

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**June 13, 2024**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members      FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for May 2024.

B. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the June 7, 2024 Zoning Administrator Meeting.

• **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

### INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim    From: Teresa Pomeroy  
Dept: City Manager    Dept: City Clerk  
Subject: RECORDS REQUESTS    Date: June 13, 2024

#### OBJECTIVE

To provide the month of May 2024 list of Records Requests.

#### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The attached list is a summary of records requests received by the City Clerk's Office that were processed through the month of May 2024. The list provides the Request number, the date received, the request, the department the request was assigned, and the date the request was closed. Sensitive information and the names of requesters are not included. For those requests that are not assigned, e.g., information that is readily available on the City's website, the Records Coordinator provides the links and closes the request; for requests that have not yet been closed, the request is in process. Statistics are available for review on the City's website at [https://ggcity.org/records\\_request/](https://ggcity.org/records_request/)

#### SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Teresa Pomeroy  
City Clerk



By: Amanda Pollock  
Records Specialist

Attachment

# Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
9269	05/02/24	I would like to request a listing of new businesses that filed in your jurisdiction for the month of April 2024. The information should include at a minimum the BUSINESS NAME and BUSINESS ADDRESS, but other details such as the date that the busine...	Finance	05/13/24	05/07/24
9270	05/02/24	Hello, I would like to obtain a copy of open building violations for the following property (APN: 215-022-05)  7211-7215 Garden Grove Blvd. 7221 Garden Grove Blvd. 7241 Garden Grove Blvd. 7245 Garden Grove Blvd. 7231 Garden Grove Blvd. 7201...		05/12/24	05/02/24
9271	05/02/24	Can we please get copies of the following permits numbers- (Most of these arent on the website)  Address is 11902 John Avenue A-309667 A-309681 2024-00753 2024-02005 2023-12291 2023-14735		05/12/24	05/02/24
9272	05/02/24	can i get the listing of new businesses for the month of April in excel format please, thankyou	Finance	05/13/24	05/07/24
9273	05/02/24	I would like to obtain information about new businesses licenses in the city of Garden Grove. Please include name, address, business owner and phone number. Dates ranging from April 1st - today.  Thank you	Finance	05/13/24	05/07/24
9274	05/02/24	Hello, my request is related to the apartment complex property located at 12621 Flower Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840. This property is owned by my clients. It's my understanding that on 6/13/22, an inspection was conducted and three violations we...	City Manager	05/16/24	05/13/24

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
9275	05/03/24	(OMITTED BY CITY CLERKS OFFICE)- You closed this request but it was not completed. I already looked on the website and they do not have the digital copies I need. Please carefully read my request.  Can we please get copies of the following...	City Manager	05/16/24	05/09/24
9276	05/03/24	I am requesting any records involving hazardous materials business plans and inventories, waste generator permits, UST records, violations, and/or site remediation for 7151 Patterson Drive, Garden Grove, CA.	City Manager Public Works	05/16/24	05/15/24
9277	05/05/24	05-05-2024  Request document pertaining to NOTICE AND CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GARDEN GROVE PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMISSION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Garden Grove Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commissio...	Community Services	05/16/24	05/13/24
9278	05/05/24	05-05-2024  Please call me about my public record act weeks about by phone never have received any responses documents. #1 Bell Well # 2 now adding to all staff business cards update # 3 the parks recreation youth committee policy, past from the...	Community Services City Manager Information Technology	05/16/24	05/16/24
9279	05/06/24	Can you please provide me with financial campaign contributions for Steve Jones for September through November 2012.	City Manager	05/16/24	05/08/24
9280	05/06/24	Can you please provide me with financial campaign contributions for Bill Dalton from October through December 2012.	City Manager	05/16/24	05/08/24
9281	05/06/24	Hello,  I am emailing to see if City of Garden Grove operates any storm infrastructure around 1201 W Katella Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802? If yes, would you be able to share a utility map of assets in this area? This request is made as part of utility...		05/16/24	05/08/24
9282	05/06/24	This is to request all bid packages for Eastgate Park Swimming Pool Improvement Project S-1324 with a bid date of 4/29/24. Packages can be emailed to: lharvey@californiawaters.com. Thank you!	Finance	05/16/24	05/15/24

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9283	05/06/24	Industrial/Retail Auto Center - 10542, 10552, 10562, 10572 Stanford Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92840, parcel: 089-080-33. I am requesting for all:  1. A copy of the approved Site Plan on file, if available 2. Any known variances, special exceptio...	Community Development	06/03/24	06/03/24
9284	05/07/24	Past Water Bill appeals record request	Finance	05/20/24	05/20/24
9285	05/07/24	While reviewing our city licensing information, I realized that I do not have a physical copy of our Garden Grove certificate #242901 and wanted to make sure that it was not expired? We are located in Fullerton, but have been working on a project ...	Finance	05/20/24	05/08/24
9286	05/08/24	On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ...	Finance	05/20/24	05/16/24
9287	05/08/24	Business License for NGO OASIS (older adult support intervention service) located at 1855 West Katella Avenue Suite 150 Orange, CA 92867	Finance	05/20/24	05/15/24
9288	05/10/24	Current unclaimed/uncashed checks list by email with the following information as set forth below?  Please include the following information on unclaimed/uncashed checks:  * Date issued (please include all dates over six months eligible f...	Finance	05/20/24	05/20/24
9289	05/10/24	Can I have all records of permits, violations, citation for this house? 12272 Jerome St, Garden Grove, CA 92841  thank you please email to realty@ivysu.com		05/23/24	05/15/24
9290	05/12/24	Hello, I'd like to request all available records related to engineering permit E-2024-00131 (R-000159). Thank you.	Public Works	05/23/24	05/21/24

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9291	05/13/24	The KPMG National Unclaimed Property Practice is requesting the Garden Grove City outstanding check report to assist our clients with asset recovery. We will use the information to identify property that belongs to our clients based on the paye...	Finance	05/23/24	05/15/24
9292	05/13/24	Hello - I called and spoke with folks in the finance, business licensing, and records looking for the owner of 9920 Westminster Blvd and I was directed to complete this records request. Please let me know when possible or if you need anything else		05/23/24	05/14/24
9294	05/15/24	12631 Lorealeen St built 1953 need all the pert history on file from 1956-present  original building permit, certificate of occupancy, additions, alterations, reroof, sewer, solar, retaining wall, pool, spa, mechanical, plumbing, electric		05/25/24	05/15/24
9295	05/15/24	Hi,  I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to formally request information on all pending building permits issued since October 2023 for the following types of projects in the city of Garden Grove:  Attached Accessory Dwelling Units...		05/25/24	05/21/24
9296	05/15/24	I would like to request electronic copies of all building permits issued during the month of April 2024.  Thank you		05/25/24	05/22/24
9298	05/16/24	Site: Westbrook Plaza, 10131-10191 Westminster Ave., Garden Grove CA 92843 3 parcels. *099-585-11, 10131 Dawson St. / *099-585-12, 13911 Dawson / *099-585-14, 10141 Westminster Ave.  BUILDING DEPT/CODE ENF. (1) Copies of Certificates of...		05/30/24	05/20/24
9299	05/17/24	I am looking for the building records/plans for the Wells Fargo ATM building located at 12952 Harbor Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92840. If you can locate the most recent permits/plans when the ATM was constructed I would appreciate it. Thank you.		05/30/24	05/20/24

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
9300	05/17/24	<p>May 17, 2024</p> <p>When replying, please refer to case #20-2400190414</p> <p>City of Garden Grove</p> <p>City Clerk</p> <p>11222 Acacia Pkwy Fl2 City Clerks Confer</p> <p>Garden Grove, CA 92840-5208</p> <p>Project: 2024 Residential Streets Rehabilitation - CP1399293</p> <p>Fern St Variou...</p>		05/30/24	05/22/24
9301	05/20/24	<p>Request Code: 13409559</p> <p>Date: 05/17/24</p> <p>On behalf of our customers who are contractors &amp; suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct an...</p>	Finance	05/30/24	05/28/24
9302	05/20/24	<p>Please provide a copy of the current or most recent contract between the city and its tree maintenance contractor.</p> <p>Please provide the annual budget for tree maintenance for the most recent three fiscal years.</p> <p>Please provide a copy of the tree in...</p>	Public Works	06/27/24	
9303	05/20/24	<p>Copies of Planning applications and exhibits that may have been submitted or resubmitted for a communication tower since March 1, 2024 or currently in-review for 12432 9th St.</p>	Community Development	05/30/24	05/28/24
9304	05/20/24	<p>Hello. I am a Property Manager at Pan American Properties. I would like to verify if there are any open violations for these newly managed properties of ours:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12602 Kensington Ln, Garden Grove, CA 92840</li> <li>13392 Magnolia Street Garden Grove...</li> </ol>		05/30/24	05/20/24
9305	05/20/24	<p>Do you have any blue prints / site plan on file of the residence on</p> <p>13111 Dunklee Avenue</p> <p>Garden grove.</p> <p>The owner wants to convert 2 of the garages into an ADU.</p> <p>Existing residence has a 3- Car garage.</p> <p>Please advise</p> <p>Thank you</p>		05/30/24	05/20/24

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9306	05/20/24	I am currently renting one half of a duplex home, but have recently come to understand that this duplex build and operations of the rental property was not done within permit for the city. I am currently taking legal action against the landlord an...		05/30/24	05/21/24
9307	05/20/24	Hello,  I am writing to formally request the following information:  A comprehensive list of all building permits issued in the city of Garden Grove since October 2023 for attached ADUs, detached ADUs, garage conversions, and addition projects...		05/31/24	05/21/24
9308	05/20/24	Phase I ESA for 7602 Anthony Avenue, Garden Grove, CA  ASTs, USTs, hazardous materials, spills, releases, clarifiers, wells, subsurface investigations, inspections, notice of violation, etc. All records on file.	City Manager Public Works	06/17/24	
9309	05/21/24	Can you please forward me any permits issued for either project that involves ground-disturbance (i.e., grading permits, utilities, encroachment permits, etc.). If you know the amount of ground-disturbed for each project, I'd like that information...	Public Works Community Development	06/03/24	06/03/24
9310	05/21/24	On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ...	Finance	06/03/24	05/28/24
9311	05/22/24	Building permits of record I need copies of all permits 11302 Acacia Parkway, GG		06/01/24	05/22/24
9312	05/22/24	Hi There! I would like to request a copy of the complaint filed against address 11552 Safford West, Garden Grove, CA 92840 in 2023. Please advise the necessary requirements to do so. Thank you  Jenny Ha	Community Development	06/17/24	
9313	05/23/24	Need all recorded building permits for address 13100 Gilbert St. Unit 55 Garden grove 92844, Parcel # 930-114-55. Please email all copies to lori.mcgurn@ticortitle.com		06/03/24	05/24/24



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9314	05/23/24	We would like to request records for Correction Notice issued on June 14, 2022 for the Property Address: 12562 Keel Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843.	Community Development	06/03/24	06/03/24
9315	05/23/24	All Building records		06/03/24	05/24/24
9316	05/24/24	Animal Control calls, activity reports, incidents, etc. for Elliot Kreitenberg at 12531 Saint Mark Street, Garden Grove, CA 92845	Public Works	06/03/24	06/03/24
9317	05/24/24	Complete set of Solar PV plans, and job card.		06/07/24	05/28/24
9318	05/28/24	Request Code: 13409596 Date: 05/25/24  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct an...	Finance	06/07/24	05/29/24
9319	05/30/24	Property: 12862 & 12882 Joy Street, Garden Grove, CA - Parcels: 089-091-41, 089-091-40 Please find this as a formal records request for the above listed property: 1) Provide copies of any open/outstanding Building Code Violations for above prope...	Community Development	06/10/24	06/07/24
9320	05/30/24	Records regarding 12828 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, California especially any records regarding UST or AST	City Manager	06/10/24	06/07/24
9321	05/30/24	Request for copy of the deed for my rental house : 13068 Ansell Ct, Garden Grove 92844		06/09/24	05/30/24
9322	05/30/24	Certified Payroll Records, DAS140 - Public Works Contract Award Information and Request for Dispatch of an Apprentice - DAS 142 Form for APS Construction, Inc. See attachment for more info.	Finance Economic Development	06/24/24	
9323	05/30/24	Hi there,  Looking for permits showing sq ft of property address: 13242 Benton St, Garden Grove, CA 92843  APN: 099-291-10  Thank you,		06/13/24	06/03/24

AFFP  
143332 CUP 262-2024 - Moore

## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principle clerk of the printer of ORANGE COUNTY NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation, published ONCE WEEKLY in the city of GARDEN GROVE, County of ORANGE, which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of ORANGE, State of California under the date of March 20, 1964, Case Number A-31502; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE \* INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

• THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., June 27, 2024

The City of Garden Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, to consider the request listed below. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-262-2024

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new restaurant to operate with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Eating Place) License. The site is at 5939 Chapman Avenue in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on June 27, 2024. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: June 10, 2024  
PUBLISH: June 12, 2024  
Orange County News 6/12/2024-143332

June 12, 2024

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Orange County News.

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 12th day of June 2024.

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OCN-CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
P.O. BOX 3070  
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

**WEEKLY MEMO 06-13-2024**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

June 6, 2024 - June 12, 2024

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

**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove City Hall



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 6/7/2024 8:00 am PDT

Are you currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program, or have graduated within the last year? No...



Reach

**1,799**



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 6/7/2024 12:00 pm PDT

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**1,550**



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/10/2024 11:45 am PDT

**Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster, County Celebrate Completion of Central Cities...**



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**1,261**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Thu 6/6/2024 12:14 pm PDT

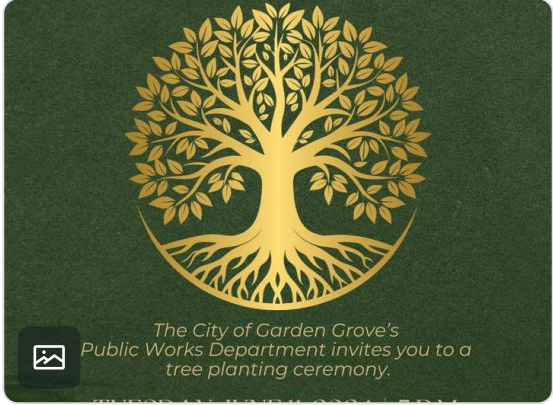
🍓 #TBT to the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival's cake cutting ceremony! 🍰 What did you enjoy most at the 🍓 Garden Grov...




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 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 6/10/2024 6:00 pm PDT


🌳 Come out to tomorrow's (June 11) ☐☐☐☐  
 ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ in recognition of ☐☐☐☐☐☐  
 ☐☐☐ in Garden Grove! All attendees will...



Reach 797

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Tue 6/11/2024 4:00 pm PDT

From the toy aisle to the big screen! 🎬  
 Join us this Friday, June 14, at 8:30 p.m., at Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street, for...



Reach 773



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 6/7/2024 2:00 pm PDT

It's summertime and there's no better place to be than your local #GardenGrove library! Swipe to check out some...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 6/12/2024 12:50 pm PDT

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<p><b>June 13, 2024</b>  <b>6:00 - 8:30 pm</b>  <b>Community Meeting Center</b>  <b>Constitution Room</b>  <b>11300 Stanford Ave</b>  <b>Garden Grove, CA 92840</b></p>	<p><b>The City of Garden Grove invites you!</b>                  We're hosting two community-wide meetings to discuss the allocation of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).                  These funds are dedicated to enhancing our local community, and we're eager to hear your thoughts!</p>
<p><b>June 20, 2024</b>  <b>6:00 - 8:30 pm</b>  <b>Buena Clinton Family Resource Center</b>  <b>12001 Sunswep Ave</b>  <b>Garden Grove, CA</b></p>	<p>Your input will play a crucial role in guiding City leaders as they prioritize spending on vital areas such as affordable housing, homelessness, and other community needs for the next five years.                  Don't miss this opportunity to make your</p>

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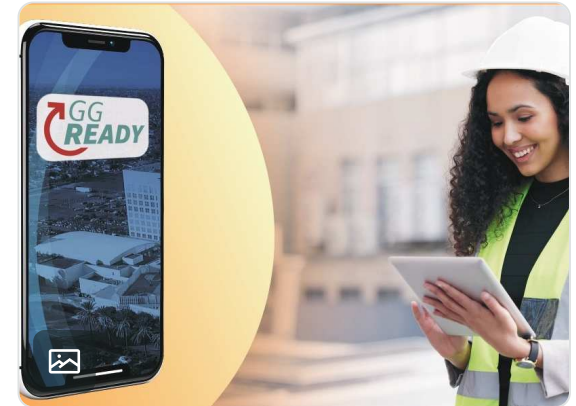
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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 6/6/2024 8:30 am PDT

#DYK GGREADY is an online software system that streamlines building permit operations, reducing the time to complet...



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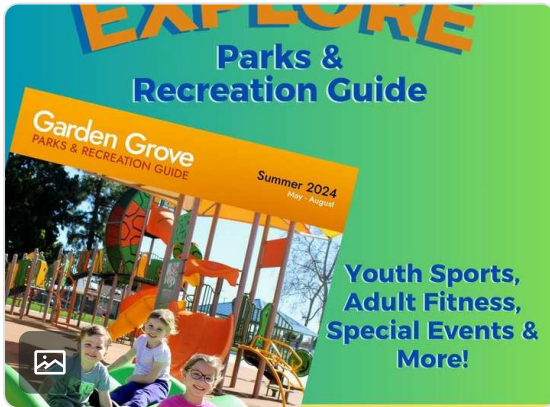




**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 6/12/2024 4:44 pm PDT

☀️The #GardenGrove Parks and Recreation Guide offers a multitude of summer classes and special events for the entire...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 6/11/2024 12:29 pm PDT

Join the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce for an informative meeting on artificial intelligence (AI) at the...



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**Garden Grove City Hall**


Thu 6/6/2024 5:25 pm PDT


Are you ready for a safe, sane, and fine-free 4th this year? As July 4 approaches, we'd like to remind the community to ha...



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511

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 6/11/2024 8:02 am PDT




Reach **357**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Mon 6/10/2024 3:42 pm PDT


Let your voice be heard at one of our upcoming community workshops about #GardenGrove's future housing,...



Reach **303**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Thu 6/6/2024 8:40 am PDT

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



Reach **174**



# Post Performance

June 6, 2024 - June 12, 2024

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

**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Tue 6/11/2024 12:00 pm PDT

Please #SaveTheDate and join us for our upcoming #PizzaWithPolice Event on July 17, 2024, from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, at...

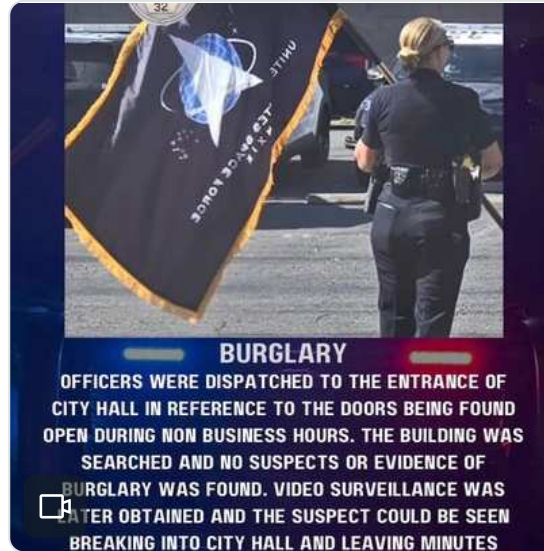


Impressions	<b>3,434</b>
Reach	<b>3,259</b>
Engagements	<b>128</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.7%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Mon 6/10/2024 3:49 pm PDT



Video Views	<b>411</b>
Impressions	<b>755</b>
Reach	<b>744</b>
Engagements	<b>150</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>19.9%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Mon 6/10/2024 12:00 pm PDT

A reminder to join us this Wednesday, June 12th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at the Community Meeting Center (11300...



Impressions	<b>1,869</b>
Reach	<b>1,845</b>
Engagements	<b>88</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.7%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 6/8/2024 7:31 am PDT

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



Video Views	<b>1,112</b>
Impressions	<b>2,170</b>
Reach	<b>2,082</b>
Engagements	<b>105</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.8%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 6/7/2024 8:30 pm PDT

"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." ~ Special Olympics Athlete Oath Over the last two weeks,...



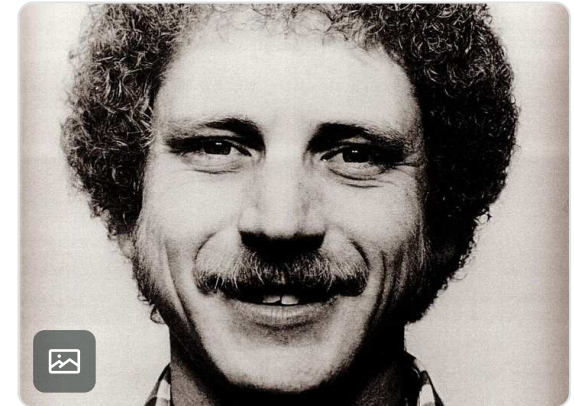
Video Views	<b>522</b>
Impressions	<b>1,760</b>
Reach	<b>1,677</b>
Engagements	<b>120</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>6.8%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 6/7/2024 9:00 am PDT

In Memory of Officer Donald F. Reed #EOW  
 June 7, 1980. Officer Reed began his law enforcement career as a #GardenGrove...



Impressions	<b>2,023</b>
Reach	<b>1,923</b>
Engagements	<b>155</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>7.7%</b>

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**

The Tribune

June 10, 2024

# Man and Woman of Year named

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JUNE 10, 2024 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



ANAHEIM SUITES in Garden Grove, host of the Garden Grove Chamber Gala.

Donald Schlensker and Susie Clisson has been named the Man and Woman of the Year for 2024-2025 by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

They will be recognized at the 117th annual Chamber Gala Dinner and Awards on Saturday, June 29 at the Anaheim Marriott Suites, 12015 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove.



SUSIE CLISSON





**DON SCHLENSKER**

Don has been involved in many civic activities as a volunteer including booster clubs at Pacifica High School, Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club, Kiwanis Club and the local Elks Lodge.

He has operated a construction company in Garden Grove for 43 years and is a Vietnam War veteran.

Susie has been a resident of Garden Grove for over 30 years. She and her husband John own and operate West County Tire and Automotive, Inc.

She has been an active member of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and has been involved with Northeast Garden Grove Little League, Meals on Wheels, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Garden Grove Rotary Club.

For more information, call (714) 638-7950 or go to [www.gardengrovechamber.com](http://www.gardengrovechamber.com) .

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June 8, 2024

# It's a routine city council meet

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JUNE 8, 2024 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



GARDEN GROVE CITY HALL (OC Tribune photo).

A fairly routine agenda of “housekeeping” items will greet the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

There will be a drowning prevention presentation from the Orange County Fire Authority, as well as:

- adoption of a proclamation recognizing June 19th as Juneteenth in Garden Grove;
- adoption of resolutions for the municipal general election to be held Nov. 5;
- awarding of a contract to Cabco Yellow, Inc. for the Senior Mobility Program Transportation Services at a cost of \$240,000;
- introduction and first reading of an ordinance to adopt the paramedic tax override rate for the fiscal year of 2024-2025. The rate will remain the same.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

The Tribune

June 5, 2024

# Garden Grove Gems honored

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JUNE 5, 2023 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**MANUEL GARCIA JR.**'s home was the winner in District 2 (City of Garden Grove photo).

The City of Garden Grove has announced the winners of Garden Grove Gems, a home beautification program that recognizes residents for their outstanding curb appeal efforts. Winners were selected by district based on the number of online votes each nominated home received.

District 1 Winner: Verna Chumley

District 1 Runner-Up: Debbie Morse

District 2 Winner: Manuel Garcia Jr.

District 2 Runner-Up: Jose and Gloria Perez

District 3 Winner: Gary Sunda

District 3 Runner-Up: John Rodriguez

District 4 Winner: Irene and Mitch Magana

District 4 Runner-Up: Cherness and Curt Craft

District 5 Winner: Cesar and Raquel Mata

District 5 Runner-Up: Patrick and Gigi Sullivan

District 6 Winner: Dorothy Wilson

District 6 Runner-Up: Christina Luu

Winning homeowners will be honored and invited to attend a reception and Community Spotlight at the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 27.

To view all nominated homes or for more information, visit [ggcity.org/gems](http://ggcity.org/gems) or call (714) 741-5200.



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, June 13, 2024



## **SPRINGDALE STREET CLOSED FOR STREET PAVING SATURDAY**

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Springdale Street, between Lampson Avenue and Chapman Avenue, will undergo street paving causing temporary traffic delays. To facilitate construction work, Springdale Street will be closed in both directions. Motorists are asked to use alternate routes to avoid delays. Access to residences and schools around the construction area will be maintained at all times.

For more information, please contact Public Works Department Inspector Ron Chevalier at (949) 662-7768.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Friday, June 6, 2024



## **GARDEN GROVE, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, WESTMINSTER, COUNTY CELEBRATE COMPLETION OF CENTRAL CITIES NAVIGATION CENTER**

On Wednesday, June 5, 2024, the City of Garden Grove, in partnership with the Cities of Fountain Valley, Westminster, and the County of Orange held a ribbon cutting for the Central Cities Navigation Center, a referral-based, transitional facility offering emergency housing and wrap-around services to individuals experiencing homelessness from any of the three cities. The center, located at 13871 West Street in Garden Grove, is anticipated to open on Monday, June 10, 2024.

At the ribbon cutting, Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones, who completes his final mayoral term this year, referred to the Central Cities Navigation Center as the “shining star” of Garden Grove’s many efforts to overcome homelessness.

“Over the last 25 years of proudly serving the City of Garden Grove, I’ve had the tremendous privilege of experiencing so many wonderful and meaningful accomplishments for our community. It’s been an important mission for Garden Grove to create solutions that not only meet the immediate needs of the homeless, but more importantly, ensure long-term, life-changing results,” said Mayor Jones.

The Central Cities Navigation Center will operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week, serve approximately 170 adults, and provide up to 100 beds. Among the residential services, clients will receive three daily meals, access to laundry facilities, pet accommodation, and transportation to and from the facility.

GARDEN GROVE, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, WESTMINSTER, COUNTY CELEBRATE  
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Support services will include 1-on-1 case management, mental health and stabilization resources, substance use counseling, education services and life-skills development, employment assistance, and job training.

In 2022, the City of Garden Grove entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cities of Fountain Valley and Westminster to establish joint financing, operations, and provision of services of the Central Cities Navigation Center.

“The opening of the Central Cities Navigation Center is a historic milestone in our city’s efforts to support the unhoused and assist them on their path to self-sufficiency. It serves as a symbol of our commitment to treat all our residents with compassion and empathy,” said Fountain Valley Mayor Glenn Grandis.

“Every community needs to do its part to ensure our most vulnerable residents are provided with compassionate and comprehensive services. I’m extremely proud of the collaboration of our three cities with the County of Orange’s support. We’re taking one great step toward ensuring that every person has a place to call home,” said Westminster Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen.

“Creating meaningful change requires a collective effort, and this navigation center serves as a testament to the leadership, commitment, and shared vision by the cities of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster, and the County of Orange. Together, we are working towards serving unhoused individuals and fostering a more compassionate and resilient community. We are fully committed to this cause, having invested over \$11 million to ensure the successful construction and operation of the center for the next decade,” said Orange County Second District Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento.

GARDEN GROVE, FOUNTAIN VALLEY, WESTMINSTER, COUNTY CELEBRATE  
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“As County Supervisor for the First District, I am pleased to help kickstart the construction and launch of the Central Cities Navigation Center, by directing the allocation of \$5.3 million from the county, plus an annual supplement of \$625,000 for the facility’s operation and management for the next ten years,” said Orange County First District Supervisor Andrew Do. “This navigation center will add capacity to our existing System of Care to effectively address homelessness, substance abuse, and mental health issues in our county.”

At the end of the ceremony, Garden Grove District 6 Councilmember Kim Nguyen-Penaloza expressed her support and excitement over the navigation center being in her district.

“The Central Cities Navigation Center joins the recognized Buena Clinton Youth and Family Center, the renowned Christ Cathedral, Bracken’s Kitchen, Thomas House Family Shelter, and the City’s first permanent supportive housing project, Stuart Apartments in calling District 6 its home,” said Councilmember Nguyen-Penaloza.

For more information on the Central Cities Navigation Center, visit [www.ggcity.org/navigation-center](http://www.ggcity.org/navigation-center). For photos of the event, visit @gardengrovecityhall on social media.

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**June 13, 2024**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the June 20, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from June 7, 2024 to June 13, 2024.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 13, 2024 – July 11, 2024

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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.	Town Hall Meeting, CMC – AB Room
		5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	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.	Zoning Administrator Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	GGCF Free Summer Concert Series: Smokin' Cobras Downtown Main Street \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	June 28		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	July 2	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 4		City Hall Closed – Independence Day
Tuesday	July 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

JUNE 20, 2024 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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**Meeting Assistance:** Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Community Development Department at (714) 741-5312 or email [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

**Agenda Item Descriptions:** Are intended to give a brief, 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 (1) 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: CHAIR LINDSAY, VICE CHAIR RAMIREZ  
COMMISSIONERS CUEVA, CUNNINGHAM, LARICCHIA, PAREDES

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [April 18, 2024](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-137-2024](#)  
[CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-261-2024](#)

APPLICANT: BARGHAUSEN CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.  
(CHARLES MOSELEY)

LOCATION: SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN TAFT STREET AND EUCLID STREET, AT 11000 AND 11100 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the construction and operation of a new fueling station, including a new 11,800 square foot fueling canopy with fifteen dispensing units, each with two pumps, and related site improvements. The project includes the relocation and demolition of the existing Costco Warehouse fueling station, and the demolition of an existing commercial building, currently occupied by Office Depot, to accommodate the new fueling station. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. 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-137-2024 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-261-2024, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.2. [AMENDMENT NO. A-039-2024](#)  
[CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-284-09 \(REV. 2024\)](#)

APPLICANT: HTB, INC.

LOCATION: WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET, BETWEEN ACACIA PARKWAY AND GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, AT 12941 MAIN STREET

REQUEST: A request for approval of a Zoning Text Amendment to Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to billiard parlors and pool halls. The proposed Zoning Text Amendment would update portions of Chapters 9.04 and 9.18 of Title 9 of the City of Garden Grove Municipal Code to update definitions, permitted uses, and special operating standards for billiard parlors and pool halls, including amending the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone to allow billiard parlors and pool halls as an incidental use to "full-service dine-in eating establishment/restaurant", subject to a conditional use permit. Also, a request to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-284-09 (REV. 2023) to permit an existing restaurant, located at 12941 Main Street in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone, to operate a billiard parlor with eight (8) pool tables as an incidental use, contingent upon the adoption and effectiveness of the proposed Zoning Text Amendment. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-284-09 (REV. 2023),

would be revoked and become null and void, and replaced by the modified Conditional Use Permit.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Amendment No. A-039-2024 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-284-09 (REV. 2024) to City Council, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.3. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-111-2022\(TE1\)](#)  
[TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2021-190\(TE1\)](#)

APPLICANT: MICHAEL DAO

LOCATION: NORTHEAST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND BROOKHURST STREET AT 10201 AND 10231 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

REQUEST: A request for approval of a one-year time extension for the approved entitlements under Site Plan No. SP-111-2022 and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2021-190, as modified by Minor Modification No. 1, which allows the consolidation of two (2) existing parcels into a single 1.86-acre parcel, and the construction of a five-story mixed-use development on the 1.86-acre site consisting of 5,312 square feet of retail space, 3,548 square feet for an art gallery use, 10,745 square feet of medical space, and 52 apartment units. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a one-year time extension for Site Plan No. SP-111-2022(TE1) and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2021-190(TE1).

D. [MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS](#)

E. [MATTERS FROM STAFF](#)

F. [ADJOURNMENT](#)



# New sea level rise science guidance now available for cities

Jun 12, 2024

By *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative affairs lobbyist (environmental quality)*

The Ocean Protection Council (OPC) released a final version of its [Sea Level Rise Guidance](#) last week. The update includes changes requested by Cal Cities clarifying that cities can disclose sea level rise information and incorporate it into local planning efforts. However, the report remains deeply uncertain about what the climate could look like 100 years from now. OPC last published its sea level rise guidance in 2018. The new version includes sea level rise projections through 2150. The state, tribal, and local entities can use the report for coastal adaptation projects, resilience planning, and funding investments.

The Cal Cities [Coastal Cities Group](#) engaged OPC during the public comment period and provided [written comments](#). Cal Cities and the California State Association of Counties urged the agency to better recognize local planning and adaptation efforts as integral to addressing sea level rise.

At a [June 4 meeting](#), Cal Cities noted that the guidance would help local governments better understand sea level rise scenarios and their possible impacts. Good data and strong guidance can help cities and counties plan, design, and implement appropriate responses — including adaptation pathways should extreme, unlikely scenarios occur. But local governments must retain their ability to consider adaptive pathways as the science evolves.

“We have witnessed firsthand the negative effects of utilizing the extreme sea-level-rise scenarios,” [said Melissa Hetrick](#), resilience program manager for the city of Santa Barbara. “We’ve also witnessed the erosion of public trust when community members hear how unlikely these scenarios are.”

Cal Cities supported OPC in aligning its data and methodology with federal scientific information on sea level rise rates to better reflect what the future might hold. Cal Cities also successfully advocated for balanced changes that would allow cities to distinguish how and when to disclose sea level rise information, versus when to use the projected scenarios for risk assessment, planning, design, and implementation efforts.

Cal Cities also recognized the state’s commitment to refining the guidance in future years with greater scientific information given the guidance’s precautionary approach.

Local agencies can incorporate this science into their plans for future infrastructure and housing efforts along the coast.



# State Bills in Brief: June 12-20

Jun 12, 2024

**A weekly primer on the bills and committee hearings that have a direct impact on cities**

*By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor. Additional contributions by the Cal Cities Advocacy Team*

Lawmakers and Gov. Gavin Newsom are busy figuring out answers to some multibillion-dollar questions this week, including the state budget. Although a deal is all but guaranteed — legislators need to pass [a framework](#) before June 15 — both sides will likely hammer out the finer details through additional bills before the budget takes effect on July 1.

A few differences remain though, such as whether to [fund Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention](#) grants and some affordable housing programs. The Legislature and the Governor are split on other issues, including childcare, prison reform, Medi-Cal reimbursements, and wage hikes for healthcare workers.

Policymakers generally agree [some sort of reform](#) is needed to mitigate the state's cyclical boom-and-bust problems. But for now, state leaders are eyeing voter-approved bonds to fund the state's biggest priorities. Legislators are feverishly debating the [size and priorities](#) for a [November climate bond](#), which is picking up steam. They have until June 27 to reach a deal. Speaking of June 27: The Governor and some legislative leaders are [trying to remove](#) a measure that would overhaul Proposition 47 from the November ballot. At stake is a 14-bill package aimed at reducing retail theft. The appropriations committees will likely hear the bills next week before sending them to the floor for a full vote.

For information about bills scheduled for a committee hearing through June 20, keep reading. To learn what each section means — or to access a previous State Bills in Brief — visit the [archive page](#).

## Hot bills

Lawmakers will review a dozen key bills between now and June 20.

### Stricter retail theft penalties

- **Multiple jurisdictional theft.** [AB 1779 \(Irwin\)](#) would allow prosecutors to file charges for offenses committed in different counties.
- **Grand theft larceny.** [AB 1794 \(McCarty\)](#) would allow prosecutors to aggregate multiple thefts with several victims.
- **Enhanced sentencing.** [AB 1960 \(Soria\)](#) would impose stiffer penalties for property loss or damage that occurred during a felony.
- **When are the hearings?** June 17 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee. Cal Cities supports all three measures.

### Speaker's retail theft bill

- **What would it do?** [AB 2943 \(Zbur and Rivas\)](#) would create a new crime of "serial retail theft," allow police to arrest shoplifters without witnessing the crime, and define a felony charge of grand theft. Cal Cities supports the measure if amended.

- **Proposed changes.** Cal Cities is seeking changes that bring the bill in line with case law (*People v. Bailey*), allow police to use unsworn statements if they demonstrate probable cause, and clarify what successful probation looks like.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **CalPERS divestment up for consideration**

- **Which funds?** [SB 252 \(Gonzalez\)](#) would require the state's pension funds to divest from fossil fuel companies. Cal Cities opposes the bill.
- **Internal pressure.** CalPERS has long argued that pressuring companies from within does more to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that divestment would have a significant, negative impact on the fund.
- **When is the hearing?** June 19 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee.

#### **Better recovery housing oversight**

- **Greater transparency.** [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#) would require operators of licensed treatment facilities to disclose to potential patients that they can check the Department of Health Care Services website to confirm a facility's compliance with state licensing laws. Cal Cities is co-sponsoring the measure.
- **Improved reporting.** [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#) would expand reporting requirements for licensed treatment facility operators to improve the state's oversight of sober living homes operating as an integral part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere in the community. Cal Cities is sponsoring the measure.
- **When were the hearings?** Both bills passed out of the Senate Health Committee on June 12 and are now headed to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **A \$50,000 monthly fine for cities**

- **What now?!** [SB 1037 \(Wiener\)](#) would allow the state attorney general to ask a court to fine a city that fails to adopt a compliant housing element or violates state laws that require ministerial approval of certain housing projects. The court could also fine cities for land use or permitting decisions that are "contrary to established public policy, unlawful, or procedurally unfair." Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **Can't the attorney general take legal action already?** Unlike existing laws, SB 1037 does not give cities time to correct their actions. Even cities acting in good faith would need to pay the attorney general for all investigating and prosecuting costs for a vague, undefined violation of state law.
- **When was the hearing?** June 12 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

#### **Another unfunded mandate**

- **What would the bill do?** [AB 1725 \(McCarty\)](#) would force cities to post information about major use-of-force settlements and judgments on their websites. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **Why it matters.** Cal Cities supports increased accountability. However, cities settle most cases outside of court for economic reasons. Posting this information would create an inaccurate picture of law enforcement interactions and conduct.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

#### **No more self-certification for housing elements**

- **Changing housing element law.** [AB 1886 \(Alvarez\)](#) would remove the ability of cities to self-certify housing plans that are "in substantial compliance with housing element law." This would encourage more developers to bypass local zoning laws in favor of the so-called builder's remedy. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **Unhelpful.** Housing elements take years to develop. Cities often receive unclear or conflicting guidance about their plans. Instead of punishing good faith efforts, the state should help cities finalize their housing elements and put those plans to work.
- **When is the hearing?** June 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Housing Committee.

#### **Builder's remedy safeguards come with a price**

- **The good.** [AB 1893 \(Wicks\)](#) would place some guardrails on builder's remedy projects by restricting their location. Cal Cities opposes the measure unless amended.



- **The bad.** Cities could impose objective building standards or limit density. Cal Cities is urging lawmakers to require the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide cities with technical assistance and clear guidance on how to substantially comply with housing element law to avoid the builder's remedy altogether.
- **When is the hearing?** June 18 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Housing Committee.

#### **Cal Cities-sponsored measure would help reduce methane emissions**

- **Clarification and support.** [SB 972 \(Min\)](#) would require CalRecycle to strengthen its assistance efforts for cities actively working to reduce organic waste and methane emissions. The agency would also need to report back to the Legislature on the organic waste diversion progress and alignment with the state's other climate goals.
- **Progress so far.** A [2023 report](#) found that the amount of organic waste in landfills increased by a million tons between 2014 and 2020, a trend at odds with the goal of reducing methane emissions. Cal Cities' bill would help local jurisdictions achieve these goals and ensure the Legislature can reflect on the progress made.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

### **Priority bills**

Lawmakers are reviewing several housing, public safety, environmental, transportation, and broadband measures.

#### **Post-release clarification**

- **Rehabilitation report.** [AB 2766 \(Low\)](#) would provide more information on what an inmate did to earn early release. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **What does existing law say?** Currently, only basic information can be released without written authorization from the inmate or parolee. Increasing transparency would help ensure that the state corrections department is properly utilizing sentencing credits.
- **When is the hearing?** June 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

#### **Post-release reform**

- **Better records.** [SB 1262 \(Archuleta\)](#) would require county officials to revoke post-release community supervision if someone violates the terms of their release for a third time or commits a new offense. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** By prioritizing accountability, this measure would help ensure that only those who are actively working to reenter the community receive post-release supervision.
- **What is the next hearing?** June 18 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

#### **Edible food recovery assistance**

- **Financial help.** [AB 2311 \(Bennett\)](#) would broaden a state grant program to include edible food recovery projects. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Something to chew on.** State law requires that Californians recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise go to landfills by 2025. Many cities, especially smaller and rural cities, lack the funding needed to improve recovery efforts.
- **When is the hearing?** June 19 at 9 a.m. in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

#### **Cal Cities-sponsored bill put cities in the driver's seat**

- **What would the bill do?** [SB 915 \(Cortese\)](#) would allow local law enforcement and first responders to intervene when a driverless vehicle interrupts an emergency response.
- **Why it matters.** Autonomous vehicles have repeatedly caused large traffic jams, frequently blocking emergency vehicles responding to calls.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

#### **Refillable propane cylinders**

- **A solid environmental win.** [SB 1280 \(Laird\)](#) would require one-pound propane cylinders sold in the state to be reusable or refillable. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Propane and propane accessories.** Small propane cylinders are very expensive for local governments to manage. Making them refillable and reusable would help keep them out of landfills.

- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

#### **Wildlife corridors and city planning**

- **Nature-based planning.** [AB 2320 \(Irwin\)](#) would require the California Natural Resources Agency to identify key wildlife corridors annually and set goals for protecting these areas looking five years ahead. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Long-term planning.** The state is seeking to conserve 30% of the state's lands and coastal waters by 2030. Identifying wildlife corridors ahead of that goal will ensure local leaders include them in their planning efforts.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 3 p.m. or upon adjournment of session in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

#### **Cannabis site restoration**

- **Mitigating environmental harm.** [AB 2643 \(Wood\)](#) would create a framework for cannabis site restoration and create a related, biannual meeting for stakeholders. The bill would also make it easier for officials to identify illicit cultivation sites on public lands. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **An icky situation.** Illicit cannabis cultivation can result in habitat destruction, water diversions, and the use of harmful pesticides and fertilizers.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 3 p.m. or upon adjournment of session in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

#### **Beefing up broadband reports**

- **Essential service.** [AB 2708 \(Patterson, Jim\)](#) would require the Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy to include additional information in its annual legislative report about the statewide, open-access middle-mile broadband network. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Essential coordination.** Having detailed information about available funding, costs, and estimated completion dates will allow cities to better plan and coordinate local efforts to improve broadband access.
- **When is the hearing?** June 17 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Lawmakers have set a smattering of other priority measures for hearings over the next few days: [SB 37 \(Caballero\)](#), [SB 937 \(Wiener\)](#), [SB 1045 \(Blakespear\)](#), [AB 1782 \(Ta\)](#), [AB 2207 \(Reyes\)](#), [AB 2410 \(Wallis\)](#), [AB 2243 \(Wicks\)](#), and [AB 2902 \(Wood\)](#).

Retail theft bills [AB 1802 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#) and [AB 1972 \(Alanis\)](#) are also scheduled for hearings soon. The remaining measures in the public safety package have not yet been set for a hearing as of Wednesday morning.

Hearing times and bills are subject to change. For an up-to-date list of bill hearings, click the link below.

[View all tracked bill hearings](#)



## Who will blink first over Prop. 47?

*Jun 12, 2024*

*By Cal Cities Staff*

The Secretary of the State announced on Tuesday that an initiative to change Proposition 47 has qualified for the November 2024 ballot. The move comes after days of high-profile debate between legislative leaders and the group of district attorneys behind the measure.

The announcement adds new fuel to an already raging fire. At stake is a package of 14 public safety measures that includes two fentanyl bills and 12 retail theft bills. Assembly and Senate leadership said they intend to send the measures to Gov. Gavin Newsom for his signature in the next few weeks.

Cal Cities has a watch position on the two fentanyl bills and supports all the [retail theft bills](#) except for [AB 2943 \(Zbur and Rivas\)](#), which Cal Cities will support if amended. However, lawmakers said they will add an urgency clause to [some of the bills](#) so that they take effect immediately upon the Governor's signature, as well as an inoperative clause if voters pass the initiative to reform Prop. 47.

Policy committees heard the bills on Tuesday and Cal Cities testified in support of them.

Earlier this week, Speaker Robert Rivas, Pro Tem Mike McGuire, and other Democrat legislators held a press conference arguing that the inoperative clauses were necessary due to conflicts between the legislation and the ballot measure — known as the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act.

The lawmakers also said that the bills take a more comprehensive approach to public safety that prevents a return to the days of mass incarceration and would avoid amending Proposition 47. The 2014 initiative reclassified some offenses under \$950 as misdemeanors.

The bills made it out of their respective committees and are headed to the appropriations committee next, where lawmakers will likely insert the new clauses. Democrats expect to send the bills to the floor for a floor vote shortly after, meaning they could be on the Governor's desk by the end of June.

Republican leaders in the Senate and Assembly held a press conference noting that while the package of bills had received bipartisan support, they are strongly opposed to the proposed inoperative clauses.

A law passed in 2014 allows the Legislature to hold hearings and negotiate with initiative sponsors to pull measures off the ballot. As of Wednesday afternoon, there is no agreement to pull the initiative from the ballot.

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## Brown Act modernization bill runs aground

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A bill that would have made it easier for some local advisory boards and commissions to meet remotely failed in the Senate Local Government Committee last week by a 0-4 vote. Cal Cities, Disability Rights California, AARP, and over two dozen local government groups supported the measure.

Asm. Blanca Pacheco, the bill's author, called out several mischaracterizations by the opposition in a [statement](#) released shortly after. "I recognize that some people may argue that in-person participation is the best way to ensure that every voice is heard," she said. "However, [AB 817](#) aims to provide access for people who may face a host of barriers to in-person attendance."

Supporters of the bill, including Cal Cities, argued that the Brown Act's in-person requirement disproportionately stops older adults, people with disabilities, single parents, people who live in rural areas, and other marginalized communities from participating in local governance bodies.

"California is a huge state, and most counties have a large geographic area, and members find it very difficult, if not impossible, to attend meetings," Janie Whiteford, president of the California IHSS Consumer Alliance, told the committee last week.

Participation in local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions often leads to local elected office, as well as state and federal leadership positions. AB 817 would have allowed those advisory members to take part in online public meetings without posting their physical location.

Pacheco limited the bill so that members could participate virtually if they did not have the ability to take final action on legislation, regulations, contracts, licenses, permits, or other entitlements.

State advisory bodies already enjoy a similar flexibility. However, that rule is set to expire on Jan. 1, 2026, along with other remote meeting statutes.

The Senate Local Government Committee asked Pacheco to take nine amendments, seven of which she accepted. The two she rejected would have exempted advisory members who receive a stipend and added an in-person quorum requirement. Pacheco noted that these two changes ran counter to the goals of the bill, which was to enhance operations and public participation.

Pacheco held the line and did not accept those amendments, and the bill subsequently failed in committee. While the outcome is disappointing, this is not the end. The issue will likely come up again in the coming years, especially as open meeting laws are set to sunset.

She later doubled down on her commitment to inclusivity and accessibility. "Today, that meant standing with those left behind by our current system to provide a platform of change for the unheard voices in our communities," Pacheco said. "I remain dedicated to advocating for policies that promote accessibility and look forward to creating a workable solution next legislative session."