

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
June 25, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo is attached to provide an update on Little Saigon Project:
Community Workshop Part II.

• **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

The workshop was held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and was attended by approximately 20 participants representing a diverse cross-section of the community. Through interactive exhibits and facilitated discussions, attendees provided meaningful input on design priorities, community identity, streetscape improvements, public spaces, signage, architecture, and overall visitor experience within the Little Saigon area.

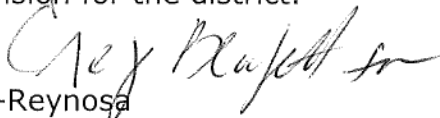
The workshop featured six engagement stations designed to gather feedback on key components of the Urban Design Guidelines, including:

1. Community priorities and previously identified preferences;
2. Streetscape and public realm improvements;
3. Site design and pedestrian connectivity;
4. Architectural character and building design;
5. District identity, gateways, signage, and wayfinding; and
6. Additional opportunities for participant comments and recommendations.

Feedback received during the workshop will be incorporated into the consultant's ongoing development of the Little Saigon's Architectural/Urban Design Guidelines. The engagement process provided participants with an opportunity to validate earlier community feedback, identify additional priorities, and ensure that the proposed design framework reflects the community's vision for the future of Little Saigon.

CONCLUSION

The second Little Saigon Community Workshop successfully advanced the public engagement process and provided valuable community input to support the development of the Little Saigon Community Architectural/Urban Design Guidelines. Participant feedback will help guide the final design recommendations and strengthen the overall vision for the district.



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

By: Sara Shapiro, Administrative Analyst

WEEKLY MEMO 06-25-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

A big step ahead for ‘Nick’

BYOC TRIBUNE STAFFON JUNE 24, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



NICKELODEON HOTEL planned for Harbor's west side (City of Garden Grove).

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

The long-delayed Nickelodeon project planned for the Harbor Boulevard hotel district in Garden Grove took another big – perhaps the final – step toward putting some sticks in the ground.

On Tuesday night the City Council voted 7-0 to approve the second reading and adoption of an ordinance approving a planned unit development for the construction of the 23-story, 500-room hotel project at the northwest corner corner of Harbor at Twintree Avenue in the west side of Harbor, immediately south of the existing Sheraton Hotel.

It will be built on a 3.72-acre site.

The development will also include 17,715-square feet of ballroom and meeting rooms; restaurants that can seat up to 600 people and the Nick Studio theater, a studio hall, and 8,532 square feet devoted to retail and fitness spa.

The studio will be used to create and broadcast Nickelodeon TV properties. They include shows such as “Spongebob Squarepants” and “Paw Patrol.”

It’s a property of Paramount, which is owned by Skydance Corporation.

The process has been a long journey. The city council originally approved a disposition and development agreement in 2002, but the COVID-19 epidemic and other challenges delayed the project.

The project holds the prospect for a big boost in tax revenue to the city through “transient occupancy tax” paid by hotel guests.

In 2022, the total tax revenue flowing to the city from the project was estimated at \$3.5 million annually, with \$236.4 million over a 30-year period.

He's ready to graduate

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JUNE 24, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



BOB HARDEN (center) with school board colleagues Lan Quoc Nguyen and Teri Rocco (GGUSD photo).

By Amberly Nguyen
Orange County Tribune

After 32 years as a trustee and several terms as board president of the Garden Grove Unified School District, Bob Harden announced at the GGUSD board meeting on June 2 that he will not seek reelection this.

Harden, who represents Trustee Area 4, was first elected to the board in 1994. His current term ends Dec. 11, 2026, concluding more than three decades of service to Garden Grove Unified.



HARDEN addressing a high school commencement (Tribune photo).

Outside his work as a trustee, Harden is a computer consultant with Harden Group LLC and previously served on the City of Garden Grove General Plan Advisory Committee.

He earned a bachelor's degree in radio and television from California State University, Long Beach and has completed project management coursework at the University of California, Irvine.

Harden said his involvement in education began when his son started school in the district. Concerned about issues he was hearing from parents and students, he sought advice from then-Assemblyman Curt Pringle.

All Orange County Residents Can Soon Call Into City Council Meetings

BY ANGELINA HICKS Jun 23, 2026 Why you can trust Voice of OC



A resident gives a public comment during the July 8, 2025, Garden Grove City Council meeting. Credit: JULIE LEOPO, Voice of OC

All Orange County residents will be able to speak to their city council members from home during public meetings starting next month.

It's part of a new state law known as [Senate Bill 707](#) that requires city councils in certain counties to create a two-way telephonic or audio-visual communication system for city council meetings.

That means city council members must give the public the opportunity to directly address them during public meetings, either over the phone or through another method like Zoom.

It's also required for the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

It was once a pandemic-era experiment that many public agencies adopted after COVID-19 prevented groups from gathering for meetings.

While many cities have done away with remote public speakers at this point, the state legislature is forcing hundreds of California cities to bring it back to increase transparency and allow residents to have an easier time engaging with local city officials.

SB 707 only applies to city councils in cities with greater than 30,000 people or cities located in counties with more than 600,000 people.

All Orange County cities meet these parameters. The requirements sunset on Jan. 1, 2030.

While most cities implemented some kind of remote meeting policy during the height of the pandemic, some cities never ditched remote public comments through Zoom. Others are scrambling to bring it back before the deadline.

Some OC Cities Have Allowed Online Comments For Years

Some Orange County cities — Costa Mesa, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Irvine, Santa Ana and Villa Park — never got rid of the practice and have allowed residents to give public comments via Zoom since the pandemic.

Those cities already have a two-way communication platform for city council meetings that complies with SB 707.

“When this legislation was being considered, we were surprised by how many cities had discontinued remote participation after the pandemic,” Costa Mesa City Clerk Brenda Green said during a council meeting in May.

“In contrast, we not only maintain Zoom access for city council meetings, but also continue to offer it for commission meetings, demonstrating that we have been ahead of the curve in this area.”



People stand in line to express their thoughts at the City Council meeting in Costa Mesa, Calif., on July 15, 2025. Credit: JOSIAH MENDOZA, Voice of OC

Fullerton’s city clerk, Lucinda Williams, made a similar point when that city discussed SB 707 earlier this month.

“We did not go away from our two-way participation for council since COVID,” Williams said. “Unlike some of these other agencies that never went there or have to go back — and have found out about it in the middle of a budget year with six months to implement — we are not in the boat.”

In Irvine, residents can make public comments via Zoom for city council meetings and all city commission and committee meetings, according to a city spokesperson.

Fountain Valley City Clerk Rick Miller said in a phone interview that the city has offered Zoom comments since 2020, and it's been a smooth process with no major issues.

Villa Park, the smallest Orange County city by population with just about 6,000 residents, has permitted speakers to give comments via Zoom since the pandemic on a by-request basis, City Manager/City Clerk Steve Franks said during a phone interview.

While the city has offered the service for years, it will now be more formalized with instructions included with each agenda so that residents don't need to request the service when they want to speak from home, Franks said.

Leaders Tasked By Sacramento To Add Remote Public Comments

Other cities were tasked with figuring out how they're going to permit remote public comments, which will be required starting July 1.

In Anaheim, residents will be able to make comments using Zoom, but they must register online before 5 p.m., according to City Clerk Theresa Bass.

Despite being Orange County's biggest city, Anaheim has never allowed for call-in public comment — even when a previous city council was finalizing the controversial Angel Stadium land sale during the pandemic, which [fell apart after an FBI probe surfaced](#) four years ago.

Most cities will be using Zoom to allow residents to watch live from home and chime in during public comments, when residents who attend meetings in person usually have up to three minutes to speak directly to the council members on an issue.

SB 707 requires that remote speakers get the same amount of time to make their comments as speakers who attend in person.

Councilmembers across the county have praised the change, saying it promotes local engagement with government officials.

"I do think that having access remotely to council meetings is a benefit for those who are unable to make it," Anaheim City Councilmember Natalie Rubalcava said at the council's May meeting.



“You are depending on people not paying attention,” said Kenneth Batiste during Anaheim public comment on Aug. 15, 2023, after an FBI probe into the Anaheim City Mayor, Harry Sidhu. Credit: JULIE LEOPO, Voice of OC

In Aliso Viejo, city leaders also praised the change, authored by State Senator María Elena Durazo and signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom in October 2025.

“This pleases me to no end,” Councilmember Tiffany Ackley said at the council’s June 6 meeting. “I always have an issue when working parents or single parents can’t come to our meetings, or when anybody can’t come to our meetings, because of the timing. I’m very happy that we’re adopting this hopefully.”

Aliso Viejo Mayor Max Duncan said getting more input from more residents is a good thing.

“The more people we have paying attention to what’s going on down here in this room, the more informed our residents are,” he said.

Other leaders are criticizing the state mandate that could make council meetings longer.

SB 707 also requires city councils to pass a disruption policy if the two-way broadcast fails.

If city council broadcasts face technical difficulties that affect the public’s ability to participate, then council members must recess for at least one hour to try and restore the broadcast.

If leaders are unable to fix the issue after an hour, then officials must decide whether to adjourn the meeting or continue without the broadcast, which would require a vote from the council.

Leaders in Orange passed their technology disruption policy on June 9, but some officials were unhappy with the costs associated with the change, especially as the city grapples with budget deficits.

“So it’s an unfunded mandate by the state, and then they wonder why cities are going bankrupt,” Councilmember Kathy Tavoularis said at the meeting.

There aren’t any major costs associated with SB 707, but cities will be required to pay for the software and IT upgrades required to broadcast meetings and take remote speakers.

In Garden Grove, officials voted to allocate \$75,500 from the general fund to upgrade technology and equipment in the council chambers to comply with SB 707.

During a meeting in May, Tustin City Council member John Nielsen said the state is giving more mandates to cities instead of focusing on issues that matter.

“It’s really interesting that the state legislature puts more and more onus on local government and don’t do things like solving issues such as poverty, homelessness, gas prices, etcetera,” Nielsen said about the bill. “They’d rather spend their time trying to regulate local government. This is another example.”

“I’ll go along with it, but I’m not overly happy with this.”

OC Leaders Grapple With ‘Zoom Bombing’

Many officials expressed concern about people giving inappropriate comments during their remote speaking time, also known as “Zoom bombing.”

It became an issue for some cities during the pandemic when people would join council meetings online and purposely give inflammatory or off-topic comments to prank or prompt a reaction from city leaders.

It’s especially difficult to monitor since online speakers don’t need to show their faces and can operate with a greater level of anonymity than speakers who attend in person.

Several city attorneys across the county made it clear that leaders are able to give online speakers a warning and eventually mute their microphones if they refuse to follow city council decorum policies during their public comment.

“Disruptions would be handled just like if they were to occur in the city council chambers,” La Habra City Attorney Keith Collins told the council during their meeting on June 1.

“If the conduct is substantially disruptive to the conduct of the meeting, they can receive one warning and be kicked out of the meeting — same as anybody that was here in person causing a disruption.”

Leaders in Laguna Woods had a robust discussion last month about how they’re going to implement remote public speakers in a city that has [83% residents aged 65 and older](#).

Laguna Woods leaders created a “[Guide to Public Participation](#)” that will be included with all city council agendas moving forward, which describes in-depth how to make a public comment in person, in writing or remotely through Zoom.

All OC Cities Offer Video For City Council Meeting Livestreams

For the first time ever, every single city in Orange County will offer a video livestream for city council meetings.

It comes after two cities have been holding out for years.

[Rancho Santa Margarita](#) and [La Palma](#) previously only offered an audio livestream for city council meetings, making it difficult for residents to follow along from home and causing confusion about who’s speaking.

Although SB 707 does not require a video livestream for city council meetings, officials in both cities voted to add that option for the first time in anticipation that it will be required in the future.

This story has been updated to include that the public comment call-in law also applies to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, June 22, 2025



MEDIA ADVISORY

ORCHARD GROVE RIBBON CUTTING TO CELEBRATE NEWLY RENOVATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN GARDEN GROVE

Members of the media are invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for Orchard Grove Apartments, a newly renovated affordable housing community on Tamerlane Drive in Garden Grove. Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein will be in attendance to join the celebration and highlight the City's continued efforts to expand access to affordable housing.

Orchard Grove includes the comprehensive renovation and rehabilitation of 15 multifamily properties, totaling 78 apartment units. The renovated units are now available at affordable rental rates for income-qualified households. To support long-term affordability, the City provided a residual receipts loan secured for a 55-year affordability period.

Developments like Orchard Grove support the City's Homelessness Strategy Action Plan by expanding access to affordable housing and creating pathways to housing stability for individuals and families in Garden Grove.

WHAT: Orchard Grove Apartments ribbon cutting ceremony

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Orchard Grove Apartments, 12202 Tamerlane Drive, Garden Grove

PARKING: 12292 Thackery Drive

MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES:

Media will have the opportunity to capture the ribbon cutting ceremony, tour the renovated housing community, hear from Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and other local officials and learn more about the City's efforts to expand affordable housing and improve neighborhoods in Garden Grove.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Johnathan Garcia | (714) 741-5283 | Johnathang@ggcity.org

Public Information Officer, City Manager's Office

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THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

with Affordable Housing Access as Sponsor/Developer &
Kingdom Development as Co-Developer

invites you to

ORCHARD GROVE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY



Join us to celebrate the completion of the City's Affordable Housing Project and our success in enhancing affordable housing in the community.

Date & Time

Tuesday, June 23, 2026
3:30 PM

Location

12202 Tamerlane Drive
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Parking

12292 Thackery Drive
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Parking Map





CONTACT: Sgt. Nick Jensen
Garden Grove Police Department
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Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Tuesday, June 16, 2026



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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Garden Grove Animal Care Services will continue to operate on a normal daily basis through the July 4 weekend. For animal control-related matters or to report a lost pet, call (714) 741-5565 and press 1 for Field Services. Regular business hours are Monday through Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For assistance with after-hours animal-related emergencies, press 2 for the Garden Grove Police Department Dispatch. To view a listing of lost and found pets identified by Garden Grove Animal Care Services, visit ggcity.org/animal-care.

In 2025, the Garden Grove Police Department issued 33 \$1,000 administrative citations, and received 159 firework-related service calls on July 4, and 196 firework-related calls from July 1 through July 5, 2025.

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 or call the Garden Grove Fireworks Hotline at (714) 741-5270.

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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.

REPORT ILLEGAL FIREWORKS



Call the Garden Grove Police Department's non-emergency number (714) 741-5704.



For more information, call the Garden Grove Fireworks Hotline (714) 741-5270.

LEARN MORE AT GGCITY.ORG/JULY-4-SAFETY-TIPS-REGULATIONS

LAUNCHING OR THROWING PROJECTILES = ASSAULT



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PROJECTILES MAY INCLUDE:

- 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!



Contact: Sgt. Thomas Capps
Garden Grove Police Department
(714) 741-5787/Thomasc@ggcity.org

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Wednesday, June 24, 2026



GOLF CART PARADE TO CAUSE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES ON JUNE 27

On Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., several streets in Garden Grove will be temporarily closed for the Independence Day Golf Cart Parade.

Parking will be prohibited from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the north portion of Eastgate Park, located at 12001 St. Mark St., and on both sides of Santa Rita Avenue, between Winton Street and St. Mark Street. Residents are asked to plan ahead and use alternate routes.

Partial Street Closures

- St. Mark Street
- Santa Catalina Avenue
- Blackmer Street
- Santa Monica Avenue
- Manley Street
- Santa Rita Avenue
- Fairchild Street
- Santa Gertrudes Avenue
- Bartlett Street
- Holland Avenue
- Vanguard Avenue
- Belgrave Avenue

The Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will escort the parade and manage traffic. For traffic information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

For more information about the event, visit honoringourfallen.org.

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CELEBRATING
AMERICA
250
Anniversary

EASTGATE PARK
Annual Golf Cart Parade

Saturday June 27th
The parade will begin at Eastgate Park
and make it's way through the neighborhood.

Entry fee: \$25/cart
(Covers city permit fees, law enforcement, and additional fees)

Register at www.honoringourfallen.org

Check-In and Staging for the Parade:
12:30pm
Parade Start Time: 2:00pm

Additional monies will go to support our programs and services to
families of our nations fallen.

I WANT YOU
TO
DECORATE YOUR CARTS

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Thursday, June 11, 2026



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO OPEN BUSINESS RECOVERY CENTER IN GARDEN GROVE

Starting on Tuesday, June 16, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will open a Business Recovery Center in Garden Grove to assist small businesses impacted by the recent evacuation related to the GKN chemical incident.

The Business Recovery Center will provide personalized assistance to business owners and help guide them through the disaster loan application process, connecting them with the right resources to support recovery.

“Small businesses are a vital part of what makes Garden Grove such a diverse and vibrant community,” said Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. “We’re grateful to partner with the SBA to provide direct financial support and resources to help our businesses recover and continue serving residents.”

The SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible small businesses impacted by financial losses directly related to the GKN Chemical incident and evacuation. Eligible businesses may qualify for loan assistance up to \$2 million with interest rates as low as 4% for businesses and 3.625% for private nonprofits with terms up to 30 years.

“The opening of the Business Recovery Center is an important step toward recovery,” said City Manager Lisa Kim. “By connecting SBA experts directly with

business owners, we are providing them with the guidance and financial resources needed to move forward.”

GARDEN GROVE BUSINESS RECOVERY CENTER

- **Location:** 12966 Euclid Street, Suite 130, Garden Grove, CA 92840
- **Hours:** Monday – Friday | 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Closed on Friday, June 19
- Walk-ins are welcome but in-person appointments can be scheduled in advance at appointment.sba.gov. Applicants may call the SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or send an email to disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information.

The deadline to return economic injury applications to the SBA is March 11, 2027.

For the latest information regarding the City’s recovery actions, visit ggcity.org/hazmat-incident.

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WEEKLY MEMO 06-25-2026

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

June 11, 2026 – June 17, 2026

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



f Garden Grove Police Department

Tue 6/16/2026 6:41 pm PDT

This morning, GGPD conducted a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Checkpoint focused on keeping our roads safe and ensuring...



Engagements	2,607
Views	22,004
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	11.8%



f Garden Grove Police Department

Tue 6/16/2026 11:55 am PDT

🚒 Ready to answer the call? Your future starts here.

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Engagements	370
Views	9,797
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.8%



f Garden Grove Police Department

Fri 6/12/2026 8:00 am PDT

Join us for conversation and a sweet treat at Garden Grove's newest Nothing Bundt Cakes location! Stop by to meet officers, ask...



Engagements	304
Views	13,048
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.3%



Garden Grove Police Department

Thu 6/11/2026 11:09 am PDT

Cool off with the **#GardenGrovePD** this summer at our FREE "Popsicles with Police" events!...



Engagements	127
Views	7,636
Reach	961
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.7%



Post Performance

June 11, 2026 – June 17, 2026

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

Included in this Report

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  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 6/17/2026 5:37 pm PDT



Views	602
Reach	526
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	22

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 6/17/2026 5:36 pm PDT



Views	606
Reach	555
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	13

  **gardengrovecityhall**
Wed 6/17/2026 5:36 pm PDT

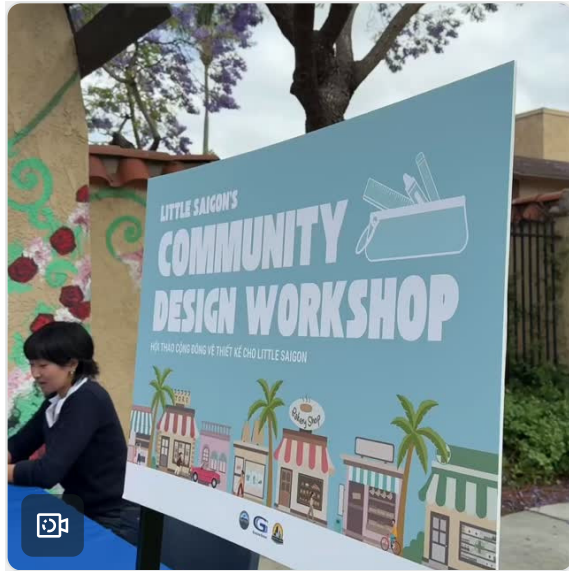


Views	667
Reach	597
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	40



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Wed 6/17/2026 5:36 pm PDT



Views	842
Reach	716
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	8

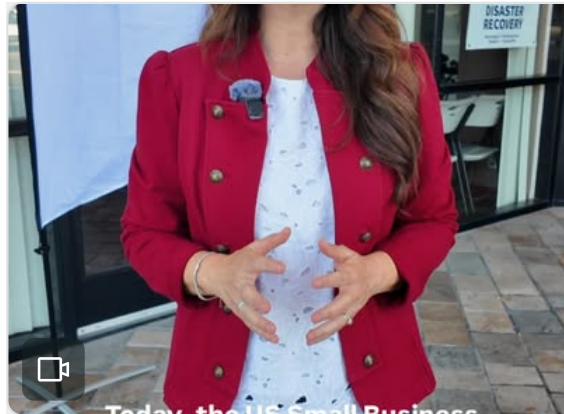


Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 6/16/2026 5:20 pm PDT

The Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Resource Center is now open! 📊

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Engagements	67
Views	2,998
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.2%
Video Views	1,032



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Tue 6/16/2026 5:20 pm PDT

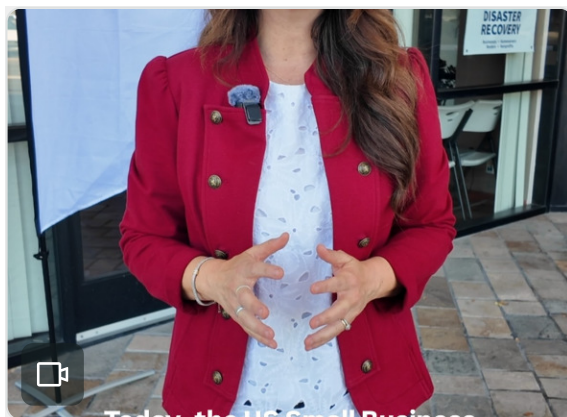


Views	1,019
Reach	843
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	83

  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Tue 6/16/2026 5:20 pm PDT

The Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Resource Center is now open! 📖

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Engagements	52
Views	3,138
Reach	2,066
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.7%

  **@CityGardenGrove**
 Tue 6/16/2026 4:15 pm PDT

Anyone caught using or possessing illegal fireworks will be cited with a \$1000 fine. 📞
 To report illegal fireworks, please call the [@gardengrovepd](https://www.gardengrovepd.com) non-emergency number at (714) 741-5704.



Engagements	1
Impressions	112
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.9%
Potential Reach	5,320

  **gardengrovecityhall**
 Tue 6/16/2026 4:09 pm PDT



Views	1,122
Reach	876
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	69



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Tue 6/16/2026 3:58 pm PDT



Views	1,108
Reach	940
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	23



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 6/16/2026 3:47 pm PDT

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Engagements	7
Impressions	153
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.6%
Potential Reach	5,320



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Tue 6/16/2026 3:46 pm PDT

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Engagements	35
Views	3,849
Reach	2,261
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 6/16/2026 3:46 pm PDT

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Engagements	162
Views	4,112
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.9%



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Tue 6/16/2026 8:21 am PDT



Views	1,421
Reach	1,180
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	18



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 6/16/2026 8:16 am PDT

The U.S. SBA has announced that Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) are now available to small businesses and private nonprofit...




Engagements	16
Impressions	95
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.8%
Potential Reach	5,321

 **@CityGardenGrove**
Tue 6/16/2026 8:14 am PDT

The 2026 Annual Water Quality Report is now available 💧
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Engagements	7
Impressions	75
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.3%
Potential Reach	5,321

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The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced that Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) are now available to small...



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The Small Business Administration is temporarily opening a Business Recovery Center to support small businesses impacted...



Engagements	9
Impressions	129
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7%
Potential Reach	5,321

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The Small Business Administration is temporarily opening a Business Recovery Center to support small businesses impacted...




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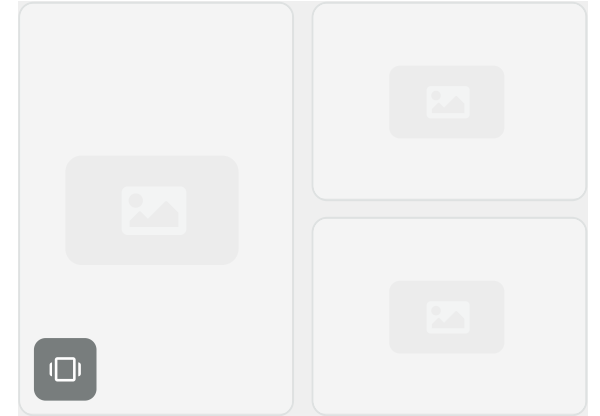
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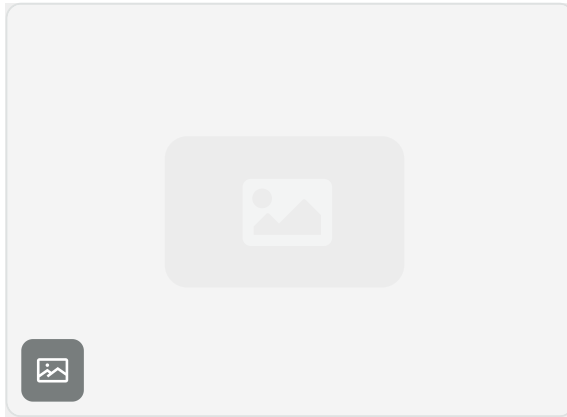
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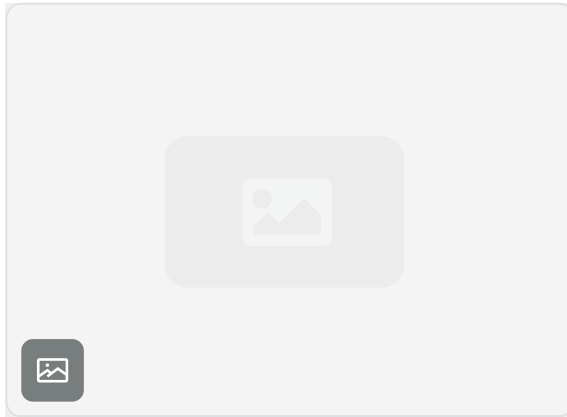
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The 2026 Annual Water Quality Report is now available on ggcity.org/pw/water-quality



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Views	56
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Engagement Rate (per View)	5.4%



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Today!!

Pop-Up Event Notice

The SBA will open temporary Pop-Up events for residents, businesses, and private nonprofits impacted by the Garden Grove Hazmat Incident occurring May 21 - 29, 2026

<p>ORANGE COUNTY Mobile Recovery Vehicle West Grove Center 12001 Valley View St. Garden Grove, CA 92845</p> <p><i>Open one day only</i> Thursday, June 18, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. No Appointment Necessary</p>	<p>ORANGE COUNTY Mobile Recovery Vehicle Valley View Center 11999 Valley View St. Garden Grove, CA 92845</p> <p><i>Open one day only</i> Thursday, June 18, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. No Appointment Necessary</p>
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Services offered:

- Direct access to SBA Customer Service Representatives and disaster loan information.
- Assistance with disaster loan application.
- For businesses: Learn how an SBA disaster loan can help pay for financial losses.

Residents, businesses, and private nonprofits may still submit applications online at [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster).

The deadline to return economic injury applications is March 11, 2027.

Applicants may call the SBA Customer Service Center with questions regarding their

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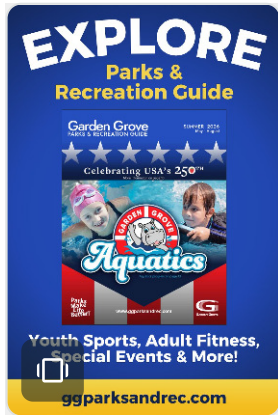


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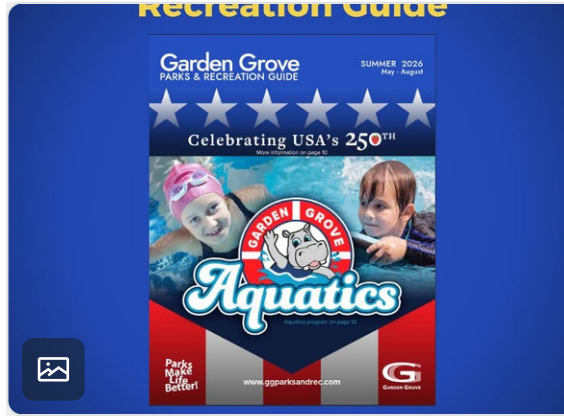
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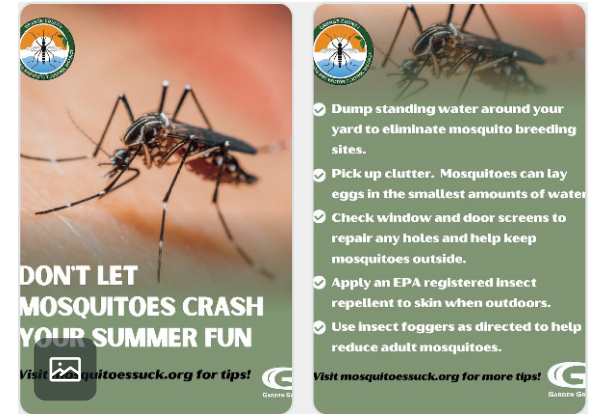
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National Night Out is back!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 4, 2026...



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Views	2,004
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	5%



Garden Grove Police Department

Sun 6/21/2026 7:30 am PDT

Today, we celebrate the fathers, father figures, and mentors who lead with strength, integrity, and compassion both at home and in our community....



Engagements	670
Views	9,615
Reach	0
Engagement Rate (per View)	7%

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
June 25, 2026

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the June 25, 2026 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from June 17, 2026 to June 25, 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 18, 2026 – July 16, 2026

Thursday	June 4 July 12		One More Productions PRESENTS: Footloose- GEM Theatre
Thursday	June 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	June 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	June 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC *Cancelled*
Thursday	June 25	11:30 a.m.	Town Hall Meeting, CMC and AB Room
Tuesday	July 7	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 9		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	July 9	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 9	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 9	6:30 p.m.	Free Summer Concert – Yachtzee, Eastgate Park
Friday	July 10		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	July 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 16	6:30 p.m.	Free Summer Concert – Kelly Boyz Band, Eastgate Park
Thursday	July 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 25, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: June 18, 2026

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Bill Talk: Data center debates, a \$11 billion housing bond, and more

Jun 24, 2026

A weekly update from Cal Cities, sorting through the state bill buzz

By Cal Cities Staff

Lawmakers have a little under two weeks to get their bills through any non-fiscal policy committee hearings. They also have just three days to send — or remove — ballot measures for the November election.

Early on Monday, Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democratic leaders announced a [plan to place an \\$11.25 billion affordable housing bond](#) on the ballot for voter approval. \$1.25 billion would go toward veterans' housing; roughly half of the bond would go toward the state's Multifamily Housing Program. In addition to assisting with funding new housing development, the bond provides funding for youth housing, promoting homeownership, and the preservation and rehabilitation of existing affordable housing.

The bond, sponsored by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón, is years in the making, and includes several dozen lawmakers as co-authors.

The last-minute wheeling and dealing has also seen several relatively quiet debates bubble up to the forefront — like [data centers](#), for example. Two data center bills, along with several tribal consultation bills and a new vegetation removal measure, are making their Bill Talk debut this week. Expect to see more “new” bills as lawmakers and lobbyists hash out their differences in the final two weeks before summer recess.

- Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

[Sponsored bill would provide greater clarity in housing element reviews](#)

Senate Housing will review [AB 2296 \(Papan\)](#) on June 24. Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure allows cities to begin the housing element update process six months early and provides greater certainty in the review process. Recent amendments to the bill eliminated the amount of detailed analysis the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) would need to include in its finding letters to cities. However, AB 2296 still provides more time for cities to complete their housing elements and work collaboratively with HCD to get housing elements completed and certified on time.

- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate

[Homelessness reporting bill could see further changes](#)

Cal Cities remains strongly opposed to [SB 866 \(Blakespear\)](#), a measure that currently requires cities to collect extensive data on homelessness in their housing elements. As drafted, the bill only impacts small and mid-sized cities. SB 866 was originally set for a hearing in the Assembly Housing Committee in June, but that hearing was pushed to July 1.

This will be the bill's only policy committee hearing before it moves to appropriations and the Assembly Floor. Given this tight timeline, it is critical that amendments addressing city concerns are resolved now. Cal Cities is actively working with the author's office on possible amendments.

- Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate

Cal Cities weighs in on data center legislation

Data centers have become a [hot topic](#) in the Legislature this year, driven in part by public pushback. The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee passed [AB 2469 \(Papan\)](#) on June 23. The bill prevents cities and counties from approving a data center unless the project meets specific water supply planning requirements. Cal Cities is seeking changes that preserve local land use authority. The Senate Local Government Committee will take the bill up next on July 1.

On June 24, the Senate Energy, Utilities, and Communications Committee will review [AB 1577 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#), a bill that requires specific reporting requirements related to water and energy consumption for new data centers. This would help cities better plan for and evaluate potential data centers. Cal Cities support AB 1577; a sample letter is available online.

- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

Cal Cities bill would help maintain local roads and services

On July 1, the Assembly Local Government Committee will hear [SB 922 \(Laird\)](#). Sponsored by Cal Cities, the bill seeks to clarify that cities may recover the cost of street maintenance and repair caused by public service operations, such as waste hauling, through service-related fees and charges.

A recent court decision created uncertainty over this longstanding and predictable practice. By reaffirming existing practices, SB 922 would restore clarity, reduce unnecessary litigation, and provide greater certainty for local agencies and service providers alike.

- Ben Triffo, legislative advocate

Concerning tribal bills advance in the Senate

Cal Cities is opposed unless amended on three tribal bills advancing in the Senate: [AB 2218 \(Kalra\)](#), [SB 1326 \(Wahab\)](#), and [AB 1881 \(Ramos\)](#). AB 2218 expands the state's tribal water policy without protecting existing water rights holders. SB 1326 gives tribes a greater role in identifying tribal cultural resources and now requires the adoption of mitigation measures from cities, developers, and others. AB 1881 makes it easier for a tribal member or tribe to file legal action over access to public lands and challenge any state permit or decision.

This week, SB 1326 passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee; AB 2218 passed the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. AB 1881 was referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee for a June 30 hearing.

- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

Streamlined wildfire vegetation management projects get a second shot

A bill by Sen. Henry Stern, [SB 1370](#), now consolidates the state review of vegetation management projects for wildfire safety through the California Natural Resources Agency and California Environmental Protection Agency. Eligible projects include hazardous/dead vegetation removal, strategic fuel breaks, defensible space, and vegetation removal along ingress and egress roadways and around electrical utility lines.

Last year, Cal Cities sponsored legislation to streamline permits for such wildfire projects through the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. This bill includes the agency in the consolidated review. The bill will be heard by the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on June 29; a support sample letter is available online.

- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

[Sponsored nitrous oxide and metal theft bills move through second house committees](#)

This week is very important for [Cal Cities' public safety bills](#), including [AB 1941 \(González, Mark\)](#). Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure increases penalties for repeat and organized offenders who steal or traffic prohibited metal materials. It also establishes a statewide data-sharing tool to allow for increased visibility into organized theft operations. Cal Cities provided lead testimony on June 23 before the Senate Public Safety Committee. The bill passed out of the Senate Public Safety Committee on a 5-0 vote and now heads to Senate Appropriations. Also up on June 23, in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee, was [SB 758 \(Umberg\)](#), which passed on a 19-0 vote. The Cal Cities-sponsored bill prohibits all licensed cigarette and tobacco retailers (except grocery stores) from selling nitrous oxide. SB 758 is in response to the surge in the recreational use of nitrous oxide across California cities. A [city sample](#) letter is available online. SB 758 will be heard next week by the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

- Serena Scott, legislative analyst

[Sponsored recovery housing bill set for hearing](#)

The Cal Cities-sponsored [SB 490 \(Umberg\)](#) will go before the Senate Health Committee on June 30. The bill requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to conduct timely investigations of sober living homes accused of providing treatment services that violate state licensure law. If the department fails to meet these deadlines, counties could work with the department to conduct site visits and enforce licensure laws themselves. SB 490 also requires DHCS to conduct follow-up site visits to ensure unlawful activity has stopped.

SB 490 seeks to implement recommendations from a 2024 State Auditor [report](#) that found DHCS did not always conduct site visits when investigating unlicensed facilities and did not always follow up after completing investigations to ensure unlicensed facilities ceased operations.

- Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate

[Assembly bill may allow downzoning to occur](#)

In the Senate Housing Committee on June 24, lawmakers will hear [AB 1751 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#), a bill that requires cities to automatically approve townhome development projects that are less than three stories in multifamily residential zones and underutilized single-family zones. A townhome project could qualify even if the site is planned for higher density in a city's certified housing element.

This could allow downzoning to occur and create new challenges for cities if a proposed townhome project decreases the amount of planned density in a multifamily zone. Cal Cities moved to oppose the bill after it was unable to secure changes requiring developers to follow local development standards.

- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate

Pedestrian mall approval and HVAC costs in the hot seat

Two infrastructure bills opposed by Cal Cities will have their hearings this week. [AB 1976 \(Wicks\)](#) prohibits cities from holding a community meeting to reconsider or delay a pedestrian mall and exempts new pedestrian malls from the California Environmental Quality Act.

Pedestrian malls or “slow streets” convert vehicular areas to pedestrian-only areas. The Senate Local Government Committee approved the measure on June 23, sending it to the Senate Transportation Committee.

Another bill, [SB 222 \(Wiener\)](#), seeks to make energy-efficient HVAC and water heaters more affordable by requiring cities to automate permitting and placing arbitrary caps on related permits. The Assembly Housing and Economic Development Committee will take the bill up on June 24.

- Damon Conklin, legislative advocate

A quick reminder

Bill Talk is a weekly breakdown of the biggest bills, policy committee hearings, and legislative deadlines that city leaders need to know about. To get this list on Monday morning, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#). To access old Bill Talks, visit the [archive page](#). To see all tracked bills by issue area or priority, visit the [Bill Search page](#).



Subcommittee vote clears the way for Zone Zero implementation

Jun 24, 2026

The Board of Forestry could adopt the regulations in August

By Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate (public safety)

On June 16, a Board of Forestry subcommittee held its last public hearing on the [draft Zone Zero regulation](#) — landscaping rules for the first five feet around a home or structure in fire-prone areas. After discussing some minor drafting changes, including revising the definition of combustible materials and allowing innovative products in Zone Zero, the subcommittee adopted the regulations on a 3-0 vote.

The full Board of Forestry is expected to vote on the rules at its August board meeting. If adopted in August, the emergency regulations will likely become effective in mid-September.

These new regulations will give property owners three years to create a one-foot safety zone around their homes and five years to create a zone around larger structures, such as gates, fences, and sheds. The safety zone is a buffer around a structure with more stringent requirements than the rest of Zone Zero, such as the removal of all vegetation.

Other provisions include allowing well-maintained trees, vegetation, and plants in the area outside the safety zone. Property owners would need to trim trees to help prevent fires from climbing from the tree and into the structure.

The proposal also allows fire agencies within [Local Responsibility Areas](#) to adopt different rules within five years that “provide substantially similar practical effects to the regulations” for the five-year phase.



MONDAY: California fire chiefs sound the alarm on rising equipment costs and delays threatening public safety

Jun 18, 2026

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Sacramento — Fire chiefs throughout the state are meeting with state lawmakers **Monday, June 22, at 2:30 p.m.** to sound the alarm about skyrocketing fire apparatus costs and years-long equipment delays that are threatening public safety. The informational hearing will convene members of the Assembly Committee on Emergency Management to raise awareness about the crisis and explore potential solutions.

Why this matters

“There are three primary issues: skyrocketing costs, significant delivery delays, and hard-to-obtain proprietary parts,” said **Cal Cities Fire Chiefs Department President and Napa Fire Chief Zach Curren**. “Each of these factors is outside our control, and each has a direct negative impact on the communities we serve.”

A Cal Cities survey of fire chiefs found that the cost of fire vehicles has skyrocketed, with some departments seeing a 56% increase in six years. A fire engine that cost a little under \$600,000 six years ago now runs close to \$1.1 million; ladder trucks that were \$700,000 reach upwards of \$2 million. Additionally, delivery wait times in California have jumped from 18 months to nearly five years.

Many departments now rely on older, less reliable equipment, increasing risks for firefighters and the public.

Background

Today, three major players control up to 80% of the fire apparatus manufacturing market. City officials in multiple jurisdictions say this has resulted in anticompetitive practices and ultimately, less safe communities.

[Emeryville](#), [Fullerton](#), [Los Angeles County and the state](#), and [San Diego](#) are among a growing list of cities nationwide that have filed or joined lawsuits against major manufacturers.

“This isn’t just a Fullerton issue, but an issue that affects every fire department across the country as we all strive to maintain critical infrastructure required to protect our communities without saddling them with unnecessary costs,” said **Fullerton Fire Chief Adam Loeser**.

The crisis has gained national media attention, including a February 2025 [New York Times investigation](#) and a [Reuters](#) piece on cities across the nation demanding an antitrust probe.

Informational hearing

Monday, June 22, 2026

2:30 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 127

Participants

- Zach Curren, Fire Chief, City of Napa
- Adam Loeser, Fire Chief, City of Fullerton
- Jon O'Brien, Chief Deputy of Emergency Operations, LA County
- Garrett Huff, Fire Chief, Santa Barbara County
- Brian Marshall, State Fire and Rescue Chief, Fire and Rescue Division, California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)
- Jake Sjolund, Deputy Director, Fire Protection Programs, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
- Damon Conklin, Legislative Advocate, League of California Cities
- Assembly Committee on Emergency Management: Rhodesia Ransom (Chair), Heather Hadwick (Vice Chair), Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Jasmeet Kaur Bains, Steve Bennett, Lisa Calderon, and Carl DeMaio

[Watch the livestream or the recording](#)

Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.

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Cities sound the alarm over mounting fire truck prices, delays, and industry consolidation

Jun 17, 2026

Lawmakers will hear directly from fire chiefs in an informational hearing on June 22

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor, and Damon Conklin, legislative advocate

More cities are filing lawsuits and speaking out about a [fire apparatus manufacturing crisis](#) that is threatening the nation's emergency response system.

"There are three primary issues: skyrocketing costs, significant delivery delays, and hard-to-obtain proprietary parts," said Napa Fire Chief Zach Curren, who will testify in Sacramento at a legislative informational hearing organized by Cal Cities. "Each of these factors is outside our control, and each has a direct negative impact on the communities we serve."

In just a few years, wait times in California for new fire apparatus have jumped from 18 months to nearly five years. A fire engine that cost a little under \$600,000 six years ago now runs close to \$1.1 million; ladder trucks that were \$700,000 reach upwards of \$2 million. Suppliers also now include contract clauses that [allow final pricing to change](#) between the order date and the delivery date.

A Cal Cities survey of fire chiefs found that the cost of fire vehicles has skyrocketed, with some departments seeing a 56% increase in six years. Of those surveyed, the vast majority indicated that the high costs and long delays have led to interruptions in response times and compromised their fleets.

Why it matters

Many departments now rely on older, less reliable equipment, increasing risks for firefighters and the public.

Critics argue that this is a direct result of two decades of market consolidation by [private equity firms](#). Today, three major players control up to 80% of the market. City officials in multiple jurisdictions allege that this has resulted in anticompetitive practices and ultimately, less safe communities. Members of the industry argue that lingering labor shortages and supply chain disruptions, as well as the fact that each fire truck is made to order, are to blame.

“Fire apparatus can be one of the most expensive pieces of equipment a city has to purchase, and with the drastically escalating prices and elongated build times, it’s my responsibility as the fire chief to ask questions,” said Fullerton Fire Chief Adam Loeser, who will testify alongside Curren in Sacramento.

How lawmakers and cities are responding

The crisis reached a boiling point last year when it attracted the attention of U.S.

Senators [Elizabeth Warren](#) and [Josh Hawley](#).

“A fire engine isn’t a luxury item — it’s critical public safety infrastructure,” said Fountain Valley Fire Chief Chris Nigg, who spoke to congressional lawmakers last year. “When departments face unreasonably escalating costs and years-long waits for essential apparatus, the consequences extend far beyond city budgets and directly impact the safety of the communities we serve.”

But cities aren’t waiting for the federal government to act. [Emeryville](#), [Fullerton](#), [Los Angeles County and the state](#), and [San Diego](#) have filed or joined lawsuits against major manufacturers alleging that companies are conspiring to fix prices, restrict supply, and monopolize the market. Other communities outside the state — including the cities of [Augusta](#), [Des Moines](#), [Kansas City](#), [Providence](#), and [Milwaukee](#) — have also filed suits alleging coordinated misconduct. These cases could be consolidated in federal court. And [Texas](#) has launched its own investigation.

The hearing in Sacramento on June 22 is part of an effort to raise greater awareness of the challenges faced by fire departments in California.

What action can be taken?

Cal Cities is working with a range of regional, national, and international groups to urge action at the state and federal levels. This could include:

- Improving market competition, oversight, and transparency.
- Expanding procurement flexibility, including using federal funding to help departments buy and maintain fire apparatus.
- Strengthening long-term manufacturing capacity and encouraging standardization where appropriate.
- Protecting taxpayers from excessive cost escalation.
- Supporting emergency response readiness.

Cal Cities is also surveying its members and convening roundtables and panels to collect feedback and information from members. To learn how your city can get involved, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



Cal Cities accepting proposals for the 2027 City Managers Conference

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Submissions due by July 13

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Do you have fresh ideas or bold insights into municipal leadership? Cal Cities is accepting dynamic, forward-thinking [session proposals](#) for the [City Managers Conference](#), the premier education event for city management in California. Held Feb. 10-12 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, this three-day conference will bring city managers and public sector leaders together to learn and collaborate.

[What we're looking for](#)

Member-driven and member-led programming is a cornerstone of Cal Cities' educational activities. Over 95% of all programming comes directly from our open calls for proposals! Submissions from individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations on any topic of interest are welcome.

Cal Cities encourages session proposals that are creative and modern in their programming and format. Submissions on any topic relevant to city managers are welcome. Previous sessions include:

- Navigating Ethical Waters: Balancing Personal and Professional Presence in an Era of Growing Digital and National Political Tension
- Shadow Councils: When Advisory Bodies Go Rogue
- From the Ground Up: Women City Managers on How They Got to the Top
- We Have Our Strategic Plan ... Now What?

The conference is also a great opportunity to host a roundtable discussion on current events that build relationships and solutions. To host a roundtable, please propose the topic in the submission form.

Sessions may not include sales pitches, commercialism, or product promotion of any kind. The deadline to submit a proposal is July 13.

[How to submit](#)

Learn how to create an excellent proposal by reviewing the Call for Proposals section on the [City Managers Conference webpage](#). When you have your idea ready, [submit your proposal](#) using the online submission form by July 13. If accepted, you'll present your session at the 2027 conference at the Manchester Grand Hyatt hotel in San Diego. For questions, please email Event Program Manager [Erin Wylder](#).



Budget deal includes some wins for cities, but negotiations are still ongoing

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By Cal Cities Staff

Lawmakers on Monday approved a \$355.9 billion state budget. But while the deal contains some wins for cities — including more funding to address homelessness — it also contains several losses and notable punts. But overall, the agreement advanced by the Legislature rebukes or delays many of the cuts and reductions proposed by Newsom.

“At a time when cities and the state alike are navigating significant fiscal headwinds, Cal Cities thanks the Assembly and Senate for including investments in homelessness, housing, and public safety, cities’ top priorities, in their agreement,” Cal Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman [said in a statement](#). “As budget negotiations continue, Cal Cities is urging the Legislature and the Governor to course correct on proposed changes to the state’s Cap-and-Invest framework that would scale back future funding for key climate programs.” Notably, Gov. Gavin Newsom has been uncharacteristically silent on the budget bill. We also have far fewer details on which pot of money is going where and for what. So, consider the budget deal final, only in the sense that lawmakers meet the constitutional deadline for getting paid.

The Legislature and the Governor historically hammer out the final details up to July 1, when the new fiscal year starts. And this year is no different. Keep reading for some topline highlights from Cal Cities lobbyists about what we know so far.

-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

Lawmakers narrow structural deficits but punt new tax proposal

Framed as a responsible and balanced response to federal cuts, the Legislature’s budget proposal, [AB 109](#), includes \$355.9 billion in total expenditures — approximately \$6 billion higher than the [Governor’s May Revision](#). The Legislature pointed to elevated revenues, nearly \$5 billion higher than May’s estimates, as the reason for additional spending capacity. The budget proposal also balances the FY 2027-28 budget, but structural/operating deficits north of \$9 billion remain for the subsequent year.

Notably, lawmakers did not finalize a deal on whether to tax digital prewritten software and software as a service. Instead, legislators will vote on the proposal later this week. The sales and use tax, estimated to generate over \$1 billion for local governments, comes at a cost, as cities would also have to pay the tax.

- Ben Triffo, legislative advocate

Budget deal includes more funding for homelessness

The Legislature's budget includes \$900 million for the state's flagship homelessness grant program: the Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. That is \$400 million more than the Governor included in his May revision, which proposed slashing the next round of HHAP to \$500 million. [Cal Cities and its allies](#) have urged the Governor and the Legislature to restore HHAP funding to its historic levels of \$1 billion and make it ongoing.

- Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate

Cities could see affordable housing programs restored — and changes to impact fees

In a win for cities, the budget bill proposes new funding for affordable housing programs, including the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, the Multifamily Housing Program, and the Infill Infrastructure Grant program. This is a positive step. The [Governor's May Revision](#) did not propose any new funding for the programs, which are some of the state's most effective home-building initiatives.

However, the budget bill is silent on changes to impact fees that would create challenges for less-resourced communities trying to support new and necessary affordable housing. Although the Senate rejected the impact fee trailer bill, the Assembly deferred taking action on the proposal. Cal Cities will advocate for affordable housing funding over the summer and encourage the Legislature to reject the proposed [impact fee trailer bill](#).

- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate

Fate of key Cap-and-Invest grant programs still uncertain

The legislative budget deal punted climate-related funding decisions to later negotiations that will take place in August. Cal Cities is urging the Legislature and the Governor to course correct on [proposed changes](#) to the state's Cap-and-Invest framework that would scale back future funding for key climate programs. Long-running funding for clean infrastructure, affordable housing, wildfire resilience, and climate adaptation must be preserved in the final budget agreement.

The proposal also includes the second year of climate bond funding, to be appropriated before the end of session. This will provide valuable grant funding for water, coastal, wildfire, extreme heat, and park resilience.

- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate

Cal Cities secures some money for Proposition 36

Lawmakers voted to provide \$50 million for Proposition 36 implementation but provided few details on how that money will be distributed. Cal Cities has been advocating for \$400 million to address the needs of county probation and county jails. However, there are other funding sources in the budget that could provide some help, including funds for trial court and pre-trial services. The exact details of the \$50 million appropriation will be detailed in a later trailer bill.

The deal does not include funding for home hardening or defensible space, as proposed in the Governor's budget.

- Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate

Promised transit funding missing

The Legislature agreed to fund a \$40 million Clean California program to reduce litter along the state roadways. However, there remain some major sticking points between the Governor and lawmakers in other key funding areas.

California transit agencies in particular face significant funding uncertainty: Proposed changes to the Cap-and-Invest program that lawmakers have yet to vote on could eliminate approximately \$600 million annually for transit programs through 2030. Meanwhile, the [Governor's May Revision](#) omitted \$690 million in transit funding promised under the 2023 budget agreement. Discussions over the transit funding are ongoing.

Separately, legislative budget leaders want to withhold \$55 million from the Department of Motor Vehicles over concerns that a planned interstate driver data-sharing system, intended to comply with the federal Real ID Act, could expose information about undocumented Californians to federal immigration enforcement agencies.

- *Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*

Next steps

The Legislature and the Governor have a little under two weeks to reach a budget deal. As is tradition, the details will get hammered out privately and then passed (very quickly) through budget trailer bills. Complicating the matter slightly is Newsom's desire to shore up the state's long-term fiscal health after several multibillion-dollar budget deficits — and before a run at the Oval Office. There's a chance he could reduce or eliminate specific appropriations when signing the budget.

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