

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
July 3, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. FY 2024-2025 ACTION PLAN UPDATE

The FY 2024-2025 Action Plan to implement the City Council's priorities is attached. Updates will be provided quarterly to keep you informed of progress related to the various action plan items.

B. NOTICE OF SUPPORT

A copy of the Mayor's letter of support for SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator.

C. CITYWORKS – JULY/AUGUST 2025

The July/August 2025 publication of CityWorks includes information for residents, visitors, and business owners in Garden Grove.

• **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 CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ACTION PLAN 2024-2025



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DEPARTMENT KEY:

CD – Community Development
CMO – City Manager's Office
CS – Community Services
EDHD – Economic Development and Housing Department
FIN – Finance Department
HR – Human Resources
IT – Information Technology
PD – Police
PW – Public Works



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

1. Use Economic Development to Protect and Grow Revenues

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS	LEAD DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
Site C (Investal Garden Resorts, LLC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install permanent electric power (utility yard) • Approval of Final Map • Project groundbreaking • Implementation of the Disposition & Development Agreement 	CMO PW, EDHD CD, EDHD CD, EDHD	Complete Q3 2025 TBD Ongoing
Site B2 (Kam Sang Companies) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disposition of 12311 Thackery property (litigation/EIR) • Project groundbreaking 	EDHD CD, EDHD	Pending TBD
Brookhurst Triangle (Brookhurst Place) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase II project groundbreaking (June 6) • Facilitate plan review for Building 3 	CD, EDHD CD, EDHD	Complete Complete
Orchard Grove <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement redevelopment of Tamer Lane 	CD, EDHD	Q3 2025
12966 Euclid Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease up space to new tenants • Issue RFP to select a broker and manager 	EDHD EDHD	Ongoing Complete
Proactive Tourism Promotion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct public hearing for annual GGTID Budget • Promote food holidays through Foods of GG (Live) • Work with GGTID to create a new website 	CMO, EDHD CMO, EDHD EDHD	Complete Ongoing In Progress
OC Streetcar Project Facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide Council site tour and project update • Monitor & support project initiatives (Project completion 2026) 	PW, CMO PW	Complete Ongoing
Willowick RFP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Final Surplus Land Act Initiatives/Proposal Evaluation 	CD, EDHD	TBD

2. Continue ReImagine GG Initiatives

Cottage Industries Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project construction for Phase 1 (Farm Block) • Plan submittal for Phase 2 (Art Block) Community Art Expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update fee schedule related to public art & improvements • Facilitate Strawberry Zest sculpture project • Facilitate Doing Intermediate School mural concept • Develop Public Art Plan Expand ReImagine concept to other areas of the city <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate Pavilions Plaza West final tenant leases • Continue to support tenant lease expansion 	CD, EDHD CD, EDHD	Complete Ongoing
	CS, FIN CS, PW CS, CMO CS, CMO	TBD Complete Complete Q1 2026
	CD, EDHD CD, EDHD	Complete Ongoing

3. Business Redevelopment/Revitalization/Support

Support for Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue micro grant and loan programs for small businesses • Promote SCORE/SBDC small business training & workshops • Re-engage monthly visits to new and legacy businesses City Campaign Enhancements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Plan-Build-Beautify marketing campaign • Update outreach campaigns for BIGG, Foods of GG, and other programs Business Attraction Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct broker outreach and property marketing Partnerships with Chambers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support multi-chamber programs and events Streamline Development Approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill new positions approved in FY 23–24 Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Administrative Analyst, Administrative (Planning) Aide, Building & Safety Manager, Code Enforcement Officer • Fill new positions approved in FY 23–24 Budget 	EDHD EDHD EDHD	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
	EDHD, CMO EDHD, CMO	Ongoing Ongoing
	EDHD	Ongoing
	EDHD	Ongoing
	CD	Complete
	EDHD	Complete

4. Implement Five Year Strategy Plans

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Economic Development Strategy Plan • Implement Homeless Strategy Plan 	EDHD EDHD	Ongoing Ongoing
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PUBLIC SAFETY

5. Build New Police Headquarters/Civic Center Revitalization

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS	LEAD DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Civic Center community engagement initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete CEQA Study Complete RFQ for Design Build Finance Option (PFAL-Phase 2) Award of ENA contract to Selected Developer Monitor contract milestone 1: 50% design drawings by Jan 2024 Monitor milestone 2: 100% design drawings by April 2024 PD facility project agreement Secure financing for new PD facility Develop designs for Civic Center Park: 90% Complete Building completion package: 100% Construction Drawings Final GMP change order 	PD, CD PD, CD, FIN EDHD, PD, CD, FIN EDHD, PD, CD, FIN EDHD, PD, CD EDHD, PD, CD EDHD, PD, FIN EDHD, PD, FIN EDHD, PD, CD, FIN EDHD, PD, IT, CD EDHD	Ongoing Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete In Progress Complete Complete

6. Address Crimes Related to Homelessness/Violent Crimes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Public Safety staffing Support partnership with Be Well OC & CalOptima Street Medicine Continue to capture data from ALPR (Flock) camera program 	PD PD, EDHD, CD PD, CD, FIN	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
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7. Enhance Connection Between PD, Community & Schools

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue SRO & SMART Team collaboration Conduct teen citizen academy Expand participation in Explorer Program 	PD PD PD	Ongoing Complete Ongoing
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8. Implement Cybersecurity Audit Recommendations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fill new Sr. Cybersecurity Analyst position Design iterative cybersecurity plan for the city Implement \$350K federal grant for PD cybersecurity infrastructure 	HR, IT IT IT, PD	Complete Ongoing In Progress
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9. Expand Tools and Resources for PD

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct neighborhood outreach for K9 facility Launch new K9 training facility at Pioneer Park Develop and implement Drone Program 	PD PD PD	Complete Complete Complete
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INFRASTRUCTURE

10. Address Flood Control Channel Maintenance

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS	LEAD DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
• Complete Valley View Channel improvements (Completed in Oct 2023)	PW	Complete
• Complete Belgrave Channel improvements (Completed in Nov 2023)	PW	Complete

11. Address Road/Pavement Needs

• Implement pavement maintenance acceleration program (Jul 23 – Jun 24)	PW	Ongoing
• Progress Pavement Management Acceleration Program and build program funding	PW	Ongoing
• Fund capital asset renewal & replacement policy	FIN, PW	Complete
• Improve West Main Street parking lot	PW	Complete
• Secure funding for 12966 Euclid Parking Lot	FIN, EDHD, PW	Complete
• Repair Fire station 82 driveway and parking lot	PW	TBD

12. Develop Civic Center Master Plan

• Develop Civic Center Master Plan	CMO, FIN, CD	TBD
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13. Complete Water Rate Study

• Update rates to support water service & infrastructure needs (e.g., PFAS treatment, pipes, wells, booster pumps, reservoirs)	PW	Complete
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14. Additional PFAS Treatments Per EPA MCL Requirements

• Per the MCL requirements set by EPA, PFAS treatment will be required at 4 new well sites (Well 22, 25, 26, & 27)	PW	Ongoing
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15. Increase Capacity (Sewer, Water, Parking)

• Implement sewer & water master plans	PW	Ongoing
• Implement SCAG parking study	EDHD	Complete
• Implement civic center parking structure	EDHD	Ongoing

16. Complete Parks Master Plan Projects

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnolia Park playground & shelter improvements • Woodbury Park improvements (Groundbreaking July 1, 2025, estimated completion April 2026) • Implement Jardin De Los Ninos, Haster Basin Park, & Westhaven Park playground/restroom improvements – RFP • Conceptual Designs for Faylane Park and Pioneer Park Playgrounds (First draft of designs have been made, still working with designers for updates and final rendering) 	CS	Complete
	CS, PW, CMO	Q2 2026
	CS, PW, CMO	Q1 2026
	CS, PW, CMO	Q3 2025

17. Expand Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

• Complete EV infrastructure feasibility study	PW	Ongoing
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HOMELESSNESS

18. Open Central Cities Navigation Center

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS	LEAD DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Construction (Thomco) • Implement Operation of CCNC (Volunteers of America of LA) • Implement \$4M State Grant Funding Award (Funds received 12/2023) 	CD, EDHD, PD EDHD EDHD	Complete Complete Complete

19. Increase Public Awareness of Homeless Initiatives

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement Homeless PR/Outreach Campaign 	EDHD, CMO	Complete
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20. Facilitate CalOptima Street Medicine Phase II

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve MOU with CalOptima to partner & support Street Medicine • Support Center (Hospitality Inn Site – GG Blvd/Beach Blvd) 	CD, CMO CD, CMO	Complete Ongoing
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21. Facilitate Construction of Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Phase 1 • Construction Phase 2 • Construction Phase 3 	EDHD EDHD EDHD	Complete Complete Complete
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22. Implement Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Onboarding vendors for debris and litter removal, landscaping • Delegated Maintenance Agreement (maintenance for ongoing upkeep of Caltrans ROWs) 	EDHD EDHD	Ongoing Ongoing
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23. Pursue Permanent Supportive Housing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue Homekey and project voucher opportunities 	EDHD, CMO	Ongoing
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24. Implement Encampment Resolution Projects (\$1,921,500 Grant Awarded 9/12/23)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement CalTrans Fencing Project (SR22, Springdale-GG Blvd) • Apply for encampment resolution grant funding, phase II cycle • Implement Encampment Resolution Fund Program Grant 	EDHD EDHD EDHD	In Progress Complete In Progress
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25. Enforce Applicable Codes

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain available shelter beds to support enforcement 	PD, EDHD	Ongoing
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CODE ENFORCEMENT

26. Promote Positive Property Maintenance

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

- Extend outreach & education to businesses/residents
- Assess the current Vacant Lot and Building enforcement needs
- Introduce CE internal training academy for staff development
- Evaluate and expand Code Enforcement Volunteer Program
- Beautify Neighborhood Program

LEAD DEPARTMENT

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ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE

Ongoing
Ongoing
Q3 2025
Complete
Ongoing

CELEBRATE GARDEN GROVE'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY

27. Explore Capacity to Support Additional City Events

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

- Prepare report for City Council
- Implement International Week Senior Center Program
- Plan and program Foods of Garden Grove Live (Completed 10/2024, now an annual event in the fall)

LEAD DEPARTMENT

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CS
CS, EDHD, CMO

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE

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Complete
Ongoing

28. Invest in Multi-Culturalism

- Conduct townhall meetings in east, central, and west GG
- Incorporate multi-cultural programming in community events
- Incorporate multi-lingual communication in City Hall kiosks

CMO, CS, CD
CS
FIN, CD, IT

Ongoing
Ongoing
Complete



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/OUTREACH

29. Update the Community Regarding News & Resources

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

- Disseminate important information via all City mediums
- Promote resources to help businesses

LEAD DEPARTMENT

**CMO, IT
ED, CMO**

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE

**Ongoing
Ongoing**

30. Maintain Strong Communication

- Utilize multi-language communication strategies
- Utilize local TV resources
- Provide updates from staff regarding key issues/programs
- Enhance City website and app
- Market the City's assets and programs
- Engage the community on essential services
- Report an issue video complete
- Expand use of social media tools/GGTV (e.g., short videos)

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FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

31. Balanced Budget

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

- Maintain and enhance priority city services:
 - Develop and implement FY 2025–26 & 2026–27 biennial budget
- Implement City's Infrastructure Funding Policy:
 - Enhance street/flood control channel/capital asset funding
- Enhance revenue stream:
 - Explore and implement revenue audit/recovery services (Franchise fee, UUT, Sales tax & TOT etc.)
- Improve cost recovery:
 - Update fee study and assess need for new fees (e.g., credit card convenience fee)

LEAD DEPARTMENT

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ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE

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EFFECTIVE TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT

32. Improve Financial Transparency

IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

- Provide informative reports/analytics via ERP and Budget System
 - Complete Quarterly Comprehensive Financial Report
 - Develop and disseminate budget reports, including budget-to-actual. Blanket PO
 - Explore automation – transaction processing and report development

LEAD DEPARTMENT

FIN

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE

Ongoing

Complete

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June 26, 2025

The Honorable Juan Carrillo
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Mayor

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Council Member - District 6

RE: SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator.
Notice of SUPPORT (*As Amended on May 8, 2025*)

Dear Chair Carrillo,

The City of Garden Grove **supports** SB 346, which would better equip cities to enforce local ordinances related to the collection and remittance of transient occupancy taxes (TOT) for short-term rentals.

Short-term rentals are regulated exclusively at the local level via the adoption of an ordinance that often includes regulations on permitting, tax compliance, noise, parking, occupancy, as well as other responsibilities for hosts and short-term rental facilitators. In some instances, ordinances limit the number of short-term rentals allowed to operate lawfully, other ordinances ban short-term rentals entirely.

Short-term rentals can present numerous challenges to neighborhoods and adjacent property owners. They may create additional noise, traffic, parking, and public safety issues, decrease available housing stock, and in some cases turn residential neighborhoods into de-facto hotel rows, collectively creating additional demands on local public service providers.

Unfortunately, the enforcement of TOT ordinances and the collection and remittance of these taxes from short-term rentals can be inconsistent, even when voluntary collection agreements are in place with a short-term rental facilitator. Cities lack access to property addresses or other property-related information, even under these agreements, resulting in a difficult choice to either accept tax payments without any way to verify their accuracy and legality or attempt to collect taxes directly from property owners—a costly and time-consuming process. Meanwhile, short-term rental facilitators have full knowledge of these properties' locations and resist disclosing this information. Cities can only compel short-term rental facilitators to disclose this critical information through certain legal action, such as subpoenas. This is not how oversight of public dollars should work.

SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator. Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended on May 8, 2025)*

June 26, 2025

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SB 346 would address the above issues by providing cities with the physical address of each short-term rental listed on the facilitator's website and full audit authority of TOT dollars. These changes would ensure the correct amount of TOT is being collected and remitted and would allow for more efficient enforcement against unlicensed units.

For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove supports SB 346.

Sincerely,

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

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Mayor

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City Works

THE CITY OF
GARDEN GROVE

July -
August 2025



ENJOY A DELICIOUS TASTING EXPERIENCE
AND FREE LIVE CONCERT AT THE GARDEN AMP!

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

FOR EVENT UPDATES, VISIT [GGCITY.ORG/FOGGLIVE](https://ggcity.org/fogglive)





2025 GARDEN GROVE *College Graduates' Reception*

The Garden Grove City Council recognized over 40 residents for their achievements in higher education during the 2025 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception. Graduates received local, state, and federal certificates of recognition, opportunity cash prizes, and gift cards.

To view photos from the reception, visit the City's Facebook [@GardenGroveCityHall](#) or search for [#GardenGroveGrads](#) on Instagram. [ggcity.org/grads](#)



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Garden Grove Mayor Klopfenstein delivered her first official address at the 2025 State of the City luncheon.

During the address, Mayor Klopfenstein discussed the City's financial health and upcoming projects and developments.

Visit [ggcity.org](#) to view the mayor's speech and supporting videos.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAYS

Don't miss out on the next community cleanup day!
Saturday, September 13, 2025,
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

H. Louis Lake Senior Center,
11300 Stanford Avenue

[ggcity.org/cleanup-days](#)



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SERVICES



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WEEKLY MEMO 07-03-2025

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

June 26, 2025 – July 2, 2025

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


Included in this Report

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Garden Grove City Hall
Wed 7/2/2025 6:00 pm PDT

☺ Summer is here, and so is the latest
📅📅📅📅📅📅! 🌊 Dive into the July/August
2025 edition for the latest news, updates,...



Impressions	510
Reach	509
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%







@CityGardenGrove
Wed 7/2/2025 6:00 pm PDT

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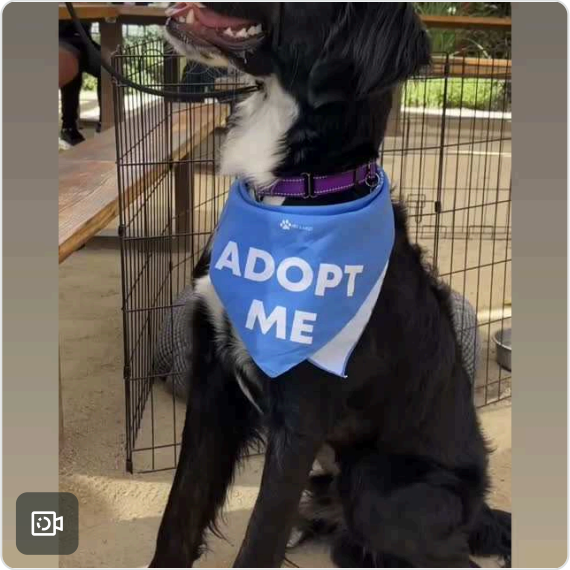


Impressions	70
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%








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Wed 7/2/2025 4:36 pm PDT




Views	507
Reach	489
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	19




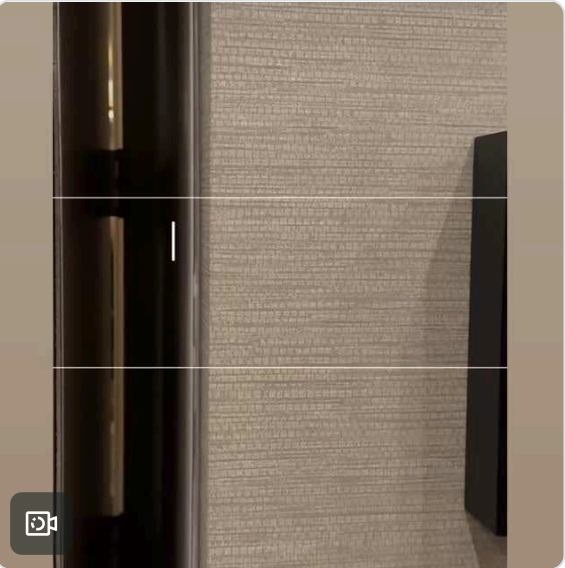
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Wed 7/2/2025 4:36 pm PDT



Views	533
Reach	508
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	23



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Wed 7/2/2025 4:36 pm PDT



Views	600
Reach	563
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	10



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Wed 7/2/2025 4:01 pm PDT

#WaybackWednesday to when the @gg_chamber recognized the Man and Woman of the Year and local businesses fo...



Views	1,713
Reach	1,088
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.1%





Garden Grove City Hall


Wed 7/2/2025 4:01 pm PDT

#WaybackWednesday to when the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce recognized the Man and Woman of the Year and local...




Video Views	304
Impressions	499
Reach	488
Engagements	47
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.4%





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Wed 7/2/2025 1:51 pm PDT

Join us for the next Community Cleanup Day event on 7/19, from 9AM-11AM at GGUSD's Main Office 📍 10331 Stanford Ave. Drop o...



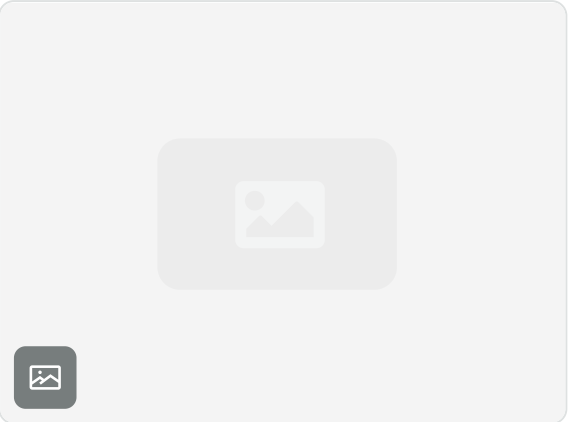
Impressions	79
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%




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Wed 7/2/2025 1:51 pm PDT

Clear out your clutter and make room for summer fun! ☀️ Join us for the next Community Cleanup Day event on Saturd...



Views	1,343
Reach	1,066
Engagements	74
Engagement Rate (per View)	5.5%



CLEANUP DAYS


Saturday, July 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Garden Grove Unified School District Main Office
 10331 Stanford Ave

**Paper shredding and battery disposal offered.*


**For more information,
 visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days**

X @CityGardenGrove
Wed 7/2/2025 9:53 am PDT



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Tue 7/1/2025 4:54 pm PDT


Views	1,931
Reach	1,811
Comments	2
Story Taps Back	37


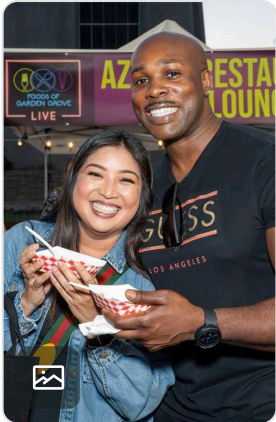


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Mon 6/30/2025 5:11 pm PDT

Plus, enjoy free family-friendly activities and live music at the Garden Amp! [i](#)
[ggcity.org/news/fogg-live...](#)  Fri, 9/26...




Impressions	75
Potential Reach	4,744
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%





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Mon 6/30/2025 5:11 pm PDT

 2ND ANNUAL FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE
LIVE SEPTEMBER 26 Mark your calendars,
[#GardenGrove!](#) Foods of Garden Grove...




Impressions	168
Potential Reach	9,657
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.3%

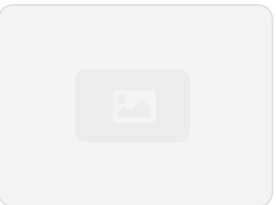
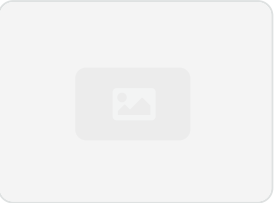
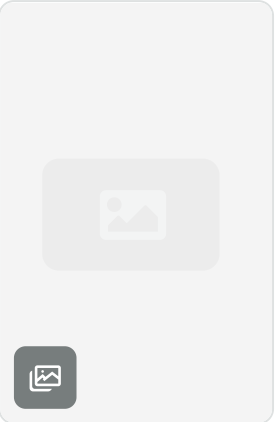




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Mon 6/30/2025 5:11 pm PDT

 2ND ANNUAL FOODS OF GARDEN
GROVE LIVE SEPTEMBER 26 Mark your
calendars, [#GardenGrove!](#) Foods of Garde...



Views	7,734
Reach	4,434
Engagements	547
Engagement Rate (per View)	7.1%





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Mon 6/30/2025 5:11 pm PDT



2ND ANNUAL FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE LIVE SEPTEMBER 26 Mark your calendars, #GardenGrove! Foods of Garde...



Impressions

36,945

Reach


35,695


Engagements

1,643

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

4.4%

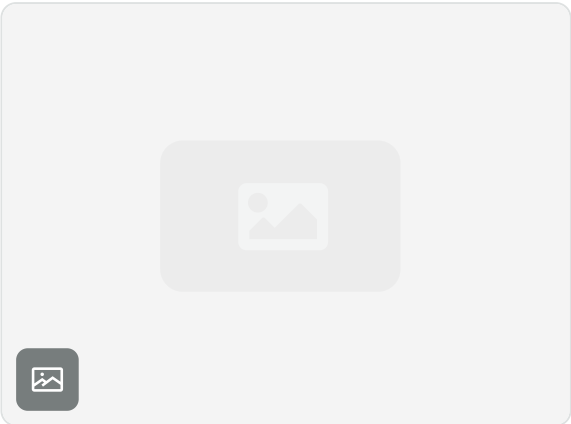




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Fri 6/27/2025 3:00 pm PDT

Does your organics recycling bin occasionally get... stinky? Here are a few simple tips to help keep odors under...



Views

699

Reach


561


Engagements

17

Engagement Rate (per View)

2.4%






Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 6/27/2025 3:00 pm PDT

Does your organics recycling bin occasionally get... stinky? Here are a few simple tips to help keep odors under...



Impressions

737

Reach


721

Engagements

11

Engagement Rate (per Impression)


1.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 6/27/2025 3:00_pm PDT

Stinky organics bin? Here are a few tips to help!: 🌱 Avoid using plastic bags and wrap food scraps in paper instead 🌱 Use bakin...



Impressions

93

Potential Reach


4,743

Engagements

1

Engagement Rate (per Impression)


1.1%



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Fri 6/27/2025 12:01_pm PDT

#FlashbackFriday to the 65th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival! 🍓 This year's Strawberry Festival had a record...



Views

4,704

Reach


2,741

Engagements

251

Engagement Rate (per View)


5.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 6/27/2025 12:01_pm PDT

#FlashbackFriday to the 65th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival! 🍓 This year's Strawberry Festival had a record...



Video Views

9,161

Impressions

21,568

Reach


21,568

Engagements

494

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

2.3%




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Fri 6/27/2025 12:00 am PDT

#FBF

to the 65th Annual Garden Grove Strawberry Festival! 🍓 This year's Strawberry Festival had a record-breaking...



Video Views	77
Impressions	181
Potential Reach	4,951
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.7%

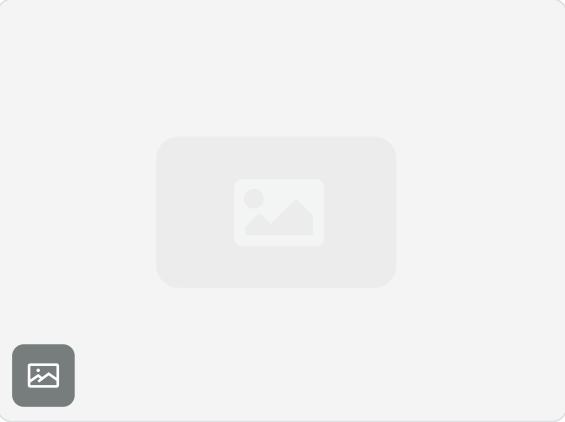


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Thu 6/26/2025 3:01 pm PDT

💧 THE 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT IS OUT NOW

Each year, the City produces an annual report, available in multiple...



Views	464
Reach	361
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.9%




Garden Grove City Hall


Thu 6/26/2025 3:00 pm PDT

💧 THE 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT IS OUT NOW

Each year, the City produces an annual report, available in multiple...




Impressions	712
Reach	696
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%




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Thu 6/26/2025 3:00 pm PDT

💧 The 2025 Water Quality Report is now available (in multiple languages) which provides important information about your...




Impressions	90
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%




Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 6/26/2025 12:00 pm PDT

In observance of Independence Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Friday, July 4, 202...




Impressions	792
Reach	782
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%




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Thu 6/26/2025 12:00 pm PDT

In observance of Independence Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Friday, July 4, 202...



Views	978
Reach	775
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.2%







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Thu 6/26/2025 12:00 pm PDT

In observance of Independence Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Fri, 7/4. Street...



Impressions	96
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

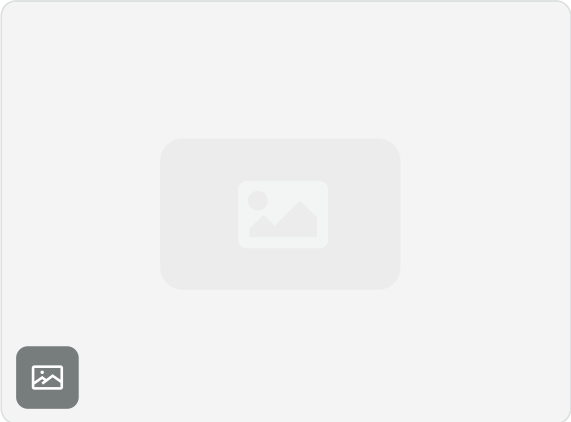





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Thu 6/26/2025 8:47 am PDT

Beginning Friday, June 27, at 7:00 a.m., the basketball court at Magnolia Park 11402 Magnolia Street will be temporarily closed...



Views	962
Reach	770
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per View)	1%

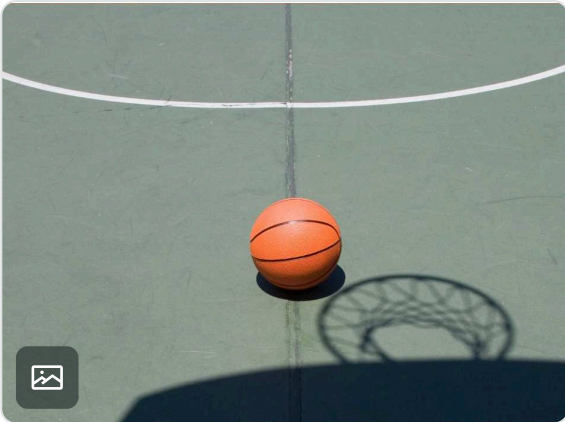





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Thu 6/26/2025 8:47 am PDT

Beginning Fri, 6/27, at 7AM, the basketball court at Magnolia Park 11402 Magnolia St will be temporarily closed for resurfacing...



Impressions	74
Potential Reach	4,743
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%

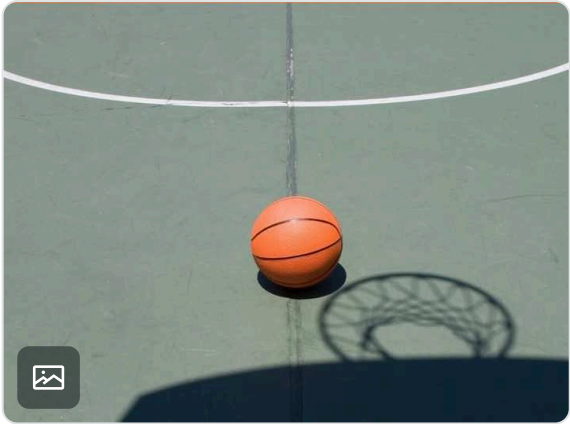




Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 6/26/2025 8:47 am PDT

Beginning Friday, June 27, at 7:00 a.m., the basketball court at Magnolia Park 📍 11402 Magnolia Street will be temporarily closed...



Impressions	1,510
Reach	1,510
Engagements	21
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



Post Performance

June 26, 2025 – July 2, 2025

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Wed 7/2/2025 3:20 pm PDT

We are deeply saddened by the passing of California Highway Patrol Officer Miguel Cano. Our thoughts and heartfelt...

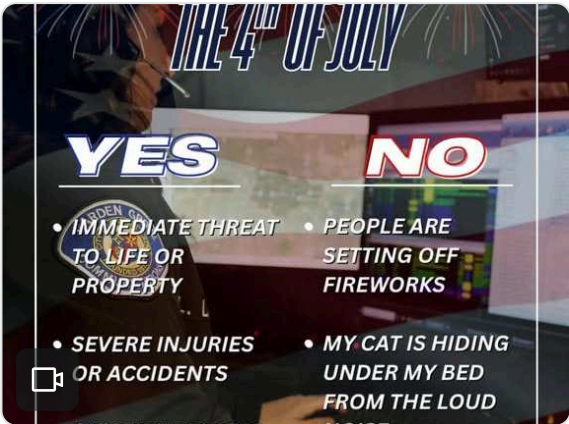


Impressions	0
Reach	0
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Tue 7/1/2025 5:58 pm PDT

Help us help you this Fourth of July! 🇺🇸 As we celebrate Independence Day, please remember that 911 is for emergencies onl...



Video Views	2,626
Impressions	9,455
Reach	9,455
Engagements	207
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Fri 6/27/2025 3:21 pm PDT

UPDATE Missing person has been LOCATED. Thank you for your help. 🚓 MISSING PERSON 🚓 Missing Person (MP)...

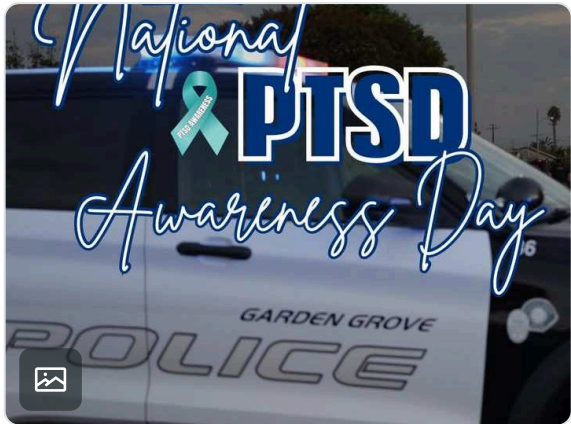


Impressions	34,181
Reach	31,402
Engagements	1,793
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Fri 6/27/2025 8:28 am PDT

Today is #NationalPTSDAwarenessDay and many of us forget that #fireworks can trigger combat flashbacks for our military...



Impressions	3,167
Reach	3,094
Engagements	196
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.2%



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Thu 6/26/2025 3:19 pm PDT

This morning, #GardenGrovePD proudly welcomed four new officers; T. Belthius, K. Espinoza, J. Castillo, and E. Palacios...



Impressions	8,818
Reach	8,684
Engagements	1,271
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.4%



Garden Grove Police Depart...
Thu 6/26/2025 7:22 am PDT

Last night, SIU conducted a search warrant with the assistance of #K9Rocky 🐾 Several pounds of cocaine, fentanyl, Xanax,...



Impressions	5,038
Reach	5,038
Engagements	1,351
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	26.8%

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NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Friday, June 27, 2025



FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE LIVE RETURNS THIS SEPTEMBER BY POPULAR DEMAND

Following last year's incredible success, the City of Garden Grove proudly presents the 2nd annual Foods of Garden Grove Live. The tasting event returns to Downtown Garden Grove on Friday, September 26, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.

Enjoy an international selection of the city's most acclaimed and customer-favored food and drink eateries, along with family-friendly activities and live music at the Garden Amp on Historic Main Street. Admission to the event and concert are free with tickets required for food tastings.

An initial list of participating establishments includes Phin Smith, Urthly Vegan Market, Sabroso! Mexican Grill, Loving Hut, Smoke Queen BBQ, Los Sanchez, Barrio, Apollo Burgers, Carolina's Italian Restaurant, Nova Kitchen and Bar, Azteca Restaurant and Lounge, and Garlic and Chives.

Stay up to date on restaurant announcements, free activities, concert details, and tasting ticket pricing by visiting www.ggcity.org/fogglive.

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FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE LIVE RETURNS THIS SEPTEMBER BY POPULAR DEMAND 2-2-2

The Foods of Garden Grove Live is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove initiative, which showcases over 100 select international food and drink establishments. Designed to support small businesses, the initiative offers a virtual tour through Garden Grove's vibrant ethnic enclaves, including Little Saigon, OC Koreatown, Latin eateries, and Michelin Guide honorees. For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/fogg.

For more information, contact Community Services at (714) 741-5200.





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Tuesday, July 1, 2025



FREE BULKY ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES DROP OFF AND PAPER SHREDDING AT JULY 19 EVENT

The City of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Sanitary District, in collaboration with Republic Services, will host a community cleanup day, offering residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items, recycle household batteries, and obtain paper shredding services for free. The event takes place on Saturday, July 19, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Garden Grove Unified School District Main Office, located at 10331 Stanford Avenue.

Residents may bring unwanted bulky items, such as non-refrigerant appliances, furniture, mattresses, and carpets. Electronic waste, including printers, computers, and televisions are also accepted. This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items, on a first-come, first-served basis, until bins are full.

Residents may recycle household batteries, such as AA, AAA, D, C, and old power tool batteries. Automotive batteries will not be accepted.

Paper shredding services will be available on a first come, first served basis to help safely dispose of personal documents. There is a limit of four boxes per vehicle.

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Free Bulky Items, Household Batteries Drop Off and Paper Shredding July 19 2-2-2

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, tires, and construction and demolition debris.

Cleanup days will be held at various locations throughout the city every other month. The next two events are scheduled for:

- Saturday, September 13, 2025 at H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue
- Saturday, November 8, 2025 at Garden Grove Public Works, located at 13802 Newhope Street

Republic Services also provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. To schedule a pickup, please call (714) 238-3300.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

July 3, 2025

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the July 3, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the July 10, 2025 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from June 27 to July 3.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 3, 2025 – July 25, 2025

Thursday	July 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	July 4		City Hall Closed – Independence Day
Tuesday	July 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 10		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	July 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 10	5:00 p.m.	Special Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Meeting, Eastgate Park Building 12001 St. Mark Street
Thursday	July 10	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Free Summer Concert – The Answer Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Friday	July 11		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	July 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 17	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Free Summer Concert – 80s VS 90s Show Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Saturday	July 19	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Community Cleanup Day, GGUSD Main Office 10331 Stanford Ave.
Tuesday	July 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Board Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC ALL CANCELLED
Thursday	July 24	9:00 a.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 24	1:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social, CMC, AB Room
Friday	July 25		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 3, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, July 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: June 26, 2025

JOHN RAMIREZ
CHAIR



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

GARDEN GROVE

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

REGULAR MEETING

JULY 10, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: July 3, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Dent', with a stylized, looping design.

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Bill Talk: CEQA changes, HHAP overhaul, and more

Jul 2, 2025

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

By Cal Cities Staff

The state budget is final. For now. On Tuesday, the lawmakers passed the [final set of budget trailer bills](#), which Gov. Gavin Newsom then promptly signed. As expected, the budget is a bit of a mixed bag for cities, with some priorities (like Proposition 36 and affordable housing) partially funded and others (like homelessness) much less funded.

And of course, the entire budget could become moot if — or maybe when — [the federal government slashes spending](#). Federal funding makes up about a [third of the state's budget](#), largely in the form of Medi-Cal, CalWORKS, and other safety net programs. Unsurprisingly, state lawmakers deferred some of the thornier questions, like the [future of the Cap-and-Trade Program](#), to later this year.

Perhaps more surprising was a [last-minute proposal](#) pushed by Gov. Gavin Newsom that tied major changes to housing law to the state budget. The [legislative gambit passed](#), despite some pushback from environmental groups and others. [The verdict is still out](#) on whether these new bills will increase the urban housing supply. (Cal Cities will provide more information about how these changes could impact infill development in the coming weeks.)

But that's not all that's happening at the Capitol. Legislators are also set to review a late-breaking bill that would upend the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program and two measures that would revisit a [controversial warehouse standards law](#) from last year.

-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

[Last-minute gut-and-amend upends state homelessness program](#)

Sen. Catherine Blakespear [gutted and amended SB 16](#) last week to impose several significant, new requirements on the state's flagship Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. The bill was scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee today, but the hearing was postponed. The bill must pass out of the Assembly housing and local government committees by July 18 to move forward this year.

Cal Cities opposes the measure. SB 16 was introduced at the tail end of the legislative session and mandates long-term planning requirements at a time when the state is cutting funding for the HHAP program in half and not fully allocating new funding until the next fiscal year. This is the wrong time to advance legislation that dramatically overhauls HHAP and creates new long-term planning goals without reliable, long-term HHAP money to carry out these plans.

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

Housing bills AB 650 and SB 79 move forward

Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#) cleared Senate Housing on Tuesday. The measure would significantly improve the housing element review process by encouraging local jurisdictions to begin the housing element update process six months early and requiring the state to provide greater clarity in the review process.

[SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) faced its [first of now two](#) committee hearings in Assembly Housing and Community Development on Wednesday. Opposed by Cal Cities, the bill would force cities to approve by-right tall, dense residential housing near specific transit stops without public engagement, environmental review, or consideration for state-certified housing elements. Cities have advocated strongly on both bills, and their voices will be crucial in the remaining few weeks of session.

-*Waleed Hojeij, policy and legislative affairs analyst*

Fire hazard zone measure improved; Warehouse clean-up bills set for hearing

Sen. María Durazo accepted changes proposed by Cal Cities to improve [SB 629](#), a fire hazard mapping bill. The measure would have required cities to designate a very high fire hazard severity zone and adopt local ordinances for each wildfire burn area that meet specific state criteria, as well as establish enforcement programs for fire protection standards. Cal Cities expressed concerns about SB 629, as it could take significant resources to make such designations outside of the current mapping process and required enforcement programs. Cal Cities worked with the author on changes that would require the State Fire Marshal to make this designation, not cities. Cal Cities also secured amendments to broaden the enforcement provision to give cities greater flexibility when implementing the program. The Assembly Emergency Management Committee reviewed SB 629 on Tuesday. The bill now heads to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee.

Also up soon are two revisions to a [controversial warehouse standards law](#) from last session: [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#). [The law](#) creates restrictions on new or expanding warehouses and requires all cities to update their circulation elements to account for these changes — including truck movement. Cities that fail to do so could face \$50,000 fines every six months from the Attorney General — no questions asked. AB 735 is advancing to Senate Local Government on July 9, and SB 415 is headed to Assembly Local Government on July 16.

Cal Cities secured important revisions to both bills earlier this session and is urging the authors to [adopt additional changes](#). Cal Cities is asking lawmakers to let cities develop a plan or ordinance rather than a circulation element update, which would trigger additional general plan updates under the same timelines. Cal Cities is also urging lawmakers to exempt cities from the circulation element update if they are not approving new or expanded logistics use projects. If that changes, a city would need to update its circulation element according to the law. Cities should submit letters to both committees in advance of the hearings.

- *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

Fire insurance bills to be heard on July 9

The Senate Insurance Committee on July 9 will hear two measures by Asm. Lisa Calderon that would make needed reforms to the state's fire insurance rules. [AB 75](#) would prohibit insurance companies from canceling policies based on aerial footage taken 180 days prior to sending notice of the decision to homeowners. The bill would also give homeowners an opportunity to dispute the image and remedy the issue. [AB 888](#) would create a grant program for individuals, cities, and counties for home hardening and roof hardening. Funding would be prioritized for areas in high fire severity zones. Cal Cities supports both measures.

- [Jolena Voorhis](#), legislative advocate

[Advanced clean fleet, metal theft bills set for hearing in early July](#)

The Senate Environmental Quality Committee took up two Cal Cities-backed bills, [AB 911 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [AB 620 \(Jackson\)](#), today. Both bills would make it easier for cities to navigate the Advance Clean Fleet regulations. AB 911 would exempt critical telecommunications trucks from the mandates so that disaster responses are not compromised. AB 620 would give cities the option to rent zero-emission vehicles. This would be especially helpful for smaller cities or those without the upfront capital to overhaul entire fleets overnight.

The Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee scheduled [AB 476 \(Gonzalez\)](#) for July 7. The Cal Cities-sponsored bill would strengthen reporting requirements for recyclers, expand the definition of physical public infrastructure, and create an "organized metal theft" provision in statute with enhanced penalties for repeat offenders to deter metal theft.

- [Damon Conklin](#), legislative advocate

[Short-term rental bill passed out of Assembly Local Government](#)

Legislators in Assembly Local Government approved [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) on Wednesday, 9-0. Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure would require short-term rental platforms, at the request of a city, to provide the address of short-term rentals listed for rent on the platform. It also provides cities with audit authority over transient occupancy taxes collected by the platforms. Short-term rental platforms do not display the addresses of properties on their listings, [making it nearly impossible](#) to tell if a unit is legally licensed or to verify whether platforms are collecting and remitting the correct tax amount.

The bill heads to Assembly Judiciary next. Cities should submit a letter of support for the measure and contact their assembly member if they serve on the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

- [Ben Triffo](#), 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](#). Cal Cities also maintains a live [list of all sponsored/hot measures](#). Lists of all tracked bills are available on [individual policy pages](#).



Now accepting proposals for the 2026 City Managers Conference

Jul 2, 2025

Submissions due by August 8

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. 11-13 at the Meritage in Napa, this three-day conference unites city managers and public sector leaders 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:

- Managing Through Council Transition and Implementing a Robust Onboarding Program
- Mass Casualty Events: What Nobody Taught You and You Didn't Want to Learn
- Practical Tools for Defining Performance Expectations for Department Heads

The conference is also a great opportunity to host a roundtable discussion on current events that builds relationships and solutions!

Sessions may not include sales pitches, commercialism, or product promotion of any kind. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, Aug. 8.

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 (or ideas!) ready, [submit your proposal](#) using the online submission form by Aug. 8, 2025. If accepted, you'll present your session at the 2026 conference at the Meritage Hotel in Napa.

For questions, please email Associate Manager, Event Program, [Erin Wylder](#).



The ‘final’ budget could be worse, but the worst may still be ahead

Jun 30, 2025

By Cal Cities Staff

It's not as bad as it could have been — but check back in a few months. Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday signed a \$321 billion budget deal that impacts several city priorities. The budget slashes homelessness funding and diverts voter-approved climate bond funding to fill the deficit. On the positive side, it invests \$100 million in one-time funding to implement the Proposition 36 public safety initiative and revives a few of the state's most valued affordable housing programs.

In an unusual move, the signed budget bill includes a clause stating that if the Legislature fails to pass a sweeping CEQA reform bill today, the entire budget is void. After hours of debate, the Legislature passed [SB 131 \(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review\)](#), which the Governor [promptly signed](#).

The state's massive budget closes a nearly \$12 billion deficit through a combination of borrowing, cuts, delays, deferrals, and shifts. The budget deal, built upon a theme of “uncertainty,” seems to broadly align with the [proposal the Legislature](#) adopted a few weeks ago, though elements of the [May Revision](#) are incorporated.

Now that the CEQA bill has passed and the Governor has signed the budget, negotiations over the state's spending for the 2025-26 fiscal year — which begins tomorrow — are relatively buttoned up ... for now. Federal policies, specifically around tariffs, have caused a downturn in economic forecasts. With further uncertainty at the federal level, it would not be surprising to see the Legislature reconvene for a special session in the fall to address any fiscal challenges California faces, especially if federal funds do not materialize.

Keep reading for an analysis of major funding cuts, allocations, and policy proposals.

- Ben Triffo, legislative advocate, and Kayla Sherwood, senior communications and media manager

Community Services

As expected, the budget deal between the Governor and the Legislature slashes funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. [SB 131 \(Committee on Budget\)](#) establishes Round 7 of the program, but at \$500 million — half of what was invested in previous rounds. The funding will not be fully distributed until the 2026-27 fiscal year. “Investing no new money this year and only half as much for next year will stop progress in its tracks,” [said Cal Cities and the California State Association of Counties in response](#).

Furthermore, this allocation is contingent on funding from the last round being fully allocated and the enactment of new accountability metrics for Round 7. The legislation would require HHAP applicants to satisfy the following requirements:

- Have a compliant housing element.
- Have a local encampment policy consistent with administration guidance.
- Have a pro-housing designation.
- Leverage local resources to scale state investments.
- Demonstrate progress on key housing performance metrics.
- Demonstrate urgency and measurable results in housing and homelessness prevention.

The budget also provides \$100 million for the Encampment Resolution Fund. This funding is more critical than ever, with the Governor calling on cities to adopt ordinances to address encampments in communities.

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

Environmental Quality

Unsurprisingly, the final budget punts the details of the major climate resilience programs to later this summer. However, the Governor did scoop up some major policy language in his budget trailer bills related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which can be found in the housing section of this summary.

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

The budget deal moves \$1 billion in 2025-26 from the General Fund to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for Cal Fire's state operations costs. The agreement is a compromise between the Legislature's [two-year allocation](#) and the [Governor's proposal](#) to sweep up \$1.5 billion in annual ongoing funding. If the state remains in a deficit, lawmakers could move an additional \$1.25 billion in 2026-27, with smaller shifts in the following years.

The deal also expresses intent to restore \$1.07 billion in GGRF spending from Transit Flex funding — which supports capital projects, operations, and zero-emission buses — when GGRF funding is appropriated in a later budget bill.

Lawmakers moved the full reauthorization of the GGRF and Cap-and-Trade program to later this summer. The Governor's goal, to reauthorize the program until 2045 to align with the state's carbon neutrality goals, also includes \$1 billion annually for high-speed rail.

Cal Cities is ramping up its advocacy on the GGRF with its [coalition partners](#): Continued city support is crucial to securing much-needed funding for climate adaptation, clean transportation, and affordable housing projects.

Proposition 4: The Climate Bond

Absent in the final budget deal is the full climate bond appropriation, which voters approved in November. The 2025-26 fiscal year was supposed to be the first of a multiyear expenditure plan to implement the [\\$10 billion climate bond](#). While the budget deal includes funding to administer the various forthcoming funding programs, it punts the first-year funding to a later trailer bill that Cal Cities anticipates will use nearly \$300 million in Prop. 4 funding to backfill the General Fund. Cal Cities and dozens of stakeholder groups that supported the bond push backed on the proposal, arguing that this clawback is not what voters approved in November. Legislators

deferred the full details of the Prop. 4 funding to a trailer bill that will be taken up at the end of the session.

- *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

Public Safety

The budget deal includes \$100 million for Proposition 36 implementation, down slightly from \$110 million. The funding is allocated through four areas:

- \$50 million to expand and accelerate county behavioral health through non-competitive grants to counties, distributed by the Department of Health Care Services.
- \$20 million to the courts, including funding for collaborative courts (previously \$30 million).
- \$15 million to public defenders. Lawmakers removed previous language indicating the money could be used for treatment-mandated felonies.
- \$15 million for pre-trial services by county probation.

Courts that tap into the \$20 million funding allocation for Prop. 36 would be subject to significant reporting requirements. This includes the number of treatment-mandated felony cases filed, the number of cases in which the defendant chose treatment, and the number of instances where treatment was refused.

The budget deal also moves \$12.5 million for a Community Home Hardening Program to the Department of Insurance instead of Cal Fire, to be implemented legislatively. Cal Fire received \$3 million for home hardening grants for individuals and local governments.

- *Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate*

Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

The budget allocates nearly \$5 billion in funding to improve state highways, expand bus, train, and clean transportation services, and increase pedestrian and bicycle travel options. Of that amount, \$2.44 billion comes from [The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017](#), which cities rely on to improve the safety conditions of local streets and roads. \$1.45 billion of this funding will go to zero- and low-emission transportation and new infrastructure.

Projects receiving funding from this budget include:

- \$483 million to help communities invest in passenger rail extensions, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and rapid transit bus expansion.
- \$202 million for projects in the Local Partnership Competitive Program to further upgrade rail, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.
- \$28 million to install Level 3 electric vehicle charging stations along Interstate 5 and State Route 99.

Additionally, the budget covers a request from San Francisco-area transit systems for a \$750 million, interest-free loan to prevent major service cuts over the next two years to avoid service cuts until voters can approve a new ballot measure. Finally, the budget funds 92 positions to plan and design the transportation network to support the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics.

- *Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*

Housing, Community, and Economic Development

The Legislature negotiated an agreement with the Governor to include funding for several key affordable housing programs, which was absent in his May Revision. Although the allocations are not nearly enough to address California's dire need for housing, this is a positive step from earlier this year. Below is a summary of the key funding allocations:

- \$500 million to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits program, one of the most effective programs for promoting affordable housing in local communities.
- \$300 million for the California Dream for All program, which provides first-time, first-generation homebuyers with low-cost loans to support a down payment.
- \$120 million to the Multifamily Housing Program, which helps support new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of existing affordable housing.

In addition to the new funding, three housing measures were rolled into the housing and homelessness trailer bills that will create significant changes to housing law.

Local building code and CEQA changes

[AB 306 \(Schultz\)](#), backed by Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, will put a temporary moratorium on building codes to streamline the rebuilding of housing and reduce the overall costs of housing development. Recent changes delay the moratorium until Oct. 1, 2025, and give cities more flexibility to develop and implement [reach codes](#) so long as they were adopted before Sept. 20, 2025.

Cities may still adopt standards if they are necessary to protect health and safety, address home hardening, adopt the recent model codes, implement changes to align with a general plan approved before June 10, 2025, or if they relate to specific administrative practices to streamline the permitting of residential development.

[SB 607 \(Wiener\)](#) and [AB 609 \(Wicks\)](#) will provide CEQA exemptions for infill housing if the development meets specific local general plan and zoning requirements. The goal is to streamline infill housing development across California. SB 607 is laid out in AB/SB 131, while AB 609 is located in AB/SB 130, along with water, wildfire prevention, and other infrastructure projects exempted from CEQA.

- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate