

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**July 10, 2025**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City  
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo to provide an update on completion of Phase III of the Caltrans Fencing Improvement project is attached.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo to provide an update on the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) meetings for the month of June 2025 is attached.

C. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for June 2025

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	Completion of the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP), Phase III	Date:	July 3, 2025

**OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on completion of Phase III of the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION**

In March 2023, the City Council approved a Cooperative Agreement with Caltrans to implement the multi-phase Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project (CFIP). The project's scope included installing fencing, gates, rock slopes, and gravel along various unpaved and constrained areas of the SR-22 Freeway corridor, from Springdale Street to Garden Grove Boulevard. Phases I and II were completed by Quality Fence Co. and formally accepted by the City Council in August 2024.

With a similar scope, Quality Fence Co. executed Phase III, which involved removing existing chain-link fencing and installing new fencing and gates beneath the SR-22 Freeway underpass at Newland Street, on both the east and west sides.

**CONCLUSION**

Phase III of the Caltrans Fencing Improvement Project was completed on time and within budget. Funding will be fully reimbursed by Caltrans under the existing Cooperative Agreement, and no additional General Fund appropriation was required.

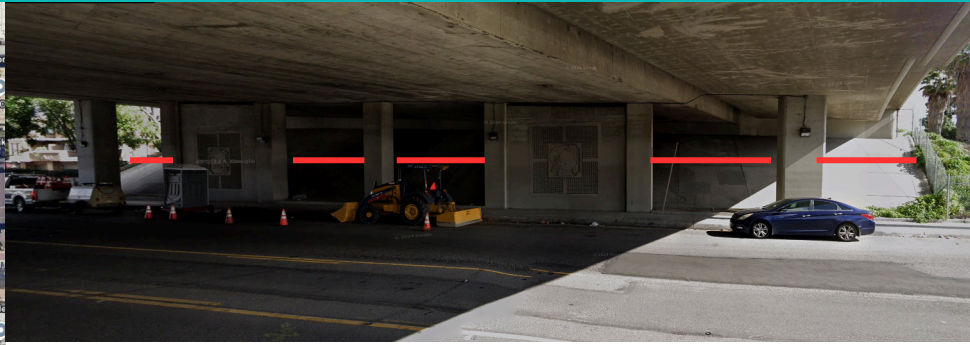
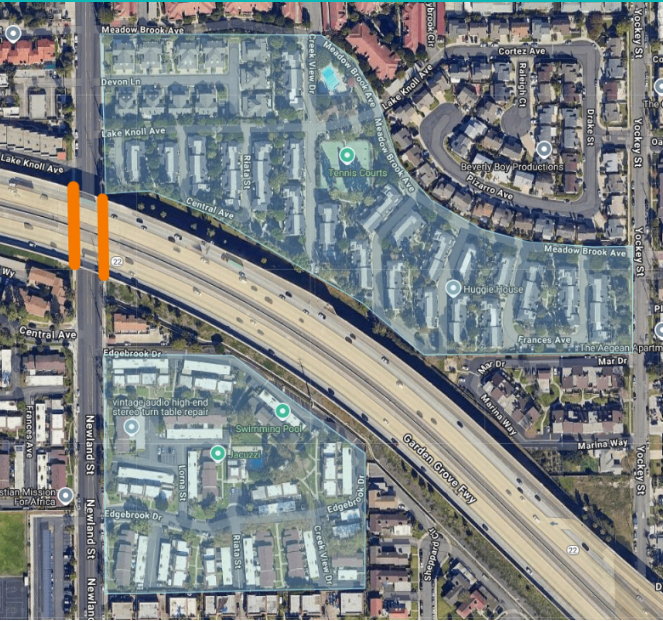
Ursula Luna-Reynosa  
Assistant City Manager  
Economic Development and Housing Department Director

Prepared by:  
Christy Le, Homeless Liaison Analyst  
Sara Areguini, Economic Development Intern

Attachment: CFIP 3 Construction Summary

# CALTRANS FENCING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

## PHASE 3



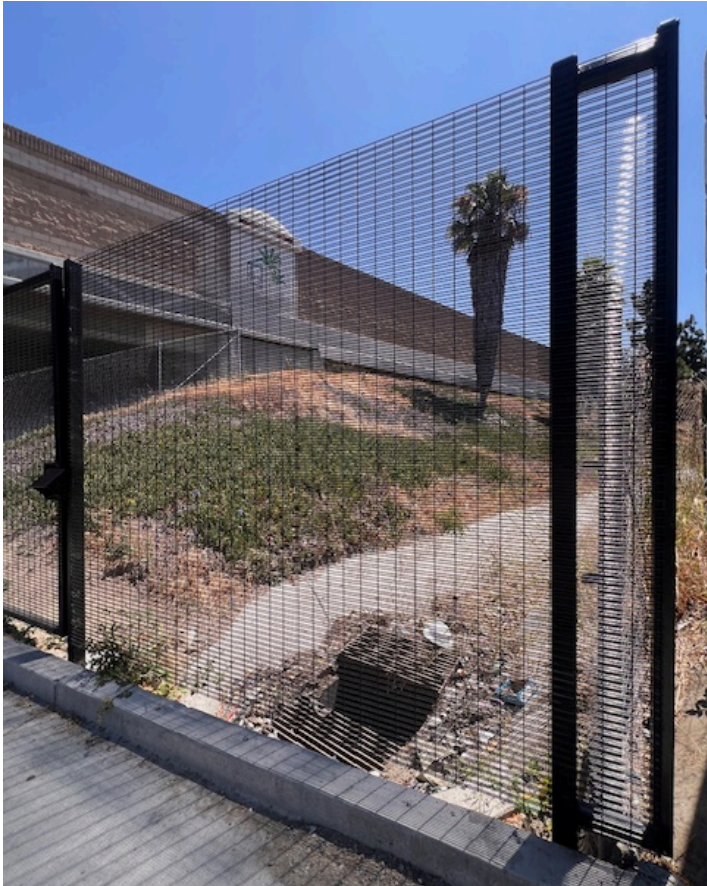
## SCOPE OVERVIEW

TO INSTALL FENCING AND GATES, ROCK SLOPES AND GRAVEL ON UNPAVED SLOPES AND NARROW AREAS IN ORANGE COUNTY IN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE ON ROUTE 22 FROM SPRINGDALE ST. TO GARDEN GROVE BLVD.

EAST & WEST OF NEWLAND ST.

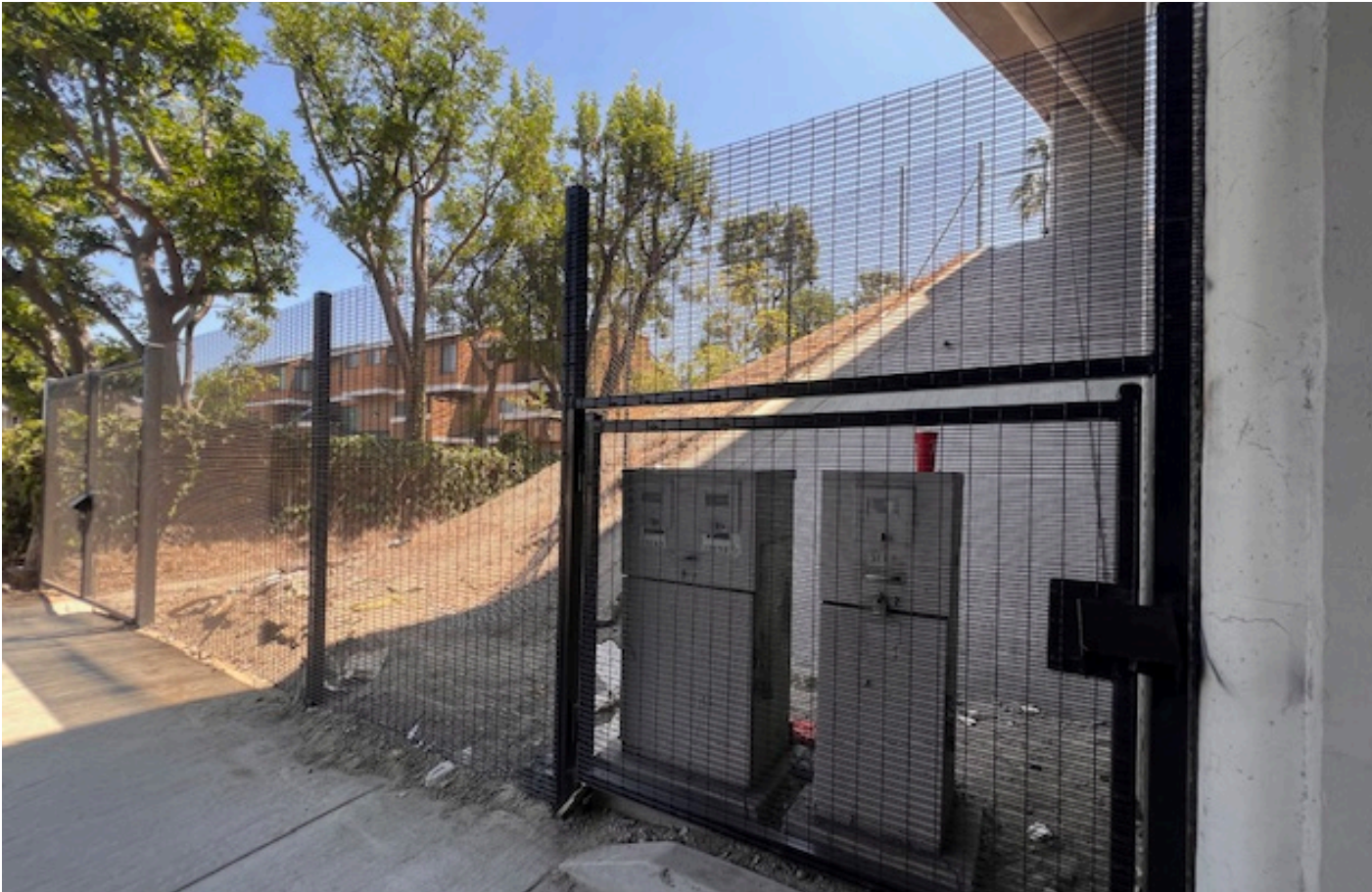


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**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	Update on Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) meetings for June 2025	Date:	July 10, 2025

**OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) meetings for the month of June 2025.

**BACKGROUND**

Establishing a BRE program is one of the goals for the upcoming 5-Year Economic Development Strategy. These meetings serve as a platform to build relationships between the business community, the Economic Development team, and City leadership. They aim to align city resources with business needs and explore strategic opportunities for business expansion and growth.

**DISCUSSION**

In June 2025, the Economic Development team met with F&M Bank, American Metal Bearing Company, and SCG America, and arranged follow-up meetings with House Foods and Toyota Place as part of the ongoing BRE initiative. Discussion covered a range of topics including current business challenges, financing options, and potential expansion plans. The Economic Development team is actively following up with each business to provide resources and identify opportunities for future partnership.

**F&M Bank - Date of visit June 5, 2025**

F&M Bank has been serving the Garden Grove community since 1955, and currently employs approximately 20 staff members. F&M Bank is known for its robust commercial real estate and small business loan portfolios, with a particular emphasis on supporting local business owners, churches, and non-profit organizations. The bank is relocating from its longstanding branch at 10422 Garden Grove Boulevard to



Garden Grove Plaza. This move involves significant tenant improvements, and construction for the new branch has officially begun following a recent kickoff meeting attended by City staff.

The construction is expected to take approximately three (3) months, with exterior construction anticipated to be completed by late September 2025. City staff continue to coordinate with F&M Bank representatives and express their commitment to providing support throughout the relocation process, as needed.



### **SCG America – Date of visit June 19, 2025**

City staff met with SCG America to discuss the current progress and financing of the Site C project, which includes the development of the Le Méridien and Kimpton Hotels. The discussion focused on the project's status and the exploration of all financing options to ensure its continued

advancement. Both the City and SCG America are working together to identify viable solutions that will keep the project on track and aligned with the City's long-term development goals. Once completed, the project is expected to deliver significant economic benefits to Garden Grove, including increased tourism, new jobs, and enhanced revenue opportunities.

### **American Metal Bearing Company – Date of visit June 20, 2025**

American Metal Bearing Company, a legacy manufacturer that has operated in Garden Grove for over 50 years, is seeking capital assistance to support a planned expansion of its operations. The company currently supports approximately 15 to 25 high-skilled, high-wage jobs, playing a vital role in the city's advanced manufacturing sector. In response to their request, City staff are facilitating meetings with GO-Biz funding resources and are actively evaluating potential City-supported financing tools to help advance the expansion and ensure the company's continued success and contribution to the local economy.



## CONCLUSION

BRE visits are a key component of the City's efforts to support local businesses by understanding their challenges, identifying opportunities, and strengthening relationships with business leaders. By engaging directly with the business community, the City aims to create a business-friendly environment that promotes long-term growth and investment in Garden Grove.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Blodgett for".

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

Prepared by: Henry Surjono, Administrative Analyst



**Open City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Liz Vasquez
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	City Clerk
Subject:	RECORDS REQUESTS	Date:	July 7, 2025

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide the month of June 2025 list of Records Requests.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The attached list is a summary of records requests received by the City Clerk's Office that were processed through the month of June 2025. The list provides the Request number, the date received, the request, the department the request was assigned, and the date the request was closed. Sensitive information and the names of requesters are not included. For those requests that are not assigned, e.g., information that is readily available on the City's website, the Records Coordinator provides the links and closes the request; for requests that have not yet been closed, the request is in process. Statistics are available for review on the City's website at [https://ggcity.org/records\\_request/](https://ggcity.org/records_request/)

**SUMMARY**

This memo is for information.

Liz Vasquez  
City Clerk

*Diana Serrato*

By Diana Serrato  
Deputy City Clerk

Attachment

# Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10272	06/01/25	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings May 2025  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	06/12/25	06/05/25
10273	06/01/25	Dear City Clerk,  Under the California Public Records Act (California Government Code §6250 et seq.), I respectfully request access to the following public records regarding Willowick Golf Course, located at 3017 W 5th St, Santa Ana, CA 92703: ...	City Manager	06/12/25	06/02/25
10274	06/02/25	I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of general liability insurance for the contractor JGC//James Gutierrez Construction that covers the date 12/08/2022.	Finance	06/12/25	06/03/25
10275	06/02/25	can i get the listing for new businesses for the previous month of May in excel format, thank you.	Finance	06/12/25	06/05/25
10276	06/02/25	I would like the adoption records and documents for Mary Justine Sargious. I would like the adoption decree, amended birth certificate, certificate of adoption, original birth certificate (if available), and the certificate of citizenship/naturali...		06/12/25	06/02/25
10277	06/02/25	Subject: California Public Records Act Request for City Attorney and Related Contracts  Dear City Clerk,  Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250 et seq.), I am requesting access to public records related to the City At...	City Manager Human Resources	06/12/25	06/03/25
10278	06/03/25	Good Afternoon,  My name is Riley Sze and I am a student at Yale conducting research on residential solar instillations in California. I am reaching out to request records on the permitting fees in 2013, 2017, and 2018 pertaining to residential ...	City Manager	06/16/25	06/03/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10279	06/04/25	Hello, I would like to request a listing of new businesses that filed in the City of Garden Grove for the month of May 2025. Information including: Business name, business address, contact name, business phone number, and date that the business w...	Finance	06/16/25	06/05/25
10282	06/04/25	Hello - Our escrow company is representing the seller in this transaction and we are seeing a Notice of Substandard Building for not bringing the building into compliance - County Records # 2012000508895 - If this has been satisfied, can we please...	Community Development	06/30/25	06/17/25
10284	06/06/25	Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the contractor Marb Construction Management. I found their permit of 23-0070. I am wondering if there is anything on ha...	Finance	06/16/25	06/09/25
10285	06/06/25	All Certificates of Occupancy from 2016-current for: 8209 Garden Grove Blvd CA 92844		06/16/25	06/06/25
10286	06/06/25	All permits and sqft of 8612 Marylee		06/16/25	06/06/25
10287	06/06/25	Hello,  My name is Ethan Shin from RPM Engineers, Inc., located in 102 Discovery Irvine, CA 92618. We are MEP engineering firm working for the tenant improvement project at 7373 Hunt Ave., Garden Grove. We would like to request the record MEP dr...	City Manager	06/16/25	06/11/25
10288	06/09/25	Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the contractor Citiwide Builders that covers the date of 7/15/22. I am wondering if the City of Garden Grove might have...	Finance	06/19/25	06/09/25
10289	06/09/25	Hello,  Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Govt. Code section 6250 et seq.), we are requesting a copy of all the bids submitted by all contractors for the Project: Furnish All Labor, Material and Equipment for the Senior Center Roofi...	Finance	06/19/25	06/16/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10290	06/09/25	I am working on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability for Nexus Energy Systems Inc that covers the date 7/30/2024. Does Garden City keep records of liability insurance for licensing, permitting or regi...	Finance	06/19/25	06/09/25
10291	06/09/25	Can you please provide the bid result for the project Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project (WPRE Project)		06/19/25	06/09/25
10292	06/10/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 2/13/2025 - 6/6/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	06/20/25	06/19/25
10293	06/10/25	Hello,  I am reaching out to see if City of Garden Grove operates any streetlights / traffic signals, storm, water, fiber infrastructure around the attached project (view attached map showing boundary)? If yes, can you please providethe followin...		06/20/25	06/10/25
10294	06/10/25	Hello,  I am reaching out to see if City of Garden Grove operates any water, streetlights / traffic signals, storm, fiber infrastructure around the attached project (view boundary)? If yes, can you please provide as-builts AND utility maps of as...		06/20/25	06/10/25
10295	06/10/25	Request Code: 14218547 Date: 06/10/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...		06/20/25	06/10/25
10296	06/10/25	Please provide copies of variances/special use permits and the final approved site plan issued since 01.01.2018 to current on file for the property located at 7272 Chapman Avenue, parcel # 131-343-01. Please do not exceed \$25.00 in fees without pr...		06/20/25	06/10/25

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10297	06/10/25	Can I please get bid results for the 2 lowest bidders for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project (WPRE Project) Invitation #S-1340. Any Information is appreciated. Thank you		06/20/25	06/10/25
10298	06/10/25	Good afternoon,  I hope this message finds you well.  Thank you again for sending part 2 of our request. We understand and appreciate the City's efforts to process requests in accordance with the California Public Records Act.  In this reg...	Public Works	06/20/25	06/16/25
10299	06/10/25	Hi there, I would like to request any information regarding the use of UST systems, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, notices of violation, etc. for the below address:  7272 Chapman Ave Garden Grove, CA 92841	Public Works Utilities Public Works	06/20/25	06/19/25
10300	06/10/25	Hi again, I'm looking for historical building permits for the below address. I understand they are supposed to be online; however, this building was constructed in 1977 and the permits provided online only go back to 1994.  7272 Chapman Ave	Community Development Economic Development	06/20/25	06/16/25
10301	06/11/25	Good morning City Clerks  I'm requesting the following public records in reference to the project completed back in May of 2015.  Project name: Material Canopy at Garden Grove Municipal Service Center Project # 5-1124-A  Copy of executed co...	Finance	06/23/25	06/23/25
10302	06/11/25	Dear Mr./Ms.,  I am requesting access to records in possession or control of City of Garden Grove for the purposes of inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code § 7920.000 et seq. ("CPRA"), and...		06/23/25	06/11/25

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10303	06/12/25	Please provide any public records for home located on 12130 Brittany Lane Stanton, CA 90680. Mercury Insurance Company is requesting any updates on home. Thanks		06/23/25	06/12/25
10304	06/12/25	Hello,  I hope this message finds you well.  On behalf of C3 Tech, I am writing to request records pursuant to the California Public Records Act. We are specifically seeking information related to your organization's copier and printer service...	Finance	06/23/25	06/23/25
10306	06/13/25	Clear Channel Outdoor  Quanta Utility Engineering Services is currently working on a new project for Southern California Edison and at this time would like to request record substructure AS-BUILT maps of your utility for the area(s) highlighted ...		06/26/25	06/16/25
10307	06/13/25	Quanta Utility Engineering Services is currently working on a new project for Southern California Edison and at this time would like to request record substructure AS-BUILT maps of your utility for the area(s) highlighted in the attachment(s).  ...		06/26/25	06/16/25
10308	06/14/25	Hello,  Re: 12131 Blackmer St., Garden Grove, CA; APN #130-243-07  I am going to participate in the upcoming Orange County property tax sale auction, of which the above property is listed for auction. I am looking for any information you coul...	Economic Development Community Development	06/26/25	06/23/25
10309	06/15/25	I would like to request copies of the consultant proposals related to the recent cost allocation plan RFP. RFP S-1359 Cost Allocation Plan for City of Garden Grove Thank you  Email: bradwilkes@gcp-inc.net	Finance	06/26/25	06/23/25
10310	06/16/25	12662 Woodland Ln Garden Grove CA 92840 Property has a bomb shelter in the back. is there any record of this? Please provide available blueprints or plans of the property		06/26/25	06/16/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10312	06/16/25	On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ...	Finance	06/26/25	06/23/25
10313	06/16/25	Hi City of Garden Grove,  We are Bidamerica, an online planroom based out of California. We would like to see if we can receive an electronic copy of the planholders list for "2025 VARIOUS STREETS REHABILITATION PROJECT, PROJECT NO. CP - 1442000...	City Manager	06/26/25	06/18/25
10314	06/17/25	Good morning,  I am writing in regard to Public Records Request No. 10238. We have received the responsive records the city provided, and we'd like to kindly ask if these are the only bond records the City maintains, or if there might be a vers...	Finance Public Works	07/14/25	
10315	06/18/25	Date: 06/18/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct any errors/deficiencies a...		06/30/25	06/18/25
10316	06/18/25	Requesting existing building records and any blueprints on file for the property located at 11566 Trask Ave. I have attached the ones I was able to access online.		06/30/25	06/18/25
10318	06/19/25	Hi my name is Phat Tran, I live at 8791 Dewey Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92841  How do I obtain property limit? Since the neighbor remodeled their house and went over to my property. please be advised, thank you		06/30/25	06/19/25
10321	06/23/25	#472843 Name: Angelica Tovar EMS Billing only Date Range: 10/06/2024 - present		07/03/25	06/23/25



#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10322	06/24/25	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Via your state's public records laws, I request the following information:</p> <p>* The number of people (union members) who are having dues withdrawn from their paycheck.</p> <p>* The total number of people covered by col...</p>	Finance	07/07/25	06/25/25
10323	06/24/25	The record I am looking for is when Homeland Security or Immigration and Custom Enforcement has given Garden Grove Police a courtesy call that they will operate in the city from January 2025 - June 24, 2025.	Police	07/07/25	07/02/25
10324	06/24/25	This is a formal request under the California Public Records Act (PRA) to inspect and/or obtain copies of public records in the possession of any City of Garden Grove officials or employees, including but not limited to, City officials/employees w...	Economic Development Information Technology	07/21/25	
10325	06/25/25	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential &amp; Commercial properties from 6/7/2025 - 6/24/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date &amp; Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...</p>	Community Development	07/07/25	07/02/25
10326	06/25/25	<p>Hi! I'm looking for all public comments submitted or given at yesterday's city council meeting (6/24/25).</p> <p>If possible, as well, I'd like to request all public comments and council comments regarding Immigrations and Customs Enforcement activity...</p>	City Manager	07/07/25	06/30/25
10327	06/25/25	<p>Public comments and council comments mentioning Palestine, Gaza or Israel since 10/7/2023</p> <p>If there's a simple way to keyword search and pull up the records, that would be awesome, if not, feel free to close this request.</p>	City Manager	07/07/25	07/02/25
10328	06/25/25	Units and Listed Subcontractors for other 4 Contractors for the proposals for Project 2025 Various Streets and 5 Year Landscape Maintenance that opened 6/25/25 at 11am.	Public Works	07/07/25	07/02/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10330	06/29/25	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings June 2025  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	07/10/25	
10331	06/30/25	Hello Ms. Serrato,  Please provide a field layout, data dictionary, or field list from the record-keeping software used to record city employees as well as the name of the software. Thank you.	Human Resources	07/10/25	07/07/25
10333	06/30/25	Other - Any and all occupancy permits/certificates for the time period of 2016 for 8209 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92844	Community Development Economic Development	07/10/25	07/07/25

**WEEKLY MEMO 07-10-2025**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

July 3, 2025 – July 9, 2025


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

Included in this Report

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**@CityGardenGrove**  
Wed 7/9/2025 4:08 pm PDT

This Friday, 7/11, through Saturday, 7/12, the Marian Days event will take place at the Christ Cathedral. [i](#)...




Impressions	78
Potential Reach	4,750
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.4%




**gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 7/9/2025 4:08 pm PDT

**⚠ Heavy Traffic During Christ Cathedral Marian Days Friday, Saturday**  
This Friday, July 11, through Saturday, July...




Views	2,001
Reach	1,510
Engagements	62
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.1%





**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Wed 7/9/2025 4:08 pm PDT

**⚠ Heavy Traffic During Christ Cathedral Marian Days Friday, Saturday**  
This Friday, July 11, through Saturday, July...



Impressions	1,604
Reach	1,588
Engagements	90
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%




**gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 7/9/2025 12:47 pm PDT


The City of Garden Grove has been notified by @republic\_services that a labor-related demonstration is impacting residential an...


**WASTE COLLECTION  
SERVICE DELAY**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 9**




Views	2,094
Reach	1,466
Engagements	81
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.9%



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Wed 7/9/2025 12:47 pm PDT


We have been notified by Republic Services that a labor-related demonstration is impacting residential and commercial was...


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**WEDNES  
JULY**


Impressions	107
Potential Reach	4,750
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.4%



**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Wed 7/9/2025 12:46 pm PDT

The City of Garden Grove has been notified by Republic Services that a labor-related demonstration is impacting residential an...


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Impressions	1,930
Reach	1,897
Engagements	180
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.3%






@CityGardenGrove


Mon 7/7/2025 5:10 pm PDT


For more information, visit

[ggcity.org/news/woodbury-...](#)
[#GG1956](#)
[#GardenGrove](#)
[#WoodburyPark...](#)




Impressions	60
Potential Reach	4,750
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%






gardengrovecityhall

Mon 7/7/2025 5:10 pm PDT



Recently, the City of Garden Grove

officially broke ground on the Woodbury

Park Revitalization and Expansion Project,...

Views	3,323
Reach	1,855
Engagements	119
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.6%




@CityGardenGrove

Mon 7/7/2025 5:10 pm PDT


Upon completion, the expanded 3.8-acre

park will feature two playground areas, a

recreational swimming pool, a pool house...




Impressions	83
Potential Reach	4,750
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%




@CityGardenGrove

Mon 7/7/2025 5:10 pm PDT

🎉 Recently, the City of Garden Grove officially broke ground on the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project,...




Impressions	103
Potential Reach	4,750
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.7%




Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 7/7/2025 5:10 pm PDT

🎉 Recently, the City of Garden Grove officially broke ground on the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project,...




Impressions	2,319
Reach	2,319
Engagements	376
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.2%



@CityGardenGrove


Mon 7/7/2025 5:03 pm PDT

🎵 Join the Garden Grove Community Foundation for free live music every Thursday at 6:30 PM through July 31 at...




Video Views	27
Impressions	75
Potential Reach	4,751
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%




**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Mon 7/7/2025 3:24 pm PDT


☀️ **Summer jams aren't over yet — the 2025 Free Summer Concert Series continues!** 🎵 Join the Garden Grove...




Video Views	391
Impressions	1,386
Reach	1,380
Engagements	36
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%

**gardengrovecityhall**  
Mon 7/7/2025 3:23 pm PDT


☀️ **Summer jams aren't over yet — the 2025 Free Summer Concert Series continues!** 🎵 Join the Garden Grove...



Views	1,711
Reach	1,148
Engagements	87
Engagement Rate (per View)	5.1%

**gardengrovecityhall**  
Fri 7/4/2025 9:00 am PDT

We wish you all a safe and fun Independence Day! Happy #4thofJuly! 🇺🇸 As a friendly reminder, #GardenGrove City H...



Views	931
Reach	750
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.1%





**Garden Grove City Hall**


Fri 7/4/2025 9:00 am PDT

We wish you all a safe and fun Independence Day! Happy #4thofJuly! 🇺🇸 As a friendly reminder, #GardenGrove City H...




Impressions	1,832
Reach	1,744
Engagements	67
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%





**@CityGardenGrove**


Fri 7/4/2025 9:00 am PDT

We wish you all a safe and fun Independence Day! Happy #4thofJuly! 🇺🇸 As a friendly reminder, #GardenGrove Ci...




Impressions	73
Potential Reach	4,751
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%






**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 7/3/2025 1:37 pm PDT




Views	468
Reach	446
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	5




**gardengrovecityhall**  
Thu 7/3/2025 9:01 am PDT

Are you preparing for the holiday festivities?  
▶ Watch Garden Grove TV 3's #July4 safety tips video and make sure your celebration...




Views	1,496
Reach	928
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.3%





**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Thu 7/3/2025 9:00 am PDT

Are you preparing for the holiday festivities?  
▶ Watch Garden Grove TV 3's #July4 safety tips video and make sure your celebration...



Video Views	143
Impressions	456
Reach	430
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.5%



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Thu 7/3/2025 9:00 am PDT

Are you preparing for the holiday festivities? Watch  
[@GardenGroveTV3's #July4](#) safety tips video and make sure your celebration is safe, sane, and fine-free! ▶:  
[youtu.be/Z2P4APPrceI](https://youtu.be/Z2P4APPrceI) For firework-related safety tips and information, visit [ggcity.org/july4-info](https://ggcity.org/july4-info).  
[#GG1956](#)

Post Link Clicks	1
Impressions	123
Potential Reach	4,750
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%



# Post Performance

July 3, 2025 – July 9, 2025

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

Included in this Report

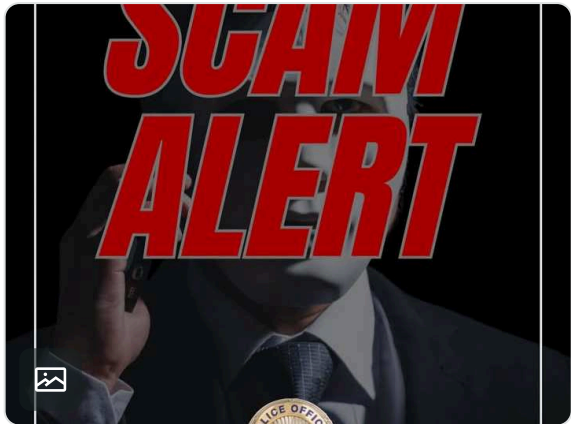
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**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Wed 7/9/2025 2:03 pm PDT

🚨 SCAM ALERT 🚨 #GardenGrovePD has been made aware of a Medicare/Medi-Cal scam specifically targeting our elderly...



Impressions	637
Reach	637
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Tue 7/8/2025 8:14 am PDT

🎉 Mark your calendars! 🎉 Join #GardenGrovePD on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 5 PM for an epic evening of...



Impressions	2,040
Reach	1,959
Engagements	75
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Mon 7/7/2025 5:47 pm PDT

Weekend recap 7/03/2025 - 7/06/2025  
#GardenGrovePD #GGPD32 #GGPD  
#SafeStreetsGG



Video Views	1,265
Impressions	2,483
Reach	2,470
Engagements	389
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.7%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Sat 7/5/2025 5:58 pm PDT

We hope everyone had a fun, safe, and memorable Fourth of July! 🇺🇸 Earlier this month, the #GardenGrovePD Special...



Impressions	6,907
Reach	6,702
Engagements	1,763
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	25.5%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Fri 7/4/2025 8:07 am PDT

Happy 4th of July from all of us at #GardenGrovePD! 🇺🇸 As we celebrate America's birthday, we want to wish...



Impressions	5,697
Reach	5,665
Engagements	419
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Thu 7/3/2025 8:40 am PDT

#GardenGrovePD gained a new officer this morning when lateral Officer J. Garcia was sworn in by Chief El-Farra. He will be...



Impressions	4,376
Reach	4,243
Engagements	584
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.3%

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Wednesday, July 9, 2025



## **HEAVY TRAFFIC DURING CHRIST CATHEDRAL MARIAN DAYS FRIDAY, SATURDAY**

From Friday, July 11, 2025, through Saturday, July 12, 2025, the annual Marian Days event will take place at the Christ Cathedral, located at 13280 Chapman Ave. During the 2-day event, heavy traffic is anticipated in the surrounding area, including:

- Eastbound Chapman Avenue, from Haster Street to Lewis Street
- Southbound Lewis Street, from Chapman Avenue to Lampson Avenue

Motorists are asked to plan ahead and use alternate routes to avoid delays.

The Marian Days event, hosted by the Diocese of Orange, will take place on Friday, July 11, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 12, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. For event information, visit [melvangoc.com/en](http://melvangoc.com/en).

For traffic information, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Monday, July 7, 2025

## WOODBURY PARK REVITALIZATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT BREAKS GROUND

On Tuesday, July 1, 2025, the City of Garden Grove, along with architect David Volz Design, construction management Z&K Consultants, Inc., and contractor Act 1 Construction, Inc., celebrated the groundbreaking for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project, commemorating the start of construction to one of Garden Grove's existing recreational spaces. The expanded 3.8-acre park will create a safer and more engaging space for families with a full remodel of this neighborhood park.

"For many longtime residents, this space holds a special place in their hearts, filled with nostalgia and fond memories of growing up and playing right here in this park. Now, with this exciting transformation, we're honoring that history while creating opportunities for future generations to make memories of their own," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein.

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## WOODBURY PARK REVITALIZATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT BREAKS GROUND 2-2-2

The Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion design is reflective of community input garnered through several multilingual community meetings hosted by the City's Community Services Department from 2019 to 2021. In collaboration with the Garden Grove Unified School District, parents and students from the surrounding area also contributed to the development of the plan. The final design features two playground areas, a recreational swimming pool, a pool house building, a skate plaza, basketball courts, a walking trail, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic shelters, restrooms, a parking lot, and park lighting.

The Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion is a part of the City's Parks, Recreation & Facilities Master Plan. The \$11 million project is funded in part by the 2018 Park Bond Act Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant, which supports underserved communities across the state.

Construction for the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project is tentatively scheduled for completion in spring 2026.

For more information about the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project, visit [ggcity.org/parksplan](https://ggcity.org/parksplan).

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**July 10, 2025**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the July 17, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Meeting minutes for the June 19, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from June 4 to July 10.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 10, 2025 – July 25, 2025

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Thursday	July 10		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	July 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
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 <b>ALL CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	July 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	July 24	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Free Summer Concert – Kelly Boyz Band Eastgate Park 12001 St. Mark Street
Thursday	July 24	1:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social, CMC, AB Room
Friday	July 25		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure





## AGENDA

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

JULY 17, 2025 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

**Agenda Item Descriptions:** Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief and general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

**Documents/Writings:** Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [public-comment@ggcity.org](mailto:public-comment@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.**

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS ASHLAND, BEARD, CUEVA, FLANDERS, LARICCHIA,  
LINDSAY, RAMIREZ

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [June 19, 2025](#)
- C. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. [NEGATIVE DECLARATION](#)  
[GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-002-2025](#)  
[SITE PLAN NO. SP-159-2025](#)

APPLICANT: HARBINGER MOTORS, INC.

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

Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) of properties in "Subarea B" of General Plan Amendment: 215-014-01, 215-014-02, 215-012-07, 215-012-08, 215-013-01

Address of Parcel for Site Plan: 12821 Knott Street (APN: 215-014-01)

REQUEST: A request that the Planning Commission recommend City Council approval of General Plan Amendment No. GPA-002-2025 and Site Plan No. SP-159-2025. The proposed General Plan Amendment would increase the maximum allowable Floor Area Ratio from 0.5 to 0.55 for industrial uses only on five parcels located within the existing IC (Industrial/Commercial Mixed Use) land use designation at 12777, 12821, 12832, and 12881 Knott Street (APN: 215-014-02, 215-014-01, 215-012-07, 215-012-08, and 215-013-01). These five parcels would be designated as "Subarea B" of the IC land use designation, and the rest of the properties within the IC land use designation would be designated as "Subarea A" and would not be affected by the General Plan Amendment. The maximum floor area ratio for commercial uses on the five parcels within Subarea B would remain at 0.5, and residential uses would continue to be prohibited on all properties within the IC designation. The proposed site plan approval would permit the development of an approximately 10,368 square-foot interior mezzanine addition to an existing industrial building located at 12821 Knott Street (APN: 215-014-01) and would increase the floor area ratio on this site to 0.53.

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

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

D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

E. MATTERS FROM STAFF

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Laricchia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Cueva.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

Written comments received from Tony Flores.

June 5, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Beard

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (1) Laricchia

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-111-2022(TE2), TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2021-190(TE2) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND BROOKHURST STREET AT 10201 AND 10231 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD.

Applicant: DR. MICHAEL DAO

Date: June 19, 2025

Request: A request to approve a one-year time extension for the approved entitlements under Site Plan No. SP-111-2022 and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2021-190, as modified by Minor Modification No. 1, which

allowed the consolidation of two (2) existing parcels into a single 1.86 acre parcel, and the construction of a five-story mixed-use development on the 1.86-acre site consisting of 5,312 square feet of retail space, 3,548 square feet for an art gallery use, and 10,745 square feet of medical space, and 52 apartment units. Pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law, in exchange for reserving three (3) units for very-low income, the project qualifies for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.

Action: Resolution No. 6121-25 was approved.

Motion: Ashland Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Laricchia

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-259-2024(TE1) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF KATELLA AVENUE AND EUCLID STREET AT, 10912 KATELLA AVENUE.

Applicant: FREEDOMHOUSE OC CHURCH  
Date: June 19, 2025

Request: A request for a one-year time extension for the approved entitlements under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-259-2024 to operate a new religious facility, including, church services, an accredited bible college, and a child day care within an existing 46,287 square-foot tenant space. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.

Action: Resolution No. 6122-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Laricchia

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-160-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF TRASK AVENUE AND BROOKHURST STREET, AT 10150 TRASK AVENUE.

Applicant: DAVID SIMPSON  
Date: June 19, 2025

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a one-story 3,625 square foot freestanding steel structure for vehicle maintenance on an existing car dealership lot. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6120-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ashland

Ayes: (6) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Laricchia

#### MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Lindsay asked for an update on the Site C, Site B2, Brookhurst Triangle, Cottages Industries, and self-storage facility on Western Avenue projects, and staff provided a brief update.

Commissioner Flanders asked staff about the former 99 Cent Store on Valley View Street/Lampson Avenue, and staff mentioned that there is a proposed plan to convert the tenant space into an indoor play area.

Commissioner Ramirez asked about the former Starbucks/Fresh & Easy Market, and staff responded that no inquiries have been received.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the July 3, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting would be cancelled, and gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the July 17, 2025 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 p.m.

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Carol Sebbo  
Recording Secretary



# Bill Talk: Budget cuts, legislative wins, and late-breaking bills

Jul 9, 2025

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

*By Cal Cities Staff*

Even in a normal year, the last two weeks of policy committee hearings are busy. But this year, lawmakers must also react to the federal tax and spending package signed into law on Friday. The federal budget will cut billions from the [state's budget](#), most notably to [Medi-Cal](#). But the impact could be even greater due to cuts to various federal departments, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

So, what's happening at the state Capitol? State lawmakers introduced a late-breaking bill that would yank control away from cities for local infrastructure projects. Cal Cities also scored a victory when Asm. Juan Alanis agreed to park a well-intended but flawed measure that would have required some parks to maintain automated external defibrillators. Several priority bills cleared key committee hurdles — including a human trafficking bill now on the Senate floor.

Also this week, Cal Cities and others [held a rally on the steps of the Capitol](#), urging lawmakers to [prioritize climate-safe infrastructure investments](#) at the local level during negotiations over the future of the state's Cap-and-Trade Program.

"Cap-and-Trade funding powers our communities," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "It helps our cities meet the state's climate goals, strengthens our economy, and accelerates the production of affordable housing."

A quick note: This story was first published on Monday and updated early Wednesday morning. Things may have changed.

*-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

[Legislators amend SB 79, send it to its final committee hearing next week](#)

The recently amended [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) is set for a hearing in Assembly Local Government on July 16. 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.

The author accepted changes from the Assembly Housing Committee that revise how Density Bonus Law would apply to SB 79 projects and provide clearer affordability requirements for the projects. Other amendments attempt to address displacement concerns highlighted by the [committee analysis](#). Cal Cities will provide more details about these changes once the amendments are in print. The bill cleared the Assembly Housing Committee by 9-2.

*- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate*

[Last-minute gut-and-amend usurps local decision-making for transportation projects](#)

Lawmakers added broad new language to [SB 445 \(Wiener\)](#) that would create a near-total erosion of local control over infrastructure assets cities must maintain and steward. The bill

transfers key decision-making authority from local governments to external entities, including transit districts and the [state transportation agency](#).

This shift would effectively sideline cities from planning and delivering infrastructure projects within their own jurisdictions. Additionally, the bill proposes a vast array of complex timeframes that are highly prescriptive and impractical, requiring local agencies to respond within rigid, accelerated windows that will only result in greater legal liability for cities.

SB 445 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Transportation. Cities should contact their assembly members and urge them to oppose the measure.

*- Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*

#### [Short-term rental bill heads to the Assembly Judiciary Committee](#)

Last week, the Assembly Local Government Committee approved [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) by a 9-0 vote. The bill now heads to the Assembly Judiciary Committee, where it will be heard on July 15. 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.

Opponents of the bill have invested heavily in stopping it. 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*

#### [Warehouse clean-up bills hearings forthcoming](#)

Two bills that would revise the [controversial warehouse standards law](#) from last session are set for their final committee hearings. [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. [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) will be in Senate Judiciary on July 15. [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#) will be in Assembly Local Government on July 16.

Cal Cities secured important revisions to both bills earlier this session and is urging the authors to [adopt further 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 expressing concerns about the continued need for clean-up legislation.

*- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

#### [Call for support for sponsored environmental bills in appropriations](#)

Three environmental bills sponsored by Cal Cities now await their fate in the appropriations committees. [AB 846 \(Connolly\)](#) would streamline the state permitting process for vegetation management projects in fire-prone areas, reducing the risk of catastrophic wildfires. [AB 996 \(Pellerin\)](#) would help coastal and bay cities meet mandated sea level rise plan requirements. [SB 454 \(McNerney\)](#) would create a PFAS Mitigation Fund for cities and water suppliers to use to help clean up the forever chemicals in local water supplies. Cities should express their support to help these measures make it out of the fiscal committees.

- *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

## Human trafficking bill faces final committee hurdle

AB 379 (Schultz) passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday and is now pending on the Senate floor. Supported by Cal Cities, the bill would create a new offense for loitering with the intent to purchase commercial sex, increase penalties for purchasing commercial sex from minors, and require certain businesses to display information on human trafficking.

Cal Cities has asked for similar changes since the enactment of SB 357 (Wiener, 2022), which repealed parts of the state's anti-loitering law. It's surprising that the bill passed out of Senate Appropriations unchanged, since both the committee chair and Sen. Scott Wiener requested amendments. Cities should submit a support letter to secure AB 379's passage.

- *Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate*

## Sponsored mural bill sails out of committee

On Tuesday, the Assembly Business and Professions Committee voted unanimously to approve SB 456 (Ashby). Co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the bill would make it easier for cities to commission local muralists for public art projects by exempting them from existing licensing requirements. This narrow exemption would allow cities to resume mural projects, which have stalled in recent years due to the onerous licensing requirements and potential fines levied against city employees and unlicensed muralists.

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

## Cal Cities to work with author's office on well-intended defibrillator bill

Following sustained advocacy from Cal Cities, Asm. Juan Alanis agreed to park AB 387 (Alanis) for the year. The bill would have required public parks used for youth sports to procure and maintain automated external defibrillators and make them accessible during practices and matches. While Cal Cities supported the intent of this measure, implementation challenges resulted in Cal Cities taking an oppose unless amended position. Cal Cities and other stakeholders will work over the fall to put forward a legislative solution next year.

- *Caroline Grinder, 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.





## 'Cap-and-Trade funding powers our communities,' Cal Cities and others tell state leaders

Jul 9, 2025

Cities should urge their lawmakers to support climate-safe infrastructure investments during debates over the program's future

*By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor, and Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

Cal Cities and a [coalition](#) of business, labor, local government, and transit agency leaders [rallied at the Capitol on Tuesday](#) to urge state leaders to prioritize climate-safe infrastructure improvements during Cap-and-Trade reauthorization negotiations. The program is set to expire in 2030.



"Cap-and-Trade funding powers our communities," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "It helps our cities meet the state's climate goals, strengthens our economy, and accelerates the production of affordable housing."

The coalition was joined by dozens of construction workers and local elected officials, who emphasized the importance of directing Cap-and-Trade funding toward proven investments in both physical and natural infrastructure. The coalition called for dedicated funding for infrastructure improvements to combat climate impacts, such as sea level rise, flood events, and wildfires, as well as help meet state mandates, including affordable housing, organic waste diversion, clean transportation, and zero-emission public vehicles.

Investments from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund have also contributed to over 1,200 new projects boosting affordable housing and building more climate-resilient communities statewide — including in the nearby River District in West Sacramento, rural cities like Dinuba in the Central Valley, and larger cities like Long Beach.

"Our coalition is rallying behind diverse investments in climate infrastructure that will make us safer, reduce pollution and emissions, and support tens of thousands of family-supporting middle-class jobs," said California Alliance for Jobs Executive Director Michael Quigley.

Members of the coalition also spent time in the State Capitol meeting with legislative leaders, members, and their staff to discuss the coalition's priorities.

### How can my city help?

The coalition's priorities for future investments from the Cap-and-Trade Program include the following:

- Local Clean Transportation Infrastructure
- Climate Adaptation Programs, Sea Level Rise, and Organic Waste Infrastructure
- Land Use/Infill Development for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities
- State and Regional Clean Transit Infrastructure
- State Wildfire Resilience Infrastructure



Cities can help by [urging their lawmakers](#) to support climate-safe infrastructure projects and program funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund as part of the reauthorization programs. Cities are strongly encouraged to [submit a letter of support](#) to their legislators and the lawmakers leading these discussions: Sen. Monique Limón and Asm. Jacqui Irwin. The fund — supported by proceeds from the Cap-and-Trade Program — has generated roughly \$30 billion over the last ten years. These funds go to cities and others as grants for transit, rail, transportation, air quality, affordable housing, safe drinking water, and organic waste programs.

For questions, please contact your [regional public affairs manager](#) or Cal Cities Environmental Quality Legislative Advocate [Melissa Sparks-Kranz](#). For more information on the coalition, visit [ClimateSafeInfrastructureCA.com](https://ClimateSafeInfrastructureCA.com) and follow on [Facebook](#) and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).



# Cal Cities policy resolutions are due Aug. 9. Here's how to submit one

*Jul 9, 2025*

Members will vote on resolutions at the General Assembly on Oct. 10, during the annual conference

*By Cal Cities Staff*

Every year, Cal Cities convenes a member-driven General Assembly and resolutions process. This important opportunity allows all members to help develop Cal Cities policy and engage on a range of issues that impact local control. Here is what you need to know about the submission process.

## How can I submit a resolution?

Any elected or appointed city official, city council, division, department, caucus, policy committee, or the Cal Cities Board of Directors may submit a resolution for consideration at the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo. Resolutions must be germane to city issues.

Submitted resolutions must have the concurrence of at least five or more cities, or city officials from at least five or more cities. Written documentation of concurrences — in the form of a letter from the city or the city official in support — must be submitted with the resolution. For concurrence by a city official, the official's city and office must be included in the letter.

Resolutions must be emailed to [Meg Desmond](#) no later than **60 days before the opening session of the annual conference**. The deadline to submit resolutions and concurrences for the 2025 annual conference is **midnight, Aug. 9**.

## Who reviews the resolutions?

The Cal Cities president assigns resolutions to policy committees, which review, debate, and recommend positions for each resolution. Policy committee recommendations are then sent to the Resolutions Committee.

Resolutions received by the Aug. 9 deadline will also be sent to all member cities for individual council review.

## Resolutions Committee: Appointments and consideration

The Resolutions Committee meets during the annual conference to consider all resolutions. The Resolutions Committee consists of one representative from each caucus, division, department, and policy committee, as well as up to ten optional, additional positions appointed by the Cal Cities president.

The president or chair of each caucus, division, department, and policy committee appoints their group's representative. If you are interested in serving on the Resolutions Committee, reach out to your president/chair.

### When does a resolution move to the General Assembly?

The General Assembly considers resolutions approved by the Resolutions Committee or all referred policy committees. If a resolution is not approved by the Resolutions Committee and at least one referred policy committee, the resolution does not move to the General Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee may amend the resolution before moving it forward for consideration by the General Assembly. Resolutions approved by the General Assembly become [Cal Cities policy](#).

### Petitioned Resolutions

During the annual conference, a designated voting delegate of a member city may introduce a resolution by petition. A petitioned resolution must be signed by 10% of the voting delegates and submitted by **8:30 a.m. on Oct. 9**, at least 24 hours before the beginning of the General Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee and the General Assembly review all qualified petitioned resolutions. The Resolutions Committee can disqualify a petitioned resolution that does not meet the signature threshold, is not germane to city issues, or is identical or substantially similar to a resolution already under consideration.

For questions about the annual conference resolution process, please contact [Zach Seals](#).