

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
July 18, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members FROM: Matt West, Assistant City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo highlighting a recent Senior Center field trip.

B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An update is provided on Homebuyer Day, July 13th in this memo.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

• **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.



Matt West
Assistant City Manager

City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
From: John Montanchez
Dept.: City Manager
Dept.: Community Services
Subject: Senior Center Duffy Boat Field Trip
Date: July 18, 2024

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council about the H. Louis Lake Senior Center (Center) Duffy Boat field trip that took place on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Newport Beach.

BACKGROUND

Center staff have been providing bi-monthly excursions to help foster social connections for older adults. Outdoor excursions have been shown to have long term physical and mental health benefits. This trip provides participants the opportunity to take in the beauty of Newport Harbor, socialize and make new connections to enhance their quality of life.

DISCUSSION


On Tuesday, July 16, 2024, staff embarked with a group of 27 seniors on a Newport Harbor Duffy Boat cruise from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. Center staff captained three 8-10 passenger Duffy boats. Participants enjoyed the afternoon cruising Newport Harbor taking in the sights, and socializing with their peers.

Participants were charged a \$20 fee, which covered the cost of the Duffy boat rentals, snacks, and drinks. Transportation to and from the destination was funded by the Senior Mobility Program. The field trip has garnered a huge response from our participants and attracted new participation from our senior community. The trip was sold out within the first few days of ticket sales. Due to the popularity of this event, staff are working on a plan to have a second outing on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 to accommodate those on the waitlist.

SUMMARY

Highlights of the field trip include a two hour Newport Harbor Duffy Boat cruise, snacks and drinks, and interaction with other senior participants and staff. Our goal is to provide our older adult community with experiences they may not otherwise have the opportunity to do on their own.


JOHN MONTANCHEZ
Community Services Director


By: Rene Camarena
Human Services Assistant Supervisor

Attachments: Photos



City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
From: Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept: City Manager
Dept: Economic Development
and Housing
Subject: HOMEBUYER DAY 2024 UPDATE
Date: July 18, 2024

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Homebuyer Day 2024 event that the Economic Development and Housing Department hosted at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center on July 13, 2024.

DISCUSSION

In partnership with NeighborWorks Orange County, the Economic Development and Housing Department successfully hosted "Homebuyer Day 2024". The event aimed to assist prospective homebuyers understand the home buying process and connect them with mortgage lenders, community housing organizations, real estate agents, and local municipalities that offer housing programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Tran delivered opening remarks to kick off the event, which saw an estimated attendance of 150 participants. The Resource Fair featured booths from 17 partnering agencies and representatives from the cities of Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and Anaheim, all exhibiting programs and services that offer assistance to homebuyers looking to purchase a home in Orange County.

The Cities of Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Anaheim and CalHFA conducted a presentation on their respective housing programs and participated in a panel discussion addressing questions from the audience. The event featured free food and giveaways donated by partnering agencies, fostering a high level of engagement among participants. The Economic Development and Housing Department will collaborate with NeighborWorks Orange County to host another homebuyer event in Fall 2024.



Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Economic Development and Housing Director

By: Dana Yang, Program Specialist
Attachment 1: Pictures from the Homebuyer Day 2024 Event

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

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

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Wed 7/17/2024 7:52 am PDT

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🏠🏡? ggcity.org/news/homeowner...
Learn the benefits/considerations of...




Impressions 112

Potential Reach 4,753

Engagements 6

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 5.4%

 [gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall)
Wed 7/17/2024 7:47 am PDT

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Impressions 295

Reach 281

Engagements 15

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 5.1%

 [Garden Grove City Hall](https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall)
Wed 7/17/2024 7:43 am PDT

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🏠🏡? 🏠🏡 ggcity.org/news/homeownership-fair Learn...



Impressions 653

Reach 653

Engagements 51

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 7.8%



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Tue 7/16/2024 8:31 am PDT

Back to School Drive! The new school year is just around the corner! We encourage you to help local students...



Impressions	668
Reach	649
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 7/16/2024 8:29 am PDT

Back to School Drive! The new school year is just around the corner! We encourage you to help local students...



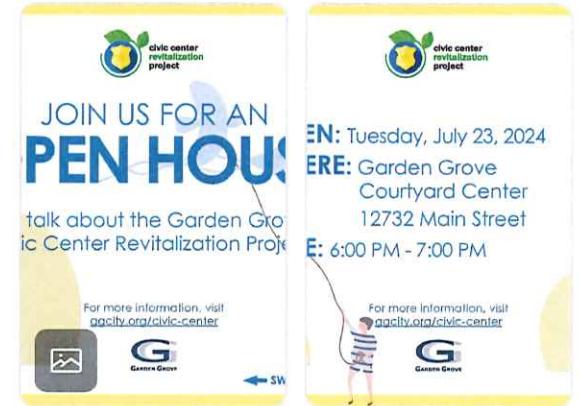
Impressions	575
Reach	572
Engagements	43
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.5%



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Mon 7/15/2024 4:18 pm PDT

You're invited to an open house to discuss the Civic...




Impressions	125
Potential Reach	4,748
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.4%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Mon 7/15/2024 4:15 pm PDT

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Impressions	700
Reach	575
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%

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 Mon 7/15/2024 4:13 pm PDT

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 to an open house to discuss updates on...



Impressions	847
Reach	817
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Mon 7/15/2024 11:38 am PDT

For a full list of events, visit
ocpl.org/events. **#GG1956**
#communityevent #juggling...



Impressions	81
Potential Reach	4,748
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



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Mon 7/15/2024 11:38 am PDT

Want the latest scoop on your local #GardenGrove libraries? 🔄 Swipe to check out some upcoming events and program...



Impressions	669
Reach	568
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 7/15/2024 11:38 am PDT

Want the latest scoop on your local #GardenGrove libraries? 🔄 Swipe to check out some upcoming events and program...



Impressions	123
Potential Reach	4,748
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 7/15/2024 11:38 am PDT

Want the latest scoop on your local #GardenGrove libraries? 🔄 Swipe to check out some upcoming events and program...



Impressions	836
Reach	806
Engagements	50
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6%



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Mon 7/15/2024 7:53 am PDT

COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY

Join us this Saturday for the next community cleanup day, offering residen...



Impressions	2,029
Reach	1,623
Engagements	73
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 7/15/2024 7:46 am PDT

COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY SATURDAY

ggcity.org/news/cleanup-july2024 Join us this Saturday for the next community...



Impressions	4,434
Reach	4,434
Engagements	270
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%



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Sun 7/14/2024 9:00 am PDT

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ !🦟 Ankle biters are aggressive day-time biting mosquitoes who thrive on properties with standing...



Impressions	1,163
Reach	1,136
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sun 7/14/2024 9:00 am PDT

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ ! Ankle biters are aggressive day-time biting mosquitoes who thrive on properties with standing...



Impressions	1,188
Reach	1,171
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%



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Sat 7/13/2024 9:01 am PDT

Drowning prevention is everyone's responsibility. We encourage the community to practice drowning...



Impressions	1,884
Reach	1,115
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Sat 7/13/2024 9:00 am PDT

Drowning prevention is everyone's responsibility. We encourage the community to practice drowning...



Video Views	119
Impressions	330
Reach	314
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%



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Fri 7/12/2024 9:00 am PDT

APPLY TODAY !! SENIOR RECREATION SPECIALIST, RECREATION SPECIALIST OR LEADER STARTING AT \$17/HR No...



Impressions	1,149
Reach	1,081
Engagements	60
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 7/12/2024 9:00 am PDT

APPLY TODAY !! SENIOR RECREATION SPECIALIST, RECREATION SPECIALIST OR LEADER STARTING AT \$17/HR No...



Impressions	2,042
Reach	2,014
Engagements	133
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 7/12/2024 9:00 am PDT

APPLY TODAY !! SENIOR RECREATION SPECIALIST, RECREATION SPECIALIST OR LEADER STARTING AT \$17/HR...



Impressions	116
Potential Reach	4,746
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 7/11/2024 2:00 pm PDT

📷 Join the Garden Grove Police Department as they host #NationalNightOut2024! Enjoy live...



Impressions	1,563
Reach	1,543
Engagements	152
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.7%



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Thu 7/11/2024 2:00 pm PDT

📷 Join the @gardengrovecpd as they host #NationalNightOut2024! Enjoy live demonstrations, free giveaways, and a...



Impressions	976
Reach	826
Engagements	75
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.7%



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 7/11/2024 2:00 pm PDT

📷 Join the @GardenGrovePD as they host #NationalNightOut2024! Enjoy live demonstrations, free giveaways, and a...



Impressions	153
Potential Reach	10,599
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.5%



@CityGardenGrove
Thu 7/11/2024 10:34 am PDT

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



Impressions	102
Potential Reach	4,745
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



@CityGardenGrove
Thu 7/11/2024 10:34 am PDT

HOME BUYER DAY 2024 THIS SATURDAY ^{10:00} 7/13 | 10AM-2PM 📍 Garden Grove Community Meeting Cente...



Impressions	139
Potential Reach	4,745
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.8%



gardengrovecityhall
Thu 7/11/2024 10:25 am PDT

HOME BUYER DAY 2024 THIS SATURDAY ^{10:00} This Saturday, July 13 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 📍 Garden Grove...



Impressions	872
Reach	625
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 7/11/2024 10:25 am PDT

HOME BUYER DAY 2024 THIS

SATURDAY ^{LIVE}₁₇ This Saturday, July 13 |

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 📍 Garden Grove...



Impressions 838

Reach 831

Engagements 44

Engagement Rate (per Impression) 5.3%



Post Performance

July 11, 2024 - July 17, 2024

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

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- 📍 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 7/16/2024 12:00 pm PDT

A friendly reminder to join us tomorrow, Wednesday, July 17th, from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, at Shakey's USA (12540 Valley View...

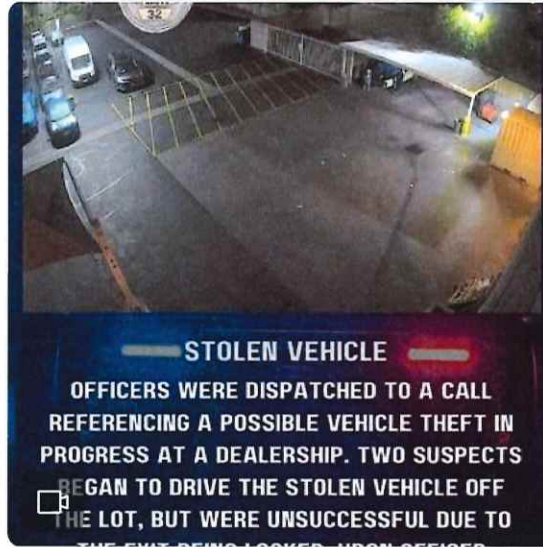


Impressions	3,022
Reach	2,925
Engagements	339
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Mon 7/15/2024 1:46 pm PDT



Video Views	2,080
Impressions	2,544
Reach	2,470
Engagements	627
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	24.6%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 7/11/2024 12:00 pm PDT

NEW POLICE FRONT DESK HOURS
Please be advised, beginning Monday, July 15, 2024, our new Front Desk hours will ...



Impressions	3,122
Reach	2,971
Engagements	142
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%

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NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Economic Development and Housing

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media



Tuesday, July 16, 2024

GARDEN GROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR HOSTED BY WELLS FARGO

The City of Garden Grove will take part in the "Advancing Homeownership" fair, hosted by Wells Fargo, this Saturday, July 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Santa Ana College, Johnson Student Center Conference Room JSC-219, located at 1530 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, 92706. The fair will offer information and resources related to purchasing a home. Admission, parking (Lot 11), and breakfast are free.

Representatives from the City of Garden Grove will provide information on the City's First-Time Homebuyer Program that offers down payment assistance of up to \$110,000 in no-interest loans for qualified home buyers. Information will also be available on down-payment assistance programs offered by the City of Santa Ana.

Attendees can speak with bilingual banking and mortgage professionals about managing credit, financing, and the benefits of owning a home. Wells Fargo Home Mortgage consultants and other industry professionals will share information on credit improvement and products and services to help with the home buying process.

Former Mexican national team goalkeeper Oswaldo Sanchez will be at the event talking about his home buying experience and providing signed jerseys to the first 100 attendees. Members of the Garden Grove City Council and Santa Ana City Council will also be in attendance.

To register for the event, visit bit.ly/welcomehomesantaana. Walk-ins welcomed.

11222 Acacia Parkway • P.O.Box 3070 • Garden Grove, CA 92842
ggcity.org



Contact: Grace Kim
Economic Development and Housing
(714) 741-5130 / gracel@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Monday, July 15, 2024



**COMMUNITY INVITED TO UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE FOR
CIVIC CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT UPDATE**

The City of Garden Grove will host an open house on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to update the community on the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project. The open house will be held at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street.

Earlier this year, the City of Garden Grove, along with developer Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate, design-builder Clark Construction Group, and architect AC Martin, broke ground for Phase I of the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project, which includes a new Garden Grove Police Department public safety facility and parking structure.

Phase II of the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project includes a redesigned Civic Center Park that will encompass approximately 2.7 acres of open green space, memorial grove, walking trail, and more.

The open house is an opportunity to obtain an update on community feedback, information on project timing, learn how to stay engaged, and provide input on programming for the new Civic Center Park.

For more information about the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project, please visit www.ggcity.org/civic-center.

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Open house Tuesday on Civic Center revitalization project

July 17

Interested in learning more about the Civic Center Revitalization Project and having your say?

An open house is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23 from 6-7 p.m. at Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St.

The project involves building a new three-story police facility at Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street and an attached parking structure. Also included in the project is a new park nearby to replace some of the open space in the existing Civic Center Park repurposed for the police facility.

For more information, go to ggcity.org/civic-center .



Sustain your world at Eco Now

July 16

Ever struggled with a heavy plastic jug filled with slippery detergent pods or thick stain-prone liquids while trying to get your laundry done?

There may be a solution for you in what might be called the wash-day standard of the future and an introduction to what may be a big part of the future of Garden Grove.

Recently opened in the Cottage Industries project east of the Civic Center is Eco Now, which bills itself as a "zero waste shop and refill station."



DETERGENT and "orange crate" sold at Eco Now

According to owner and operator Thea Pauley, she and her husband Tom are marketing a way around the expensive store-bought detergents that also fill up the solid waste dumps.

"We are a zero waste refill store that promotes sustainable living," said Thea. You purchase a glass jar topped with a simple finger pump and when you run low on the clear detergent within, you bring it back for a refill, saving money and helping to save the environment.

Eco Now is the first retail entry in the Cottage Industries project, which repurposes older homes into a development that will – according to plans – include a combination of unique retail stores, restaurants, services and even a boutique motel. It's been slow to develop due to challenges that included the coronavirus pandemic and other causes.

This isn't Thea's first venture into environmentally friendly retail. She and her husband operate other stores in Anaheim, Costa Mesa, Laguna Beach and Riverside.

When she heard about the Cottage Industries project she liked the location so much, they bought a house close by.

"I like Garden Grove. We live just a block away," said Thea. "This morning, I was able to go over to SteelCraft to get my coffee in my refillable coffee cup. Then we walked over to the [Village Green] park where the Strawberry Festival is held, came home and then checked out the community garden. It's a nice, cozy neighborhood. I frequent the library several times a week."

Their store on Eighth Street is a cozy place, too, the racks filled not only with sustainable goods but also a variety of gift items, including wooden crates decorated with reproductions of advertising labels from the days when much of Garden Grove was blanketed with citrus trees.

For now, Eco Now is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Right now, it's kind of limited," she said. "Hopefully we will be open seven days a week. I truly believe this project will be a success. It will just take a little time."

“National Night Out” on Aug. 8



GARDEN GROVE police will have their National Night Out on Aug. 8 (GGPD photo).

The annual National Night Out will be coming to West Orange County cities on Thursday, Aug. 8. Here's what's planned in our communities, featuring police departments in our area.

Garden Grove: The Big Strawberry's event will be from 5-8 p.m. in front of the Public Safety Building, 11301 Acacia Parkway.

Featured will be demonstrations, games, prizes and information about resources available to the community.

Because of construction on the new police headquarters building, parking in the Civic Center area will be a bit different than in previous years,

Free parking will be available at the Community Meeting Center, Garden Grove High School, Healthy Aging Center Acacia, First Baptist Church and SteelCraft Garden Grove.

Huntington Beach: The HBPD's event will include an open house at its headquarters at 2000 Main St. It will begin at 5 p.m. and conclude at 7 p.m.

There will be informational booths and giveaways, a "touch-a-truck" event, public safety vehicles, a bounce house, petting zoo, raffle prizes, food trucks (food for purchase), arts and crafts and demonstrations.

Westminster: The WPD will be staging its event from 5-8 p.m. in the Civic Center, 8200 Westminster Blvd. There will be live entertainment, food, games and activities. Agency vehicles will be on display, there will be a "K-9" dragon and more.

Some cities – such as Anaheim – will be holding their events on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Garden Grove mở hội chợ giúp cư dân có cơ hội mua nhà

July 16, 2024

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Đông đảo cư dân đã đến dự buổi Hội Chợ Giúp Người Mua Nhà do NeighborWorks Orange County tổ chức vào sáng Thứ Bảy, 13 Tháng Bảy, tại Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, thành phố Garden Grove.

Theo ban tổ chức, đây sẽ là sự kiện dành cho bất kỳ ai quan tâm đến việc tìm hiểu thêm về sự hỗ trợ trả trước, về quy trình mua nhà, và mức độ sẵn sàng về tín dụng, tài chính...

Hội chợ này có nhiều cơ quan tham gia sẽ cung cấp sự hỗ trợ và nguồn lực có giá trị liên quan đến việc trở thành chủ sở hữu nhà. Đây cũng là cơ hội cho các cư dân tìm hiểu thêm về các chương trình hỗ trợ trả trước do các thành phố Garden Grove, Anaheim và Santa Ana, cung cấp.



Từ trái, bà Helen O'Sullivan, CEO NeighborWorks OC (NWOC); cô Cindy Trần, phó thị trưởng Garden Grove; và Timothy Throne.
(Hình: Lâm Hoài Thạch/Người Việt)

Cô Cindy Trần, phó thị trưởng Garden Grove, cho hay: "Thành phố Garden Grove có hợp tác với các hội từ thiện và các cơ quan xã hội cũng như các ngân hàng để giúp cho những cư dân được hiểu biết thêm về các chương trình đặc biệt giúp cho những người muốn mua nhà lần đầu tiên, hoặc những ai có lợi tức thấp không đủ tiền tiền down để mua nhà lần đầu, thì một số ngân hàng, hoặc chính phủ có thể giúp cho họ, hay muốn mượn tiền để sửa nhà của mình đang ở, thì cũng sẽ được giúp đỡ. Hôm nay tôi rất vui, vì khi chương trình này chỉ mới thông báo cho các cư dân trước khi tổ chức vài ngày, thì có trên 150 cư dân đã ghi danh đến tham dự để được hiểu biết thêm về chương trình này."

Theo NeighborWorks Orange County (NWOC), quyền sở hữu nhà đi kèm với chi phí lớn. Vì vậy, hãy sử dụng các chương trình và tài nguyên của NWOC để bảo đảm bạn đặt đúng câu hỏi nhằm nhận được mức giá và số tiền cho vay tốt nhất, cũng như tìm được ngôi nhà phù hợp với mình.

NeighborWorks Orange County sẽ cung cấp các dịch vụ rất tốt, nhằm phục vụ cho nhu cầu cụ thể của bạn. Các thành viên trong nhóm của NWOC đã hiểu rõ quá trình của bạn cần gì và bắt đầu từ

đâu để bạn có thể bị căng thẳng. Vì thế, khi làm việc với NWOC, bạn có thể yên tâm rằng, NWOC sẽ trang bị cho bạn các nguồn lực và kiến thức để đưa ra quyết định sáng suốt và đúng đắn.

Cô Linh Trần, nhân viên NeighborWorks Orange County, nói: "Tôi là nhân viên lo về chương trình cho những người mua nhà lần đầu tiên, và những chương trình hỗ trợ cho down payment (tiền trả trước), và cũng có những lớp học cho những ai muốn hiểu biết thêm về chương trình này. Ngoài ra, chúng tôi còn có chương trình tư vấn cho những ai trên 62 tuổi đã có nhà rồi, và họ muốn mượn tiền từ căn nhà của mình ra để trang trải cho những gì mà họ cần có tiền để giải quyết, thì chúng tôi có thể giúp cho họ được."

Cô Alicia Nguyễn, nhân viên Fair Housing Foundation, cho hay: "Fair Housing Foundation cung cấp nhiều dịch vụ khác nhau để bảo đảm công bằng gia cư cho mọi người. Chúng tôi đã giúp đỡ trên 10,000 khách hàng mỗi năm, gồm các dịch vụ cung cấp: Giáo dục cộng đồng về quyền lợi và trách nhiệm, cung cấp dịch vụ và hòa giải, điều tra phân biệt đối xử, và nhiều về chương trình tư vấn cho thuê."

Ông Charlie Nguyễn, nhân viên của Team Tackney GMT Real Estate, thì cho biết: "Tackney là một nhóm chuyên gia giàu kinh nghiệm, chuyên về nhiều dịch vụ môi giới bất động sản bao gồm bán nhà ở, tịch thu tài sản thế chấp, cải tạo nhà ở, và tiếp thị bất động sản. Team Tackney GMT Real Estate với hơn 40 năm kinh nghiệm tổng hợp về bất động sản. Mỗi thành viên của nhóm Tackney đều có những kỹ năng riêng biệt, và là một phần quan trọng tạo nên thành công của nhóm này."

Theo ban tổ chức, việc sở hữu nhà có thể nằm ngoài tầm với của nhiều người. Việc đưa ra 20% để trả cho một khoản vay thông thường có vẻ không thể vượt qua được. Tuy nhiên, chúng tôi hiểu tầm quan trọng của việc biết tiền thuê nhà của bạn sẽ không tăng, không cần phải hỏi trước khi sơn phòng khách và ở một nơi đủ lâu để xây dựng cộng đồng. Vì vậy, chúng tôi cung cấp các chương trình hỗ trợ trả trước cho những người vay đủ điều kiện và các khóa học giáo dục cần thiết, để đáp ứng các điều khoản của các chương trình đó.



Các cư dân đã ghi danh đến dự buổi thuyết trình Giúp Người Mua Nhà. (Hình: Lâm Hoài Thạch/Người Việt)

Các cơ quan từ thiện và các cơ sở ngân hàng đến yểm trợ cho ban tổ chức gồm có: NeighborWorks Orange County, Team Tackney GMT Real Estate, Fair Housing Foundation, Santa Ana First-Time Home Buyer Program, Bank of America Home Financing, City National Bank, Newamerican Funding, Orange County's Credit Union, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Shalom Center (Homebuyer Education), Downpayment Assistance Grant Program, USbank Homeloan, Down Payment Resource, Karbon Financial, và Cal HFA Homebuyer Loans.

Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu ngày một lớn mạnh và thu hút nhiều người hơn

July 13

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – “Tôi rất hãnh diện khi thấy Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu ngày một lớn mạnh và thu hút nhiều người hơn.” Đó là lời của Linh Mục Nguyễn Văn Tuyên, cựu chánh xứ giáo xứ Westminster, chia sẻ với nhật báo Người Việt trong ngày thứ hai và cũng là ngày bế mạc Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Giáo Phận Orange kỳ 3 tại Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang bên trong khuôn viên nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô, Garden Grove, hôm Thứ Bảy, 13 Tháng Bảy.



Kiệu Đức Mẹ La Vang tiến vào Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang chuẩn bị Thánh Lễ Đại Trào Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Giáo Phận Orange kỳ 3. (Hình: Văn Lan/Người Việt)

Vị linh mục cười nhẹ nhàng: “Tôi phục vụ Thiên Chúa đã 37 năm rồi, bây giờ trên 70 tuổi rồi, giáo hội cho nghỉ hưu hai tuần nay nhưng tôi vẫn tiếp tục làm việc đạo.”

Linh Mục Nguyễn Văn Tuyên là một trong những người có công trong việc tạo dựng uy thế cho nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô cũng như cho Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang.

Trong ngày thứ hai của đại hội, cũng là ngày chính, khi diễn ra từ sáng sớm đến tận tối với các Thánh Lễ đại trào, Châu Thánh Thể, Xưng Tội, Rước Kiệu, các buổi hội thảo sống động, và thưởng thức các món thực phẩm ngon miệng cùng thưởng lãm chương trình văn nghệ thật tuyệt vời.

Tại đây, hàng chục ngàn khuôn mặt hân hoan, hớn hở, và trên hàng chục ngàn bước chân ùn ùn lũ lượt trong khuôn viên nhà thờ Chánh Tòa Chúa Kitô giữa thời tiết mùa Hè không quá nóng.

“Nhanh chóng và gọn gàng là hai chữ tôi dùng để mô tả Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Orange,” ông Nguyễn Thanh Dân, từ Kansas City, tiểu bang Kansas về, nhanh nhẩu nói. “Muốn dự Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Missouri phải mất bốn ngày, ba đêm.”

Ông Dân nhấn mạnh: “Nhanh chóng và gọn gàng mà lại không thiếu sót bất cứ gì mời là quý chứ.”

Từ chỗ ông ở gần nhà thờ Dòng Mẹ Chúa Cứu Chuộc tại Carthage, Missouri (nơi tổ chức Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu từ năm 1978) rất gần nhưng ba năm nay, ông tham dự Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu tại nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô, Garden Grove.

"Không phải là tôi có mới, nơi cũ đâu. Ở đâu thì cũng là vinh danh và thờ phụng Đức Mẹ thôi, nhưng về đây có thêm mấy điểm lợi cho tôi là thăm bạn bè, là nghỉ mát và đi hành hương thì phải đi xa chứ," ông Dân cười. "Với tư cách tín đồ Công Giáo trên 40 lần dựng lều cắm trại để dự Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Missouri, tôi tin chắc rằng Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu La Vang kỳ 3 sẽ nhỏ hơn kỳ 4 vì tôi thấy kỳ 1 không 'xôm tụ' bằng kỳ 2, trong lúc kỳ 3 này 'dữ dẫu' hơn kỳ trước."

Trần ngập đức tin trong lòng, mỗi người bước vào nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô với một lý do khác nhau.

Ông Ngô Văn Nguyễn, ở New Orleans, Louisiana, tham dự đại hội để xin được chữa bệnh.

"Tôi về đây là để thăm mẹ tôi," ông chỉ lên Đức Mẹ La Vang. "Mấy năm trước, tôi bị tai biến mạch máu não rồi nửa phần thân thể phía dưới của tôi bị liệt; không chỉ tê liệt hai chân mà cảm giác lạ lắm, khó chịu triền miên. Sáng nay, vừa qua một nghi thức 'chạm tay chữa bệnh' mà tôi thấy dễ chịu ngay lập tức. Tôi sẽ xếp hàng xin chữa lần nữa."

Rất nhiều người háo hức, bồn chồn chờ đợi đến lượt để được chữa bệnh. Trong số này có bà Trương Thị Kim Hà, ở Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"Từ ngày chồng tôi qua đời hồi tám năm trước, vì khóc quá nên hai mắt tôi gần như lòa, lòa đến nỗi tôi không dám lái xe nữa. Tôi đi hơn 30 bác sĩ chuyên khoa mắt và họ cắt cho tôi cả trăm cặp mắt kính mà đâu lại hoàn đấy, tôi lúc nào cũng như đi trong mơ," bà Kim Hà kể. "Sáng nay, vừa sau Thánh Lễ và Nghi Thức Chữa Lành, tôi được Giám Mục Nguyễn Thái Thành cứu chữa. Và, Chúa ơi. Mới hôm qua ai xòe bàn tay trước mặt tôi thì tôi chỉ thấy lờ mờ mấy ngón tay. Bây giờ tôi thấy môn một từng sợi lông mi của người đối diện."

Một trong những sinh hoạt thu hút nhiều người nhất trong ngày thứ hai của Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu là những cuộc hội thảo.

Ông Trần Văn Hữu và bà Trương Thị Chúc nói về hội thảo "Mẹ Maria và Phụng Vụ Thánh Thể" do Linh Mục Nguyễn Bá Quốc Linh giảng: "Nói thật, chúng tôi lớn tuổi rồi, cha giảng mười thì chúng tôi hiểu một đã là mừng lắm rồi. Nhưng dù không hiểu gì thì đây cũng là dịp để chúng tôi củng cố niềm tin và giữ vững tình yêu dành cho Đức Mẹ trong tim mình. Mục đích chúng tôi về đây dự hai ngày lễ này chỉ có vậy."

Không phải ai tham dự đại hội cũng từ xa về đây.

Anh Phạm Minh Quân, quản lý chương trình Hội Hy Vọng (Hope), cho biết đây là lần đầu tiên Hội Hy Vọng có gian hàng tại khuôn viên nhà thờ.

"Mấy kỳ đại hội trước, thành viên của hội là thiện nguyện viên cho nhà thờ nhưng năm nay, hội có thêm nhiều chương trình phục vụ cộng đồng nên cần quảng bá rộng rãi," anh Quân nói. "Hằng tuần hội có ngày cắt tóc, có lớp dạy cắm hoa, tất cả đều miễn phí và hội còn có nhiều dịch vụ cho cộng đồng."

Chính những học viên lớp cắm hoa của hội đã phụ trách phần cắm hoa cho kiệu hoa Đức Mẹ năm nay.

Cô Dương Thúy Hồng, giám đốc điều hành Hội Hy Vọng, nói: "Chúng tôi dùng chừng 100 chậu lan, 300 chậu sống đời và rất nhiều cành hồng và sự góp công, góp sức của hơn 20 người để hoàn tất kiệu hoa."

Kiệu hoa Đức Mẹ, một trong những điểm nhấn của đại hội, là sự đóng góp của nhiều cơ quan, đoàn thể.

Ông Giang Nguyễn, cư dân Garden Grove, cho biết ông thấy vui trong lòng vì được đóng góp một số mẫu in trang trí quanh kiệu hoa Đức Mẹ.

"Mãi đến 1 giờ sáng sớm hôm nay chúng tôi mới in xong. Chúng tôi gọi thiện nguyện viên nhà thờ mà không ai có thì giờ đến lấy về. Thế là tôi phải đem đến đây giao cho họ," ông nói.

Ông không cho rằng đây là một sự hy sinh.

"Thực tình, tôi rất thích đến đây. Chỉ bước vào sân nhà thờ, nhìn quang cảnh mát mẻ chung quanh là tôi thấy lòng mình tĩnh lặng ngay lại. Và tôi cũng rất thích tham dự Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu này. Đây là một sinh hoạt tôn giáo lành mạnh," ông nói.

Thánh Lễ bế mạc do Giám Mục Kevin Vann (giữa), giám mục Giáo Phận Orange, chủ tế. (Hình: Văn Lan/Người Việt)

Nay, sau khi nghỉ hưu, Linh Mục Nguyễn Văn Tuyên nói: "Có năm, vì bận việc nhà thờ (Westminster), tôi không đến dự đại hội được. Nghỉ hưu rồi, sang năm tôi sẽ đến nữa."

Không chỉ mình Linh Mục Tuyên, bao nhiêu người chưa rời khuôn viên nhà thờ đã nô nức hẹn ngày trở lại.

Bà Kim Hà tươi roi rói hứa hẹn: "Sang năm, tôi lại về đây lễ tạ ơn Đức Mẹ và xin chữa bệnh nữa. Tôi còn nhiều bệnh lắm."

Ông Dân cười vang: "Tôi phải quay lại để tận mắt thấy kỳ 4 sẽ 'ngon lành' hơn kỳ này."

Giáo Phận Orange rộn ràng đón Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu kỳ 3

July 12

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Giáo Phận Orange kỳ 3 mang chủ đề “Đức Bà là Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa” tương bừng và long trọng khai mạc trước sự háo hức nôn nao chờ đón của hàng chục ngàn giáo dân khắp nơi tề tựu từ chiều Thứ Sáu, 12 Tháng Bảy, tại Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang trong khuôn viên nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô, 13280 Chapman Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Từng đoàn người lũ lượt theo nhau bước vào khuôn viên nhà thờ thoáng rộng với những khuôn mặt hân hoan, lại thêm những ánh mắt biểu lộ sự ngạc nhiên trước khoảng không gian tương bừng náo nức nhộn nhịp trải rộng trước mắt họ.

Dưới vòm trời ngát xanh, trong không khí tương bừng rộn rã trầm bổng nhạc vinh danh Thiên Chúa tại Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang, lúc 6 giờ 30 phút chiều, Linh Mục Thái Quốc Bảo, quản đốc (rector) nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô, kiêm trưởng ban tổ chức đại hội, tuyên bố Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu kỳ 3 chính thức bắt đầu.

Đến 7 giờ tối, âm nhạc chìm lắng, trả lại sự thiêng liêng của buổi lễ.

Giám Mục Larry Silva, giám mục Giáo Phận Honolulu, Hawaii, giữ vai trò chủ tế, bắt đầu cử hành Thánh Lễ khai mạc đại hội.

Giám Mục Nguyễn Thái Thành, giám mục phụ tá Giáo Phận Orange, và Giám Mục Timothy Freyer, giám mục phụ tá Giáo Phận Orange, cùng đồng tế.

Giám Mục Silva nói: “Chúa Giêsu là món quà của Thượng Đế trao ban cho chúng ta và Đức Mẹ là hòm bia chứa đựng, gói ghém món quà đó.”

Vị giám mục tiếp: “Trong hai ngày đại hội, chúng ta sẽ cùng nhau tôn thờ Đức Mẹ để gần gũi Chúa Giêsu hơn, củng cố và phát triển đức tin Công Giáo tại Hoa Kỳ và khắp nơi trên thế giới.”



Cùng vinh danh Thiên Chúa. (Hình: Văn Lan/Người Việt)

Mỗi giáo dân hiểu ý nghĩa câu “Đức Bà là Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa” theo cách riêng của mình nhưng không ai vượt quá xa lời rao giảng của Kinh Thánh.

Bà Nguyễn Thị Lượng, ở Dallas, Texas sang, chia sẻ cảm nghĩ: “Theo tôi, hòm bia Thiên Chúa là cái hộp (hay rương) gỗ do Thánh Môsê làm theo lời dạy của Thiên Chúa, hai bên có thiên thần bảo vệ. Hộp mang 10 Điều Răn Thiên Chúa và nhiều thánh vật khác nhưng chính Đức Bà Maria đã mang Thiên Chúa trong người. Đức Bà là hòm bia Thiên Chúa vì qua Đức Bà, Chúa giáng trần để cứu rỗi thế gian.”

Bà Lượng cùng hai người em đến đây hành hương để tỏ lòng tri ân Đức Mẹ La Vang đã cứu mạng gia đình con trai bà (gồm bốn người) trong một tai nạn xe hơi nguy hiểm mùa Lễ Tạ Ơn năm ngoái.

Bà rất thích chủ đề “Đức Bà là Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa” năm nay vì nói lên sự quan trọng trong vai trò của Đức Mẹ La Vang trong sứ mệnh chắn dặt và dạy bảo giáo dân trước bao nhiêu hiểm nguy cũng như cám dỗ trong đời sống.

Ông Cang Lê, từ Arizona sang, nói: “Hòm bia có tên là Maria là Hòm Bia Hạnh Phúc.”

Bà Trần Thị Lung, ở San Diego, tin rằng nhờ có hòm bia Thiên Chúa mà một nữ thánh đã chiến thắng con rồng quái vật, bảo vệ con dân nước Chúa.

Có người còn chia sẻ nhận định đậm màu triết lý tôn giáo.

“Nhờ hòm bia Thiên Chúa của Đức Mẹ La Vang mà các Kitô hữu ngoan đạo có thể vượt qua ba thử thách lớn lao ở đời là thế gian nọ quý và xác thịt,” ông Chúc Nguyễn, ở Tucson, Arizona, khẳng định.

Trong ánh sáng chan hòa niềm tin Công Giáo, cơn gió mát rượi hiếm hoi giữa đêm Hè như báo hiệu ngày Thứ Bảy, 13 Tháng Bảy, ngày thứ nhì của Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu Giáo Phận Orange kỳ 3, sẽ tràn ngập ân sủng Thiên Chúa.

Garden Grove mở hội chợ giúp người mua nhà

July 12

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – “Homebuyer Day 2024” do thành phố Garden Grove tổ chức sẽ bắt đầu từ 10 giờ sáng đến 2 giờ chiều Thứ Bảy, 13 Tháng Bảy, tại Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Những ai định mua nhà, muốn biết về chương trình trợ giúp trả tiền trước (down payment), tiến trình mua nhà, điểm tín dụng, vay tiền, và các chi tiết khác, nên tham dự “Homebuyer Day 2024” của thành phố Garden Grove.

Người tham dự sẽ được tiếp xúc với công ty cho vay tiền, tổ chức gia cư cộng đồng, và nhà môi giới địa ốc, để biết nhiều phương cách mua nhà cũng như thông tin liên quan đến việc trở thành chủ nhà.

Tại sự kiện, người tham dự có thể tải xuống từ Internet thông tin về chương trình trợ giúp trả tiền trước của Garden Grove, Anaheim, và Santa Ana.

Các công ty và tổ chức tham dự bao gồm Bank of America, CalHFA, Bộ Phát Triển Gia Cư Hoa Kỳ, City National Bank, FM Bank, Fair Housing Foundation, Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, Orange County's Credit Union, US Bank, Wells Fargo, East West Bank, New America Funding, Bonaventure Realty, và First Team Realty.

Sự kiện này được Garden Grove phối hợp tổ chức cùng với Cơ Quan Phát Triển Gia Cư và Cộng Đồng Anaheim, thành phố Santa Ana, và NeighborWorks Orange County.

Tham dự hoàn toàn miễn phí. Có thức ăn, thức uống, và xổ số trúng TV 43 inch.

Cư dân có thể ghi danh và tìm thêm thông tin tại trang web ggcity.org/homebuyer-day.

Mọi chi tiết, xin liên lạc qua số điện thoại 714-741-5131 hoặc email danay@ggcity.org.

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THÀNH PHỐ GARDEN GROVE VÀ SANTA ANA PHỐI HỢP TỔ CHỨC HỘI CHỢ GIÚP CƯ DÂN CÓ CƠ HỘI MUA NHÀ

July 17

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Cựu thủ môn bóng đá đội tuyển quốc gia Mexico, Oswaldo Sanchez, sẽ tham dự sự kiện để chia sẻ kinh nghiệm mua nhà của mình và ký tặng áo cho 100 người tham dự đầu tiên. Thành viên Hội đồng Thành phố Garden Grove và Hội đồng Thành phố Santa Ana cũng sẽ có mặt tại buổi hội thảo. Để đăng ký tham gia sự kiện, truy cập vào đường link bit.ly/welcomehomesantaana. Mọi người cũng có thể đến tham dự không cần ghi danh trước.



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GARDEN GROVE TỔ CHỨC NGÀY DỌN DỆP ĐỒ CỒNG KÈNH MIỄN PHÍ VÀO SÁNG THỨ BẢY

July 16

Vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 20 tháng Bảy, 2024, từ 9:00 giờ sáng đến 11:00 giờ trưa, Thành phố Garden Grove hợp tác với Garden Grove Sanitary District & Republic Services, tổ chức một ngày dọn dẹp cộng đồng để cư dân mang bỏ những đồ cồng kềnh (bulky item) miễn phí đúng cách (Community Cleanup day.) Sự kiện này chỉ dành cho cư dân Garden Grove và tổ chức tại trường Ralston Intermediate, địa chỉ: 10851 Lampson Avenue.

Cư dân có thể mang bỏ các vật dụng không dùng trong nhà, bao gồm các vật dụng cồng kềnh và đồ điện tử, chẳng hạn như giường, tủ, nệm, sofa, tivi, máy in và máy tính (computers) Cư dân sẽ tự mang đồ đến vứt bỏ, cho đến khi các thùng bỏ đồ đã chất đầy. Các đồ không nhận gồm pin, đèn LED, tủ lạnh, tủ đá, máy lạnh, bánh xe, rác gia dụng độc hại, xi-măng, các chất thải dơ. Để xem danh sách những vật dụng không thu nhận, vui lòng truy cập ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

Chương trình dọn dẹp giúp làm sạch cộng đồng là một trong những nỗ lực không ngừng của Thành phố nhằm giữ cho khu vực công cộng sạch sẽ, đồng thời phục vụ miễn phí cho cư dân xử lý rác thải cồng kềnh đúng cách. 'Orange County Waste và Recycling' cũng sẽ phát phân bón hữu cơ miễn phí cho cư dân tại sự kiện này. Số lượng có giới hạn.

Republic Services giúp xử lý những vật dụng cồng kềnh miễn phí cho cư dân Garden Grove đơn hộ (single-family) hoặc đa hộ (multi-family.) Mỗi hộ gia đình có thể làm hẹn để mang bỏ vật dụng nặng trong nhà 3 lần/năm, và giới hạn tối đa 10 món đồ mỗi lần. Chỉ phục vụ theo lịch hẹn. Để làm hẹn, xin gọi số (714) 238-2444.

Để biết thêm thông tin, xem tại ggcity.org/cleanup-days.

Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu – Thể Hiện Lòng Tôn Kính Mẹ Maria Của Người Việt Nam Công Giáo

July 17

Bài và hình: THANH PHONG

GARDEN GROVE - Sau khi Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang được xây dựng trong khuôn viên Nhà Thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô và được thánh hiến ngày 17.7.2021, từ đó đến nay đã ba lần Giáo Phận Quận Cam tổ chức Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu, lần thứ ba năm 2024 Đại Hội mang chủ đề "Đức Bà Là Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa" khai mạc vào chiều Thứ Sáu ngày 12.7.2024 và bế mạc vào chiều tối Thứ Bảy ngày 13 tháng 7 năm 2024.



Kiệu Đức Mẹ đang di chuyển trên lộ trình

Theo phụng vụ của Giáo Hội Công Giáo, mỗi năm các tín hữu Công giáo có nhiều buổi lễ tôn vinh Đức Mẹ như lễ Đức Mẹ Hồn Xác Lên Trời, lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm Nguyên Tội, lễ Đức Maria Mẹ Thiên Chúa v.v..nhưng Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu vẫn được tổ chức với mục đích bày tỏ lòng biết ơn Đức Mẹ đã cứu biết bao nhiêu người Công Giáo Việt Nam khi trốn tránh tại La Vang khỏi bị bách hạ trong chiến dịch cấm đạo của các vua triều Nguyễn. Mẹ cũng đã cứu vớt biết bao nhiêu người trên đường vượt biển tìm tự do sau biến cố 30.4.1975; Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu thể hiện tâm tình đặc biệt yêu mến Đức Mẹ của giáo dân Việt Nam, do đó hàng chục ngàn tín hữu từ khắp nơi đã về Quận Cam tham dự đại lễ được tổ chức hết sức trang nghiêm, sốt sắng mặc dù Đại Hội được tổ chức vào mùa hè đầy nắng nóng.

Trên 10 ngàn chiếc ghế màu trắng được sắp đặt ngay hàng thẳng lối, 1,500 thiện nguyện viên và các em trong đoàn vũ dâng hoa mặc toàn y phục màu cam lúc đi kiệu, năm địa điểm có xe bus đưa đón người dự lễ, kể cả địa điểm Kaiser trên đường Lewis đối diện Linh Đài Đức Mẹ cũng cứ 15 phút lại có một chuyến xe bus đưa đón nên không ai phải đi bộ trong lúc trời nắng gắt, nước uống cung cấp đầy đủ. Dù, quạt và nón lá cũng được bán vừa che nắng vừa là vật kỷ niệm. Đó là những cố gắng hy sinh đáng ca ngợi của Ban Tổ Chức Đại Hội.

Nghi thức khai mạc cử hành lúc 6 giờ 30 chiều Thứ Sáu với đoàn trống Cộng đồng và các em thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể biểu diễn ca vũ mừng Đại Hội. Lúc 7 giờ tối, Thánh lễ khai mạc do Đức Giám Mục Larry Silva, Giám Mục Giáo Phận Honolulu, Hawaii chủ tế, Đức Giám Mục Michael Cường Phạm, Phụ tá Giám Mục Giáo Phận San Diego; hai vị Giám Mục Phụ Tá Giáo Phận Orange, Đức Cha Thomas Nguyễn Thái Thành và Đức Cha Timothy Freyer cùng các linh mục đồng tế. Trước thánh lễ, Linh mục Thái Quốc Bảo, Quản Đốc Nhà Thờ Chính Tòa đồng thời là Trưởng Ban Tổ Chức Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu ngỏ lời chào mừng quý Đức Giám Mục, Linh Mục, tu sĩ nam nữ cùng toàn thể ông bà anh chị em không phân biệt tôn giáo đến tham dự Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu lần thứ 3 hôm nay để cùng nâng tâm hồn lên với Thiên Chúa, để tôn kính Đức Bà là Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa. Sau lời chào mừng, Linh Mục Thái Quốc Bảo đã giải thích ý nghĩa chủ đề "Đức Bà Là Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa".

Các em trong đội trống cộng đồng và vũ dâng hoa dâng kính Đức Mẹ

Trong thánh lễ, Đức Giám Mục giáo phận Honolulu, Hawaii chủ tế, trong bài giảng ngài nói: "...Chúa Giêsu là món quà của Thượng Đế trao ban cho chúng ta và Đức Mẹ là hòm bia chứa đựng, gói ghém món quà đó". Vị Giám Mục chủ tế cũng nhắc nhở giáo dân cùng nhau tôn kính Đức Mẹ để gần gũi với Chúa hơn và để củng cố đức tin Công Giáo tại Hoa Kỳ cũng như trên toàn thế giới. Trước khi kết thúc thánh lễ, Đức Giám Mục chủ tế đã ban phép lành của Chúa cho mọi người tham dự. Sau thánh lễ có chương trình văn nghệ và kết thúc lúc 9 giờ tối.

Ngày thứ hai của Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu, vào 8 giờ sáng Thứ Bảy ngày 13.7.2024 có Thánh Lễ Chữa Lành do Đức Giám Mục Thomas Nguyễn Thái Thành chủ tế, cha Nguyễn Thái, Giám Đốc TTCC giảng thuyết. Sau thánh lễ chữa lành có thánh lễ do Đức Giám Mục Phụ Tá Tim Freyer cử hành, có bí tích hòa giải, cầu Thánh Thể và những cuộc hội thảo do các linh mục Phạm Tĩnh với đề tài "Những báu vật của Hòm Bia Thiên Chúa", LM, Nguyễn B.Quốc Linh với đề tài " Mẹ Maria và Phụng Vụ Thánh Thể". Các cuộc hội thảo dành cho người lớn bằng tiếng Việt và bằng Anh ngữ cho các bạn trẻ nhằm nâng cao đời sống đức tin, và giúp giáo dân sống đạo cách tích cực hơn. Đến 5 giờ chiều cuộc rước kiệu Đức Mẹ La Vang xung quanh khuôn viên Nhà Thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô diễn ra thật trang trọng với các vị Giám Mục, Linh Mục, Tu Sĩ nam nữ và hàng ngàn giáo dân thuộc 32 hội đoàn cấp giáo phận như Hiệp Sĩ Đoàn Knight of Columbus, Liên Đoàn Thiếu Nhi Thánh Thể, Liên Chi Đoàn Các Bà Mẹ Công Giáo, Legio Mariae, Liên Đoàn Liên Minh Thánh Tâm, Liên Huynh Đa Minh, Phong Trào Canh Tân Đặc Sủng, Hội Đèn Tạ Trái Tim Đức Mẹ, Chương trình Thăng Tiến Hôn Nhân Gia Đình, các tu sĩ nam nữ, gia đình các Phó Tế, Thừa Tác Viên Lời Chúa, 17 hiệu kỳ của 17 Cộng đoàn Công Giáo VN trong Giáo Phận Orange v.v.. Ngoài giáo dân giáo phận Quận Cam có phái đoàn các giáo phận Los Angeles, San Bernadino, San Diego, phái đoàn giáo dân Trung Hoa, Mexico, Philipine, nhiều giáo dân đến từ khắp các tiểu bang Hoa Kỳ, Canada tham dự cuộc rước kiệu; mọi người sắp hàng đi kiệu Đức Mẹ rất trang nghiêm, cùng hát thánh ca, lần chuỗi Mân Côi trên suốt lộ trình gần 2 miles từ bãi đậu xe số 9 ra đường Chapman quẹo phải vào đường Lewis, rẽ phải vào khuôn viên Nhà Thờ Chính Tòa rồi tiến vào Linh Đài Đức Mẹ La Vang giữa thời tiết nắng nóng của buổi trưa hè. Đây là một trong những nét đẹp nổi bật của người Công Giáo Việt Nam biểu lộ đức tin và lòng tôn kính Thiên Chúa và Mẹ Người là Đức Maria.

Thánh lễ đại trào do Đức Giám Mục Kevin Vann chủ tế, 4 vị Giám Mục khác và hàng trăm Linh Mục đồng tế

Khi kiệu về lại Linh Đài Đức Mẹ, Đức GM Nguyễn Thái Thành xông hương trước thánh tượng Mẹ La Vang, sau đó các em trong đoàn Vũ Phụng Vụ và đoàn trống Cộng đồng do cô Cindy Ngọc Trần (Phó Thị Trưởng thành phố Garden Grove) phụ trách đã trình diễn xuất sắc vũ điệu dâng hoa ngoạn mục mừng kính Đức Mẹ La Vang. Sau đó Thánh Lễ đại trào do Đức Giám Mục Kevin Vann, Giám Mục Chính Tòa Giáo Phận Orange chủ tế, các Giám Mục Lary Silva (Giám Mục Honolulu, Hawaii) GM Michael Cường Phạm (GM Phụ Tá Giáo phận San Diego), hai GM Thomas Nguyễn Thái Thành và Tim Freyer Phụ Tá GP Orange cùng hàng trăm linh mục cùng đồng tế. Trong bài giảng do Đức Giám Mục Michael Cường Phạm phụ trách, có đoạn vị Giám Mục nói: "...Trong hai ngày Đại Hội Thánh mẫu năm nay, chúng ta tôn vinh và sùng kính Đức Trinh Nữ Maria, một điều rất chính đáng nhưng hơn thế nữa, qua sự chuyển cầu và hướng dẫn của Mẹ chúng ta đến gần với Chúa hơn. Trong nỗ lực phục hồi Lòng Sùng Kính Thánh Thể tại Hoa Kỳ, chúng ta được nhắc nhở rằng Thiên Chúa không chỉ hiện diện trong Nhà Tạm, trong Thánh Thể để chúng ta chiêm ngưỡng và suy niệm, nhưng đồng thời Người cũng hiện diện trong chính con người chúng ta nữa khi chúng ta rước Mình và Máu Thánh Chúa. Phúc thay mỗi người chúng ta trở nên một Nhà Tạm, một Hòm Bia mới để Thiên Chúa cư ngụ...."

Hiệu kỳ 17 Cộng Đoàn do các ông Chủ Tịch Cộng Đoàn phụ trách đi rước kiệu

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Sau lời cảm ơn của Linh mục Trưởng Ban Tổ Chức, Đức Giám Mục chủ tế thánh lễ đã ban phép lành của Chúa cho mọi người hiện diện. Sau thánh lễ là chương trình văn nghệ và xổ số kéo dài đến 11 giờ đêm Đại Hội mới chính thức bế mạc. Mọi người chia tay hẹn gặp lại nhau trong Đại Hội Thánh Mẫu lần thứ 4 vào tháng 7 năm 2025./.

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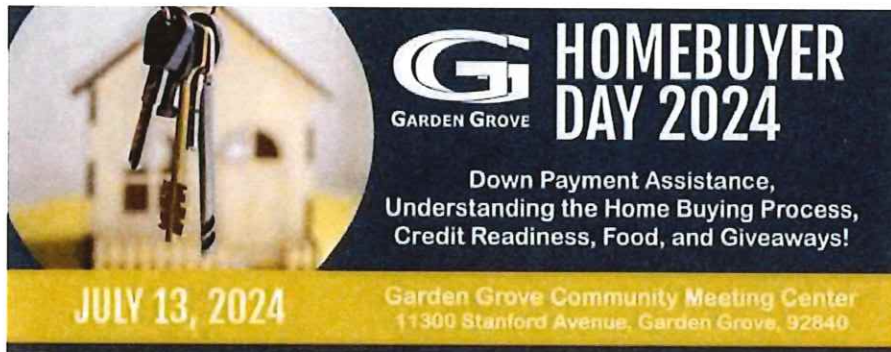
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"Homebuyer Day 2024" do thành phố Garden Grove tổ chức sẽ bắt đầu từ 10 giờ sáng đến 2 giờ chiều Thứ Bảy, 13 Tháng Bảy, tại Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Những ai định mua nhà, muốn biết về chương trình trợ giúp trả tiền trước (down payment), tiến trình mua nhà, điểm tín dụng, vay tiền, và các chi tiết khác, nên tham dự "Homebuyer Day 2024" của thành phố Garden Grove.

Tham dự hoàn toàn miễn phí. Có thức ăn, thức uống, và xổ số trúng TV 43 inch.

Cư dân có thể ghi danh và tìm thêm thông tin tại trang web ggcity.org/homebuyer-day.



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

JULY 13, 2024 Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, 92840

Resource Fair
 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Community Lending Partners offering resources on financing and owning a home

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Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tham gia hội chợ 'Advancing Homeownership' do Wells Fargo tổ chức vào sáng Thứ Bảy, ngày 20 tháng Bảy, từ 10:00 giờ sáng đến 1:00 giờ trưa, tại đại học Santa Ana College, Phòng hội thảo 'Johnson Student Center JSC-219', địa chỉ 1530 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, 92706. Hội chợ hoàn toàn miễn phí và sẽ cung cấp thông tin và tài nguyên liên quan đến việc mua nhà. Có bữa sáng miễn phí, và người tham dự có thể đậu xe tại bãi số 11 (Lot 11). Đại diện bên Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ cung cấp thông tin về Chương trình Giúp Mua Nhà Lần Đầu (First-Time Homebuyer Program), Thành phố hỗ trợ tiền đợt đầu (down-payment) lên đến \$110,000 Mỹ Kim dưới dạng khoản vay không lãi suất cho những ai hội đủ điều kiện. Thông tin cũng sẽ có sẵn về các chương trình hỗ trợ do Thành phố Santa Ana cung cấp. Những ai quan tâm và đến tham gia hội chợ có thể tìm hiểu thêm thông tin với các chuyên gia tài chính và ngân hàng về cai quản điểm tín dụng, tài chính và lợi ích của việc sở hữu căn nhà. Các chuyên gia tư vấn từ công ty Wells Fargo cũng chia sẻ thông tin về cách cải thiện điểm tín dụng và quy trình mua nhà. Cựu thủ môn túc cầu đội tuyển quốc gia Mexico, Oswaldo Sanchez sẽ tham dự sự kiện để chia

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
July 18, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the July 25, 2024 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from July 17, 2024.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 18, 2024 – August 27, 2024

Thursday	July 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC Free Summer Concert Series – Redneck Rodeo Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Tuesday	July 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	July 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC Free Summer Concert Series – Jimmy Buffet Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Friday	July 26		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	August 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC Free Summer Concert Series – Tijuana Dogs Eastgate Park, 12001 St. Mark Street
Tuesday	August 6	5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.	GG Police Department National Night Out 2024 11301 Acacia Parkway
Thursday	August 8	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC Ice Cream Social, CMC AB Room \$2 Coaches Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Friday	August 9		Nomination Period ends
Thursday	August 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 13	5:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, July 25, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator 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.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-143-2018 \(REV. 2024\)](#)

APPLICANT: Son Quach
LOCATION: 12900 Main Street

REQUEST: A request to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to allow an existing restaurant, AUM Beer House, to extend the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages

(ABC Type "47" License, On-Sale General - Eating Place) that is currently governed by Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018, to a new permanent, 540 square foot (10'-10" x 50'-0") outdoor sidewalk dining area. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
3. ADJOURNMENT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 1.A.	SITE LOCATION: East side of Main Street, between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway, at 12900 Main Street
HEARING DATE: July 25, 2024	GENERAL PLAN: CC (Civic Center Mixed Use)
CASE NO.: Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024)	ZONE: CC-2 (Civic Center-Main Street)
APPLICANT: Son Quach	CEQA DETERMINATION: Exempt - Section 15301 "Existing Facilities"
PROPERTY OWNER: Audrey Pecor	APN: 090-161-07

REQUEST:

A request to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to allow an existing restaurant to extend the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" License, On-Sale General - Eating Place) to allow a new permanent, 512 square-foot (10'-3" x 50'-0") outdoor sidewalk dining area. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-143-2018, would be revoked, and replaced by Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024).

BACKGROUND:

The site is located on the east side of Main Street, between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway, within the Historic Main Street in Garden Grove's Downtown, at 12900 Main Street. The property is zoned CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street), and has a General Plan Land Use Designation of CC (Civic Center Mixed Use). The property abuts CC-2 zoned properties to the north, south, east; and west, across the Main Street. The building is currently occupied by AUM Beer House, a full-service, sit-down restaurant.

In 2018, the City approved Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to allow a new restaurant, AUM Beer House, to operate under a State Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale General - Eating Place) License.

In 2022, the City approved Director's Review No. DR-067-2022 to allow the installation of an approximately 550 square-foot parklet in the public street, adjacent to the public sidewalk fronting the restaurant space. Concurrently, the City approved Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (SUPPLEMENTAL PARKLET) to extend the sale and consumption of alcohol permitted under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 into the parklet area.

Now, the applicant is requesting to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to extend the restaurant's operation, including sales and consumption of alcohol incidental to the sale of food, to a permanent fenced area on the sidewalk within the public right-of-way. As currently designed, the requested seating area would combine with the adjacent parklet area. Should the parklet area ever be removed, the permanent sidewalk seating area would be fully enclosed by additional fencing. The requested outdoor dining area would operate in conjunction with the existing indoor dining operation.

Section 9.18.090.050 and 9.32.030.14 of the Municipal Code allows restaurants on Historic Main Street to operate with incidental outdoor dining located within the public right-of-way, with approval of a Main Street outdoor dining permit, and an encroachment permit. Restaurants that propose to serve alcohol within the outdoor dining area must also obtain approval of a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Section 9.18.060 of the Municipal Code. To serve alcohol within the proposed outdoor dining area, a modification to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 is required.

DISCUSSION:

Conditional Use Permit:

AUM Beer House operates as a full-service, dine-in restaurant. The restaurant offers a wide selection of brunch/lunch, and dinner entrees. The restaurant is approximately 4,000 square feet in size, and consists of an entry/waiting area, an open dining area with a bar, a kitchen, storage rooms and walk-in coolers, and restrooms. An approximately 720 square-foot outdoor dining area is between the building and the southern property line. An approximately 550 square-foot parklet dining area is located within the parallel street parking spaces directly in front of the restaurant, in the public right-of-way.

The applicant proposes to extend the restaurant's services to a fenced and secured outdoor area on the sidewalk within the public right-of-way. The dining area would be located at the edge of the sidewalk, adjoining the existing parklet approved under Director's Review No. DR-067-2022. The new outdoor service area would be approximately 512 square feet (10'-3" x 50'-0") in size, and would be secured by a forty-two inch (3'-6") tall metal fence to separate the dining area from the remaining public sidewalk. After installation of the fence, the remaining width of the sidewalk along the building frontage would be approximately five feet (5'-0") measured from the fenced area to the building. This would meet the minimum American Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements.

Additionally, in 2022 the service of alcohol in the parklet was approved under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (SUPPLEMENTAL PARKLET). The supplemental parklet CUP remains in effect so long as the parklet approved under Director's Review No. DR-067-2022 is valid. Should the parklet be removed, the City shall revoke the supplemental CUP, and which would subsequently become null and void. As proposed, Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024)

would combine with the supplemental CUP, but will not alter any of the provisions therein. Effectively, all three (3) approvals, DR-067-2022, CUP-143-2018 (SUPPLEMENTAL PARKLET), and CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024) shall remain in effect and full force, unless/until the parklet is removed.

Given that the parklet and the requested sidewalk dining area are directly abutting each other, the proposed design does not feature any separation between the two. The combined parklet and permanent sidewalk dining areas would be approximately 1,063 square feet. In the event that the parklet is removed, only the 512 square-foot sidewalk dining area shall remain as part of this request. An additional fence would be installed between the sidewalk and the street, fully enclosing the requested dining area. The project has been conditioned as such.

The proposed outdoor dining area is designed to meet all of the development standards for outdoor dining within the public right-of-way on Historic Main Street. Design features would include: limiting alcohol sales within the designated outdoor dining area, requiring the outdoor dining to be secured and fenced off from the pedestrian walkway, providing the required pedestrian clearances, and relocating any public furniture and fixtures (e.g., trash cans, benches, bike racks, etc.). An encroachment permit issued by the Public Works Department would be required prior to the installation of the proposed dining area.

No changes to the restaurant's operation are proposed with this request. The restaurant would continue to be allowed to operate between 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Separately, the hours of operation for the proposed outdoor dining in the public right-of-way would not extend beyond 10:00 p.m. during any day of the week. In the event problems arise concerning the operation of this business, the hours of operation may be reduced by order of the Police Department.

CEQA

CEQA's Class 1 exemption applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, and minor alterations of existing facilities, with negligible or no expansion of use (CEQA Guidelines §15301.). The subject request for the operation of an outdoor seating area within the public right-of-way does not involve any physical expansion of the existing building. The subject request does not involve any new building square footage, and the proposed construction involves only minor alterations related to the installation of a fence. Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA.

The Community Development Department and the Police Department have reviewed the request and are in support of the proposal. All standard conditions of approval for a Type "47" (On-Sale General - Eating Place) Licensed establishment with outdoor sidewalk dining, will apply.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Zoning Administrator take the following action:

1. Adopt Decision No. 1853-24, approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024), subject to the recommended conditions of approval, and revoking Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018.



Maria Parra
Planning Services Manager



By: Priit Kaskla, AICP
Associate Planner

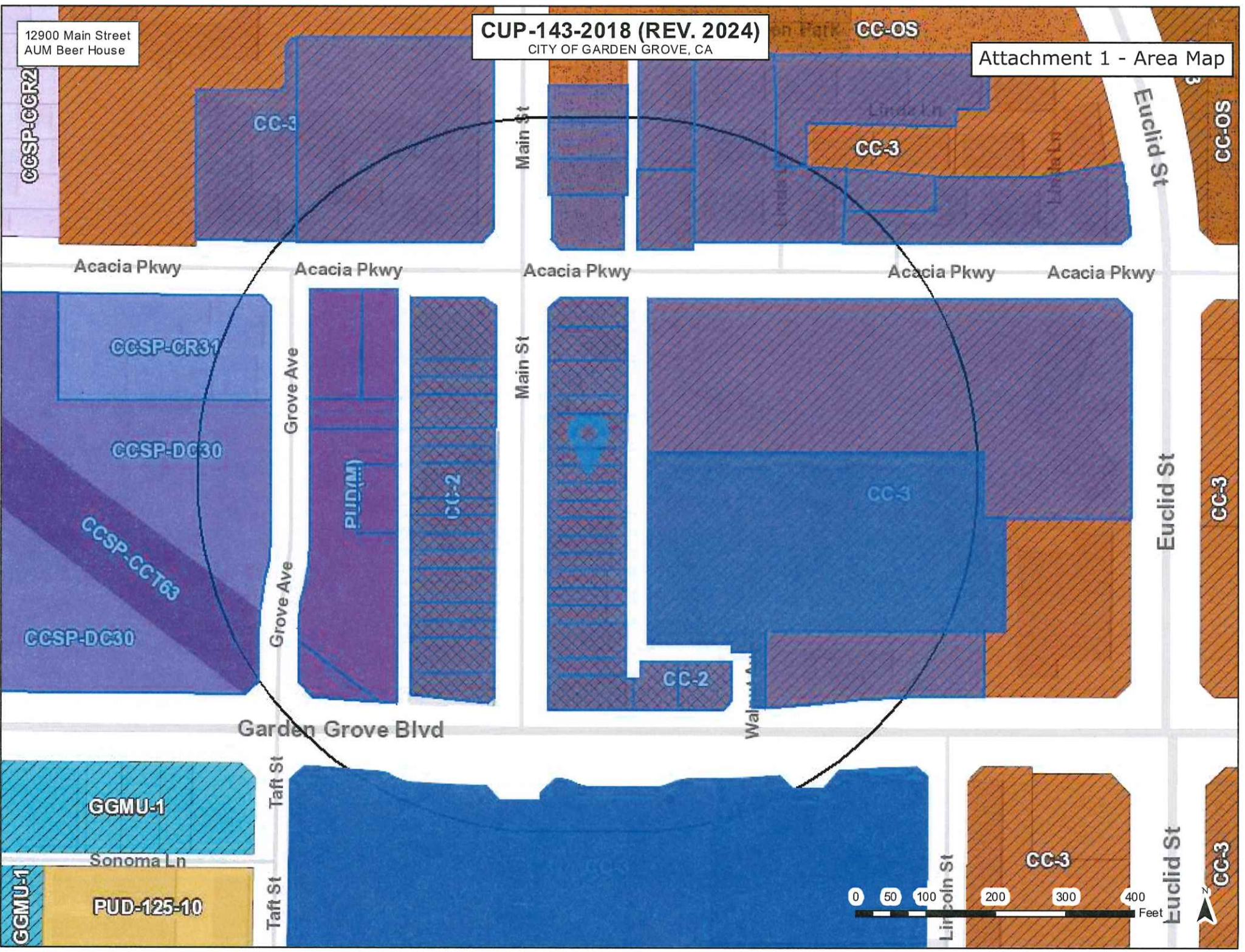
[Attachment 1: Vicinity Map](#)

[Attachment 2: Project Plans](#)

12900 Main Street
AUM Beer House

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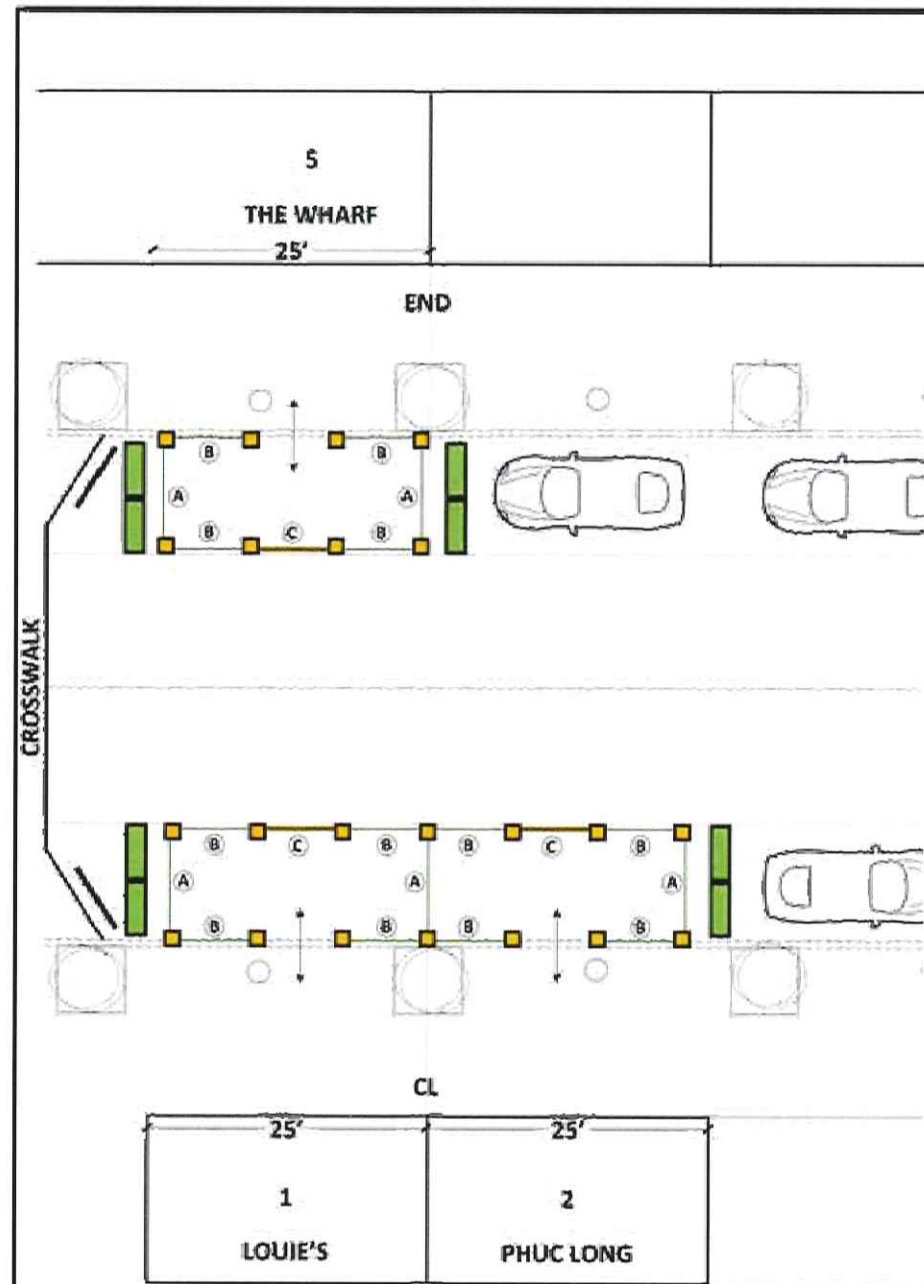
Attachment 1 - Area Map



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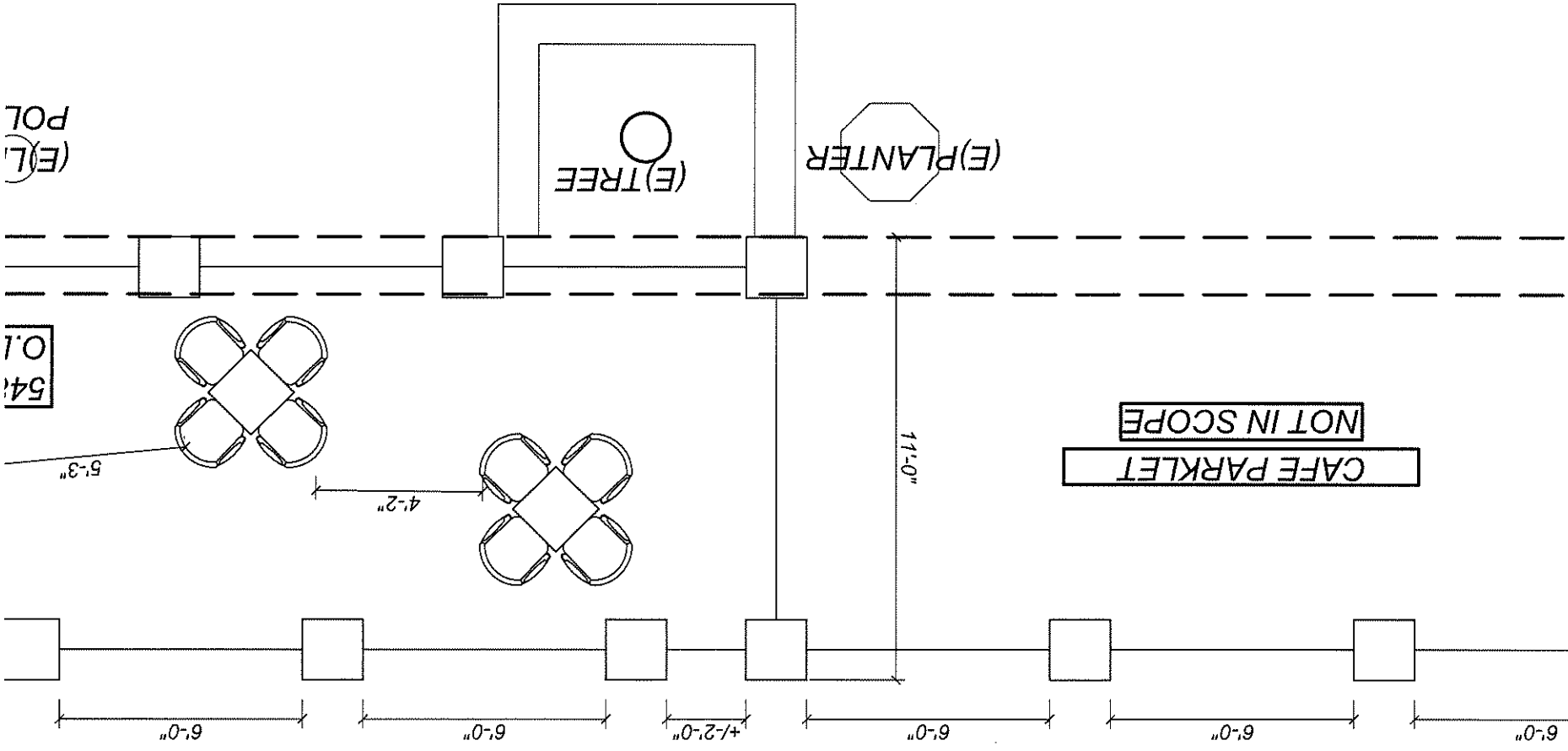
Operational Requirements. All outdoor dining areas in the public right-of-way shall be subject to the following operational standards:

- a. The business owner and operator shall comply with all provisions of this subsection and all conditions of approval of the encroachment permit, the Main Street outdoor dining permit and any applicable conditional use permit at all times. Failure to comply with any applicable Municipal Code or permit provisions or applicable conditions of approval may result in suspension or revocation of the Main Street outdoor dining permit.*
- b. Hours of operation of an outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way shall not extend beyond 10:00 p.m. during any day of the week.*
- c. Tables, chairs, table lamps, umbrellas, portable heaters, and other furniture and related items may not be stored within the public right-of-way and shall be removed and stored inside the building when the business is closed or the outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way is not in operation. Approved barriers do not need to be removed except as otherwise required pursuant to the encroachment permit.*
- d. Outdoor dining areas shall be kept in a good state of repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and in accordance with applicable Orange County Health Department regulations.*
- e. All building entryways and the required pedestrian path of travel shall remain clear and unobstructed at all times.*
- f. All outdoor dining areas shall be used for sit-down food and beverage service only; no stand-up service is permitted.*
- g. No entertainment shall be permitted within an outdoor dining area.*
- h. The use of mist systems or other devices spraying water over the public right-of-way is prohibited, unless the spraying of water is confined to seating located directly adjacent to the storefront or within a dining alcove. Overspray onto the required path of travel is prohibited.*



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DECISION NO. 1853-24

A DECISION OF THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024), AND REVOKING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-143-2018.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator of the City of Garden Grove does hereby revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018, and replace it with Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024), for a property located on the east side of Main Street, between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway, at 12900 Main Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 090-161-07

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED in the matter of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024), the Zoning Administrator of the City of Garden Grove does hereby report as follows:

1. The subject case was initiated by Son Quach of AUM Beer House, with authorization from the property owner, Audrey Pecor.
2. The applicant requests to modify Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to allow an existing restaurant to extend the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" License, On-Sale General - Eating Place) to a new permanent, 512 square-foot (10'-3" x 50'-0") outdoor sidewalk dining area.
3. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the tenant space, CUP-143-2018, would be revoked and become null and void, and replaced by Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024).
4. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the Zoning Administrator hereby determines that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Section 15301, Existing Facilities, of the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs., Section §15301).
5. The property has a General Plan Land Use designation of Civic Center Mixed Use (CC), and is zoned Civic Center-Main Street (CC-2).
6. Existing land use, zoning, and General Plan designation of property within the vicinity of the subject property have been reviewed.
7. Report submitted by City Staff was reviewed.
8. Pursuant to a legal notice, a public hearing was held on July 25, 2024, and all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard.

9. The Zoning Administrator gave due and careful consideration to the matter during its meeting of July 25, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, FOUND AND DETERMINED that the facts and reasons supporting the conclusion of the Zoning Administrator, as required under Municipal Code Section 9.32.030.D.4 (Conditional Use Permit) and Section 9.32.030.D.14 (Main Street Outdoor Dining Permit for Outdoor Dining Areas in the Public Right-of-Way on Historic Main Street), are as follows:

FACTS:

AUM Beer House operates as a full-service, dine-in restaurant. The restaurant is approximately 4,000 square feet in size, and consists of an entry/waiting area, an open dining area with a bar, a kitchen, storage rooms and walk-in coolers, and restrooms. An approximately 720 square-foot outdoor dining area is between the building and the southern property line. An approximately 550 square-foot parklet dining area is located within the parallel parking spaces in the street directly in front of the restaurant.

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No changes to the restaurant's operation are proposed with this request. The restaurant would continue to be allowed to operate between 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the proposed outdoor dining in the public right-of-way would not extend beyond 10:00 p.m. during any day of the week. In the event problems arise concerning the operation of this business, the hours of operation may be reduced by order of the Police Department.

The Community Development Department and the Police Department have reviewed the request and are supporting the proposal. All standard conditions of approval for a Type "47" Licensed establishment with outdoor sidewalk dining will apply. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 would be revoked and become null and void, and superseded by Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024).

FINDINGS AND REASONS:

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

1. That the proposed use will be consistent with the City's adopted General Plan and redevelopment plan.

The property has a General Plan Land Use designation of CC (Civic Center Mixed Use), and is zoned CC2 (Civic Center-Main Street). The CC designation is intended to provide for a mix of civic, institutional, commercial, higher density residential, and open space uses. The purpose of the CC-2 zone is to preserve and enhance buildings and structures of historic and cultural significance, and incidental uses that advance and preserve the Main Street character and charm. Restaurants with outdoor dining areas within the public right-of-way, with the service of alcohol, are conditionally permitted uses in the CC-2 zone. The proposed outdoor dining area would help enhance the charm and character of Main Street. Further, the proposed project is consistent with several General Plan goals, policies, and implementation programs, including specifically:

Policy LU-2.4 Assure that the type and intensity of land use are consistent with those of the immediate neighborhood. Adjacent to the subject property are a variety of office, residential, retail, restaurant, and personal service businesses. Restaurant uses with outdoor dining areas are compatible with these other uses. Furthermore, provided the conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be compatible with other adjacent uses.

Goal LU-4 Uses compatible with one another. The proposed use is a new outdoor seating area with alcohol service for an existing restaurant. The

restaurant has operated at this location since 2018. The same business owners are now intending to expand their operation to include a permanent dining area on the sidewalk within the public right-of-way. Adjacent to the property are a variety of office, residential, retail, restaurant, and personal service businesses. Restaurants with outdoor dining areas are compatible with these other uses. The Municipal Code also requires that outdoor dining areas within the public right-of-way along Main Street operate no later than 10:00 p.m. Furthermore, provided the conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be compatible with other adjacent uses.

Goal LU-5 Economically viable, vital, and attractive commercial centers throughout the City that serve the needs of the community. Restaurants with outdoor dining can enhance the vitality of the City's Main Street. The proposed Conditional Use Permit would allow for the installation of an outdoor dining area within the public right-of-way, and for alcohol service within said dining area. The outdoor seating area could contribute to the character of Main Street, and could enrich the community by providing additional dining options.

Goal LU-6.2 Encourage a mix of retail and commercial services along major corridors and in centers to meet the community's needs. The subject site is located on Main Street, an activity center within the City. The subject request for a Conditional Use Permit would allow for the installation of a new outdoor seating area with alcohol service for an existing restaurant. With the subject request, the proposed use will further enhance the variety of commercial services already along Main Street. This would help address the community's needs for a wider variety of destinations with the Main Street and downtown areas.

Goal ED-2 The City must attract new businesses, while supporting and assisting those already located with Garden Grove. The proposed Conditional Use Permit would allow for the installation of a new outdoor seating area with alcohol service for an existing restaurant. The Conditional Use Permit would allow for the existing business to grow, and provide additional capacity and services to its patrons. Should the Conditional Use Permit be approved, the City is providing a business the opportunities they need to be successful.

2. That the requested use at the location proposed will not: adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of the persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or unreasonably interfere with the use, enjoyment, or valuation of the property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to public health, safety, or general welfare.

The use will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, as the sale of alcohol will be ancillary to the sale of food. The restaurant has been operating at the subject location since 2018, and will continue to operate as a dine-in restaurant. No changes to the restaurant's operation are proposed with this approval. The restaurant will continue to operate from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the outdoor dining area will not be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. any day of the week.

The dining area would be located at the edge of the sidewalk, adjoining the existing parklet approved under Director's Review No. DR-067-2022. The dining area would be separated from the remaining public sidewalk by a forty-two inch (3'-6") tall metal fence. After installation of the fence, the remaining width of the public sidewalk would be at a minimum of five feet (5'-0"), measured from the outer edge of the fence to the curb line and to the building. This would provide an adequate clearance for pedestrians to pass through, as well as meeting the minimum ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility requirements. Food is required to be served during all hours of operation, and the sale of alcohol must be incidental to the sale of food. The conditions of approval could minimize potential impacts to the adjoining area. Provided the conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will not unreasonably interfere with the use, enjoyment or valuation of the property of other persons located within the vicinity of the site. The dining area would also provide new amenities and services to the community, provided the conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project.

3. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this title or as is otherwise required in order to integrate such use with the uses in the surrounding area.

The site, with the existing site improvements and modifications, is of adequate size to accommodate the proposed uses within the surrounding area. In order to move forward with the proposal, the City requires the applicant to create a barrier to separate the proposed outdoor dining area from the public walkway by installing a forty-two inch (3'-6") tall metal fence. In addition, the City requires the applicant to relocate any public furniture that may be in the way, including trash cans, planters, and bike racks. The dining area would provide adequate pedestrian clearances, as well as meeting the minimum ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility requirements.

4. That the proposed site is adequately served: by highways or streets or sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such as to be generated, and by other public or private service facilities as required.

The site is adequately served by Main Street and the alley behind the building. The site's location is near major thoroughfares, including Garden Grove Boulevard and Euclid Street. The site is also adequately served by the public service facilities required, such as: gas, electric, water, and sewer facilities. As a part of this request, no changes are proposed for the design and function of the subject building. Therefore, the site will continue to be adequately served by all existing highways, streets, and other public and private service facilities.

OUTDOOR DINING AREA IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON HISTORIC MAIN STREET.

The Zoning Administrator may approve an application for a Main Street outdoor dining permit only if all of the following findings are made:

1. The proposed outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way is consistent with the City's General Plan, all applicable development standards and Building Code requirements, and all other applicable Title 9 provisions.

The subject site has a General Plan Land Use Designation of CC (Civic Center Mixed Use), and is zoned CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street). The CC designation is intended to provide for a mix of civic, institutional, commercial, higher density residential, and open space uses. By providing for an expanded commercial use, proposed outdoor dining area within the public right-of-way is consistent with this intent.

The restaurant is located within the mixed-use Historic Main Street Area. Eating establishments with alcohol sales and outdoor dining within the public right-of-way are conditionally permitted in the CC-2 zone. To incorporate the streetscape of the Historic Main Street into the dining experience at the restaurant, the applicant is requesting to modify the approved Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to extend the restaurant's operation, including sales of alcohol incidental to the sale of food, to the secured and fenced area within the public right-of-way.

The new outdoor service area would be approximately 512 square feet, and would be secured by a forty-two inch (3'-6") tall metal fence that will separate the dining area from the remaining public sidewalk. After installation of the fence, the remaining width of the public sidewalk would be at a minimum of five feet (5'-0"), measured from the outer edge of the fence

to the building. This would provide an adequate clearance for a pedestrian walkway, as well as meeting the minimum ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Accessibility Requirements. Provided the conditions of approval are complied with, the use will be consistent with the General Plan, all applicable development standards and Building Code requirements, and all other applicable Title 9 provisions.

2. The proposed outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way will be complimentary to, and not inconsistent with, the underlying dedication for public right-of-way or the City's title or estate in the underlying public right-of-way.

The proposed outdoor dining area is within the public right-of-way, and the Public Works Department has reviewed the proposed outdoor dining. An encroachment permit issued by the Public Works Department would be required prior to the installation of the proposed dining area. The outdoor dining area is designed to meet all of the requirements and development standards set forth by the Municipal Code. Approval of the proposed dining area only allows the requesting eating establishment to utilize the area within the public right-of-way in front of the storefront. The approval does not constitute any change to the underlying public right-of-way dedication, nor to the City's title, and estate in the underlying public right-of-way.

3. The applicant has demonstrated a satisfactory ability and willingness to comply with the Garden Grove Municipal Code and pertinent conditions to previously issued permits, licenses, and City land use approvals with respect to operation of the adjacent eating establishment.

AUM Beer House is a full-service, dine-in restaurant that has been operating at this location under the same ownership since 2018 with an ABC Type "47" (On-Sale General - Eating Place) License under governance of the Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018. The applicant is requesting to modify the approved Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 to extend the restaurant's operation, including sales of alcohol incidental to the sale of food, to a fenced area on the sidewalk within the public right-of-way. The outdoor dining area would abut, and combine with, the parklet approved under Director's Review No. DR-067-2022 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (SUPPLEMENTAL PARKLET).

The proposed outdoor dining area is designed to meet all of the development standards for outdoor dining within the public right-of-way on Historic Main Street, including limiting alcohol sales within the designated outdoor dining area, requiring the outdoor dining to be secured and fenced off from the pedestrian walkway, providing the required pedestrian clearances, and relocating any public furniture and fixtures. An encroachment permit issued

by the Public Works Department will be required prior installation of the proposed dining area.

No changes to the restaurant's operation are proposed with this approval. The restaurant will continue to operate from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. The hours of operation for the proposed outdoor dining in the public right-of-way will not be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. during any day of the week, which meets the requirements for outdoor dining in CC-2 zone. In the event problems arise concerning the operation of this business, the hours of operation may be reduced by order of the Police Department.

4. The proposed outdoor dining activity will not be materially detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare and will not injure or unreasonably interfere with the property or improvements of other persons located in the vicinity of the proposed outdoor dining area.

The use will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, as the sale of alcohol will be ancillary to the sale of food. The restaurant has been operating at this location since 2018, and will continue to operate as a full-service, sit-down restaurant. No changes to the restaurant's operation are proposed with this approval. The restaurant will continue to operate from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday. Hours of operation for the outdoor dining area would not be extended beyond 10:00 p.m. any day of the week.

The proposed outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way will be secured and separated from the public walk-way by a forty-two inch (3'-6") tall metal fence. After installation of the fence, the remaining width of the public walk-way would be at a minimum of five feet (5'-0"), measured from the outer edge of the fence to the building. This would provide an adequate clearance for pedestrians to pass through, as well as meeting ADA requirements. Food is required to be served during all hours of operation, and the sale of alcohol must be incidental to the sale of food. The conditions of approval will minimize potential impacts to the adjoining area. Provided the conditions of approval are adhered to for the life of the project, the use will be harmonious with the persons who work and live in the area.

5. The City Engineer is prepared to issue an encroachment permit to the applicant for the establishment and maintenance of an outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way pursuant to Title 11.

The Public Works Department has reviewed the proposed outside dining area in the public right-of-way. The proposed design for the outdoor dining area

within the public right-of-way intends to meet all of the development standards and requirements of the Title 11 of the Municipal Code. As part of the approval for the proposed outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way, the applicant is required to obtain an encroachment permit to the public right-of-way issued by the Public Works Department. No installation of the outdoor dining area and fence is allowed prior to issuance of the encroachment permit.

INCORPORATION OF FACTS AND REASONS SET FORTH IN THE STAFF REPORT

In addition to the foregoing, the Zoning Administrator incorporates herein by this reference, the facts and reasons set forth in the staff report.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator does conclude:

1. The Conditional Use Permit does possess characteristics that would indicate justification of the request in accordance with Municipal Code Section 9.24.030 (Conditional Use Permits) and 9.32.030D.14 (Main Street Outdoor Dining Permit for Outdoor Dining Areas in the Public Right-of-Way on Historic Main Street).
2. In order to fulfill the purpose and intent of the Municipal Code and thereby promote the health, safety, and general welfare, the following Conditions of Approval, attached as Exhibit "A", shall apply to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024).

Dated: July 25, 2024

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

EXHIBIT "A"

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12900 Main Street

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

General Conditions

1. The property owner shall execute, and the applicant shall record, a "Notice of Discretionary Permit Approval and Agreement with Conditions of Approval," as prepared by the City Attorney's Office, on the property within thirty (30) days of approval. This Conditional Use Permit runs with the land and is binding upon the property owner, his/her/its heirs, assigns, and successors in interest.
2. All Conditions of Approval set forth herein shall be binding on and enforceable against each of the following, and whenever used herein, the term "applicant" shall mean and refer to the project applicant, the owner(s) and tenant(s) of the property, and each of their respective successors and assigns, including all subsequent purchasers and/or tenants. The applicant and subsequent owner/operators of such business shall adhere to the conditions of approval for the life of the project, regardless of property ownership. Any changes of the conditions of approval require approval by the applicable City hearing body, except as otherwise provided herein.
3. This Conditional Use Permit only authorizes the existing 4,000 square-foot AUM Beer House restaurant, that is currently operating with an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "47" (On-Sale General - Eating Place) License under the Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018, to extend the sale and consumption of food and alcoholic beverages into a fenced, outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way as depicted on the plans submitted by the applicant and made part of the record of the July 25, 2024, Zoning Administrator proceedings. Approval of this Conditional Use Permit shall not be construed to mean any waiver of applicable and appropriate zoning and other regulations; and wherein not otherwise specified, all requirements of the City of Garden Grove Municipal Code shall apply. Modifications, which do not change the intent of the project, may be approved by the Community Development Director.
4. The approved site plan and floor plan are an integral part of the decision approving this Conditional Use Permit. There shall be no additional changes in the design of the site plan and floor plan without the approval of the City. Minor modifications to the approved site plan, floor plan, and/or these Conditions of Approval, which do not materially change the scope or intensity

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of the project, and which do not result in impacts that have not previously been addressed, may be approved by the Community Development Director, at his or her discretion. Proposed modifications to the project, the approved site plan or floor plan, or Conditions of Approval determined by the Community Development Director not to be minor in nature shall be subject to approval of new and/or amended land use entitlements by the applicable City hearing body.

5. All conditions of approval shall be implemented at the applicant's expense, except where specified in the individual condition.

Orange County Fire Authority

6. The applicant shall comply with all applicable Orange County Fire Authority requirements, including, but not limited to the Fire Master Plan.

Building & Safety Division

7. The fence gates providing access into the sidewalk dining area shall be equipped with self-closing mechanisms.

Police Department

8. There shall be no gaming tables or gaming machines, as outlined in City Code Sections 8.20.010 and 8.20.050, on the premises at any time.
9. Hours of operation shall be permitted only between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 a.m., Friday and Saturday; except for the hours of operation for outside dining area in the public right-of-way shall not extend beyond 10:00 p.m. during any day of the week. The City of Garden Grove reserves the right to reduce hours of operation, by order of the Police Department, in the event problems arise concerning the operation of this business.
10. There shall be no customers or patrons in or about the premises when the establishment is closed.
11. In the event security problems occur, and at the request of the Police Department, the permittee, at his own expense, shall provide a California licensed, uniformed security guard(s) on the premises during such hours as requested by the Police Department.

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12. The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises is prohibited, except in the designated outdoor dining area, as shown on the approved floor plan under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024), including the fenced outdoor dining area within the public right-of-way.
13. There shall be no enclosed booths on the premises at any time. Walls and/or partitions exceeding thirty-six inches (3'-0") in height, which partially enclose or separate booths, shall be of a clear and transparent material. No item shall be placed in the area of the booths that would limit or decrease the visibility of the interior of the business from any location within the business.
14. The business shall show proof to the Police Department that all members of the business staff have completed the LEAD training (Licensee Education on Alcohol and Drugs) through Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) or an ABC approved "Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) Training" program.
15. Any violations or noncompliance with the conditions of approval may result in the issuance of an Administrative Citation of up to \$1,000 pursuant to GGMC 1.22.010(a).
16. In the event that an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) License is suspended for any period of time and/or fined for any ABC violation as a result of disciplinary action, the Conditional Use Permit shall be presented to the Hearing Body for review or further consideration.
17. The sale and service of alcohol shall cease thirty (30) minutes prior to the required closing time.

Engineering Division

18. The applicant shall be subject to Permit Issuance Fees. All fees shall be calculated based on the current fee schedule at the time of permit issuance.
19. A separate encroachment permit/construction permit is required for any type of work performed within the public right-of-way on Main Street. An encroachment permit will only be issued to contractors that carry State Contractor's License classification on an "A" General Engineering Contractor, C8 Concrete Specialty License, or C12 Earthwork and Paving Contractor.
20. The applicant shall provide square footage of the outdoor sidewalk dining area to the Engineering Division on an approved outdoor dining site plan from the Planning Services Division.

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21. A separate outdoor sidewalk dining operation permit is required annually, along with a valid liability insurance to be submitted to the Engineering Division and Risk Management Division. Renewal fees shall apply.
22. The outdoor sidewalk dining site plan shall depict an accessibility route for the ADA pathway in conformance with the requirements of the Department of Justice standards, latest edition, and Section 1110A of the California Building Code.
23. The applicant and their contractor shall be responsible for protecting all of the existing improvements on Main Street that front the project, such as trash cans, public benches, bike racks, trees, planter boxes, and signage.
24. Any required partial Main Street closure(s) should occur outside of peak travel periods.
25. No at- or above-ground fixed equipment shall be placed on the public right-of-way, or within the outdoor sidewalk dining area.
26. No concrete K-rails are allowed to be placed in the public right-of-way. The applicant may propose the use of water filled plastic barriers to be used within the public right-of-way.
27. The City of Garden Grove has the right to perform maintenance, if needed, within the public right-of-way at any given time.
28. The applicant must bear the responsibility and cost of removing all fixed fencing related to the outdoor dining permit. This action should be undertaken upon the establishment's decision to cease outdoor dining operations. Coordination with Garden Grove's Public Works Department, Street Division is required for inspection during the fencing removal process.

Community Development Department

29. The establishment shall be operated as a "Bona Fide Public Eating Place" as defined by Alcoholic Beverage Control License. The restaurant shall contain sufficient space and equipment to accommodate a full restaurant kitchen, and the kitchen shall be open and preparing food during all hours the establishment is open. The establishment shall provide an assortment of foods normally offered in restaurants. The service of only appetizers, sandwiches and/or salads shall not be deemed in compliance with this requirement.

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30. There shall be no separate bar or lounge area to provide direct and sole service of alcoholic beverages to customers. Food shall accompany all alcoholic beverages served in all areas within the restaurant (including both interior and outdoor dining areas). At all times when the establishment is open for business, the sale of alcoholic beverages shall be incidental to the sale of food. The quarterly gross sales of alcoholic beverages shall not exceed 35% of the sales of food. The owner of the establishment shall, upon request, provide the City of Garden Grove with an audited report of sales ratio of food to alcoholic beverages.

31. The proposed outdoor sidewalk dining area shall comply with requirements of Section 9.18.090.050(I) of the Municipal Code, including but not limited to:
 - a. The subject outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way may only be located adjacent to Main Street, and adjacent to the storefront of the eating establishment with which it is associated and may not extend across any portion of the storefront of an adjacent business or structure.
 - b. Existing public right-of-way furniture shall only be located subject to approval of the Public Works Director or designee.
 - c. The subject outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way shall be fully accessible to, and useable by, the physically handicapped in compliance with applicable law.
 - d. The subject outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way shall be arranged and located in such a manner that a minimum four-foot (4'-0") unobstructed path-of-travel for pedestrians along the right-of-way can be maintained at all times.
 - e. The amount of seating that may be permitted within an outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way is subject to applicable occupancy limits set forth in the uniform building codes, requirements of the City's Public Works Department, and any other applicable regulations set forth in this title.
 - f. The use of removable table umbrellas is encouraged, provided such umbrellas maintain at least seven feet of clearance above the sidewalk level, do not exceed ten feet (10'-0") in height, and do not encroach into parking areas, walkways, or vision clearance areas.

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- g. Portable heating units acceptable to the Orange County Fire Authority may be utilized.
 - h. Lighting for the outdoor dining area shall be provided. Lighting may be incorporated into the façade of the building and shall complement the style of the building. Lights on buildings shall not be glaring to pedestrian or vehicular traffic and should illuminate only the outdoor dining area. Battery-operated table lamps or candles, or other lighting sources that do not require electrical wiring, are encouraged.
32. Barriers, in the form of a metal fence, demarcating an approved outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way shall be installed according to the proposed site plan. The following requirements set forth by Section 9.18.090.050.I.3.j apply where barriers are installed per Section :
- a. Barriers shall be fabricated from wrought iron and/or other sturdy materials approved by the City that are consistent with the aesthetic and architectural character of the Historic Main Street area.
 - b. A barrier may be no less than three feet (3'-0") in height and no more than three feet six inches (3'-6") in height.
 - c. The location of any barrier shall be subject to the approval of the Community Development Director or applicable hearing body and the provisions and conditions of the encroachment permit.
33. The proposed outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way shall be subject to the following operational standards of Section 9.18.09.050.I.4 and Section 9.18.09.080.I.5 of the Municipal Code :
- a. Hours of operation of an outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way shall not extend beyond 10:00 p.m. during any day of the week.
 - b. Tables, chairs, table lamps, umbrellas, portable heaters, and other furniture and related items may not be stored within the public right-of-way and shall be removed and stored inside the building when the business is closed or the outdoor dining area in the public right-of-way is not in operation. Approved barriers do not need to be removed except as otherwise required pursuant to the encroachment permit.
 - c. Outdoor sidewalk dining areas shall be kept in a good state of repair and maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition and in

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- accordance with applicable Orange County Health Department regulations.
- d. All building entryways and the required pedestrian path of travel shall remain clear and unobstructed at all times.
 - e. All outdoor sidewalk dining areas shall be used for sit-down food and beverage service only; no stand-up service is permitted.
 - f. The use of mist systems or other devices spraying water over the public right-of-way is prohibited, unless the spraying of water is confined to seating located directly adjacent to the storefront or within a dining alcove. Overspray onto the required path of travel is prohibited.
 - g. All plans and permits for an outdoor sidewalk dining area in the public right-of-way shall be kept on the premises of the eating establishment for inspection at all times the establishment is open for business.
34. The outdoor patio dining area (accessed from within the restaurant, and separate from the outdoor sidewalk dining area) shall be subject to the following:
- a. Maintain a perimeter barrier at a minimum height of four feet (4'-0") with clear and adequate visibility, and no visual obstructions, from the public rights-of-ways into the exterior/outdoor patio dining area.
 - b. Install and maintain signage at all patio exits which states "No Alcoholic Beverages Beyond This Point".
 - c. Install and maintain panic hardware (audible – alarm sound type) onto the exit gates. Apply in plain bold font "Emergency Exit Only" onto the push bar of the panic hardware.
 - d. Tables and chairs shall be located within the delineated dining areas, as shown on the approved floor plan for CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024). A clear and unobstructed path to all exits shall be maintained.
 - e. Provide and maintain adequate lighting to illuminate the outdoor patio dining area for safety and security.
 - f. Applicant shall install and maintain a security camera surveillance system (monitoring the interior and exterior areas of the restaurant)

with camera footage of at least the past 30 days stored and made available to the Police Department at its request.

35. No outside storage or displays shall be permitted at any time.
36. A prominent, permanent sign stating "NO LOITERING IS ALLOWED ON OR IN FRONT OF THE PREMISES" shall be posted in a place that is clearly visible to patrons of the licensee. The sign lettering shall be four (4) to six (6) inches high with black letters on a white background. The sign shall be displayed near or at the restaurant's entrance, and shall also be visible to the public.
37. There shall be no live entertainment, dancing, karaoke, sports bar, or disc jockey entertainment permitted on the premises at any time. Amplified music may be permitted, but the sound emitted from the premises shall not be audible outside of the establishment.
38. There shall be no raised platform and/or stage on the premises at any time that is used for live entertainment purposes. No dance floor shall be allowed on the premises at any time.
39. There shall be no uses or activities permitted of an adult-oriented nature as outlined in City Code Section 9.16.020.070.
40. There shall be no deliveries to or from the premises before 8:00 a.m. and after 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. Delivery trucks shall be shut off and shall not remain idle during deliveries. However, in the event problems arise where the delivery hours need to be reduced or restricted in order to minimize noise issues, the operator shall modify the delivery hours as prescribed by the City.
41. All rear doors (to the east) shall be kept closed at all times, except to permit employee ingress and egress, and in emergencies
42. Litter shall be removed daily from the premises, including adjacent public sidewalks, and from all parking areas under the control of the licensee. These areas shall be swept or cleaned, either mechanically or manually, on a weekly basis, to control debris.
43. The applicant/property owner shall ensure there are adequate trash receptacles available and accessible to the restaurant to accommodate its use and activities based on demand along with adequate pick-ups during the week. The applicant/property owner shall increase the number of pick-ups as necessary.

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44. The rear areas of the restaurant (to the east) shall be kept free from all debris and trash. No outside storage shall be permitted in this area.
45. The applicant/property owner shall abate all graffiti vandalism within the premises. The applicant/property owner shall implement best management practices to prevent and abate graffiti vandalism within the premises throughout the life of the project, including, but not limited to, timely removal of all graffiti, the use of graffiti resistant coatings and surfaces, the installation of vegetation screening of frequent graffiti sites, and the installation of signage, lighting, and/or security cameras, as necessary. Graffiti shall be removed/eliminated by the applicant/property owner as soon as reasonably possible after it is discovered, but not later than 72 hours after discovery.
46. The applicant is advised that the establishment is subject to the provisions of State Labor Code Section 6404.5 (ref: State Law AB 13), which prohibits smoking inside the establishment as of January 1, 1995.
47. Permits from the City of Garden Grove shall be obtained prior to displaying any temporary advertising (i.e., banners).
48. Signs shall comply with the City of Garden Grove sign requirements. No more than 15% of the total window area and clear doors shall bear advertising or signs of any sort. No signs advertising alcoholic beverages shall be placed on the windows. Any opaque material applied to the store front, such as window shall count toward the maximum window coverage area.
49. Any modifications to existing signs or the installation of new signs shall require approval by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division prior to issuance of a building permit.
50. In the event that activities related to the restaurant cause a nuisance, hindrance, and/or other problems, the applicant shall devise and implement a plan to relieve the situation to the satisfaction of the Community Development Director. The applicant shall submit a plan to resolve the issue(s). The plan may include, but not be limited to: reducing the hours of operation and/or other actions that may be deemed applicable to the situation.
51. No roof-mounted mechanical equipment, including exhaust vents, shall be permitted unless a method of screening complementary to the architecture of the building is approved by the Community Development Department,

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- Planning Division. Said screening shall block visibility of any roof-mounted mechanical equipment from view of public streets and surrounding properties.
52. No satellite dish antennas shall be installed on said premises unless, and until, plans have been submitted to and approved by the Community and Development Department, Planning Services Division. No advertising material shall be placed thereon.
 53. Should the approval of the parklet area approved under Director Review No. DR-067-2022 become null and void, the parklet area shall be removed, and the pavement returned to its original condition. If the parklet is removed, the permanent sidewalk seating area, as contemplated under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024) shall have an additional fence/railing installed along the edge of the sidewalk, to fully enclose the subject dining area.
 54. A copy of the decision and the conditions of approval for Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024) shall be kept on the premises at all times.
 55. The permittee shall submit a signed letter acknowledging receipt of the decision approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024) and his/her agreement with all conditions of the approval.
 56. If deemed necessary by the Community Development Director, the Conditional Use Permit may be reviewed within one year from the date of this approval, and every three (3) years thereafter, in order to determine if the business is operating in compliance.
 57. The applicant shall, as a condition of project approval, at its sole expense, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, employees, agents and consultants from any claim, action, or proceeding against the City, its officers, agents, employees and/or consultants, which action seeks to set aside, void, annul or otherwise challenge any approval by the City Council, Planning Commission, or other City decision-making body, or City staff action concerning Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024). The applicant shall pay the City's defense costs, including attorney fees and all other litigation related expenses, and shall reimburse the City for court costs, which the City may be required to pay as a result of such defense. The applicant shall further pay any adverse financial award, which may issue against the City including but not limited to any award of attorney fees to a

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- party challenging such project approval. The City shall retain the right to select its counsel of choice in any action referred to herein.
58. Unless a time extension is granted pursuant to Section 9.32.030.D.9 of Title 9 of the Municipal Code, the use authorized by this approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-143-2018 (REV. 2024) shall become null and void if the subject use or construction necessary and incidental thereto is not commenced within one (1) year of the expiration of the appeal period and thereafter diligently advanced until completion of the project.
 59. The Conditional Use Permit may be called for review by City staff, the City Council, or Planning Commission, if noise or other complaints are filed and verified as valid by the Code Enforcement office or other City department concerning the violation of approved conditions, the Garden Grove Municipal Code, or any other applicable provisions of law.
 60. The applicant is advised that if the use of the establishment ceases to operate for more than 90 days, then the existing Conditional Use Permit will become null and void and the new applicant shall be required to apply for a new Conditional Use Permit subject to the approval by the Community Development Department, Planning Services Division. In the event the use(s) authorized by the CUP cease and the property owner no longer desires to continue such use(s) on the property, property owner may voluntarily terminate the CUP and all rights and obligations thereunder by executing and recording a request for voluntary revocation and termination of the CUP in a form acceptable to the City.
 61. No alcoholic beverages shall be sold until all conditions of approval have been met, as determined by the Planning Services Division, and the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board (ABC) has approved the release of the ABC License.

Water Services Division

62. New water service installations two inches (0'-2") and smaller, shall be installed by the City of Garden Grove at owner's/developer's expense. Installation shall be scheduled upon payment of applicable fees, unless otherwise noted. Fire services and larger water services three inches (0'-3") and larger, shall be installed by owner's/developer's contractor per City Standards.
63. Water meters shall be located within the City right-of-way or within a dedicated waterline easement. Fire services and larger water services three inches (0'-3") and larger, shall be installed by contractor with Class A or C-34

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- license, per City water standards and inspected by an approved Public Works inspection.
64. A Reduced Pressure Principle Device (RPPD) backflow prevention device shall be installed for meter protection. The landscape system shall also have RPPD device. Any carbonation dispensing equipment shall have a RPPD device. Installation shall be per City Standards and shall be tested by a certified backflow device tester immediately after installation. Cross-connection inspector shall be notified for inspection after the installation is completed. The owner shall have RPPD tested once a year thereafter by a certified backflow device tester and the test results to be submitted to Public Works, Water Services Division. Property owner must open a water account upon installation of RPPD.
 65. Any new or existing water valve located within new concrete driveway or sidewalk construction shall be reconstructed per City Standard B-753.
 66. City shall determine if existing water service(s) is/are usable and meets current City Standards. Any existing meter and service located within new driveway(s) shall be relocated at owner's expense.
 67. If required, fire-service shall have above-ground backflow device with a double-check valve assembly. Device shall be tested immediately after installation and once a year thereafter by a certified backflow device tester and the results to be submitted to the Public Works Department, Water Services Division. Device shall be on private property and is the responsibility of the property owner. The above-ground assembly shall be screened from public view as required by the Planning Services Division.
 68. Commercial food use of any type requires the installation of an approved grease interceptor prior to obtaining a business license. Plumbing plan for grease interceptor shall be routed to environmental services for review and approval.
 69. In the event that an approved grease interceptor is not already installed, a properly sized grease interceptor shall be installed on the sewer lateral and be maintained by the property owner. There shall be a separate sanitary waste line that will connect to the sewer lateral downstream of the grease interceptor. All other waste lines shall be drained through the grease interceptor. Grease interceptor shall be located outside of the building and accessible for routine maintenance. Owner shall maintain comprehensive grease interceptor maintenance records and shall make them available to the City of Garden Grove upon demand.

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70. In the event that an approved grease trap is not already installed, a properly sized grease trap shall be installed on the waste line and maintained by the property owner. There shall be a separate ancillary waste line that will connect to the sewer lateral downstream of the grease trap. All other waste lines shall be drained through the grease trap. Grease trap may be located inside of the building per Orange County Health Department requirements. Prior to City permit issuance, trap location must be approved by the Orange County Health Department as evidenced by their stamp on the plans. Owner shall maintain comprehensive grease trap maintenance records and shall make them available to the City of Garden Grove upon demand.
71. Food grinders (garbage disposal devices) are prohibited per Ordinance 6 of the Garden Grove Sanitary District Code of Regulations. Existing units are to be removed.



Sacramento region is on the road to a clean energy future

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#LocalWorks

Sacramento leaders took a big step towards carbon neutrality last year when they teamed up with a private company to turn part of a

light rail station parking lot (<https://www.sacrt.com/new-high-speed-charging-hub-now-available-at-the-power-inn-station/>) into one of the state's largest electric vehicle (EV) charging hubs.

The high-speed charging facility at Power Inn Station is the first of several experimental “mobility hubs” aimed at accelerating the Sacramento region’s clean energy future. It can provide a template for public agencies that also want to team up with private entrepreneurs.

State officials have praised the public-private partnership, noting that projects like these will help California meet its ambitious goal of eliminating



greenhouse gas emissions (<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/news/california-releases-final-2022-climate-scoping-plan-proposal>) from transportation by 2045.

“This is how it starts,” California State Treasurer Fiona Ma said at an opening event last fall. “California is the leader. This is a game changer. We can’t wait to have more fast chargers around the state.”

The partners on the Power Inn Station project include Sacramento Regional Transit (SacRT), the California State Treasurer’s Office, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, and GiddyUp EV Charging, Inc., the charging facility’s private operator.

The news that the region’s main bus and rail agency is playing an expanded leadership role in transportation electrification might seem unorthodox. But the reasoning is simple: The agency’s 54 light rail stations are prime locations for electrification hubs and transit-oriented development, including housing.

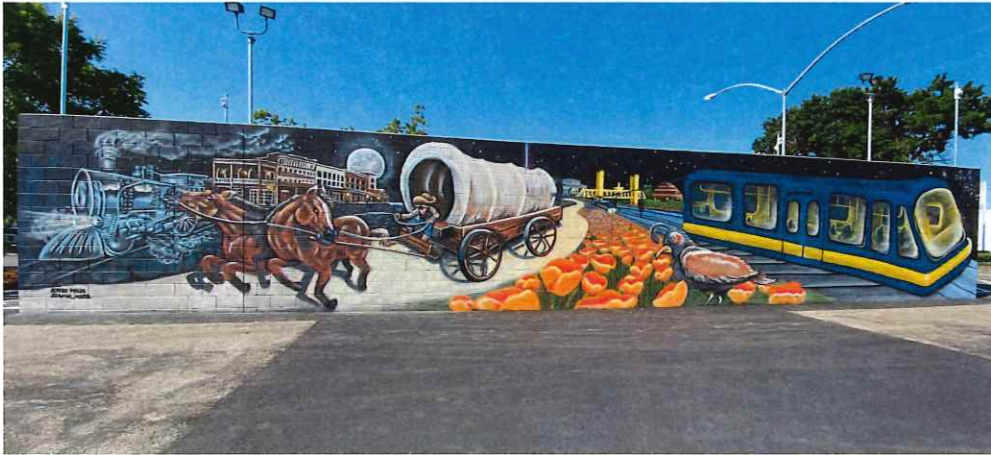
Making those sites available for development means more transit riders. The development includes EV chargers, but it could someday include EV rentals, e-bikes, and arrangements with rideshare services.

The station's large parking lot provides easy access for drivers passing through the region or commuters heading downtown via the bustling Gold Line. The site is also next to the city’s main industrial area, making it a convenient place to quickly charge heavy-duty vehicles and bus fleets.

Chris Jerome, GiddyUp founder and CEO, said the goal is to merge public and private assets to make electrification fast, convenient, and safe for all communities, drivers, and vehicles.

“If we are going to change the country, we have to show how you do it right,” he said.

GiddyUp (<https://giddyuppower.com/sacramento-power-inn-project/>) installed ten Level 3 high-speed charging stations in the lot, with room for 10 more if needed.



It pays a flat monthly fee to SacRT and will pay additional fees if revenues hit target amounts. The site is secured by station lighting, as well as real-time cameras and a communications

system that allows remote monitors to speak to people on site.

As with any pioneering effort, the start-up process involves some trial and error. Three of the 10 chargers once went down because of software issues. But SacRT and GiddyUp EV saw the moment as a learning process that could make future similar projects easier for Sacramento and others around the state.

“We’re heading in the right direction for our customers,” Jerome said. “Our goal is to be the industry leader in uptime.”

He says future success hinges in part on the ability of public and private agencies to team up. This creates an economy of scale for private companies, assurances of multiple access points for industries with electric fleets, and peace of mind for drivers who worry about battery range.

[Transit does not stand on its own](#)

The need for more electrification infrastructure is clear. The Sacramento Municipal Utility District estimates that there will be nearly one million electric vehicles in the Capital region by 2040. That’s roughly one electric vehicle for every three residents.

But like much of California, the Sacramento area lacks the infrastructure necessary for those vehicles. We cannot catch up in an ad hoc way. That’s why four Sacramento agencies formally agreed to work together on climate change-related projects and secure funding.

SacRT, along with the heads of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments meet monthly for lunch, often joined by U.S. Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

Alberto Ayala, chief executive for Sac Metro Air District, says that electrification is best done holistically, especially given limited available grant funding.

“We are agencies that are glued together because of our interest in better mobility and doing what we can to solve the climate crisis regionally,” Ayala said. “The core agencies are trying to compete for project grants in a way that is integrated.”



The agency recently opened the [first mobility hub in the region \(https://www.airquality.org/Our-Community-CarShare/Mobility-Hub\)](https://www.airquality.org/Our-Community-CarShare/Mobility-Hub) on an empty lot in residential Del Paso Heights. One lesson learned, Ayala says, is that mobility hubs are easier to do on developed land with electrical infrastructure already in place.

Sac Metro Air District and SacRT recently secured grant funding to build three more mobility hubs at light rail stations in lower-income areas starting next year.

“A lot of what we are talking about are new concepts,” Ayala said. “We need to be able to take a little risk and explore what will fit into the community.”

The hubs will provide a mix of services, including more affordable EV charging stations and rideshare programs, e-bike and e-scooter share services, carpool connections, microtransit shuttles, and arrangements with rideshare companies to provide services for disabled people.

Charging stations and mobility hubs should be where people congregate (<https://www.sacog.org/home/showpublisheddocument/1286/638306355317270000>) , such as universities, transit-oriented housing, civic centers, and light rail stations. But that alone may not be enough to assure success. SacRT and its partners are looking into other amenities that draw people in. Those could include Amazon Prime lockers, food trucks, a coffee cart, or a farmer’s market.



SacRT also plans to work with private developers to create more transit-oriented housing hubs near light rail stations or on station parking lots. SacRT recently partnered with a private developer to build a major apartment project on the parking lot at the University/65th Street light rail station.

2024 also marks the formal launch of the process to find private partners for potentially dozens more mobility hubs at light rail stations. Those hubs ideally would be cost-neutral. SacRT will work with communities around those hubs to determine what amenities each hub should have.

Project partners so far include Sacramento Clean Cities Coalition and the Sacramento-based Civic Thread, a grassroots group focused on health-built environments.

The concept, called “mobility integration,” would help SacRT solve the longstanding “first-mile, last-mile” problem some transit riders face by offering them new ways to continue their journeys after deboarding. It’s a learning process, SacRT Director of Planning Anthony Adams said.

“This is based on the idea that transit does not stand on its own,” Adams said. “We have all the resources we need to play a vital role. We want to be a piece of the puzzle.”

We need supporting amenities and context to make sure people can reach our services and get to their destination. This is about making a holistic mobility network, with first- and last-mile services that make our light rail system even more usable.”

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Your guide to the homelessness and recovery housing bills cities should act on

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The legislative session ends soon

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Lawmakers are set to return to the Capitol on Aug. 5. With just one month left — and plenty of critical bills to pass — the last month of session promises to be a whirlwind of activity. For the next three weeks, Cal Cities is rounding up the most important bills for cities. Here are three homelessness and recovery housing bills cities should watch closely as the session ends.

Homeless housing bill still lacks clarity

Top of mind for Cal Cities is a [homeless housing measure](#)

[https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2024/05/29/Homelessness-and-housing-bill-](https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2024/05/29/Homelessness-and-housing-bill-advances-with-no-funding-vague-requirements)

[advances-with-no-funding-vague-requirements](#)) introduced by Asm. Chris Ward

earlier this year. Sponsored by Gov. Gavin Newsom, [AB 3093](#)

[https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%203093&t=bill)

[d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%203093&t=bill](#)) would add new income categories

to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Lawmakers say the measure would

help assess the needs of homeless residents. They based the bill on [a report](#)

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/planning-and-community/rhna/cahf-2040-rhna-report-2024.pdf>) about California's housing future.

Cal Cities opposes the measure unless it is amended. AB 3093 lacks key details on how the proposed categories — acutely low-income and extremely low-income — differ from what cities already plan for through the very low-income category. It is critical that lawmakers clarify these differences so that cities are not set up to fail, especially as they lose out on [critical state funding](https://www.calcities.org/news/post/2024/05/10/new-budget-proposal-includes-major-cuts-to-housing-and-homelessness-programs) (<https://www.calcities.org/news/post/2024/05/10/new-budget-proposal-includes-major-cuts-to-housing-and-homelessness-programs>) .

Legislators will hear AB 3093 in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Aug. 5. Cities still have time to submit [letters](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%203093&t=bill) (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%203093&t=bill>) and urge their lawmakers to address these concerns.

[Sponsored recovery housing bills await key vote](#)

Two recovery housing bills sponsored by Cal Cities are moving forward. [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%202081&t=bill) (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%202081&t=bill>) , co-sponsored by Cal Cities, would require licensed treatment facilities to share resources about their licensure status with potential patients.

The Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%202574&t=bill) (<https://ctweb.capitoltrack.com/public/search.aspx?id=ad485199-37cd-42cd-8217-d19b4d257119&session=23&s=AB%202574&t=bill>) would expand reporting requirements to improve the state's oversight of sober living homes operating as an integral part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere in the community.

Residential recovery housing provides a wide range of benefits to some of California's most vulnerable residents. However, some operators have [put](#)

profits over people (<https://www.ocregister.com/rehab-riviera/>) . The two bills would provide much-needed transparency and hold providers accountable for high-quality treatment and care.

Both bills need to pass out of the Senate before heading to the Governor's desk. Cities that support these measures should call their senators and urge them to send the bills to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

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Prop 1. funding was just released. Here's how your city can prepare

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Cal Cities is hosting a webinar on Aug. 6 to help cities access the \$3.3 billion

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Gov. Gavin Newsom [today announced](#)

(<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/07/17/governor-newsom-announces-up-to-3-3-billion-of-prop-1-funding-for-treatment-of-seriously-ill-homeless/>) the release of \$3.3 billion in competitive grant funding for behavioral health from Proposition 1. Cities can apply for the funding, half of which is reserved specifically for cities and counties.

The announcement includes a [request for applications](#)

(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/bond_bhcip_round1_rfa_508.pdf) and pre-application guidance, such as how to access technical assistance. Local governments can use the first round of funding for behavioral health treatment beds, with a particular focus on people who are the most seriously ill or experiencing homelessness.

All applications must be supported by the county behavioral health director where the project is located. Applicants must also base their proposals on local behavioral health needs data and demonstrate community engagement and regional collaboration. The application portal opens on Aug. 9 and closes on Dec. 13.

Cal Cities is hosting a [webinar \(https://my.calcities.org/Security/Sign-In?returnurl=%2fEvents%2fCalendar-Of-Events%2fRegistration-Start%3fMeetingId%3d6a5b5146-9039-ef11-8409-0022482ae8c3\)](https://my.calcities.org/Security/Sign-In?returnurl=%2fEvents%2fCalendar-Of-Events%2fRegistration-Start%3fMeetingId%3d6a5b5146-9039-ef11-8409-0022482ae8c3) on Aug. 6 with the Governor’s Office on how cities can access these crucial funds and other resources to help transform the state’s behavioral health care system. The Department of Health Care Services will offer a [webinar \(https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KI7-wiGeQnSsq1d5e00t7A#/registration\)](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KI7-wiGeQnSsq1d5e00t7A#/registration) for prospective applicants the next day on Aug. 7.

A second round of Prop. 1 funding will be available in mid-2025. The state plans to award all funding — \$6.38 billion in total — no later than 2026. Cities can learn more about available funding on the Infrastructure Bond Act [landing page \(https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/bond-bhcup-rounds/\)](https://www.infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com/grantees/bond-bhcup-rounds/) .

Cal Cities’ [2024 Advocacy Priorities \(/advocacy-priorities\)](#) focus on securing investments to reduce homelessness and boost the supply of affordable housing. For years, Cal Cities has called on the Legislature and the Governor to provide ongoing funding to address these crises. The investments made through Prop. 1 align with these goals and are a step forward in addressing the needs of vulnerable Californians.

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Cal Cities leadership votes to back three November ballot measures

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Among the supported measures is an initiative backed by district attorneys and a long-awaited climate bond

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The Cal Cities Board of Directors last week voted to support three ballot measures, including [Proposition 36](https://voteyesprop36.com/league-of-california-cities-votes-in-support-of-yes-on-proposition-36-an-initiative-for-safer-california-communities/) (<https://voteyesprop36.com/league-of-california-cities-votes-in-support-of-yes-on-proposition-36-an-initiative-for-safer-california-communities/>). The district attorney-sponsored ballot measure would create a deterrent for repeat retail theft offenders and redirect some towards treatment rather than incarceration.

“Protecting the safety and economic well-being of our communities is a top priority for Cal Cities,” said Cal Cities President and Fowler Mayor Daniel Parra. “This proposition gives us an important tool for improving safety in our cities.”

The Board also voted to support [Prop. 4](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-07-08/2024-california-election-proposition-4-climate-bond-voter-guide) (<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-07-08/2024-california-election-proposition-4-climate-bond-voter-guide>), a \$10 billion climate bond. The measure would channel funding to communities for various programs aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change.

First proposed last year, Cal Cities **pushed hard**

(<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2024/07/04/november-climate-bond-seems-all-but-certain>) for increased funding to cities in a variety of areas. The bond reflects that advocacy, with funding for stormwater capture and reuse, local water conservation programs, state and local wildfire prevention, sea level rise mitigation and adaptation funding, and extreme heat mitigation.

“The Board’s decisions reflect a robust, member-led process that will inform our organization’s work in the months ahead,” said Carolyn Coleman, Cal Cities executive director and CEO. “Cal Cities’ advocacy at the ballot box is critical to ensuring cities have the resources needed to uphold the quality of life in California communities.”

A measure aimed at increasing the state’s housing supply also won the support of Cal Cities’ Board. **ACA 1**

(<https://a04.asmdc.org/sites/a04.asmdc.org/files/pdf/ACA%201%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>) would lower the voter threshold to 55% for bonds used for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or public infrastructure. It’s the same bar for bonds used for the construction, rehabilitation, and replacement of schools.

Board celebrates legal wins, doubles down on ongoing funding

The Board also celebrated a big legal win during its quarterly meeting: last month’s decision by the **California Supreme Court to strike a tax ballot measure** (**<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2024/06/26/victory-for-cities!-the-ca-supreme-court-strikes-tax-ballot-measure-off-the-november-ballot>**) off the November ballot. In a unanimous decision, the court agreed with Cal Cities, the state Legislature, Gov. Gavin Newsom, and other local government partners that the California Business Roundtable measure would amount to a revision of the California Constitution by reworking the “fiscal underpinnings of our government at every level.”

Board members also heard updates on other significant recent legal wins, including the **U.S. Supreme Court’s decision on regulating sleeping and**

camping on public property

<https://www.calcities.org/home/post/2024/06/28/supreme-court-says-cities-may-enforce-public-camping-ordinances> . Earlier this year, Cal Cities urged the Supreme Court to reverse the lower court’s decisions and provide greater clarity over such ordinances. The ruling restores an important community safety tool back to cities.

Echoing the Board, Executive Director Carolyn Coleman said Cal Cities would not “take the foot off the gas” and continue to seek a permanent home for homelessness funding for cities in next year’s state budget.

Board updates member group guidance, recommits to greater diversity and equity

The Board focused on some important governance work, including approving an updated policy that provides guidance on how new member groups, such as the Coastal Cities Group, are created. Under the new policy, a member group is defined as one that connects city officials with shared characteristics or city officials from member cities with shared city characteristics.

Importantly, the Board also held a robust discussion on a proposal from four **diversity caucuses** ([/get-involved/caucuses](#)) to advance greater diversity and equity in Cal Cities. The Board recognized the huge strides made in recent years to diversify the Board and ensure greater inclusion of its diverse, statewide membership. But it also noted that more work remains.

At the conclusion of the conversation, the Board directed Cal Cities staff to work with the Board’s **Executive Committee** ([/about-us/board-of-directors](#)) to create a working group to review the proposal and come back to the Board with recommendations.

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