

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 13, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Matt West
Assistant City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. NOTICE OF SUPPORT

A copy of the Mayor's letter of support for SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations.

B. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Request for July 2026

• **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

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Mayor

Joe DoVinh
Mayor Pro Tem - District 4

George S. Brietigam
Council Member - District 1

Phillip Nguyen
Council Member - District 2

Cindy Ngoc Tran
Council Member - District 3

Yesenia Muñeton
Council Member - District 5

Ariana Arestegui
Council Member - District 6

August 12, 2026

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7720
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities: investigations.
Notice of SUPPORT (*As Introduced 02/11/2025*)

Dear Senator Blakespear,

The City of Garden Grove is pleased to support **SB 329 (Blakespear)**, which would require the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to complete timely investigations into complaints about alcohol or drug treatment facilities.

While existing law requires DHCS to investigate complaints against licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities, it does not establish timelines for completing those investigations. SB 329 sets clear, reasonable deadlines—aligned with existing DHCS policy—to enhance public transparency and ensure providers are held accountable for delivering high-quality treatment and care.

A recent state [audit](#) on drug and alcohol treatment facilities in California confirmed what cities across California have been saying for years: DHCS does not always promptly or thoroughly investigate complaints. Twenty-two of the 60 investigations the audit reviewed took over a year to complete, with ten of those investigations taking more than 600 days. Delays like these allow serious problems to go unchecked, jeopardizing the health and safety of those receiving care and the broader community.

Residential recovery housing provides a wide range of benefits to some of California's most vulnerable residents and it is critical that their needs are prioritized over profits. Compliance with state licensing laws administered through the Department of Health Care Services is essential to safeguarding residents' well-being and maintaining quality care.

**SB 329 (Blakespear) Alcohol and drug recovery or treatment facilities:
Investigations. Notice of SUPPORT** *(As Introduced 02/11/2025)*

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For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove is pleased to support **SB 329 (Blakespear)**.

Sincerely,

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

Stephanie Klopfenstein
Mayor

Senator Tom Umberg, 34th District, (Emily.Rodriguez@sen.ca.gov)
Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70th District, (Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov)
Connor Medina, League of California Cities, (cmedina@calcities.org)
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, (cityletters@calcities.org)
Lauren Kline, ACCOC, (lkline@accoc.org)

Open City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Liz Vasquez
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	City Clerk
Subject:	RECORDS REQUESTS	Date:	August 13, 2026

OBJECTIVE

To provide the month of July 2026 list of Records Requests.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Liz Vasquez
City Clerk



By Juan Munoz
Records Coordinator

Attachment

Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
11297	07/01/26	Verizon has asked me to research the history of an existing wireless facility (Building Side-Mounted) and obtain pdf file copies of the CUP Resolution and/or Approval Documents that granted the entitlement. Verizon Site Info Site Name: MALLAR...	Community Development	07/13/26	07/02/26
11298	07/01/26	We are requesting Video security/camera footage recorded by city-maintained cameras at "Chapman Sports Park" near the Skating Rink and Baseball Field on June 30, 2026, between 4:00 PM and 12:00 PM		07/13/26	07/02/26
11299	07/02/26	I would like to request a listing of new businesses in Garden Grove for June 2026. All information about the businesses that you are able to provide, such as business name, business address, formation date, phone number etc. would be greatly appre...	City Manager	07/13/26	07/09/26
11300	07/02/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from CivicPlus, Inrix, Replica, Streetlight Data, Hoover, Karcher, Nascare, and Sanitaire, covering ...	Finance	07/13/26	07/09/26
11301	07/02/26	Verizon has asked me to research the history of an existing wireless facility (Rooftop) and obtain pdf file copies of the CUP Resolution and/or Approval Documents that granted the entitlement. Verizon Site Info Site Name: JETTY - A Facility ...	Community Development	07/13/26	07/13/26
11303	07/03/26	To the Records Custodian / City Clerk, Garden Grove: Under the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I request a copy of the following identifiable public record: The permit issuance report or export generated by...	Community Development	07/13/26	07/06/26

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11304	07/06/26	Dear City Clerk: Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I request a copy of the following public records of Garden Grove: The log, register, or tracking list of public records requests received by Garde...		07/16/26	07/06/26
11306	07/06/26	To Whom It May Concern, I am requesting access to public records maintained by your agency relating to outstanding, uncashed, stale-dated, voided, canceled, or otherwise unclaimed payments. Specifically, I request any spreadsheet, database, r...	Finance	07/16/26	07/13/26
11307	07/06/26	Dear Public Records Officer, I would please like to request a copy of any available traffic or streetlight camera footage related to the following incident of a hit and run. Requested Information: Street/Intersection: On Chapman Ave. between ...		07/17/26	07/07/26
11308	07/07/26	Dear Records Custodian, I am writing to request a copy of public records pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.). I request copies of the database, reports, work orders, spreadsheets, invoices, and ...	Public Works Finance Police	07/17/26	07/17/26
11309	07/07/26	Provide current organization chart for Public Works department, including names and titles of public employees.	Human Resources Public Works	08/03/26	08/03/26
11310	07/08/26	Under the California Public Records Act I am requesting the following: Please provide all communications, texts, and emails in a digital PDF format among city staff and council members regarding Federal immigration enforcement from January 2025 t...	Information Technology	08/04/26	08/03/26
11311	07/08/26	I am requesting access to and copies of all backflow prevention assembly test reports submitted to the City of Garden Grove between 8/1/2024, and 8/30/2025. If these records are stored electronically, I would prefer to receive them in a digital f...	Public Works Utilities	07/20/26	07/20/26

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11312	07/08/26	I would like to request a roster of all city employees who work in Garden Grove, CA (police officers/staff, firefighters, ambulance operators). Position included. Example attached.	Human Resources	07/20/26	07/15/26
11313	07/08/26	111		07/20/26	07/09/26
11314	07/09/26	I am hereby submitting a public records request for purchasing data. Specifically, we request a spreadsheet or equivalent file containing all purchase orders issued between February 23, 2026, and the present. Scope of Request: We are seeking r...	Finance	07/20/26	07/09/26
11316	07/09/26	This is a California Public Records Act request. Reference: garden_grove_business_license_food_export--2026-07 Jurisdiction: City of Garden Grove Department/program: Finance Department, Business License Records requested: new, renewed, close...	Finance	07/20/26	07/16/26
11317	07/09/26	Hello Planner, I hope you are doing well. I would like to request copies of the original existing building plans for the following property: 7912 Garden Grove Blvd Garden Grove, CA 92841 This is a commercial motel property. If the ori...	Community Development	07/20/26	07/20/26
11318	07/10/26	Hello, We are requesting available environmental records for the addresses 9444 and 9670 Trask Avenue, Garden Grove - APN 098-090-63. Please provide when possible or please indicate if such records are not available. Thank you,	Public Works Utilities Public Works	07/23/26	07/23/26
11319	07/11/26	I am requesting the building permit history, approved blueprints, and contractor/builder information for the recent residential remodel at 10092 Roselee Dr."		07/23/26	07/13/26

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11322	07/13/26	I am requesting the list of all cannabis position's titles, salaries, names and emails of the persons currently in the position that play a role in cannabis regulations.		07/23/26	07/14/26
11323	07/13/26	Requesting multiple example approved/permitted plan sets for residential EVSE (electric vehicle supply equipment) installations. Ideally, the plan sets would also include installation of technologies such as solar and/or battery energy storage, bu...	Community Development	08/11/26	08/11/26
11325	07/14/26	Re: California Public Records Act Request: Methyl methacrylate Chemical Incident at GKN Facility, Garden Grove, California Dear Sir or Madam: Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.,...		07/24/26	07/14/26
11326	07/14/26	All religious organizations in Garden Grove with active CUPs.	Community Development	08/14/26	
11327	07/15/26	Hello I would like request cad calls about 11821 holyoak ln from 2020-2026		07/27/26	07/15/26
11328	07/15/26	I am requesting all archived building records and construction plans available for the following property: 10851 & 10861 Palma Vista Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92840 The property is a 16-unit multifamily property originally constructed around ...	Community Development	07/27/26	07/27/26
11331	07/15/26	Good afternoon, My name is Jaime Briceno with Cement Masons LMCC Compliance. I am reaching out to request certified payroll and daily inspection records for the Woodbury Park Revitalization Project between the dates of 2/27/2026 to 7/10/2026. the...		07/27/26	07/15/26
11332	07/15/26	I am respectfully requesting access to the previous records related to the cities procurement process for the city wide tree trimming contract (including any and evaluation or scoring sheets for every bidder, including the awarded contractor. This...	Public Works	07/27/26	07/17/26

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11333	07/15/26	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the City's unclaimed property or open records laws, I would like to request a list of all the uncashed (stale-dated) checks or warrants for all outstanding dollar amounts that are older than 6 ...	Finance	07/27/26	07/23/26
11334	07/16/26	Thank you for providing the link. We got the lump sum bid tabulations. However, per my original request, I'm looking for the line-item bid tally for this project rather than the bidders and their totals. If this was not a lump sum bid, could you...	Public Works Utilities	07/27/26	07/27/26
11336	07/16/26	Existing Building Drawings; Construction Type, Building Data for 13961 Brookhurst St. Garden Grove, CA, 92843 APN: 13811 9901	Community Development	07/27/26	07/23/26
11337	07/17/26	We are requesting the following documents for address 11561 Salinaz Drive if available: -Existing Building Plans -Geotechnical Reports -Soils Reports -Grading Reports/Permits	Community Development Public Works	07/27/26	07/22/26
11338	07/17/26	I am conducting an environmental assessment and would like to request any available records (i.e. certificates of occupancy, bulding permits, notice of violations, inspection records, hazardous materials business plans/permits, underground storage...	Community Development Public Works Utilities Public Works	07/27/26	07/23/26
11339	07/17/26	I am requesting records detailing all civil and criminal citations issued from January 1, 2022 to the present. I am seeking records that provide: - Citation Code - Date of issuance - Number of citations issued under this code (or duplicate ro...	Police	07/30/26	07/23/26
11340	07/20/26	Please see attached FOIA Request.	Information Technology	07/30/26	07/22/26
11341	07/20/26	Bid results for City of Garden Grove - Sewer Sys Rehab Plan PhII,SewerMain Lining-SR No.1.		07/30/26	07/20/26

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11342	07/20/26	Dear Public Information Officer, Pursuant to the California Public Information Act, I am requesting records relating to the Mobile Data Terminal (MDT), Mobile CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch), and CAD systems used by your fire department. To e...		07/30/26	07/20/26
11343	07/20/26	11282 Anabel Ave Garden Grove CA 92843 310-Air Conditioning/Heating HVAC permit I am looking for the permit for my installed Wall heating unit from 2016-2017		07/30/26	07/20/26
11344	07/21/26	Dear Records Custodian, I am submitting a request for records related to the investigation, arrest, prosecution, and conviction of Noelia Ayala in connection with the severe child abuse incident involving her 2-year-old stepson, who suffered li...		07/31/26	07/21/26
11345	07/21/26	Good afternoon, Can I request current Janitorial Contract for the facility listed below? Public Safety Building located at 11301 Acacia Pkwy Garden Grove CA 92840 Thank you		07/31/26	07/21/26
11346	07/21/26	Good afternoon, Can I request current Janitorial Contract for the facility listed below? Public Safety Building located at 11301 Acacia Pkwy Garden Grove CA 92840 Thank you		07/31/26	07/21/26
11347	07/22/26	To City of Garden Grove - Office of the City Clerk (Official Custodian of Records), Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I am requesting the following public records from the City of Garden Grove: A l...	Community Development	08/03/26	07/22/26

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11348	07/22/26	I am seeking public information. My request is for an electronic file that includes a roster or listing of every current employee for your entity. Date range—(Current Fiscal Year) This request includes employees coded as full-time, as well a...	Human Resources Finance	08/17/26	08/12/26
11349	07/22/26	I would like any information regarding original building permits, demolition permits, sewer connection permits, certificates of occupancy, underground storage tanks, hazardous material incidents or permits for hazardous materials for the following...	Public Works Utilities Public Works	08/03/26	07/22/26
11350	07/22/26	I would like any information regarding original building permits, demolition permits, sewer connection permits, certificates of occupancy, underground storage tanks, hazardous material incidents or permits for hazardous materials for the following...	Public Works Utilities Public Works	08/03/26	07/22/26
11351	07/22/26	Looking for plans for alterations done in 1989		08/03/26	07/22/26
11352	07/22/26	Please provide the scorecard and winning contracts and fees for the following RFP: RFP CDD-005 - Building Plan Review, Inspection, Code Enforcement and Building & Safety Contractual Services	Community Development	08/03/26	07/22/26
11353	07/22/26	Can you please the full scorecard that includes all consultants who submitted proposals, including Bureau Veritas, for the following RFP? RFP CDD-005 - Building Plan Review, Inspection, Code Enforcement and Building & Safety Contractual Services		08/03/26	07/22/26
11357	07/25/26	Subject: California Public Records Act Request: ALPR / Flock Safety Camera Data Audit Trail To the Records Management Division / Public Records Officer, Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (California Government Code § 7920.000 et se...		08/06/26	07/27/26

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11358	07/27/26	DATA REQUEST - GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT - CA July 27, 2026 Amir El-Farra, Chief of Police Garden Grove Police Department 11301 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840 police@ggcity.org Dear Chief El-Farra: We submit this request ...		08/06/26	07/27/26
11359	07/27/26	Dear Custodian of Records, I am requesting records sufficient to identify the agency, department, Emergency Operations Center, contractor, or other entity that operated telephone number (714) 741-5444 on May 22, 2026, at approximately 6:25 p.m....	Information Technology City Manager	08/06/26	08/04/26
11360	07/27/26	To Whom It May Concern, I would like any information regarding the clarifier operations, hazardous material waste discharge incidents, or permits for the clarifiers located at the following property: 12688 Garden Grove, CA92834 APN: 101-452-0	Public Works Public Works Utilities	08/06/26	07/27/26
11361	07/27/26	I am looking for available site plans for my building. We are attempting to get a fryer installed for the supermarket and need site plan in order to apply for permit. 11072 Magnolia St	Community Development	08/10/26	07/31/26
11362	07/28/26	We're specifically looking for the software your department uses for facility rentals and recreation programs, along with any available licensing costs or contract details. Even a copy of a relevant invoice or contract would be incredibly helpful.	Community Services	08/10/26	08/06/26
11363	07/28/26	License 157236 1997-2001 Licence166821 2001 -2003 Business name is Thuan Hoa hang 14354 brookhurst st Garden grove, ca 92683 order all the state File document		08/10/26	07/28/26

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11364	07/28/26	License 157236 1997-2001 Licence166821 2001 -2003 Business name is Thuan Hoa hang 14354 brookhurst st Garden grove, ca 92683 order all the state File document	Finance	08/24/26	08/11/26
11365	07/28/26	Please see attached records request for existing WQMP and geotech report so we can address plan review comments for SP-181-2026 for the existing shopping center generally located at 12111 Valley View St.	Public Works Public Works Utilities	08/10/26	07/31/26
11366	07/28/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I request copies of the following records: 1. The current executed contract(s) or agreement(s), including all amendments, renewals, exhibits, and scope-of-work attach...	Finance	08/10/26	07/28/26
11367	07/28/26	Hello Garden Grove City Clerk's Office, Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA), I'd like to request copies of the following records related to RFP S-1396 – Custodial/Janitorial Services for the City's Public Safety Building curre...	Finance	08/10/26	07/29/26
11368	07/29/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Catalis, HdL Companies (Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates), Tyler Technologies, and Inc, cove...	Finance	08/10/26	07/29/26
11369	07/29/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Euna Solutions, JDEdwards, Oracle, PayIT, PeopleSoft, National Time & Signal, and Pyramid Time ...	Finance	08/10/26	08/10/26
11370	07/29/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Aeva, Iteris, Miovision, Seyond, Wavetronix, Aladtec, Crewsense, and EPR Fireworks, covering th...	Finance	08/10/26	07/29/26

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11371	07/29/26	To Whom It May Concern, Under the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code s.7920.000 et seq.), I request a copy of the following existing public record: The agency's current employee salary roster, covering all active employees and the...	Human Resources Finance	08/10/26	07/31/26
11372	07/29/26	Verizon has asked me to research the history of an existing wireless facility (Building Side-Mounted) and obtain pdf file copies of the CUP Resolution and/or Approval Documents that granted the entitlement. Verizon Site Info Site Name: SHERWO...	Community Development	08/10/26	07/30/26
11375	07/29/26	Pursuant to the authority provided under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I am respectfully requesting records sufficient to identify the permit fees your jurisdiction charged for residential rooftop solar photovol...	Community Development	08/10/26	08/06/26
11377	07/29/26	My name is Daisy, and I am a research assistant at the UCR School of Public Policy. I am submitting this request on behalf of Dr. Qingfang Wang and the research team to request electronic copies of records concerning Development Agreements (DAs) a...	City Manager Community Development Economic Development	08/24/26	
11379	07/30/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from CareHawk, Centegix, Quicklert, Raptor Technologies, Singlewire, and Valcom, covering the past t...	Finance	08/10/26	08/10/26
11380	07/30/26	3/31/25 - 3/31/26 investment reports from Meeder Investment Management for the City of Garden Grove	Finance	08/10/26	07/31/26
11381	07/30/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code sections 7920.000 et seq. (formerly § 6250 et seq.), I hereby request that the City of Garden Grove make available for inspection and provide copies of the public records described in ...		08/09/26	07/30/26
11382	07/30/26	Please see attached document for full Public Records Act Request.	Community Development	08/10/26	07/31/26

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
11383	07/31/26	Hello, For the property at 10622 Morningside Dr, Garden Grove, CA 92843, we have gone through the Building Permits Archive online and are looking to see if there are any other existing building permits and records. The house was built in 19...		08/10/26	07/31/26
11384	07/31/26	Please see attached records request form.	Finance	08/10/26	08/06/26
11385	07/31/26	Good day, We would like to confirm the Business License Open date/Effective date for Business License # 180736 TERRA COAST LANDSCAPE Home Based LANDSCAPE	Finance	08/24/26	08/11/26

WEEKLY MEMO 08-13-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

The Tribune
Aug 12, 2026

No vote on hotel worker wages

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 12, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



UPDATE on two petition drives in Garden Grove (Shutterstock).

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

One of the two proposed ballot measures backed by members of the local hotel workers union won't be appearing on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The other – calling for a public vote on the proposed Nickelodeon hotel on Harbor Boulevard – is in the process of its petitions being evaluated by the Orange County Registrar of Voters.

According to the Garden Grove City Clerk's office, a petition on the hotel with 9,674 signatures was submitted.

Typically, the gathering of signatures includes some persons signing who are not residents of the city, or who are not registered voters, either of which would disqualify them.

The Registrar will now seek to validate the signatures. If sufficient, the proposed initiative would go before Garden Grove voters.

The other proposed initiative called for a raise in the minimum wage for hotel workers.

Details about why that initiative won't advance was not available at our deadline.

The Tribune
Aug 12, 2026

26-unit condo project approved

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 12, 2026 • (2 COMMENTS)



A 26-UNIT condo project won approval from the Garden Grove City Council (Shutterstock).

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

A proposed 26-unit condominium complex won approval from the Garden Grove City Council.

At Tuesday's meeting the council voted 6-1 in favor of the adoption of an ordinance for the construction of the project on a 1.8-acre parcel at the southeast corner of Russell Avenue and Kerry Street.

The ordinance calls for a change in zoning from single-family to multiple residential and planned unit development.

Councilmember George Brietigam (District 1) cast the sole dissenting vote.

Also approved was an agreement with Chipman Relocation & Logistics of \$80,000 for moving services associated with the relocation of the police department to its new facility at Euclid Street and Acacia Parkway.

The move won't be simple; it's estimated to take place over "multiple weekends."

Additional personnel from the Orange County Fire Authority from Fire Station 81 will be moved to accommodate hazard materials abatement and demolition of the existing GGPB building.

The OCFA personnel and equipment will be returned to Station 81 once the facility is ready to be occupied.

Much of the early portion of the meeting was involved with public meeting comments in which most of the speakers expressed their frustration with what they felt was the "inaction" of the city and the city council regarding the hazmat crisis at GKN Aerospace facility in May.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Mark Freeman
Community Services Manager
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Friday, August 7, 2026



Foods Of Garden Grove Live Returns This September by Popular Demand

Following the success of last year's event, the City of Garden Grove presents the 3rd annual Foods of Garden Grove Live. The tasting event returns to Downtown Garden Grove on Friday, September 25, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St.

At Village Green Park, guests can sample a flavorful and varied selection of food and drinks from popular Garden Grove eateries and enjoy family-friendly activities. This year's growing lineup features favorites like Smoke Queen BBQ, Carolina's Italian Restaurant and Amarith Farmhouse, with additional restaurants to be announced in the coming weeks. Live music will take place nearby at the Garden Amp on Historic Main Street. Admission to the event and concert is free. Tickets for food tastings go on sale Monday, Aug. 17, at fogg.live.

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

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Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and organizations to support Foods of Garden Grove Live. Packages begin at \$500 and offer benefits such as recognition on the FoGG Live website, event signage, social media promotion, advertisements in the event program and VIP tasting wristbands, depending on the sponsorship level. Custom sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, visit fogg.live/sponsorship or contact foodies@ggcity.org.

Visit fogg.live to view the free activities planned for Foods of Garden Grove Live, along with participating restaurant announcements, concert details and tasting ticket pricing.

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Contact: Janet Pelayo
Community Services Deputy Director
(714) 741-5200/janetp@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Friday, July 31, 2026



City of Garden Grove to Celebrate Jardin de Los Nino Park Improvements

The City of Garden Grove invites the community to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the completion of improvements to Jardin de los Ninos Park, including new playground equipment and a new play surface. The ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6, at the park, 12534 Keel Ave., and will include remarks by Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, followed by a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

Designed to provide children and families with an updated place to play and gather, the project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan and supports priorities outlined in the [15-year Parks and Facilities Master Plan](#).

Jardin de los Ninos Park is the first of [three neighborhood park improvement projects](#) scheduled for completion in 2026. The projects are partially funded by a \$1 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Project Funding program. Improvements at Haster Basin Park and West Haven Park are expected to be completed later this year.

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





CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Janet Pelayo
Community Services Deputy Director
(714) 741-5200 / janetp@ggcity.org

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Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, August 13, 2026



COMMUNITY INVITED TO WOODBURY PARK REOPENING CELEBRATION AUGUST 29

The City of Garden Grove invites the community to attend the reopening celebration of Woodbury Park on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at 13800 Rosita Place. The free event will feature a ribbon-cutting ceremony, interactive demonstrations, complimentary classes, family activities, themed giveaways, and free hot dogs, until supplies last. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the entire park's newly renovated amenities will be open for use.

The fully remodeled 3.8-acre park includes two jungle-themed playground areas for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12 with a variety of play equipment, including colorful play structures, a multi-person swing and seesaw, interactive activity panels, and musical sound elements. The park also features a recreational swimming pool, a pool house building, a skate plaza, basketball courts, a walking trail, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic shelters, a parking lot, and park lighting.

Parking for event attendees will be available at Woodbury Elementary School, located at 11362 Woodbury Road.

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COMMUNITY INVITED TO WOODBURY PARK REOPENING CELEBRATION AUGUST 29 2-2-2

The park improvements were completed through the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project, an initiative identified in the City's Parks, Recreation & Facilities Master Plan. The \$11 million project is funded in part by the 2018 Park Bond Act Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Grant.

For more information about the Woodbury Park Reopening Celebration, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

For more information about the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project, visit ggcity.org/parksplan.

WOODBURY PARK

REOPENING CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WOODBURY PARK

13800 ROSITA PLACE, GARDEN GROVE







CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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City Manager's Office
(714) 741-5283/ JohnathanG@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, August 10, 2026



GKN AEROSPACE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR POTENTIAL CLAIMS PROGRAM FOLLOWING MAY INCIDENT

GKN Aerospace (GKN) is assessing a potential claims program for people impacted by the May 2026 hazmat incident at its Garden Grove facility.

According to GKN, the proposed program would allow individuals to submit claims for losses related to the May evacuation order. Additional details, including eligibility requirements and instructions for submitting claims, have not yet been announced. a

"Our community should not bear the financial burden of this incident," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "Providing compensation to people impacted by this incident is the right thing to do, but any claims program does not represent the full measure of accountability we expect from GKN."

Community members are encouraged to visit gknngg.com for updates about the potential claims program and to sign up to receive notifications as additional information becomes available.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Nick Hsieh
Public Works Department
(714) 741-5190/nhsieh@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026



Street Rehabilitation Begins Aug. 13 in West Garden Grove

Beginning Thursday, Aug. 13, the City of Garden Grove, will conduct street repairs and resurfacing in West Garden Grove as part of the 2026 Various Streets Rehabilitation Project.

Pavement preparation and initial work are scheduled for Aug. 13-14, followed by chip seal work Aug. 17-18, and slurry seal Aug. 24-25. Concrete improvements will be scheduled for a later date.

Work will take place along the following streets:

- Alonzo Cook Street, from Anthony Avenue to the end of the cul-de-sac
- Adams Street, from Anthony Avenue to Cerulean Avenue
- Lenore Avenue, from Cerulean Avenue to Garnet Street
- Trinette Avenue, from Lenore Avenue to Topaz Street
- Garnet Street, from Trinette Avenue to Killarney Avenue
- Topaz Street, from Cerulean Avenue to Lampson Avenue
- Taylor Street, from Anthony Avenue to Cerulean Avenue
- Poplar Street, from Sylvan Street to Cerulean Avenue

Road surfaces will be temporarily rough during construction and will improve once the seal has been applied.

Residents will receive notice at least 48 hours before the slurry seal is applied. During that time, some streets may be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic. Motorists are asked to follow all posted parking restrictions and street closures.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375

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WEEKLY MEMO 08-13-2026

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

July 30, 2026 – August 6, 2026

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

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Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 7/31/2026 4:25 pm PDT

🌸 Jardin de los Niños Park is ready to play!

The renovations are complete, and you're invited...



Views

15,499





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Fri 7/31/2026 4:25 pm PDT

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Views

14,657





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Mon 8/3/2026 9:16 am PDT

Tomorrow!!



Views

2,187





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Tue 8/4/2026 11:24 am PDT

From 5:00 P.M.
to 8:00 P.M TODAY



Views

1,920





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Thu 7/30/2026 8:38 am PDT

The U.S. National Weather Service has declared an
Extreme Heat Warning beginning on Friday, July
31 at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until Sunday,...



Views

1,722





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Thu 7/30/2026 8:16 am PDT

Don't miss our last Summer Concert!



Views

1,191



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Thu 7/30/2026 10:46 am PDT



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Fri 7/31/2026 8:54 am PDT



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Fri 7/31/2026 8:55 am PDT



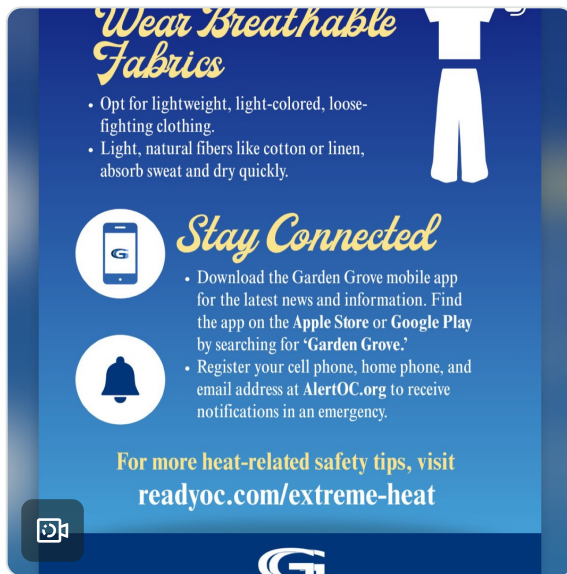
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Fri 7/31/2026 8:57 am PDT



Views

726



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/5/2026 12:43 pm PDT

Photo by Bobby Palmer



Views

663



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Thu 7/30/2026 9:42 am PDT

The [@NWS](#) has declared an Extreme Heat Warning beginning on Friday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until Sunday, August 2 at 8:00 p....



Impressions

308



@CityGardenGrove

Fri 7/31/2026 4:25 pm PDT

🎉 Jardin de los Niños Park is ready to play!

Join the City of Garden Grove for a ribbon cutting...



Impressions

233



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 7/30/2026 9:47 am PDT

Cơ quan Thời tiết Quốc gia Hoa Kỳ (National Weather Service) đã ban hành cảnh báo nắng nóng cực độ, bắt đầu từ 10:00 giờ sáng Thứ Sáu...



Impressions

156



@CityGardenGrove

Thu 7/30/2026 9:43 am PDT

미국 국립기상청은 7월 31일 오전 10시부터 8월 2일 오후 8시까지 폭염 경보를 발령했습니다.

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Impressions

135



X

@CityGardenGrove

Thu 7/30/2026 9:43 am PDT

El Servicio Meteorológico Nacional ha emitido una advertencia de calor extremo que comenzará el Viernes 31 de Julio a las 10:00 a. m. y se...



Graphic with orange background, thermometer, and text: AVISO DE CALOR EXTREMO, Viernes 31 de Julio - Domingo 2 de Agosto, TEMPERATURA PREVISTA 90°F

Impressions

31



X

@CityGardenGrove

Thu 7/30/2026 9:38 am PDT

The [@NWS](#) has declared an Extreme Heat Warning beginning on Friday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. and continuing until Sunday, August 2 at 8:00 p...



Graphic with orange background, sun, thermometer, and text: EXTREME HEAT WARNING, Friday, July 31 - Sunday, August 2, EXPECTED TEMPERATURE 90°F

Impressions

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Post Performance

July 30, 2026 – August 6, 2026

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

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 Garden Grove Police Department





Garden Grove Police Department

Mon 8/3/2026 8:43 pm PDT

UPDATE

Missing person has been LOCATED and reunited with family. Thank you for your help.



Missing person has been LOCATED and reunited with family. Thank you for your help.

Engagements

635

Views

12,406

Reach

8,306

Engagement Rate (per View)

5.1%





Garden Grove Police Department

Mon 8/3/2026 5:55 pm PDT

Yesterday, GGPD officers located a stolen vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. The driver refused to stop, leading officers on a pursuit before...



Engagements

4,682

Views

174,629

Reach

112,850

Engagement Rate (per View)

2.7%

Video Views

79,284



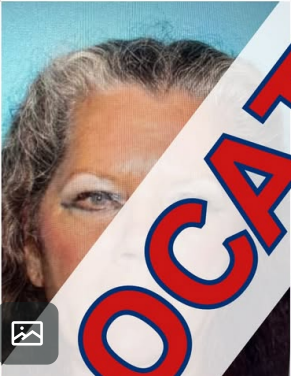


Garden Grove Police Department

Sat 8/1/2026 12:39 pm PDT

UPDATE

Missing person has been LOCATED and reunited with her family. Thank you for your help.



Missing person has been LOCATED and reunited with her family. Thank you for your help.

Engagements

778

Views

17,827

Reach

11,399

Engagement Rate (per View)

4.4%

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
August 13, 2026

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the August 20, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from August 7, 2026 to August 13, 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 13, 2026 – September 10, 2026

Thursday	August 13	7:00 p.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC **Canceled**
Thursday - Sunday	August 20 - September 27		One More Production presents... "Sweeney Todd," Gem Theatre
Thursday	August 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	August 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	August 25	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	August 27	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 4		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	September 7		City Hall Closed – Labor Day
Monday	September 7	8:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Elk Lodge 68 th Annual Labor Day Family Fun Festival, 11551 Trask Ave
Tuesday	September 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 10		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	September 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC



AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

AUGUST 20, 2026 – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

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

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

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

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

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

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 16, 2026

C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-300-2026

APPLICANT: NS LIQUOR LLC

LOCATION: 9240 GARDEN GROVE BLVD, UNIT G16 & G17

REQUEST: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new liquor store to operate with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 21" (Off-Sale General) License. In addition, a recommendation that the Planning Commission revoke the previous Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-075-2016. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-300-2026 pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.2. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-103-65 \(REV. 2026\)](#)

APPLICANT: PDS West, Inc.

LOCATION: 10802 KATELLA AVENUE

REQUEST: A request for modifications to the approved plans under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-103-65 to allow building and site improvements for an existing carwash. 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).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-103-65 (REV. 2026) pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.3. [AMENDMENT NO. A-047-2026](#)

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

LOCATION: CITYWIDE

REQUEST: A City-initiated zoning text amendment to various provisions of Title 9 (Land Use) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to conform to changes in State law and City policies, and to make clarifications and typographical corrections. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that the proposed Amendment is categorically and statutorily exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Amendment No. A-047-2026(A), Amendment No. A-047-2026(B), Amendment No. A-047-2026(C), and Amendment No. A-047-2026(D) to City Council.

D. [MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS](#)

E. [MATTERS FROM STAFF](#)

F. [ADJOURNMENT](#)



City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar

registration open

Aug 12, 2026

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Registration is now open for the City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar, taking place Nov. 18-20 in Redondo Beach. The seminar equips city clerks with the tools needed to respond to emerging challenges and conduct routine business. City clerks will have numerous opportunities to learn from their colleagues and policy experts, as well as form invaluable support networks.

Keynote speaker Rob Shanahan will kick off the conference with a look at leadership, communication, and performing under pressure. Throughout the conference, attendees can explore a range of topics, including Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, new rules for district elections, First Amendment auditors, de-escalation skills, and artificial intelligence.

The seminar will also include the popular new law and elections update. More information, including the full schedule and session information, is available in the "Program" section of the [seminar webpage](#).

[Registration and hotel information](#)

Registration for the full seminar starts at \$600 for city officials from any Cal Cities [member city](#). Seminar registration includes admission to all educational sessions, Wednesday lunch and evening reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast.

The deadline to register is Nov. 11. Afterward, officials must register on-site if space is available.

This year, the City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar will be at the Sonesta Redondo Beach hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for seminar attendees. The deadline to reserve a discounted hotel room is Oct. 27. Discounted rooms often sell out before the deadline, so register early!

For more information, visit the City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar [webpage](#). For registration questions, contact Event Registration Specialist [Megan Dunn](#). To sponsor the conference, please contact Exposition Sales and Event Sponsorship Manager [Amy Wade](#). For all other questions, please contact Event Program Manager [Kayla Boutros](#).



Closed-door bailout for private utilities would leave cities and wildfire survivors footing the bill

Aug 12, 2026

Contact your lawmakers and tell them you oppose the bailout

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

Gov. Gavin Newsom is putting his might behind a last-minute bailout for private utility giants that cause wildfires. The yet-unveiled proposal is expected to dramatically limit how much money cities, insurance companies, and even individuals can recover from utility companies.

Cal Cities' response will be the same as it has been [in the months](#) leading up to this closed-door deal: Cal Cities opposes any attempt to undermine public infrastructure and emergency response or shift recovery costs to cities and taxpayers.

Last year, the state's three largest utility companies posted billions of dollars in profits. The leaders of those companies have seen their pay surge to [\\$16 million](#), [\\$19 million](#), and [\\$22 million](#) — making them some of the nation's wealthiest utility CEOs — as over half of Californians report [trouble paying their utility bills](#).

Wildfire survivors, insurance companies, and other local government groups have blasted the deal. "In government, what we should be doing at the end of the day is protecting people who are the most vulnerable, not protecting the richest, not protecting corporate interests," Joy Chen, executive director of the Every Fire Survivor's Network, [told Politico](#). "This proposal does the opposite of what public policy should be doing."

[What do we think the proposal would do to cities?](#)

The proposal is still not yet in print. But cities, along with counties, special districts, and other local public agencies, could take a major hit in three key areas.

The Governor's proposal would limit damage claims on public property and infrastructure to the depreciated value of the asset. For example: Cities could only recover what a 60-year-old water system costs, not what it costs to replace the infrastructure when the utility has damaged the system.

To fill the gap to get to replacement cost, the Governor's proposal suggests that cities recover those costs through their own insurance, instead of the utility

company. However, those costs would then be borne by local residents and wildfire survivors themselves, rather than the utility that caused the fire.

The proposal would also eliminate emergency response and mutual aid as recoverable costs. This would completely disincentivize local agencies, which are typically the first responders, from participating in mutual aid and emergency response.

In theory, the Federal Emergency Management Agency could reimburse cities for mutual aid costs, but there is significant uncertainty over when and how much they will be reimbursed. FEMA is [far from a reliable source of funding](#) and is squabbling with local fire agencies on costs associated with past utility-caused wildfires. Newsom himself is still calling on the federal government to provide promised aid for survivors of [last year's Los Angeles wildfires](#). Finally, the package would eliminate property tax loss revenue as a recoverable cost. This is typically baked into any claims that a city brings forward and would impact cities' bottom line until new homes are built, which could take years.

The total that the utilities have paid out in public agency damages from 2017 to 2024 is 4% of their total payout — arguably pennies on the dollar for the utilities but a substantial hit to local public agencies.

[How would this impact cities?](#)

When a utility causes a wildfire, they must fully compensate for property damage. Public infrastructure, lost tax revenue, emergency response, and mutual aid are necessary and critical for local governments to function. If public agencies cannot recover costs from negligent utilities, the very survivors whose community burned will likely foot the bill instead. Limiting public agency recovery will only shift costs to taxpayers and financially strand local governments, increasing strain on municipal budgets or even bankruptcy.

[Does the proposal do anything else?](#)

The proposal is also expected to include changes to the state's last-resort home insurance program, streamline and fund wildfire mitigation, and modify oversight of utility wildfire mitigation plans and require increased climate credits to electricity ratepayers.

[What can cities do?](#)

Cal Cities is urging all city officials and cities to call or text their [assembly member](#) and [senator](#) to express their opposition to the bailout. City officials and cities can also sign on to Cal Cities' letter urging lawmakers to oppose any reforms that limit public agency recovery. To sign on to the letter or learn more, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



Bill Talk: Everyone is in suspense

Aug 12, 2026

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

By Cal Cities Staff

There are just three more weeks of session and one more week of Bill Talk left for the year. On Aug. 13, lawmakers in the powerful appropriations committees will slash their way through a kill-bill spree. The process allows the committees to cull bills with overly large tags and quietly pump the brakes on more controversial measures. [Earlier this year](#), the committees held about a quarter of the bills that came before them.

Lawmakers have until Aug. 31 to get their bills to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk. Things will almost certainly heat up in the last two weeks of session. Keep an eye out for floor alerts from your [regional public affairs managers](#) in the coming weeks. Your advocacy could be the determining factor for several key measures.

- Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

[Pension reform rollback bill placed on Senate Appropriations suspense file judgment](#)

[AB 1383 \(McKinnor\)](#), a costly measure that would expand pension benefits and roll back key provisions of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), remains under consideration in the Legislature. The bill recently advanced to the Senate Appropriations Committee, where lawmakers placed it on the committee's suspense file due to its significant fiscal impact. Cal Cities opposes the measure due to the long-term costs it would impose on cities.

- Johnnie Piña, legislative advocate

[Sponsored housing bill avoids fiscal hurdle, heads to Senate Floor](#)

Cal Cities' sponsored housing bill, [AB 2296 \(Papan\)](#), moved through the Senate Appropriations Committee and could get a final floor vote as early as this week. The measure allows cities to begin the housing element update process six months earlier than existing law. This would make it easier for local governments to work collaboratively with, and receive technical assistance from, the Department of Housing and Community Development to get their housing elements certified and approved on time.

- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate

[Road funding bill heads to Governor for final approval](#)

One of Cal Cities' sponsored bills, [SB 922 \(Laird\)](#), passed off the Assembly Floor and received its final stamp of approval through Senate concurrence. The bill is now headed to the Governor's desk for a final decision. The measure seeks to clarify that cities may recover the cost of street maintenance and repair caused by public

service operations, such as waste hauling, through service-related fees and charges. City officials can support SB 922 by sending a [request for signature letter](#) to Gov. Gavin Newsom.

- *Ben Triffo, legislative advocate*

Three housing measures await suspense file verdict

Cal Cities is keeping a close eye on three housing measures on the Senate Appropriations' suspense file. [AB 2002 \(Solache\)](#), which Cal Cities supports, would establish a fund to help local governments with various planning activities related to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation process.

[AB 1621 \(Wilson\)](#), opposed by Cal Cities, generally prohibits local governments from requiring more than two rounds of review for a housing project's building permit application. If an application remains noncompliant after two reviews, local agencies may be forced to deny the permit rather than working with an applicant to resolve any issues. This could increase litigation and appeals by applicants challenging permit denials, including when the denial is based on environmental or building code violations that local governments must enforce under state and local law.

Cal Cities also opposes [AB 1751 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#), which requires cities to automatically approve townhome development projects that are less than three stories tall in multifamily residential zones and vacant single-family lots. A townhome project could qualify even if the site is planned for higher density in a city's certified housing element, forcing cities to find new housing sites to maintain compliance with state housing element law.

- *Brady Guertin, legislative advocate*

Cal Cities-supported bills would create a more proactive approach to homelessness

Two homelessness prevention bills supported by Cal Cities are on the Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file. [AB 1899 \(Caloza\)](#) creates the Office of Youth Homelessness Prevention to develop a comprehensive framework to address youth homelessness; [AB 1924 \(Gabriel\)](#) requires the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to develop and publicly issue a more general statewide homelessness prevention strategy.

Both measures require the creation of comprehensive homelessness prevention strategies, including guidance and technical assistance for local agencies. They also seek to create coordinated statewide strategies that shift the focus from responding to homelessness to preventing it in the first place.

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

Well-intended bill would expose cities to new litigation

[SB 747 \(Wiener\)](#) is on the Assembly's suspense file. This bill allows Californians to sue government officials or employees who violate their constitutional rights. The measure is in response to the high-profile cases of excessive force and other abuses by federal immigration agents. Cal Cities does not believe the bill will achieve its intended goal and instead will expose cities to increased litigation, liability, and administrative burdens. Cal Cities opposes the bill; a [city sample letter](#) is available online.

- *Serena Scott, legislative affairs analyst*

Co-sponsored public safety measures on Suspense File

The Senate Appropriations Committee placed [AB 1941 \(González, Mark\)](#), a measure co-sponsored by Cal Cities that strengthens penalties for individuals who collaborate to steal metal materials, on its suspense file. These thefts damage critical city infrastructure and pose significant public safety risks. Cities should submit a letter of support before Aug. 13 using [Cal Cities' sample city support letter](#).

Another Cal Cities bill, [SB 758 \(Umberg\)](#), is on the Assembly's suspense file. The measure prevents smoke shops and other specified tobacco retailers from selling nitrous oxide. Recreational use of nitrous oxide can lead to serious adverse health events, including death. A [city sample letter is available online](#); submit before Aug. 13.

AB 758 is part of a broader nitrous oxide legislative package that includes [SB 936 \(Blakespear\)](#) — also supported by Cal Cities. SB 936 would prohibit the sale and distribution of flavored nitrous oxide products and containers capable of holding more than eight grams of nitrous oxide. The bill is on the Assembly's Appropriations suspense file.

- [Serena Scott, legislative affairs analyst](#)

[Sponsored recovery housing bills face fiscal hurdle](#)

The Cal Cities-sponsored [SB 490 \(Umberg\)](#) and [SB 329 \(Blakespear\)](#) are awaiting judgment on the Assembly Appropriations Committee's suspense file. The measures respond to a [state audit](#) that found the state failed to thoroughly investigate complaints against residential alcohol and drug treatment facilities.

SB 329 requires DHCS to assign complaints against licensed facilities to an investigator within 10 days and to complete investigations within 120 days. The bill also requires DHCS to publish an annual report detailing the number of investigations conducted and how many exceed the 120-day timeline.

SB 490 applies similar timelines to complaints involving unlicensed sober living homes, while also allowing counties to partner with DHCS to conduct site visits and take a more active role in ensuring compliance. The bill also requires follow-up visits to confirm that violations have been addressed.

More information on Cal Cities' advocacy on recovery housing can be found in a recently published [Cal Cities Advocate article](#).

- [Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate](#)

[Proposed license plate reader policy threatens investigations](#)

The Assembly Appropriations Committee placed [SB 1013 \(Cervantes\)](#) on its suspense file. This bill limits automated license plate recognition data access, retention, sharing, and default vendor settings. Cal Cities is especially concerned with the 30-day retention limit and is opposed to SB 1013 unless it is amended to address the data retention timeline.

Many crimes are not reported within 30 days of occurrence; limiting data retention to this time frame could prevent law enforcement from accessing critical evidence needed to investigate and solve crimes. Cities should consider submitting an [oppose unless amended letter](#) before Aug. 13.

- [Serena Scott, legislative affairs analyst](#)

[A quick reminder](#)

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



Hear from high-flying, forward-thinking keynote speakers Stephanie Chung and Greg Lindsay at the 2026 annual conference!

Aug 12, 2026

Hear Chung's unique story of leadership on Wednesday and start planning for the communities of the future with Lindsay on Thursday

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Aviation industry executive leader Stephanie Chung will share tips for leading diverse teams, and futurist Greg Lindsay will discuss how to build for a warmer future at this year's Annual Conference and Expo. Held in Anaheim, Sept. 23-25, the [annual conference](#) equips city leaders with the cutting-edge knowledge, resources, and tools they need to support their communities.

Stephanie Chung, an executive leader with energy and experience leading diverse teams, will kick off the conference on Wednesday. Chung will share short-term motivation tips that lead to long-term success and outline how leaders can build trust and influence outcomes through conversation.

Then on Thursday, Greg Lindsay, an urbanist and futurist, will talk about where we will live in an increasingly warmer future. Lindsay, who combined science, demographic data, and artificial intelligence to predict where climate-resilient communities will be, will discuss how to build with intention for the future.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for details about Friday's keynote speaker, who is out of this world!

[Full conference schedule posted](#)

Session descriptions for the Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo are now online! This year's conference features a slate of practical solutions to complex challenges, including dangerous e-bike usage, bulk public comments, employee burnout, escalating fire risk, and changing immigration laws.

To make the most of your conference experience, start planning your conference schedule today! On the annual conference [webpage](#), scroll down to "Program" and select "View Detailed Program" to look through current session details, including times, speakers, and session descriptions. Check back often, as details may change.

Registration closes Sept. 15!

Full conference registration for city officials is \$725. Full conference registration includes access to general and concurrent sessions, the expo hall, CitiPAC and diversity caucus receptions, as well as grab-and-go breakfast on Thursday and Friday, and lunch on Thursday.

Cal Cities strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact Event Registration Specialist [Megan Dunn](#). Every effort will be made to honor requests submitted.

To learn more about the conference, including frequently asked questions, review the [Annual Conference and Expo webpage](#). Scammers may contact you claiming to sell attendee lists or be the housing bureau/service for the conference. Cal Cities does not sell attendee lists or use a housing service. Only trust emails from @calcities.org or the official hotel you book with.



Here's what your city needs to know about the 2026 general resolution

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By Cal Cities Staff

Voting delegates will have one resolution to consider at Cal Cities' upcoming General Assembly, held during its [annual conference](#) this September. The resolution, which seeks to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters, is winding its way through Cal Cities' member-driven review process.

The [2026 Resolution Packet](#) contains the proposed resolution, supporting letters from city officials, and an analysis by Cal Cities. The packet also includes detailed information on the resolution process and the General Assembly.

Cal Cities President Gabe Quinto referred the resolution to the [Housing, Community, and Economic Development Committee](#), which will discuss it on Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. via Zoom. The meeting will include a public comment period. Members can register to attend [here](#).

On Sept. 24 at 1:00 p.m., the Resolutions Committee will review the resolution and the policy committee's recommendation. The meeting will also include a comment period open to Cal Cities members. Please refer to the onsite conference program for the meeting's location. The General Assembly will convene on Spt. 25 to consider any resolutions forwarded by the Resolutions Committee.

Cities must appoint a voting delegate by Sept. 1 to vote during the General Assembly. Each city may appoint up to two alternate delegates. [The voting delegate packet](#) contains more information on the process.

Developing Cal Cities policy is a dynamic process that engages a wide range of members to ensure that Cal Cities represents California cities with one voice.

The [annual resolution process](#) is one of many ways members can get involved in statewide policy-setting.

More information about the resolution process and General Assembly is available [online](#). For questions, contact [Zach Seals](#), governance and leadership support manager.