

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**July 31, 2025**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City  
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A memo to provide a summary of the Foreign Trade Zone 50 (FTZ-50) Workshop is attached.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo to inform about the Garden Grove Back to School Drive is attached.

C. PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the August 21, 2025 Planning Commission meeting.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	Foreign Trade Zone 50 Workshop - In Partnership with the Port of Long Beach	Date:	July 31, 2025

**OBJECTIVE**

To provide a summary of the Foreign Trade Zone 50 (FTZ-50) Workshop, a collaborative effort with the Port of Long Beach to inform local businesses on the benefits of FTZ designation and available international trade resources.

**BACKGROUND**

Foreign Trade Zone (FTZs) were established by the federal government under the Foreign-Trade Zone Act of 1934 to enhance U.S global trade competitiveness. These designated areas allow businesses to defer or reduce customs duties, streamline logistics, and support export activity. The City's partnership in hosting the FTZ-50 Workshop reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting local businesses through enhanced access to global trade opportunities.

**DISCUSSION**

On July 23, 2025, the Economic Development and Housing Department partnered up with the Port of Long Beach to host the FTZ-50 Workshop at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center. The purpose of this workshop was to provide local businesses with an in-depth understanding of the Foreign Trade Zone program and its potential benefits for international trade, manufacturing, and logistics operations. Notable speakers at the FTZ-50 Workshop included City of Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, representatives from the Port of Long Beach, including Business Development Manager Mechelle Ngin and ITC-Diligence International President and CEO David Harlow. Additional speakers included regional leaders from the Export-Import Bank of the United States, California State University Fullerton's Small Business Development Center and Global Trade Center, the U.S Department of Commerce, and the Small Business Administration, all of whom provided valuable insights on trade facilitation, financing, and Foreign Trade Zone participation.

The workshop drew in approximately 50 registered participants, including local business owners, economic stakeholders, and supply chain professionals. Attendees received actionable insights on trade facilitation, export financing and Foreign Trade Zone application procedures.

## CONCLUSION

The Foreign Trade Zone 50 Workshop reinforced the City's ongoing efforts to advancing economic development through international trade education, interagency collaboration, and targeted business support.

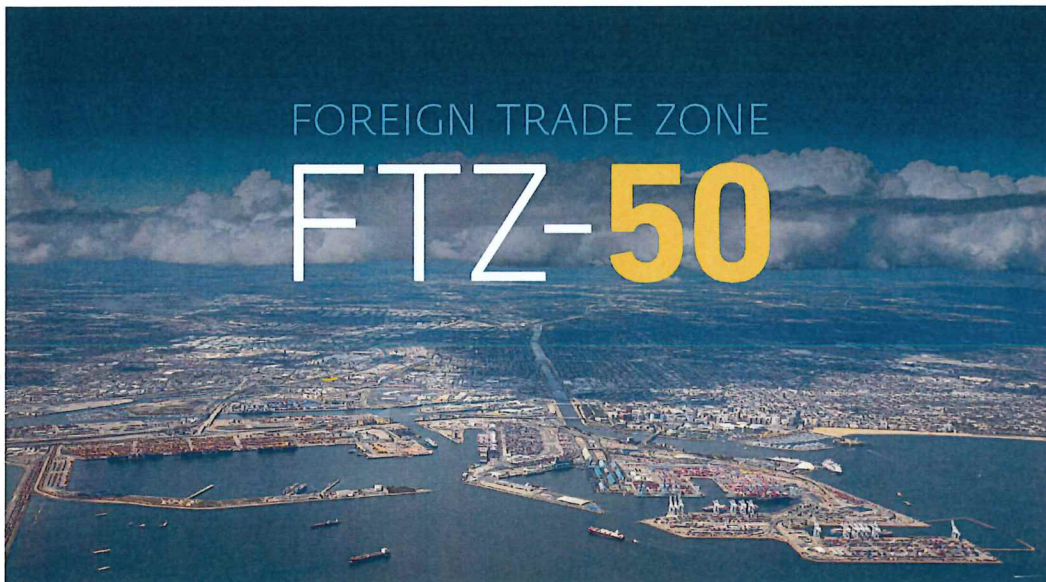


Ursula Luna-Reynosa  
Assistant City Manager  
Economic Development and Housing Director

By: Sara Areguini, Economic Development Analyst

### Attachments:

- FTZ 50 Workshop in Garden Grove, CA
- FTZ50\_MayorKlopfenstein



## Foreign Trade Zone 50 Workshop

### Presented by

Port of Long Beach and City of Garden Grove, Economic Development and Housing Department

**Wednesday, July 23**

City of Garden Grove, Community Meeting Center

11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

9:30 a.m. *Registration and Networking* | 10 a.m.-noon *Program* | Noon *Optional Hospitality Hour*

### Key topics:

Introduction to FTZs | How to become a FTZ | Improve global competitiveness | Trade Resources

### Speakers include:

**California State University, Fullerton Small Business Development Center and Global Trade Center**  
Manal Richa, *Center Director*

**City of Garden Grove**  
Stephanie Klopfenstein, *Mayor*

**Export-Import Bank of the United States**  
Paul Duncan, *Regional Director, Western Region*

**ITC-Diligence International**  
David Harlow, *President and CEO*

**KRIEGER Worldwide**  
Marquis Blanc, *Vice President of Commercial Strategy*

**Port of Long Beach**  
Mechelle Ngin, *Business Development Manager*  
Lilli Nihipali, *Marketing Manager*

**Tri-Link, Inc.**  
Stu Spikerman, *President and CEO*

**U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service International Trade Administration**

**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
E.J. Richardson, *Commercial Officer*  
Richard M. Swanson Jr., *Acting Director, Orange County, California*

**U.S. Small Business Administration**  
Martin Selander, *Finance Manager*  
Paul I. Smith, *Economic Development Specialist & District International Trade Officer*

The FTZ 50 Workshop is ideal for importers, exporters, manufacturers, and supply chain professionals.

For reservations, please visit [polb.com/ftzworkshop](http://polb.com/ftzworkshop)

Questions: Please contact Lilli Nihipali at [Lillian.Nihipali@polb.com](mailto:Lillian.Nihipali@polb.com) or 562-283-7779







**City of Garden Grove**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim  
Dept.: City Manager  
Subject: Back to School Drive

From: John Montanez  
Dept.: Community Services  
Date: July 31, 2025

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Council about the Garden Grove Back to School Drive.

BACKGROUND

Since 2009 the Buena Clinton and Magnolia Park Family Resource Centers conduct an annual Back to School Drive. The drive supports low income children that receive services through the family resource centers and who are in need of school supplies.

DISCUSSION

Every child deserves an opportunity to succeed in their education and school supplies enable them to be well prepared to learn. With families struggling financially, the Back to School Drive program provides them with assistance to ensure their child is well prepared for school with school supplies and backpacks.

SUMMARY

The goal is for distribution to take place July 30 through August 7 for children to ensure they are ready by the first day of school on August 11. Donations are currently being accepted at City Hall or at the Family Resource Centers now through the end of August.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ  
Community Services Director



By: Gabi O'Cadiz-Hernandez  
Human Services Supervisor

AFFP

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## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

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

July 30, 2025

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

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 30th day of July 2025.

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., AUGUST 21, 2025

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

#### AMENDMENT NO. A-045-2025

A City-initiated zoning text amendment to Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to add definitions, special operating conditions, and parking standards to allow Substance Abuse Treatment Centers as a conditionally permitted use for properties zoned C-2 (Community Commercial) and M-1 (Limited Industrial). In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on August 21, 2025. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: JULY 24, 2025  
PUBLISH: JULY 30, 2025

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P.O. BOX 3070  
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

**WEEKLY MEMO 07-17-2025**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**





## Post Performance

July 17, 2025 – July 23, 2025


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


Included in this Report

X @CityGardenGrove

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**@CityGardenGrove**


Wed 7/23/2025 4:34 pm PDT

On 7/27, from 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Santa Rita Ave, between Winton St and Tunstall St, will be closed for a temporary fire hydrant waterline installation.  For more information, visit [ggcity.org/news/gary-hall...](https://ggcity.org/news/gary-hall...) [#GG1956](#) [#GardenGrove](#)



Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	44
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%







**@CityGardenGrove**


Wed 7/23/2025 4:34 pm PDT

Beginning 7/24, at 7:15 p.m., Gary Hall Pool at Eastgate Park 📍 12001 St Mark St will be temporarily closed for emergency repairs....



Impressions	66
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%







**gardengrovecityhall**


Wed 7/23/2025 4:34 pm PDT

Beginning Thursday, July 24, at 7:15 p.m., Gary Hall Pool at Eastgate Park 📍 12001 St Mark Street will be temporarily closed for...




Views	1,564
Reach	1,328
Engagements	15
Engagement Rate (per View)	1%





**Garden Grove City Hall**


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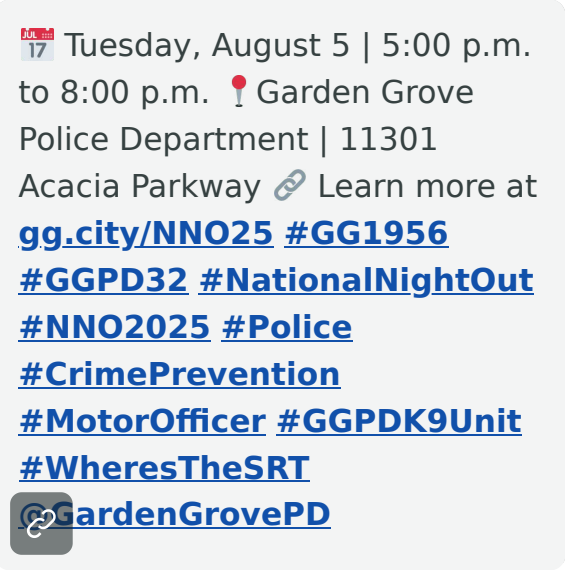


Impressions	1,165
Reach	1,140
Engagements	44
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.8%






**@CityGardenGrove**

Wed 7/23/2025 1:10 pm PDT




Post Link Clicks	1
Impressions	41
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.9%





**@CityGardenGrove**


Wed 7/23/2025 1:10 pm PDT

JOIN US FOR [#NATIONALNIGHTOUT2025](#) ON AUGUST 5 🌟 Now's your chance to meet the officers who serve...




Impressions	58
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%





**gardengrovecityhall**


Wed 7/23/2025 1:10 pm PDT

**JOIN US FOR**  
**#NATIONALNIGHTOUT2025 ON**  
**AUGUST 5** 🐾 Now's your chance to meet...




Views	709
Reach	576
Engagements	46
Engagement Rate (per View)	6.5%




**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 7/23/2025 1:10 pm PDT

**JOIN US FOR**  
**#NATIONALNIGHTOUT2025 ON**  
**AUGUST 5** 🐾 Now's your chance to meet...



Impressions	580
Reach	580
Engagements	18
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.1%




**Garden Grove City Hall**


Wed 7/23/2025 9:41 am PDT


#WaybackWednesday to when the Garden Grove Community Foundation and the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce...




Video Views	145
Impressions	196
Reach	192
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.6%







**gardengrovecityhall**  
Wed 7/23/2025 9:41 am PDT

#WaybackWednesday to when the Garden Grove Community Foundation and the @gg\_chamber hosted the Ric V. Lerma...

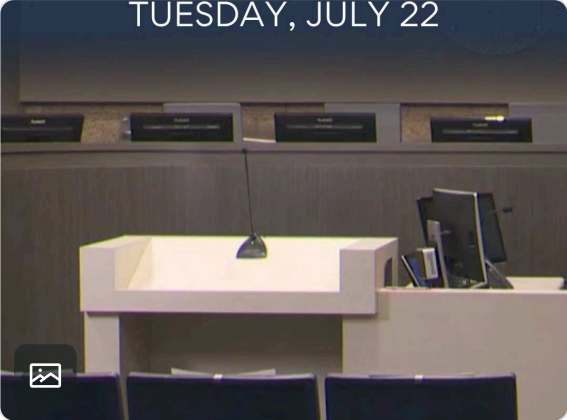


Views	901
Reach	599
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.6%





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Tue 7/22/2025 5:09 pm PDT

This is a friendly reminder that tonight's #GardenGrove City Council meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be held o...

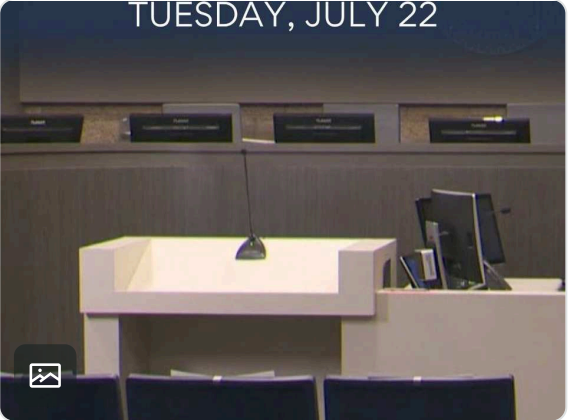


Views	1,485
Reach	1,127
Engagements	25
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.7%





**@CityGardenGrove**  
Tue 7/22/2025 5:09 pm PDT

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Impressions	88
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%






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Tue 7/22/2025 5:09 pm PDT

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TUESDAY, JULY 22



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>936</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>912</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>1.9%</b>





**@CityGardenGrove**


Tue 7/22/2025 3:31 pm PDT

Virus West Nile có thể gây ra các triệu chứng nhẹ, nhưng một số trường hợp có thể trở nên nghiêm trọng. Hãy tự bảo vệ bằng cách sử dụng thuốc chống muỗi, tránh bị muỗi đốt, và dọn dẹp các khu vực có nước đọng quanh nhà.



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Potential Reach</b>	<b>4,755</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>1.4%</b>







**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 7/22/2025 3:31 pm PDT

Để biết thêm mẹo phòng tránh và thông tin chi tiết, vui lòng truy cập: [bit.ly/WestNileOC](https://bit.ly/WestNileOC) | [ggcity.org/west-nile-virus](https://ggcity.org/west-nile-virus)




<b>Post Link Clicks</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>63</b>
<b>Potential Reach</b>	<b>4,755</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>0%</b>




@CityGardenGrove

Tue 7/22/2025 3:31 pm PDT

Cơ Quan Kiểm Soát Côn Trùng Quận Cam (OC Vector) đã phát hiện Virus West Nile (WNV) trong các mẫu muỗi thu thập được...



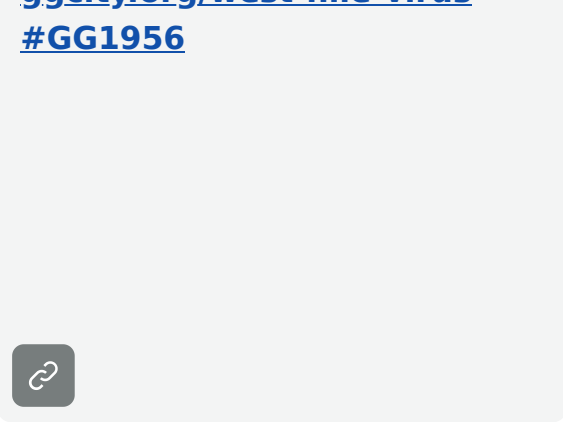
Impressions	22
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 7/22/2025 3:31 pm PDT

Consejos e información:  
[bit.ly/WestNileOC](https://bit.ly/WestNileOC) |  
[ggcity.org/west-nile-virus](https://ggcity.org/west-nile-virus)  
[#GG1956](https://twitter.com/CityGardenGrove)



Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	13
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.7%




@CityGardenGrove

Tue 7/22/2025 3:31 pm PDT

OC Vector ha detectado el virus del Nilo Occidental en muestras de mosquitos de [#GardenGrove](https://twitter.com/CityGardenGrove). El virus puede causar...



Impressions	10
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10%




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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 7/22/2025 3:31 pm PDT

@OCVector has detected West Nile Virus in mosquito samples from [#GardenGrove](#). WNV can cause mild symptoms, but it can...



Impressions	70
Potential Reach	—
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.3%






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Tue 7/22/2025 2:55 pm PDT

@ocvectorcontrol has detected West Nile Virus in mosquito samples from [#GardenGrove](#). WNV can cause mild...



Views	3,118
Reach	1,825
Engagements	188
Engagement Rate (per View)	6%




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Garden Grove City Hall


Tue 7/22/2025 2:45 pm PDT

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) has confirmed that mosquito samples collected in...



Impressions	1,871
Reach	1,845
Engagements	137
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.3%

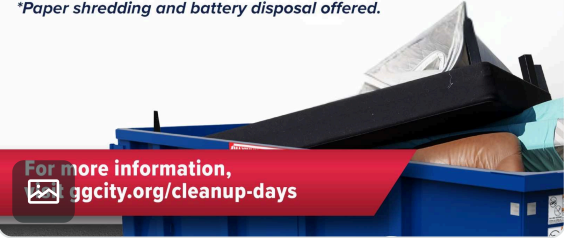




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Thu 7/17/2025 3:00 pm PDT


**COMMUNITY CLEANUP DAY THIS SATURDAY** #GardenGrove residents are invited to safely dispose of bulky items,...


**Saturday, July 19, 2025**  
**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**  
 Garden Grove Unified School District Main Office  
 10331 Stanford Ave  
*\*Paper shredding and battery disposal offered.*



For more information,  
 [ggcity.org/cleanup-days](http://ggcity.org/cleanup-days)

Views	1,982
Reach	1,495
Engagements	74
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.7%






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Impressions	6,009
Reach	5,863
Engagements	196
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%

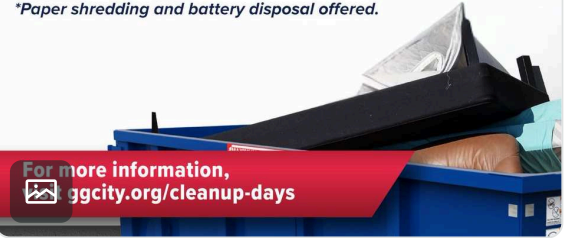




**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 7/17/2025 3:00 pm PDT

**#GardenGrove** residents are invited to safely dispose of bulky items, recycle household batteries, and shred paper for...


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Impressions	83
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.6%









**gardengrovecityhall**


Thu 7/17/2025 12:02 pm PDT

#TBT to when the Garden Grove City Council, @gardengrovecpd, City staff, neighboring elected officials, and...



Views	1,983
Reach	1,221
Engagements	53
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.7%






**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 7/17/2025 12:01 pm PDT

#TBT to when the Garden Grove City Council, Garden Grove Police Department, City staff, neighboring elected officials, an...



Video Views	349
Impressions	634
Reach	604
Engagements	52
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.2%





**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 7/17/2025 9:21 am PDT

📍 It's Parks Make Life Better Month, and we're celebrating with FREE ACTIVITIES for the whole family! Today, 7/17, enjoy...



Impressions	72
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%




**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 7/17/2025 9:21 am PDT


 July is **Parks Make Life Better Month**, and we're celebrating with a full day of      for the whole family! Today, J...



Impressions	499
Reach	464
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2%



# Post Performance

July 17, 2025 – July 23, 2025

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

## Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Tue 7/22/2025 8:06 am PDT

🚨 SAVE THE DATE! 🚨 Join us on Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 5PM to 8PM for an action-packed National Night Out with...



Video Views	6,986
Impressions	21,228
Reach	20,384
Engagements	705
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.3%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Mon 7/21/2025 4:26 pm PDT

Weekend recap 7/17/2025 - 7/20/2025  
#GardenGrovePD #GGPD32 #GGPD  
#SafeStreetsGG

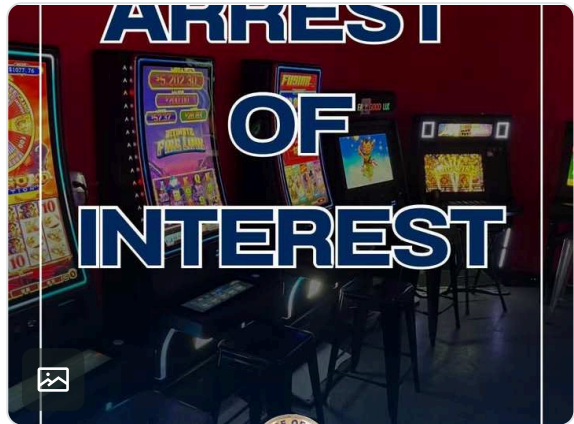


Video Views	1,585
Impressions	2,973
Reach	2,827
Engagements	423
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.2%



**Garden Grove Police Depart...**  
Sat 7/19/2025 8:28 am PDT

On Thursday, our Special Investigations Unit, Gang Suppression Unit, and patrol officers executed a successful search...



Impressions	9,678
Reach	8,849
Engagements	3,446
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	35.6%






 **Garden Grove Police Depart...**


Fri 7/18/2025 1:20 pm PDT

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, as well as to the families, friends, and...




Impressions	4,890
Reach	4,626
Engagements	485
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.9%



 **Garden Grove Police Depart...**

Thu 7/17/2025 5:42 pm PDT

SUBJECT: Homicide Investigation LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 11500 block of Morgan Lane, Garden Grove DATE/TIME OF...



Impressions	24,399
Reach	23,455
Engagements	4,729
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	19.4%

**WEEKLY MEMO 07-17-2025**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

OC Register  
July 22, 2025

# West Nile virus found in Orange County mosquito samples



Mosquitoes at Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District in Garden Grove, CA, on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **MICHAEL SLATEN** | [mslaten@scng.com](mailto:mslaten@scng.com)  
PUBLISHED: July 22, 2025 at 12:56 PM PDT

Public health officials on Tuesday said mosquito samples collected in Anaheim and Garden Grove have tested positive for West Nile virus, the first confirmed virus activity this year.

There have been [four positive mosquito samples collected in those cities](#), according to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. So far though, no human cases of the West Nile virus have been reported.

A dead bird recovered in Garden Grove also tested positive for the virus, according to a news release.

“Multiple mosquito samples and a dead bird testing positive for West Nile virus indicate that the virus is circulating in the community,” said OC Vector Director of Scientific and Technical Services Amber Semrow in a statement. “Anaheim and Garden Grove are historically high-risk areas for West Nile virus activity. Conditions across the region are favorable for sustained virus activity during the warm summer months.”

**ALSO SEE:** [How Orange County plans to sterilize mosquitoes to limit pest's spread of disease](#)  
West Nile virus is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental U.S., according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and is most commonly spread to people through the bite of an infected mosquito.

Mosquito season begins in the summer and continues through fall. In California, there have been [three human cases reported this year](#), one of which was fatal. In 2024, there was one reported infection of a person with West Nile virus in Orange County and 53 mosquito samples that tested positive.

Residents are asked to drain any standing water on their property to help prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

Other prevention tactics include keeping windows closed that don't have a screen door, wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants and using insect repellent. Avoiding outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active during dawn and dusk is also recommended.

Most people infected with West Nile virus won't develop any symptoms, according to the CDC. About one in five people develop a fever with other symptoms like body aches or vomiting. About one in 150 people develop a severe illness from the virus.

The Tribune  
July 15, 2025

# New student rep is announced

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON JULY 15, 2025 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



**By Jim Tortolano**  
Orange County Tribune

A new student representative and a new way of increasing student representation were introduced at Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Education.

Stephanie Heflin, assistant superintendent for secondary education introduced Christy Getachew, a senior this fall at Rancho Alamitos High School, as the new student representative who will serve as a non-voting member of the board.

Heflin also announced the creation of a new GGUSD Student Senate, who will consist of "senators" from the high schools who will be "chosen by their peers" to work with the existing Board Representative Council, or BRC, a group of high school students which provide feedback to the board on issues of interest to students.

The next meeting of the GGUSD will be held on Aug. 5. The district serves most of Garden Grove and parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster.





# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Johnathan Garcia  
Public Information Officer  
(714) 741-5280 / [Johnthang@ggcity.org](mailto:Johnthang@ggcity.org)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Wednesday, July 23, 2025



## **Gary Hall Pool Temporarily Closed for Repairs Starting July 24**

The City of Garden Grove will temporarily close Gary Hall Pool at Eastgate Park for emergency repairs beginning Thursday, July 24 at 7:15 p.m., due to damage caused by fireworks. The pool is expected to reopen on Tuesday, July 29 during its regular operating hours.

Crews will drain the pool, repair the damaged plaster, and refill it as part of the emergency work. To complete the refill, a temporary fire hydrant waterline will cross Santa Rita Avenue, prompting a full road closure between Winton Street and Tunstall Street on Sunday, July 27, from 5:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All recreational swim sessions scheduled during the closure will be canceled. For more information and updates, visit [ggcity.org/news](http://ggcity.org/news) or contact the Garden Grove Parks and Recreation Department at (714) 741-5200.

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**July 31, 2025**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Meeting minutes for the June 19, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation of the July 24, 2025 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. Notice of Cancellation of the August 7, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from June 25, 2025 to July 31, 2025.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 31, 2025 – August 28, 2025

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Thursday	July 31		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Day
Tuesday	August 5	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	2025 National Night Out Garden Grove Police Department 11301 Acacia Parkway
Thursday	August 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	August 8		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Friday	August 8	8:30 p.m.	Outdoor Movie Series – Wicked Historic Main Street
Saturday	August 9	8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Walk & Talk, District 6 Starts at 13129 Harbor Blvd.
Tuesday	August 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	August 13	4:00 p.m. 6:38 p.m.	Pre-Game Tailgate Party Battle of SoCal – Angel vs. Dodgers Game Angels Stadium, Anaheim
Thursday	August 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 21		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	August 21	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	August 22		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	August 26	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Board Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 28	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 19, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Laricchia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Cueva.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

Written comments received from Tony Flores.

June 5, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Beard

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

Noes: (0)

Absent: (1) Laricchia

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

Applicant: DR. MICHAEL DAO

Date: June 19, 2025

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

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

Action: Resolution No. 6121-25 was approved.

Motion: Ashland Second: Lindsay

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

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

Applicant: FREEDOMHOUSE OC CHURCH  
Date: June 19, 2025

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

Action: Resolution No. 6122-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

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

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

Applicant: DAVID SIMPSON  
Date: June 19, 2025



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

Action: Resolution No. 6120-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ashland

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

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Laricchia

#### MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 p.m.

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Carol Sebbo  
Recording Secretary



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE**  
**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**JULY 24, 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: July 17, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Dent', written in a cursive style.

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**AUGUST 7, 2025**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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

DATED: July 31, 2025

JOHN RAMIREZ  
CHAIR



# Governor signs solicitation and trafficking bill into law

*Jul 30, 2025*

*By Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate (public safety), and Arthur Goncalves 2025  
Ronald O. Loveridge Summer Fellow*

Gov. Gavin Newsom today signed a bill backed by Cal Cities that will make it easier for law enforcement to address prostitution and human trafficking.

The measure, [AB 379 \(Schultz\)](#), became the [center of controversy](#) earlier this year over whether people who solicit 16- and 17-year-olds for prostitution should face increased punishments. Ultimately, lawmakers reached a compromise and amended the measure to add additional protections and enforcement. The bill passed through the rest of the legislative process with strong bipartisan support.

## [How it works](#)

[AB 379 \(Schultz\)](#) creates a new offense for loitering with the intent to purchase commercial sex, increases penalties for purchasing commercial sex from minors, and requires certain businesses to display information on human trafficking.

Cal Cities has asked for similar changes since the enactment of [SB 357 \(Wiener, 2022\)](#), which repealed the state's anti-loitering law. Since the repeal, many cities have reported [increased levels of prostitution](#).

Specifically, AB 379 makes it a misdemeanor for any person to loiter in any public place with the intent to purchase commercial sex. The bill increases punishment for those who solicit 16- and 17-year-olds for prostitution, regardless of trafficking status, if the buyer is more than three years older than the victim.

AB 379 also increases fines for businesses that facilitate prostitution and human trafficking, creates a new fund for victim support services, and tasks the Office of Emergency Services to allocate funds to district attorney offices to target human trafficking rings.



# There's more to housing bills this year than CEQA changes. Here's what cities need to know

Jul 30, 2025

*By Brady Guertin, legislative advocate (housing), [and Arthur Goncalves, 2025 Ronald O. Loveridge Summer Fellow](#)*

Changes to California's landmark environmental law, especially around housing development, were the center of attention these last few weeks at the Legislature. But those bills are just a handful of the several dozen housing-related measures brought forth this year. Here are the biggest remaining bills — and a few wins — for city leaders.

## Local voices prove critical in SB 79 fight

By far the most consequential remaining bill for many cities is [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#). Amended 11 times so far, the bill would require cities to approve tall, dense residential housing near specific transit stops without public engagement, environmental review, or consideration for state-certified housing elements — or a guarantee of affordable housing. The measure would also allow transit agencies to establish development standards on land they own or have a permanent operating easement on for projects proposed within a half mile of a transit stop, which cities would then need to adopt. Although the intent is laudable, Cal Cities opposes the measure. Nearly 170 city officials have sent in letters opposing the measure, with many highlighting how the bill would erode existing local efforts to promote and support transit-oriented development.

"SB 79 undermines years of responsible planning and imposes dense high-rise projects without evaluating our capacity to support them," said Brenda Olmos, vice mayor of Paramount, during [a recent hearing](#). The city is in one of the densest regions of California.

"By forcing cities to revisit and redo already approved housing elements, it imposes unnecessary costs and delays and undermines public trust in the planning process," noted Azusa Mayor Robert Gonzales in that same hearing. The city has added hundreds of new units and thousands of feet of commercial space to areas around transit in recent years.

The measure must clear the Assembly Appropriations Committee before moving on to what will likely be a close floor vote.

## Changes to the housing element process and affordable housing bond up for consideration

In the coming weeks, lawmakers are set to vote on two other critical measures. The Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#) would improve the housing element review process



by allowing cities to begin their housing element drafts earlier than existing law and provide more clarity in the review process.

Roughly 25 cities showed up in support of the bill during the City Leaders Summit this year; nearly 60 have submitted letters in support. Driven by the commitment of Cal Cities members, the bill has received bipartisan support and sailed through with zero no votes thus far.

Cal Cities is also supporting [another attempt by Asm. Buffy Wicks](#) to place a \$10 billion affordable housing bond on the ballot. If approved by voters, [AB 736](#) would provide funding for some of the state's most effective affordable housing programs used by cities, such as the Multifamily Housing Program and Infill Infrastructure Grant Program.

### [Cal Cities secures major changes to other housing measures](#)

Cal Cities has worked with lawmakers to refine several bills that would have significantly impacted local land use authority. Cal Cities secured amendments that ensure cities can still require parking for some development projects, provide implementable planning and land use policies, and make clear that projects must follow local general plan and zoning requirements. These changes allowed Cal Cities to move to neutral on many bills, including [AB 1154 \(Carrillo\)](#), [AB 610 \(Alvarez\)](#), and [SB 484 \(Laird\)](#).

At Cal Cities' urging, lawmakers have also turned four measures into two-year bills. Cal Cities is working with the authors' office to address cities' concerns ahead of their resurfacing next year. These include:

- [AB 647 \(González\)](#), which would have forced cities to approve up to eight housing units on a single-family lot, so long as one of the developments is affordable, without any environmental review or public input.
- [SB 677 \(Wiener\)](#), which would have drastically expanded the density and size of [SB 9 \(Atkins, 2021\)](#) projects in single-family zones by increasing the size limit and prohibiting local agencies from collecting impact fees on SB 9 projects.
- [AB 1294 \(Haney\)](#), which would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development to develop a standardized entitlement application that cities must accept for residential development. It also limited the amount of information cities could collect to approve a project.
- [AB 956 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#), which would have required cities to approve two detached accessory dwelling units on any residential or mixed-use lot through a ministerial process.

### [What's next?](#)

Lawmakers return to the Capitol on Aug. 18. They then have until Aug. 29 to get any remaining bills through their final committee hurdles and onto the floor for a final vote.



## New executive order may impact cities' access to federal funding to address homelessness

Jul 30, 2025

*By Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate (community services)*

Last week, President Donald Trump issued an [executive order](#) aimed at addressing homelessness. Although the order bears some resemblance to actions spearheaded by Gov. Gavin Newsom in recent years, several of its provisions could impact the state's overall approach to homelessness — including access to federal funding.

What does the order do?

The order directs U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi to reverse judicial precedents and end consent decrees that limit states' and local governments' ability to commit into treatment people on the streets who are a risk to themselves or others.

It also directs federal agencies to prioritize grants for states and municipalities that ban public drug use, camping, and related public safety issues. The order calls for increased investment in treatment centers and other facilities for people with serious mental illness and explicitly prohibits the use of federal funds for supervised drug injection sites or illicit drug use.

The actions are also detailed in a White House [summary](#) of the order.

How could this impact California?

The state could see impacts to programs that support a “housing first” and “harm reduction” approach to homelessness. These strategies remove barriers to housing and treatment services by not requiring sobriety for those with substance use disorders. The order directs the U.S. Attorney General to take legal action against organizations that receive federal funding and “permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs.”

However, parts of the order do [align with recent guidance](#) from the state. In May, the Governor urged cities to adopt a [model ordinance](#) that would make it illegal to camp in one place for more than three nights in a row, block streets or sidewalks, and build semi-permanent structures.

In recent years, Cal Cities has supported efforts to address many of the issues raised in the order through [CARE Court](#), [changes to the state's conservatorship laws](#), [money for behavioral health housing](#), and [the Grants Pass decision](#).

It's unclear what the actual impact of this order will be. However, one thing is clear: With over 180,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in California last year — [and state cuts to funding for local governments to address homelessness](#) — more work and support are clearly needed.