
resources on financing  
and owning a home

Cities of Garden Grove,  
Anaheim and Santa Ana  
presenting down  
payment assistance  
programs

## PARTICIPATING AGENCIES



Wells Fargo • East West Bank • New America Funding  
Bonaventure Realty • First Team Realty

## PARTNERS



**REGISTER HERE!**



**FREE ADMISSION!  
FREE PARKING!**

[ggcity.org/homebuyer-day](http://ggcity.org/homebuyer-day)

For more information call 714.741.5131



# DÍA DEL COMPRADOR DE VIVIENDA 2024

Asistencia Para el Pago Inicial,  
Explicación del Proceso de Compra  
de Vivienda, Preparación de Crédito,  
Alimentos y Sorteos!

**13 DE JULIO DE 2024**

Centro de Reuniones Comunitarias de Garden Grove  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, 92840

Feria de Recursos  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Socios prestamistas  
ofrecen recursos sobre  
financiación y  
adquisición de viviendas

Las ciudades de  
Garden Grove,  
Anaheim y Santa Ana  
presentan programas  
de asistencia para el  
pago inicial

**EGÍSTRESE AQUÍ**



## AGENCIAS PARTICIPANTES



Wells Fargo · East West Bank · New America Funding  
Bonaventure Realty · First Team Realty

## ASOCIADOS



**ADMISIÓN GRATUITA!  
ESTACIONAMIENTO GRATUITO!**

[ggcity.org/homebuyer-day](http://ggcity.org/homebuyer-day) Para más información, llame al 714.741.5131



# NGÀY DÀNH CHO NGƯỜI MUA NHÀ

Hỗ trợ tiền trả góp đợt đầu (down payment assistance), hiểu quy trình mua nhà, sẵn sàng điểm tín dụng, thực phẩm và quà tặng!

**NGÀY 13 THÁNG BẢY, 2024**

**Garden Grove Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, 92840**

Hội chợ tài nguyên  
10:00 sáng - 2:00 chiều

Đối tác trong cộng đồng cho vay, cung cấp các nguồn lực về tài chính sở hữu nhà

Thành phố Garden Grove, Anaheim và Santa Ana giới thiệu các chương trình hỗ trợ

**ĐĂNG KÝ Ở ĐÂY!**



[ggcity.org/homebuyer-day](http://ggcity.org/homebuyer-day)

## ĐƠN VỊ THAM GIA



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## ĐỐI TÁC



**HOÀN TOÀN MIỄN PHÍ!  
ĐẬU XE MIỄN PHÍ**

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin gọi 714.741.5131



# 주택 구매자의 날 2024

계약금 지원, 주택 구매 교육,  
신용 준비, 음식, 경품.

2024년 7월 13일

가든 그로브 커뮤니티 미팅 센터  
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, 92840

## 자원 박람회

오전 10시 - 오후 2시

지역사회 대출 파트너  
부터 주택 자금  
조달과 소유에 대한  
정보를 제공합니다.

가든 그로브  
(Garden Grove),  
애너하임(Anaheim),  
산타아나(Santa Ana)  
시에서는 계약금  
프로그램을 제공합니다.

QR 코드를  
이용해서  
등록하세요



[ggcity.org/homebuyer-day](http://ggcity.org/homebuyer-day)

## 참여하는 단체



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Bonaventure Realty · First Team Realty

## 파트너사



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The Tribune

June 3, 2024

# Budget, contract hearings before the GGUSD board

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFFON JUNE 3, 2024 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED** School District Board of Education, Not pictured is Teri Rocco (OC Tribune photo).

Public hearings on the proposed annual budget and initial contract proposals from the school district to employee groups top the agenda for the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night.

The board will consider the proposed budget for 2024-25, and hear the GGUSD's contract proposals to the California School Employees (classified employees such as bus drivers or food service workers), Pupil Personnel Services Association (counselors and psychiatrists) and Education Association (teachers and other faculty).

Additionally, there will be a presentation of an initial contract proposal from the Supervisory Unit (site supervisors).

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

There is a closed session at 5:05 p.m., a study session on ethnic studies at 5:45 p.m. with the regular meeting at 7 p.m. at 10331 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove.

The Tribune

June 1, 2024

# Teamwork solves chemical leak

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JUNE 1, 2024 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**HAZMAT INCIDENT** at Hoover Street and Garden Grove Boulevard (OCFA photo).

A hazardous material leak Friday night brought together the efforts of the Orange County Fire Authority, the Huntington Beach Fire Department and the Garden Grove Police Department.

According to the OCFA, the incident involved leaking chemicals from multiple drums and containers on a work truck which were reported at 7:05 p.m at Hoover Street and Garden Grove Boulevard.

Firefighters were able to isolated the containers and stopped the leaks. Orange County Health Care Agency also cooperated in this incident.



CONTACT:  
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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, June 6, 2024



## **CITY PROMOTES SAFE AND SANE FIREWORK USE, WARNINGS OF INCREASED PATROL**

As July 4 approaches, the City of Garden Grove, in collaboration with the Garden Grove Police Department and Orange County Fire Authority, reminds the community to take necessary precautions to ensure a safe and memorable celebration. Only safe and sane fireworks bearing the California State Fire Marshal seal may be discharged in Garden Grove on July 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., on private property only.

Through July 4, the Garden Grove Police Department will deploy additional police patrols to identify violators of the City's municipal code on fireworks. Individuals caught using or possessing illegal fireworks, or misusing or tampering with legal ones, will be cited a \$1,000 administrative fine. Multiple fines will be issued for repeat violators.

To report illegal fireworks, call the Garden Grove Police Department's non-emergency number at (714) 741-5704. Be prepared to provide the address where the illegal fireworks were lit and a description of the individual(s) involved.

Call 9-1-1 for emergencies only.

City parks will be closed by 5:00 p.m. on July 4, including tennis and handball courts, with park sprinklers activated.

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CITY PROMOTES SAFE AND SANE FIREWORK USE, WARNINGS OF INCREASED PATROL  
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If a pet goes missing, call the Garden Grove Animal Care Services at (714) 741-5565 and press 1 for Field Services. For assistance with after-hours animal-related emergencies, press 2 for the Garden Grove Police Department Dispatch. For a listing of lost and found pets identified by Garden Grove Animal Care Services, visit [ggcity.org/animal-care](http://ggcity.org/animal-care).

In 2023, the Garden Grove Police Department issued 26, \$1,000 administrative citations, and received 171 firework-related service calls on July 4, and 235 firework-related calls from July 1 through July 5, 2023.

The community is advised to celebrate responsibly and never point or throw fireworks, or any other dangerous projectiles, at another person. For July 4 safety tips and regulations, visit [ggcity.org/july4-info](http://ggcity.org/july4-info) or call the Garden Grove Fireworks Hotline at (714) 741-5270.

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# NO ILLEGAL FIREWORKS \* \$1000 FINE

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## SAFETY TIPS FOR LEGAL FIREWORKS



Safe and sane fireworks are permitted on July 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. only.



Fireworks should be handled by a responsible adult, 18 years of age or older, on private property only.



Light fireworks outdoors in a clear area and at a safe distance away from people, homes, vehicles, or flammable materials.



Light one firework at a time and never light a dud.



Have a bucket of water and a hose nearby to soak fireworks before disposing in a metal trashcan.



Never point or throw fireworks at another person.

## ASSISTANCE FOR MISSING PETS



Contact GG Animal Care Services at (714) 741-5565. (Press 1 for Field Services.)



Take precautions by viewing the July 4 Pet Safety Tips link at [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org).

## REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS



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LEARN MORE AT [GGCITY.ORG/JULY-4-SAFETY-TIPS-REGULATIONS](http://GGCITY.ORG/JULY-4-SAFETY-TIPS-REGULATIONS)

# LAUNCHING OR THROWING PROJECTILES = ASSAULT



## PROJECTILES MAY INCLUDE:

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- Water balloons thrown at unsuspecting or uninvolved persons.
- Any object that can be thrown or launched.
- Any fireworks used illicitly.



**Have fun responsibly and respectfully!**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**June 6, 2024**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the June 13, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from May 31, 2024 to June 6, 2024.
4. Garden Grove Historical Society Newsletter, June 2024.
5. SCAG Regional Council Newsletter, June 2024.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6, 2024 – July 4, 2024

Thursday	June 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday- Tuesday	June 6- July 16		One More Productions presents... "Evita" The Gem Theatre
Tuesday	June 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	June 12	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	H. Louis Lake Senior Center Father's Day Celebration Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.
Thursday	June 13	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting <b>CANCELLED</b>  \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	June 14		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure  8:30 p.m. Garden Grove Outdoor Movie Series: Barbie Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark St.
Thursday	June 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	June 25	11:30 a.m.- -1:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Town Hall Meeting, CMC – AB Room  Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 27	9:00 a.m.  6:30 p.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting  GGCF Free Summer Concert Series: Smokin' Cobras Downtown Main Street  \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	June 28		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	July 4		City Hall Closed – Independence Day



**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: June 5, 2024

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

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# *Garden Grove Historical Society*

## *Calendar of Activities*

### *June-July-August 2024*

June 2 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

June 16 - Public tour, 1:30 PM. Treat Dad to a guided tour of the Ware-Stanley Ranch!

June 25 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

July 7 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

July 21 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

July 23 - Board meeting, 1:30 PM.

August 4 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

August 18 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

August 27 - Board meeting, 1:30 PM.

### *September 2024*

September 1 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

September 14 - General meeting: Picnic will begin at 11:30 AM, in Emerson Hall. Come join us as we re-institute general meetings! Please RSVP to (714)530-8871, and let us know what you'll be bringing for the picnic

September 15 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

September 24 - Board meeting, 9:30AM.

## **General Meetings Returning in September**

After a hiatus of more than four years, we will again congregate for monthly meetings, starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September!

We'll be kicking things off with our traditional picnic. In anticipation of warm weather, we'll meet in Emerson Hall. Start time is 11:30, and it will be a potluck. The "program" will be a meet-and-greet, a chance to get re-acquainted. And don't forget:

**Please RSVP to (714) 530-8871**

to sign up for a side, main, or dessert dish. We hope to see you soon!

## **Saga of the Garden Grove Outhouse**

By Leonard Sargeant, printed in the *Orange County News*,  
February 6, 1970

On the first day in April, a Garden Grove woman, along with thousands of her fellow Orange Countians, will fill out and mail a government form that will provide vital information for the 1970 federal census.

One of the questions Mrs. Arthur A. Schritger, 12031 Euclid St., will answer is "Do you have a flush toilet?" This query aroused no little controversy a few months ago when the Bureau of the Census revealed what some of the survey questions would be. Many thought it was an invasion of their privacy to let the federal government know if they had such modern



Mrs. Schnitger next to the old outhouse

Photo from the *Orange County News*

conveniences as a flush toilet and whether they shared it with another household.

It is not such a strange question, however. Thousands of dwellings in the United States don't have a flush toilet. They still use the old-fashioned privy or outhouse in the back yard.

The government wants a count of them – the flush toilets, that is – to determine what progress the nation is making in raising its standard of living. Such primitive conditions don't and can't exist in Orange County, you say? You would be wrong, because privies still are being used in the county, principally in the mountain and rural areas to the east and south, where newer facilities do not exist.

Where does Mrs. Schnitger come into all of this? Well, it so happens she has what probably is the only remaining authentic outhouse in highly populated Garden Grove.

The very foundations of the Census Bureau probably would be shaken if she elected to state that no, she does not have a flush toilet, but does have a 58-year-old privy. Of course, the idea is just a joke with Mrs. Schnitger. She always has had a bathroom in her home, which was built only 55 years ago! Additionally, the outhouse hasn't been used for many years.

There was a time when Mrs. Schnitger could have answered "yes" to the census taker's question. Before their home was completed in

1915, Mrs. Schnitger and her husband, the late Arthur A Schnitger, lived for almost three years in the water tank house of their 40-acre ranch near the corner of Euclid Street and Chapman Avenue, and their only sanitation facility was the little "two holer".

Schnitger, a farmer, bought the place in 1907 and married the former Helen Schneider in 1912. He built a barn for four horses and a cow and the tank house, not realizing he and his bride were going to live in the latter. "But we decided why pay \$15 a month rent while waiting for our new house to be finished?" Mrs. Schnitger said. The outhouse continued to be used by the ranch's hired hands for many years after their home was completed, she said.

In more recent years, a troop of Girl Scouts was picnicking back of the Schnitger home and asked to use the bathroom. "If you are camping out, you should use the outdoor bathroom," Mrs. Schnitger told the girls, and showed them the privy, which completely fascinated them, she said.

The unpainted, weather-beaten outhouse has fallen into disrepair in recent days. One side is partially stove in, and it is almost completely hidden from the nearby busy traffic arteries by a verdant growth of avocado trees and weeds.

Mrs. Schnitger, a resident of Garden Grove since 1891, is secretary of the Garden Grove Historical Society, which meets in her home until it gets a building of its own. Her husband died in 1973, but she has three children: twin daughters, Fern Hines of Garden Grove and Joy Crane of Solano Beach, and son, Wallace, a research engineer; six grandchildren, ages 11 to 27 years, and one great-grandchild, all of whom visit her often.

On April 1 – "Census Day '70" – about 60 percent of all Americans will join Mrs. Schnitger in filling out their own 1970 census forms for the first time in the history of the country, as the familiar door-to-door census takers Mrs. Schnitger and others know from past years will be absent in Orange County for the most part.



Editor's note: You can see the old outhouse today, just south of the Ware-Stanley House. It has been renovated and is in good, workable condition, although it is locked and not in use.



## Plastered Pigeons Take a Pass

Story by Steve Vaught, printed in the spring 2011 issue of *California Historian*

Two millionaire oilmen from Long Beach bought up 22,000 acres of “worthless” high desert east of Victorville in the 1940s. Even at the giveaway price of \$2.75 an acre, people thought Bud Wetlund and Newton Bass were crazy. The area was known as Apple Valley and the pair fully expected to turn a profit, which it ultimately did, by about 70 million dollars or so within 15 years.

Located some 90 miles east of Los Angeles, on a plateau 3,000 feet above sea level, Apple Valley had milder year-round temperatures than world-famous Palm Springs, about an hour to the south. Underground was water: an underground lake of pure mountain water from the nearby Mojave River.

Weblund and Bass visualized a community, the Apple Valley Ranches. They hired prominent architect Hugh Gibbs to lay out a master plan for a 6,000-acre townsite, centered around a fabulous inn with plush guest houses designed by interior designer Albert Parvin. Parvin was to become the premier decorator of fabulous Las Vegas hotels.

All this was followed by a publicity blitz aimed at the rich and famous. Movie and television stars,

business, political and sports figures flocked to the luxurious accommodations in this beautiful scenic setting.

The remoteness of the location caused the local phone company to balk over the expense of installing telephones in the guest cottages. This left Newt and Bud with the untenable situation of guests being unable to communicate with the main inn.

Their solution was inspired. Placed by the door of each guest house was a small cage containing a homing pigeon. When guests required anything from the main lodge, they simply wrote their request on a notepad provided for the purpose, inserted it into the holder attached to the pigeon's leg, and released it. Within a short time, a waiter would appear, not only with the guest's order but also a fresh pigeon to await the next command.

The homing pigeon idea, a delightful novelty for the guests, worked beautifully until one guest, perhaps feeling sorry for the busy birds, began feeding them biscuits soaked in brandy, which put an immediate end to their industriousness and, ultimately, the whole pigeon plan. By the time the pigeon plan went south, the Apple Valley Inn was doing so well that the phone company had a change of heart, and guest phones replaced guest birds in each of the cottages.





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## DATED MATERIAL

### STANLEY RANCH MUSEUM TOURS

Tours begin at 1:30 PM on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Suggested donations are \$5, and \$1 for students under the age of 12.

Group tours for 8 or more can be scheduled Monday through Saturday by calling the office at (714) 530-8871.

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

STUDENT	\$ 15
INDIVIDUAL	\$ 20
FAMILY	\$ 30
BUSINESS / ORG.	\$ 40
SUSTAINING	\$ 50
PATRON	\$ 100
LIFE	\$ 500
CENTENNIAL	\$1874



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### SOCIETY MEETINGS

General meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. There are no meetings in May, June, July, and August

April potluck dinner and the November holiday dinner start at 6 PM. Autumn picnic starts at 11:30 AM.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

# SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



## ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

## AGENDA

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING

### **ACTION**

#### **2025 DRAFT FTIP/DRAFT CONNECT SOCAL 2024 AMENDMENT 1 APPROVED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

The SCAG Regional Council approved the release of the Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 including the associated transportation conformity analysis for public review. To meet state and federal submittal deadlines, the 2025 FTIP will need to be released for a 30-day public review period starting on [July 12](#) and ending on Aug. 12. After the public comment period, staff will present a summary of comments to the Transportation Committee in September and request Regional Council approval of the Final 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 in [October](#).

The 2025 FTIP includes approximately 1,100 projects with a total programming of \$38.8 billion over a six-year period. Amendment 1 to Connect SoCal 2024 includes project additions, deletions or changes to scope, cost and schedule for about 350 projects.

SCAG staff prepared the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 in coordination and consultation with the county transportation commissions, including multimodal investments programmed with federal, state and local funds. The 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 are anticipated for federal approval in mid-[December 2024](#).

### **ACTION**

#### **SCAG AWARDS \$280 MILLION IN STBG/CMAQ/CRP FUNDING**

The SCAG Regional Council [approved approximately \\$280 million](#) in funding for projects through federal fiscal year 2026 via Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) programs. Collectively, the STBG/CMAQ/CRP programs will fund diverse multimodal transportation projects throughout the region to implement the

mobility and sustainability goals from the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Eligible project sponsors submitted nominations through their respective county transportation commissions and were scored according to criteria outlined in the STBG/CMAQ and CRP guidelines. Upon Regional Council approval, project sponsors may now program projects into the [Federal Transportation Improvement Program](#) and begin the obligation process. For more information on STBG/CMAQ/CRP funding and award lists, visit SCAG's [STBG/CMAQ](#) and [CRP](#) websites.

## **ACTION**

### **REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS GUIDELINES**

On [June 6](#), the SCAG Regional Council approved guidelines for a call for applications for an estimated \$10.4 million in funding through the [Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety](#) component, comprising Active Transportation Program Cycle 7 regional funds from the state and a 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All federal grant.

Following the Regional Council's adoption of Connect SoCal 2024, staff developed guidelines for the Active Transportation and Safety component of the Sustainable Communities Program (SCP). Eligible projects include communitywide/area plans and quick-build projects. Funded projects will support the Connect SoCal 2024 mobility goal to build and maintain an integrated multimodal transportation network.

SCAG staff conducted extensive engagement to inform the development of the 2024 SCP – Active Transportation and Safety guidelines. The call for applications is anticipated to open summer 2024.

## **ACTION**

### **SCAG'S 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN APPROVED**

The Regional Council adopted the [2024 Strategic Plan](#), defining key roles SCAG has in the region by establishing a fresh set of strategic priorities and objectives to guide the agency's focus, operations and performance to deliver on its mission to improve the lives of Southern Californians and beyond.

The development of this plan included engagement with experts across the organization to articulate the agency's mission, values and priorities to stakeholders while aligning policies and strategies in Connect SoCal and critical initiatives.

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Following the adoption of the 2024 Strategic Plan, SCAG plans to develop key results to measure progress against our strategic priorities and objectives, integrate these metrics into agency workplans, and align budget development and resource allocation with our priorities.

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **SCAG ATTENDS ANNUAL CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL TRANSPORTATION RECEPTION**

Regional Council President Curt Hagman led a delegation of SCAG leaders to Washington, D.C., for the agency's annual federal advocacy trip earlier this month. President Hagman was joined by First Vice President Cindy Allen (Long Beach), Second Vice President Ray Marquez (Chino Hills), and Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee Vice Chair José Luis Solache (Lynwood). The delegation held meetings with SCAG's Congressional delegation as well as key federal agency leadership to share relevant agency updates, including the Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing grant program, the Active Transportation Infrastructure Improvement Program, the Healthy Streets Program, the Affordable Connectivity Program and the 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Delegation members also attended SCAG's annual California Congressional Transportation Reception, co-hosted with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, convening California's transportation leaders and stakeholders to network and discuss issues of key importance to California's transportation and infrastructure needs, drawing over 300 attendees. Guest speakers at the event included California Senator Alex Padilla, House Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Ranking Member Rick Larsen, and Federal Highway Administration Administrator Shailen Bhatt. Additional special guests included representatives Judy Chu, Kevin Kiley, Linda Sanchez and Norma Torres.

Members of the SCAG delegation also participated in the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Annual Meeting, with the nation's foremost freight policy leaders, to discuss the next iteration of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, planning supply chain issues and understand current and future funding cycles.

### **WTS INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS HONORABLE RAY LAHOOD AWARD TO SCAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KOME AJISE**

WTS International honored SCAG Executive Director Kome Ajise with the 2024 WTS Recognition Award—Honorable Ray LaHood Award at the Awards Gala during the 2024 WTS Annual Conference in New Orleans on [May 8](#). This award honors male

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leaders in transportation for outstanding commitments to the advancement of gender and diversity in the field and elevating the reputation of professionals in transportation. WTS International specifically recognized Kome's leadership and vision during SCAG's Connect SoCal 2024 planning process. Read more about this prestigious award on the [SCAG website](#).

## **SCAG ATTENDS INLAND EMPIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP'S LOGISTICS AND E-COMMERCE SUMMIT**

SCAG Regional Council President Curt Hagman and Deputy Planning Director Annie Nam participated in the Inland Empire Economic Partnership's Logistics and E-Commerce Summit on [May 30](#). Annie presented a SCAG white paper on the state of goods movement in the region. Following the presentation, Regional Council President Curt Hagman participated in a panel discussing trucking route data, the role technology will play in improving the industry, and how SCAG can play a critical role in supporting collaboration in this space.

## **NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **REGIONAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING PROGRAM UPDATE**

On [May 30](#), the legislative leadership in the State Assembly and State Senate announced the Joint Legislative Budget Plan. Thanks to the collective advocacy efforts of SCAG and its partners, the Joint Legislative Budget Plan restores funding for several programs cut under Gov. Gavin Newsom's [January Budget proposal](#) and [May Revision](#).

While still making the tough choices to balance the state's budget, the [Joint Legislative Budget Plan](#) would:

- Reduce proposed cuts to the Regional Early Action Planning program (REAP 2.0) from \$300 million to \$50 million.
  - Protect the Active Transportation Program by rejecting the proposed cuts and shifting the source of funds from the General Fund to the State Highway Account.
  - Reject the \$148 million cut from the competitive Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program but approve delays and fund shifts.
  - Approve delays and fund shifts to the formula Transit and Intercity Capital Rail Program and delay an additional \$500 million in General Fund.
  - Cut \$350 million from the Safety Grade Separations program, which eliminates the program.
  - Adopt a \$235 million reduction to the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.
  - Delay \$680 million for the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program.
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- Cut \$75 million from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) Regional Climate Resilience program and reduce funding for OPR's Regional Climate Collaboratives by \$9.8 million.
- Delay \$100 million from Broadband Last Mile Infrastructure Grant program from 2024-25 to 2026-27.
- Propose \$1 billion for Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 6 grant funding to support local governments combating the homelessness crisis, a major priority for the Big City Mayor's Coalition.

Restoring funding to the REAP 2.0 program and protecting funding for the Active Transportation Program align with the goals of Connect SoCal 2024 and are important resources for plan implementation.

If this budget is approved, SCAG staff hope to move forward with significant REAP sub-allocations and will continue engagement to “restart” the program once the budget is finalized. Given that much is possible between now and [June 15](#), SCAG staff is preparing for all scenarios and encourages partners to continue advocacy efforts.

SCAG will continue to share updates as they are available and post information on the [SCAG website](#).

SCAG will continue to focus our advocacy efforts as the Legislature and Governor's Office negotiate and thanks its partners for continued support and collaboration in highlighting transformative projects in the region.

## **2024 COMMUNITY STREETS GRANT PROGRAM AWARDEES ANNOUNCED**

SCAG has selected [16 community organizations](#) to implement equity-centered, traffic safety and community engagement strategies through the *Go Human* 2024 Community Streets Grant Program. The Community Streets Program increases the safety of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities, particularly those walking and biking.

Read more about the 2024 Community Streets Program grants on the [SCAG website](#).

## **SCAG RECEIVES FEDERAL APPROVAL OF CONFORMITY DETERMINATION OF CONNECT SOCIAL 2024**

On [May 10](#), SCAG received accelerated federal final approval of the transportation conformity determination, valid for four years through [May 10](#), 2028. With this approval, important transportation projects in Connect SoCal 2024 and the 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Consistency Amendment No. 23-

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26, including the associated transportation conformity analysis, adopted by the Regional Council in April, can now move forward.

Thank you to Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration for expedited review and approval of the conformity determination.

## **SCAG REGION MAKES PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING REGIONAL AIR QUALITY ISSUES**

Due to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) disapprovals of air plans prepared by local air districts and the California Air Resources Board or local air district's failure to submit required air plans, the SCAG region is impacted by multiple federal Clean Air Act highway sanction clocks. If not resolved soon, resulting highway sanctions will have serious consequences on transportation projects, as well as the region's economy and jobs.

SCAG staff take highway sanctions clocks very seriously and have been engaging with the impacted air districts and the U.S. EPA to track progress of corrective actions, discuss solutions to turn off highway sanction clocks, and prevent imposition of highway sanctions.

From March through May, the U.S. EPA permanently stopped two highway sanction clocks, reducing the number of sanction clocks impacting the SCAG region from 15 to 13. The U.S. EPA has also deferred three of the remaining 13 highway sanction clocks, which are expected to be permanently turned off upon U.S. EPA's conclusion of the public process.

The full Executive Director's Report for [June 2024](#) is [available online](#).

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **JUNE**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Audit Committee
- 18<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 25<sup>th</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 26<sup>th</sup> Safe and Active Streets Working Group

### **JULY**

- Note:** Regional Council and policy committee meetings are canceled for July in observance of Independence Day.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Modeling Task Force
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Executive/Administration Committee Committee





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