

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 14, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Matt West
Assistant City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

B. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for July 2025

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Matt West
Assistant 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:	Update on Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) meetings for July 2025	Date:	August 14, 2025

OBJECTIVE

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

BACKGROUND

Establishing a BRE program is one of the goals for the upcoming 5-Year Economic Development Strategy. These meetings serve as a platform to build relationships between the business community, the Economic Development team, and City leadership. The program aims to align city resources with business needs and explore strategic opportunities for business expansion and growth. During these meetings, staff share information and connect businesses with resources such as the Go Biz program, SBDC workshops, Placer.ai and the MicroBiz loan program to support small business growth.

DISCUSSION

In July 2025, the Economic Development team met with Garden Grove Hyundai, Enhance Hospitality, Advance Car Creations, and the ownership group of the commercial center at 10870 Katella Ave as part of the ongoing BRE initiative. Discussions covered a range of topics, including current business challenges, financing options, and potential expansion plans. The Economic Development team is actively following up with each business to provide resources and identify opportunities for future partnerships.

Garden Grove Hyundai - July 8, 2025

City staff initiated a meeting with Westbrook Hyundai, part of a dealership group that owns 15 locations throughout California. Since acquiring the Garden Grove dealership in 2022, the company is dealing with limited vehicle storage capacity, which has led to added staffing and logistical costs.

During the meeting, representatives shared insights on recent leasing activity, noting a temporary increase driven by a promotional offer for electric vehicles. They emphasized the potential value of expanding public EV charging infrastructure in underutilized areas, which could support both community and business needs. Staff also discussed the impact of expiring EV rebates, explored the dealership's interest in facility improvements, and identified opportunities for collaboration on marketing and City-supported programs.



Enhance Hospitality – July 29, 2025

Economic Development staff met with Enhance Hospitality to discuss the current status and future plans for the property located at 11900 Harbor Boulevard. This site, situated along a key commercial corridor, is being considered for potential renovations aimed at enhancing its visibility and guest experience. Staff also received updates on tenant improvements currently underway at the property.



During the meeting, Enhance Hospitality noted that the site includes two restaurant spaces, which serve as important components of the property's overall appeal. The ownership team expressed interest in collaborating with the City to explore renovation support and align improvements with broader development goals in the area. City staff will continue to coordinate and share

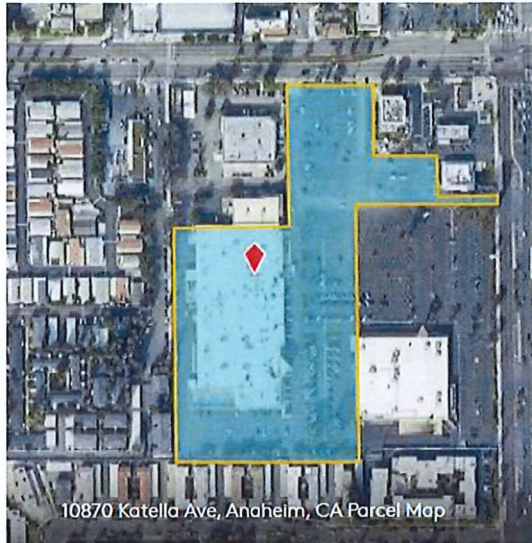
relevant resources to support the property's ongoing enhancement.

Advance Car Creations – July 30, 2025

As part of continued outreach to small businesses, City representatives visited Advance Car Creations, a local automotive customization shop known for performance upgrades and aftermarket services. The business has been affected by increased costs due to tariffs on imported supplies, which has constrained operations and future investment potential.



The visit focused on the MicroBiz Loan Program as a potential resource to help offset rising costs and support business stability. The owner expressed strong interest in the program and requested additional information to assess eligibility and next steps. City staff committed to providing application materials and offering continued support throughout the process.



10870 Katella Ave property Ownership Group –July 31, 2025

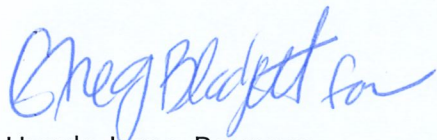
Economic Development staff engaged with the broker and ownership of the commercial center at 10870 Katella Ave, located at the intersection of Katella and Euclid, to explore future opportunities for the site. The property is positioned in a prominent retail corridor, making it a strategic location for potential redevelopment that could support the City's broader revitalization goals.

During the discussion, ownership expressed a strong interest in pursuing major redevelopment concepts and signaled their

willingness to support City-led programs through sponsorship.

CONCLUSION

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



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

Prepared by: Henry Surjono, Administrative Analyst

Open City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Liz Vasquez
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	City Clerk
Subject:	RECORDS REQUESTS	Date:	August 12, 2025

OBJECTIVE

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Liz Vasquez
City Clerk

Diana Serrato

By Diana Serrato
Deputy City Clerk

Attachment

Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10334	07/01/25	can i get the listing for new businesses for the previous month of June in Excel format, thankyou.	Finance	07/14/25	07/07/25
10335	07/01/25	Good Day, I am SWITZERLAN MONTEFRIO, I am currently working with "Video Voice Data Communications Company" as a CAD Drafter & I have a project under the City of GARDEN GROVE. Can I kindly request for As-Built/Substructure Maps along the Street...		07/14/25	07/02/25
10337	07/02/25	Please send all communication via email between Garden Grove code enforcement and the business entity Tiem Ga Vit for the last 60 days Tiem Ga Vit 11901 Westminster Ave Unit A Garden Grove, CA 92843 United States	Information Technology	07/14/25	07/02/25
10338	07/02/25	Hello, I would like to request a listing of new businesses that filed in the City of Garden Grove for the month of June 2025. Information including: Business name, business address, contact name, business phone number, and date that the business ...	Finance	07/14/25	07/07/25
10340	07/02/25	My name is Taylor Snow with ABM and I was wondering if you the city oversees the Garden Grove Plaza located at 12966 Euclid St. If so, is this building a part of the city portfolio for Janitorial Services or is it separate? If so, we would love to...	Finance	07/14/25	07/14/25
10341	07/02/25	How many emergency calls has GGPd received regarding kidnappings, masked men, OR abduction since May 1st 2025 (May, June, July 2025)? In contrast, how many did they receive last May/June/July 2024? How many total calls do they receive? (I'm mainly...	Police	07/17/25	07/09/25
10342	07/03/25	Asbuild/blue prints for Great Wolf Lodge Garden Grove. 12681 harbor blvd. garden Grove, California. 92840		07/17/25	07/07/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10343	07/03/25	Hello, Pursuant to the PRA, I request production of the following listed documents. If possible, the records can be provided to me via email (katie.simpson@georgehills.com). If the records are only available in person for copying, please let me k...	Finance	07/17/25	07/16/25
10344	07/03/25	To whom It may concern, I would like to obtain the property boundary, what am I going to do? The reason is the house next to me (8811 Dewey Dr., GG) was built second drive way and front yard seem went over to my property. Also since the secon...		07/17/25	07/07/25
10345	07/03/25	Request a copy of your building permit records from December 24, 2024, up to the present. Please include any fields that your permitting system tracks. This includes but is not limited to: Permit Number, Applied/Issued Dates, Work Address, Permi...	Community Development	07/17/25	07/16/25
10346	07/06/25	Hi my name is Abraham Partida and I am a private investigator working a pedestrian v. automobile accident that occurred at W Garden Grove Blvd. and Bowen St. Garden Grove CA, 92843 entering the driveway of Greenbrier Terraces Condominiums. T...		07/17/25	07/07/25
10347	07/07/25	On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ...	Finance	07/17/25	07/07/25
10348	07/07/25	On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ...		07/17/25	07/07/25
10349	07/07/25	Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the contractor Antonio Marcelo Construction that covers the date of 9/24/22. I am wondering if the City of Garden Grove...	Finance	07/17/25	07/07/25
10351	07/08/25	Good day! I'm requesting for the most recent business listing. Appreciate if you can provide one.		07/18/25	07/08/25

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10352	07/08/25	Uncashed Check Listing please see attached.	Finance	07/21/25	07/18/25
10353	07/08/25	I am looking for information regarding waiver requests for non-residential recyclable organic waste receptacles through Republic Sanitation. How many waiver requests have been submitted in the last two years? How many waivers have been granted?...	Finance Public Works Utilities	07/21/25	07/18/25
10354	07/09/25	Written comments submitted for city council meeting on 7/8/2025	City Manager	07/21/25	07/21/25
10356	07/10/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 6/25/2025 - 7/7/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	07/21/25	07/21/25
10357	07/10/25	Hello. I'm looking to attain the contractor information (name, mailing address, phone number, email address, fax number) for the following project/job: Project A-302058 Permit# 2023-14006 address: 12891 HARBOR BLVD If you have any question...		07/21/25	07/10/25
10358	07/10/25	Hello, Deltak is submitting a public records request to City of Garden Grove for commercial purposes. Would a representative please provide the information relating to the solicitation below? If available, please include any awarded contract...	Economic Development	07/21/25	07/21/25
10360	07/12/25	Hi, I hope you are doing well. Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I'm writing to request a list of all arrest records from the year 2024. Specifically, I am seeking the following details for each ar...		07/24/25	07/14/25

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10361	07/14/25	Request Code: 14238077 Date: 07/14/25 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Public Works Utilities	07/24/25	07/16/25
10362	07/14/25	Hi there, We are hoping to obtain any historical plans that show the two-grade level doors on the south side of the 14321 Corporate Drive property, facing Capital Ave. If there are any documents on file, will you please share them?		07/24/25	07/14/25
10363	07/14/25	RFP responses, presentations, fee schedules and scorecards from all submitting entities related to RFP No. S-1357 to Provide Investment Manager and Portfolio Services for the City of Garden Grove issued on February 14, 2025.	Finance	07/24/25	07/24/25
10364	07/14/25	copies of all available certificates of occupancy open building code violations For the property known as Meadow Grove Apartments located at 13882 Clinton Street, APN: 101-142-79	Economic Development Community Development	07/24/25	07/16/25
10367	07/14/25	Project A-315446 Permit# 2025-00293 Could I please request blueprints and other documents related to the new build at 11722 Rose Dr Garden Grove CA 92840? Thank you!		07/28/25	07/15/25
10368	07/15/25	My name is Anita Limon, and I am the Deputy Title IX and Clery Compliance Coordinator for St. Mary's University. According to federal law, specifically The Clery Act (1998), Universities are required to report all crime statistics that occurred i...		07/28/25	07/15/25
10369	07/15/25	The SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PLAN PHASE II SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT 1 PROJECT NO. CP 1363000 -- DRAWING NO. W-640 bid today (7-15) at 11AM. I wanted to see if I can get a copy of the bid submitted from CEM Construction and All Cities Engi...	Public Works Utilities	07/28/25	07/16/25

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10370	07/15/25	Please provide all forms of communications and correspondence, including but not limited to letters, phone calls, emails and text messages between Shopoff Reality Investments and city staff, elected officials and/or commissioners, from August 2023...	City Manager Information Technology	08/11/25	08/11/25
10371	07/16/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 7/8/2025 - 7/15/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	07/28/25	07/28/25
10372	07/16/25	I would like to request the bid packages for the three lowest bidders: CEM Construction, Ramona Inc, and All Cities Engineering for the bid opening on Tuesday, July 15, 2025. SEWER SYSTEM REHABILITATION PLAN PHASE II SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJE...	Public Works Utilities	07/28/25	07/17/25
10373	07/16/25	Request Code: 14238077 Date: 07/16/25 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Public Works Utilities	07/28/25	07/16/25
10374	07/17/25	Garden Grove CPRA Request – Backflow Prevention Assembly Records Dear Records Department, Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code §6250 et seq.), I am requesting access to public records related to backflow preventio...	Public Works Utilities	08/11/25	08/11/25
10375	07/18/25	Good morning, Please see attached Public Records Request. Barbara Navarro bnavarro@nes-sweeping.com Nationwide Environmental Services (562) 860-0604 - Office (562) 868-5726 - Fax	Finance	07/28/25	07/28/25

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10376	07/18/25	<p>Property of Interest: Great Wolfe Lodge Southern California 12681 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA 92840 United States</p> <p>Records Requested:</p> <p>Planning Records:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building permit history (including recent, historical, and archived records... 	<p>City Manager Public Works Utilities Community Development</p>	08/11/25	08/11/25
10379	07/18/25	I'm looking for site details for currently being entitled or were entitled properties over the previous 5 years that are 100k+ SF industrial buildings in Garden Grove.	Community Development	07/28/25	07/28/25
10380	07/19/25	<p>confirming how many bedrooms and bathrooms quantity. Please also verify the Living square footage and not square footage.</p> <p>8515 edgebrook drive garden grove ca 92844</p>		07/31/25	07/21/25
10381	07/19/25	<p>confirming how many bedrooms and bathrooms quantity. Please also verify the Living square footage and not square footage.</p> <p>8515 Edgebrook Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92844</p>		07/31/25	07/21/25
10382	07/19/25	<p>confirming how many bedrooms and bathrooms quantity. Please also verify the living square footage and lot square footage.</p> <p>8515 Edgebrook Dr., Garden Grove, CA 92844</p>		07/31/25	07/21/25
10383	07/20/25	<p>Need as-built structural drawings for residential building 8915 Mays Ave, if possible 2nd floor and unit #23. Drawings need to show load bearing beams and pillars, including balcony area.</p> <p>Building is on APN # 097-571-21; was built in 1968.</p>		07/31/25	07/21/25
10384	07/21/25	I am trying to obtain any and all potential calls for service or complaints for the following business: Speed Motorcycles - 13046 Kerry St. Garden Grove, CA 92844, including customer complaints of non working or stolen items being sold from this b...	Police	07/31/25	07/23/25
10386	07/21/25	<p>Dear City Clerk,</p> <p>Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 6250 et seq.), I respectfully request copies of all documents submitted to the City of Garden Grove by developers in response to the 2019 Request for Proposals (RFP) fo...</p>		07/31/25	07/21/25

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10387	07/21/25	Blueprints for 10612 Paladium Ave		07/31/25	07/21/25
10388	07/22/25	The certificate of liability insurance for: 12:24 Construction Long Beach CA CA Lic 971758 Garden Grove Lic 314898 Preferably covering the date 6/9/2022	Finance	08/01/25	08/04/25
10390	07/22/25	Requesting blue print/construction plans for 6542 Vanguard Ave		08/01/25	07/22/25
10391	07/22/25	I am requesting the audio file from The Planning Commission on July 17, 2025. This audio file is on the Garden Grove website at https://ggcity.org/commissions/planning-commission at the bottom and there is not an option to download, only to play	Community Development	08/01/25	07/22/25
10392	07/23/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 7/16/2025 - 7/21/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pr...	Community Development	08/04/25	08/04/25
10393	07/23/25	Request Code: 14296299 Date: 07/23/25 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...		08/04/25	07/23/25
10394	07/23/25	Hello, Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code §§ 7920.000 et seq.), which grants access to copies of public records, I am requesting the most up-to-date information pertaining to the following types of obligations held in a...	Finance	08/04/25	08/04/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10395	07/23/25	<p>Hyatt Regency Orange County Business License Tax Certificate</p> <p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I was wondering if it would be possible to obtain a copy of Hyatt Regency Orange County's Business License Tax Certificate. The license number is 310388.</p> <p>Thanks,...</p>	Finance	08/04/25	07/30/25
10400	07/24/25	Award notice for RFP No. S-1357 to Provide Investment Manager and Portfolio Services for the City of Garden Grove issued on February 14, 2025.	Finance	08/04/25	08/04/25
10401	07/24/25	<p>Bid results for WoodBury park revitalization and expansion project.</p> <p>Bid Date: 05/06/2025 @11:00 am</p>		08/04/25	07/24/25
10402	07/25/25	<p>Dear City Clerk,</p> <p>Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 6250 et seq.), I respectfully request the following public records:</p> <p>1. A copy of the current general liability insurance policy or certificate of insurance covering ...</p>	Finance	08/07/25	08/06/25
10404	07/29/25	<p>Center for Contract Compliance</p> <p>July 29, 2025</p> <p>**Please reference ID number 20-2300132108</p> <p>City of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Pkwy Garden Grove, CA 92840-5208</p> <p>Project:</p> <p>Item: Landscape Maintenance lqc S-130...</p>	Finance Public Works	08/25/25	
10405	07/30/25	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 7/22/2025 - 7/29/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pr...</p>	Community Development	08/11/25	08/11/25

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10407	07/30/25	The City of Irvine is working to compile classification and compensation data for all O.C. cities and the County of Orange. Please provide the most recent PDF copy of all Full-Time and Part-Time job classification specifications. We will be more...	Human Resources	08/11/25	08/07/25
10408	07/30/25	Courtesy calls between ICE and GGPD from June 17- now (as recent as possible) Thank you!!! ❤️	Police	08/11/25	08/05/25
10409	07/30/25	Records (email, phone, excel files, other reports, etc) documenting ice arrests within garden grove from January 1 to present 2025. TYSM!!		08/11/25	07/30/25
10410	07/30/25	Dear Ms. Vasquez and Ms. Wetzel, I hope this email finds you well. Attached please find a Public Records Act Request for the City of Garden Grove. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions you may have. If you could please ...	Community Development	08/11/25	07/31/25
10411	07/31/25	Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas to obtain a copy of the certificate of general liability insurance for the company Ultimate Konstruktion that covers the date 5/11/23. Does Garden Grove keep records of general liability in...	Finance	08/11/25	08/07/25
10412	07/31/25	Requesting Purchase Orders for City of Garden Grove from 2020 to 2025. Dear Records Officer, I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your time and for the work you do. Under the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6250 et seq...	City Manager Finance	08/11/25	08/11/25
10413	07/31/25	I would like to request permit job card record for existing ADU for address :13691 McMains St, Garden Grove, CA 92844 The ADU address is 13695 MCMAINS ST		08/11/25	07/31/25

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10414	07/31/25	Following on record request #10413. I already checked the permit record using the link but could not find the record for ADU accept for the address request. I want to obtain the permit record/ job card for the ADU, not the address only. Really app...	Community Development	08/11/25	08/11/25

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
August 14, 2025

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the August 21, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from August 8, 2025 to August 14, 2025.

WEEKLY MEMO 08-14-2025

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

August 7, 2025 – August 13, 2025


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


Included in this Report

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Wed 8/13/2025 5:30 pm PDT

This could be your momento perfecto moment! 🗳️ The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels is rolling into #GardenGrove to help coupl...






Views	8,490
Reach	3,192
Engagements	289
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.4%







@CityGardenGrove
Wed 8/13/2025 5:30 pm PDT

This could be your momento perfecto moment! 🗳️ The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels is rolling into [#GardenGrove](#) to help...






Impressions	84
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.9%







@CityGardenGrove
Wed 8/13/2025 5:30 pm PDT

From marriage licenses and civil ceremonies to renewal of vow ceremonies for already married couples, let us help make your bi...




Impressions	54
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%




Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/13/2025 5:30 pm PDT

This could be your moment! 🗎 The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels is rolling into #GardenGrove to help coupl...



Impressions	3,825
Reach	3,702
Engagements	938
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	24.5%




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Wed 8/13/2025 1:55 pm PDT

🌟 Yesterday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, the 2025...




Views	2,138
Reach	801
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.5%





Garden Grove City Hall


Wed 8/13/2025 1:55 pm PDT

🌟 Yesterday, the #GardenGrove City Council recognized the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, the 2025...




Impressions	1,613
Reach	1,595
Engagements	321
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	19.9%





Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 8/13/2025 10:56 am PDT



Impressions

225

Reach


219


Engagements

4

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

1.8%






@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/12/2025 5:11 pm PDT

Cư dân [#GardenGrove](#) xin lưu ý!
[@OCVector](#) sẽ thực hiện phun thuốc phòng ngừa muỗi từ ngày mai, 13/8, đến Thứ Sáu...



Impressions

78

Potential Reach

4,758

Engagements

5

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

6.4%





@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/12/2025 5:11 pm PDT

Quý vị có thể tìm hiểu thêm thông tin và kiểm tra xem khu vực sinh sống có thuộc phạm vi phun thuốc hay không tại [bit.ly/NeighborhoodMo...](#)
Xem thông tin hướng dẫn an toàn tại [gggcity.org/west-nile-virus](#) [#GG1956](#)

Post Link Clicks

1

Impressions

70

Potential Reach

4,758

Engagements

1

Engagement Rate (per Impression)


1.4%






@CityGardenGrove


Tue 8/12/2025 5:10 pm PDT




 Consejos de seguridad:
gggcity.org/west-nile-virus
[#GG1956](#)




Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	43
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%







@CityGardenGrove


Tue 8/12/2025 5:10 pm PDT




 ¡Atención, [#GardenGrove!](#) [@OCVector](#) llevará a cabo tratamientos preventivos de control de mosquitos mañana, 13/8, hasta...




Impressions	59
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%







@CityGardenGrove


Tue 8/12/2025 5:10 pm PDT




 Attention, [#GardenGrove!](#) [@OCVector](#) will be conducting preventative mosquito control treatments tomorrow, 8/13, thru Fr...






Impressions	70
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.7%





**gardengrovecityhall**
Tue 8/12/2025 5:06 pm PDT

Attention, #GardenGrove! The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will be conducting preventative mosquito...




Views	1,741
Reach	660
Engagements	34
Engagement Rate (per View)	2%





**Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 8/12/2025 5:06 pm PDT


Attention, #GardenGrove! The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will be conducting preventative mosquito...



Impressions	923
Reach	915
Engagements	83
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9%



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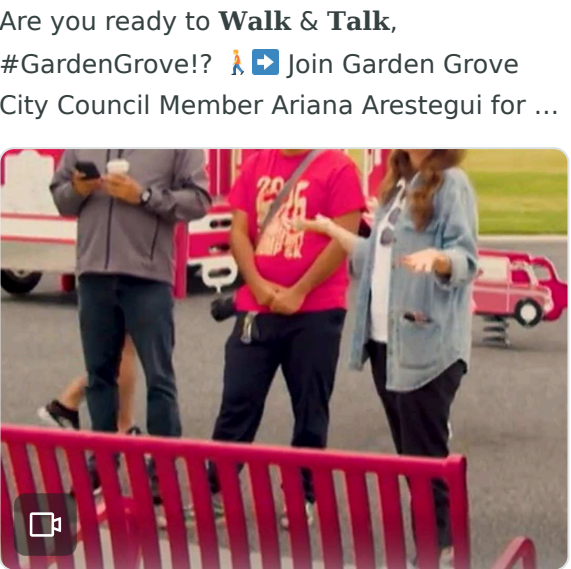
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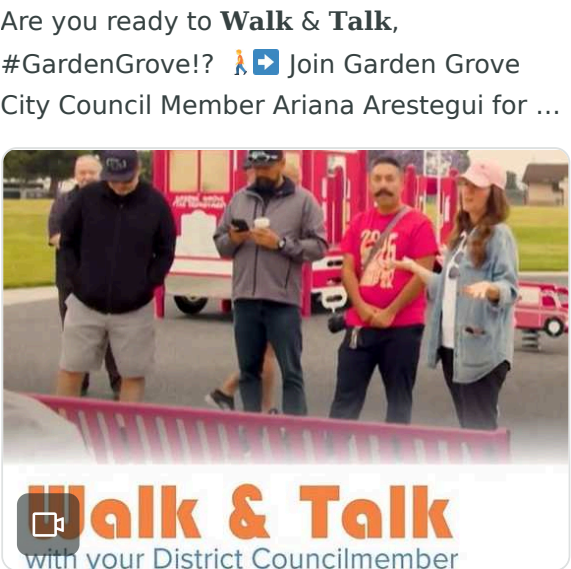
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Post Performance

August 7, 2025 – August 13, 2025

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Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



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WEEKLY MEMO 08-14-2025

NEWS ARTICLES

Residents honored, ICE raids are deplored at council meeting

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 13, 2025 • (2 COMMENTS)



ICE AGENTS detaining suspected illegal migrants (Wikipedia).

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

Honors and appeals for help were featured at Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

The council honored Joe Hammer and Sue Catl

Also honored were leaders of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association for organizing the 2025 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association. Steve Sanders, president of the 2026 Festival, said that an estimated record 275,000 people attended the four-day Memorial Day weekend this year.

Recognized was the Eagle Scout Flagpole installation project at the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail.

But much of the public comments section of the meeting was taken up by concerns expressed about raids by Immigration and Custom Enforcement agents who have detained residents of Garden Grove and other cities, in some cases allegedly without providing due process.

Councilmembers were urged to take action to protect the rights of undocumented workers. "There are plenty of workers being taken [by ICE] in Garden Grove," said one speaker.

OC Tribune
August 9, 2025

Graffiti report to city council

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 9, 2025 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



GRAFFITI tagging is being quickly addressed (Shutterstock).

Does it seem like there's fewer spray-painted "tags" on walls and such in the city?

Ninety-two percent of reported graffiti "instances" in Garden Grove for the most recent month for which statistics are available were responded to within 24 hours.

That's part of the update on graffiti abatement to be presented to the Garden Grove City Council when it meets on Tuesday.

That figure, for May 2025, was similar to April (90 percent) and March (92 percent).

Those and other facts and figures come from "enhanced service levels" through an amended contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings. Now three trucks are operating in Garden Grove, providing service seven days a week for removal of graffiti found in the public right-of-way and on private property.

The result is a 21.53 percent increase in graffiti removal, according to a staff report.

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 14, 2025 – September 11, 2025

Thursday	August 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
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
Monday	August 25	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Clerk-Recorder on Wheels (By Appointment) Cottage Industries 12932 8 th Street
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
Monday	September 1		City Hall Closed – Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	September 2	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	September 8	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement And Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	September 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	September 10	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luncheon, CMC, AB Room
Thursday	September 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

AUGUST 21, 2025 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Community Development Department at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 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 17, 2025](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. [AMENDMENT NO. A-045-2025](#)

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

LOCATION: CITYWIDE

REQUEST: 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 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).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Amendment No. A-045-2025 to the City Council.

D. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. Presentation on the general plan, zoning code and municipal code.

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Ashland, Cueva, Lindsay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Laricchia.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

Speakers: Tom Raber, Tony Flores.

June 19, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Beard Second: Flanders

Ayes: (4) Beard, Flanders, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (3) Ashland, Cueva, Lindsay

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – NEGATIVE DECLARATION, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. GPA-002-2025 AND SITE PLAN NO. SP-159-2025 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF KNOTT STREET AND ACACIA AVENUE, AT 12821 KNOTT STREET.

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

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

Applicant: HARBINGER MOTORS, INC.
Date: July 17, 2025

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

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

Action: Resolution No. 6117-25 (IS/ND), 6118-25 (GPA), 6119-25 (SP) was approved.

Motion: Beard Second: Ramirez

Ayes: (4) Beard, Flanders, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (3) Ashland, Cueva, Lindsay

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Laricchia asked for clarification of when a State Density Bonus must be granted, and staff indicated that an applicant is entitled to a State Density Bonus if the project qualifies.

Commission Flanders inquired if a building permit had been issued for the mezzanine associated with the Harbinger project. Staff confirmed that no building permits had been issued; however, a plan check application is currently under review by the City, and permits will not be issued until the appropriate land use approvals are granted. Commission Flanders also relayed citizen concerns about confusion with the noticing, particularly with the parcel numbers and addresses. Staff explained that this is a

complex project, and they will make the public notice and legal ad clearer for City Council.

Commissioner Beard asked about the Bridgecreek property. Staff confirmed that the site is currently for sale, and that no project applications have been submitted. Commissioner Flanders inquired if there was zoning for high density. Staff confirmed that there is no zoning for high density residential on Valley View Street; however, there are portions of Valley View Street that have a General Plan Land Use designation that allows for mixed use, which would allow for residential and commercial, as adopted in 2008 with the General Plan Update.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the August 7, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting would be cancelled, and gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the August 21, 2025 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:47 p.m.

Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary



Top environmental bills still in play this year

Aug 13, 2025

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate (environmental quality)

The Legislature is reconvening next week for the final month of session, with many of Cal Cities' major environmental priorities still on the table. Several bills would positively impact cities but may create new costs for the state. That makes it likely that they will either be held for the year or put on the chopping block entirely. Now is the time for city officials to elevate their voices and help push this critical legislation to the Governor's desk.

Sponsored measures advance amid fiscal concerns

Cal Cities sponsored three bills this year that would help cities better prepare for disasters and become more climate resilient. Two of the measures are still progressing with strong support.

[AB 846 \(Connolly\)](#) would provide a streamlined path to obtain environmental permits in high fire-risk areas for wildfire preparedness programs. [AB 996 \(Pellerin\)](#) would provide support to coastal and bay cities for now-required sea level rise plans. Both bills are on the Senate Appropriations Committee's [suspense file](#) due to cost concerns.

However, a Senate policy committee held the third sponsored bill, [AB 262 \(Caloza\)](#), due to the potential impact on state funding. The measure would create safeguards in the state's disaster assistance should federal disaster aid become unavailable. The bill was held at the request of the author due to cost concerns amid federal proposals to [eliminate FEMA](#), but could come back next year.

Another key priority is to help cities fund and modernize essential infrastructure. The Cal Cities-sponsored [SB 454 \(McNerney\)](#) would create a mitigation fund to help cities and water agencies remove forever chemicals from water supplies. Such infrastructure is costly, but necessary — especially given that new federal drinking water standards will take effect in the coming years.

SB 454 has sailed through the Legislature with bipartisan support and is now on the Assembly Appropriations' suspense file. Cal Cities is urging lawmakers to take into account the [2024 climate bond](#), which earmarked money for PFAS remediation projects and [could serve](#) as the initial infusion of money.

Warehouse clean-up bill still a work in progress

The promised changes to last year's late gut-and-amend [warehouse bill](#) are also still in play. The bill created restrictions on new or expanding warehouses and a sweeping, costly statewide mandate that requires all cities to update their circulation elements to account for these changes — including truck movement.

Lawmakers introduced twin bills, [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#), as clean-up measures. So far, Cal Cities secured the following changes:

- Give cities with 50,000 or fewer residents and counties with 100,000 or fewer residents until 2035 to complete the required circulation element updates. This would benefit smaller jurisdictions with fewer resources.
- Revise the bill's definition of local roads to prevent warehouse development near sensitive receptors.

However, the authors have not yet addressed several requests, including:

- Prevent penalties to local governments that are working in good faith to follow the law.
- Allow local governments to develop a plan or ordinance rather than mandating a truck traffic update in the circulation element.
- Completely exempt a city or county from the circulation element update if it is not approving new or expanded logistics use projects in its community. If that changes, the city or county would need to update its circulation element according to the law.
- Clarify that the circulation element update does not trigger in that same timeframe as existing law, which already requires local governments to update their circulation elements with proactive measures for bicyclists and pedestrians. This lack of clarity increases the likelihood that cities will be fined because they must now complete two circulation element updates within strict timelines.

Cal Cities is working with the authors' offices on these remaining issues and will provide an update as negotiations progress.

CEQA reform changes?

The [recent CEQA reform](#) included in the budget deal is already garnering requests for clean-up among [environmentally friendly lawmakers](#). The end of session may include some clean-up language, but what that looks like remains to be seen.

What's next?

Lawmakers have until late August to get any measures out of appropriations and onto the floor for a full, final vote. The final day for lawmakers to send bills to the Governor's desk is Sept. 12. Cities can click on the links in each bill for sample letters for all pending measures.



Why is so much climate funding still on the table at the end of the legislative year?

Aug 13, 2025

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate (environmental quality)

The Legislature still has some significant deals to finalize this session, including the reauthorization of the Cap-and-Trade Program and the initial allocation of the voter-approved [Proposition 4 funding](#). Here's what cities need to know about both pots of funding.

Cap-and-Trade Program

With Cap-and-Trade set to expire in 2030, negotiations are in full swing for a late-session deal. Cal Cities and other [local government, transportation, and labor partners](#) have [urged state leaders](#) to [prioritize climate-safe infrastructure improvements](#) during negotiations.

These negotiations take time, especially when they involve the big three — the Senate, Assembly, and Governor. To make things more complicated, Gov. Gavin Newsom has already made high-speed rail a priority in negotiations and set aside in [this year's budget](#) a significant amount of Cap-and-Trade funding for Cal Fire's state costs.

The Cal Cities-led coalition held a [rally in July](#) on the Capitol steps, calling for the Cap-and-Trade Program to invest in:

1. Local clean transportation infrastructure
2. Climate adaptation programs, such as sea level rise, flood infrastructure, and organic waste infrastructure
3. Land use and infill development for affordable housing and sustainable communities
4. State and regional clean transit infrastructure
5. Wildfire resilience infrastructure at the local level

Cities should [take action](#) and send a letter of support to their Legislators for the coalition priorities that could bring much-needed climate funding to their communities.

Proposition 4

Absent in the final budget deal was funding from the November climate bond. The current fiscal year was supposed to be the first of a [multiyear expenditure plan](#). The [budget deal](#) punted first-year funding details to a budget trailer bill that will likely use some Proposition 4 funding to backfill other deficit holes.

Cal Cities and dozens of stakeholder groups that supported the bond pushed back in the budget discussions, arguing that clawing back Prop. 4 funding went against what voters approved in November. Cal Cities anticipates legislators will take up the budget trailer bill in the final weeks of session.

What's next?

Lawmakers have until late August to get any measures out of appropriations and onto the floor for a full, final vote. The final day for lawmakers to send bills to the Governor's desk is Sept. 12.

If state leaders fail to close a deal, Gov. Gavin Newsom could call a special session to reconvene the Legislature on these and other topics that don't get fully addressed by Sept. 12. Cal Cities will keep members updated on the Cap-and-Trade and Prop. 4 climate funding.



Futurist Crystal Washington and entrepreneur Nir Bashan to speak at 2025 annual conference

Aug 13, 2025

Hear about technology trends on Wednesday and tap into your creativity on Thursday

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Futurist Crystal Washington and entrepreneur Nir Bashan are two of this year's annual conference keynote speakers. Held this year in Long Beach, Oct. 8-10, the [Annual Conference and Expo](#) equips city leaders with the cutting-edge knowledge, resources, and tools needed to support their communities.

On Wednesday, Washington will kick off the conference with a plain English look at the practical ways technology could impact cities over the next decade. A [technology strategist](#) who makes technology more accessible, Washington will help city leaders spot disruptions and lead while staying ahead of the trends.

Then on Thursday, Bashan will show city leaders how to tap into their creativity to solve problems, generate fresh ideas, and innovate. An [author and consultant](#) who counts Microsoft and JetBlue among his clients, Bashan will help attendees rediscover their creativity and walk away with practical techniques that bring more imagination.

Registration closes Sept. 26

Full conference registration for [member city](#) officials is \$725 and includes admission to general and concurrent sessions, the expo hall, the Wednesday host city reception, the CitiPAC and diversity caucus receptions, and conference meals.

Cal Cities strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. For accommodation or accessibility inquiries, please contact [Conference Registrar Megan Dunn](#). Every effort will be made to honor requests submitted.

Scammers may contact you claiming to be the housing bureau/service for the conference. Cal Cities has not contracted with a housing bureau/service for the 2025 Annual Conference and Expo. Official conference emails will come from addresses ending in @calcities.org.



Metal theft bill that would save cities millions of dollars faces next hurdle

Aug 13, 2025

By Arthur Goncalves, 2025 Ronald O. Loveridge Summer Fellow

The Senate Appropriations Committee is poised to take up a Cal Cities-sponsored bill that would help protect cities from metal theft and improve the reliability of public infrastructure after summer recess ends. If signed into law, [AB 476 \(González\)](#) would provide cities and taxpayers relief from repairing frequently damaged infrastructure.

Metal theft is a widespread and expensive issue that impacts every city, interrupting critical infrastructure such as bridges, streetlights, fire hydrants, and sewer lines. The city of Los Angeles's iconic Sixth Street Bridge fell victim to vandals who stripped seven miles of copper for an estimated value of \$11,000 — which is costing \$2.5 million to repair.

"Copper prices are near historic highs and copper theft is rampant across California, causing devastating financial [and] public safety impacts," said Asm. Mark González, the bill's author, during a [Senate Public Safety](#) hearing.

How it works

AB 476 would support cities' enforcement practices to deter metal theft and hold people accountable for the harm they cause to public safety and infrastructure.

Specifically, it would reduce metal theft through new reporting and licensing requirements for scrap metal sellers. To complete a transaction, junk dealers and recyclers would need to make a written statement that includes the time and amount paid for each sale, with the name of the employee handling the transaction. The statement would include the legal name, date of birth, and place of residence of the seller.

The bill would also increase fines for offenses related to the possession or purchase of secondhand and used machinery and all ferrous scrap metals and alloys previously owned by a public utility provider. Additionally, the bill establishes a new severe classification of offenses for repeat and organized metal theft of public infrastructure.

What's next?

AB 476 is a candidate for [the suspense file](#) in Senate Appropriations, a [controversial](#) process that allows lawmakers to weigh the fiscal cost of bills before sending them to the floor for a full vote. Should the bill make it out in late August, legislators will have until Sept. 12 to get the bill to Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk.



Nine key public safety bills for cities

Aug 13, 2025

Cities are encouraged to send in letters of support for all nine measures

By Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate (public safety)

Lawmakers in both appropriations committees will take up several bills aimed at addressing critical public safety issues when they return from summer recess next week. Cal Cities supports all nine measures. Here's what cities need to know about each bill.

Violent threats and signal jammers

Cal Cities is supporting two bills that would make it easier for district attorneys to prosecute threats of violence. Currently, a threat must be credible, specific, and targeted at an individual to be illegal. [AB 237 \(Patel\)](#) and [SB 19 \(Rubio\)](#) would clarify that it is a crime even if no person is specified and enhance penalties for those who direct such threats toward schools and churches. Another bill, [SB 701 \(Wahab\)](#), would increase penalties for using signal jammers during criminal activities, specifically robberies. Signal jammers can emit frequencies that interfere with radios, drones, GPS, Wi-Fi, and other telecommunications tools.

Law enforcement and wildfire response

[AB 468 \(Gabriel\)](#) and [SB 571 \(Archuleta\)](#) would increase penalties for looting during an emergency, including greater penalties for those impersonating a peace officer. In January, law enforcement arrested several dozen people suspected of entering evacuated communities in Southern California to loot. There were also verified reports of people impersonating first responders to enter evacuated areas to loot.

Those wildfires also saw nine public drone incursions that resulted in the grounding of aerial firefighting efforts — including one [high-profile collision](#). [AB 426 \(Dixon\)](#) would prohibit drone usage during an active emergency and provide civil penalties for these actions.

Xylazine

Sen. Angelique Ashby has advanced [SB 6](#), a measure that would add xylazine to the state's list of controlled substances, to Assembly Appropriations. Xylazine is generally used in veterinary practices to treat large animals but can also be mixed with fentanyl and other drugs. Last year, the Assembly Public Safety Committee held a [similar measure](#) by Ashby.

Police education

Legislators are examining a law that requires police recruits to earn a bachelor's degree before entering the force. [AB 992 \(Irwin\)](#) would delay the implementation until 2031 and provide more flexibility by allowing associate degrees from community colleges or a bachelor's degree to satisfy the requirement. [SB 385 \(Seyarto\)](#) would repeal a mandate requiring the [state law enforcement trainer](#) to adopt standards based on a report to the Legislature.

What's next?

Lawmakers return to the Capitol on Aug. 18. They then have until Aug. 29 to get these bills through their final committee hurdle and onto the floor for a final vote. Cities should submit letters of support for these bills.



Take your local advocacy to the national level with a NLC leadership position

Aug 13, 2025

Cal Cities endorsement requests are due by Sept. 10

By Cal Cities Staff

The National League of Cities (NLC) is accepting [applications](#) for leadership positions on its [board of directors](#), federal advocacy committees, member councils, and constituency groups. Each position allows city leaders to bring their expertise to the national level and shape the direction of NLC and its policies. Applicants must be from an NLC direct member city and a current NLC member with up-to-date and paid membership dues and activity fees when applicable at the time of application. City officials can apply for up to three different groups.

City officials applying for the board of directors or second vice president positions may [request an endorsement](#) from the League of California Cities. All requests are due before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10. Please email all request forms and questions to [Pam Herrera](#).

Founded 100 years ago, the National League of Cities is comprised of city, town, and village leaders focused on improving the quality of life for their current and future constituents. With a successful track record of strengthening local leadership, influencing federal policy, and driving innovative solutions, NLC has gained the trust and support of over 2,700 cities.

More information about NLC and its programs is available [online](#).



City advocacy secures major changes to transportation permitting bill

Aug 13, 2025

By Damon Conklin, legislative advocate (transportation)

It's not unusual for a bill to undergo several drastic iterations as stakeholders play "whack-a-mole" at each twist and turn of the legislative process. One such bill this year is [SB 445 \(Wiener\)](#), a permitting bill that several cities have weighed in on — with great success. First introduced to "contain costs and cut delays on delivering major public transportation projects," the measure originally sought to bypass local permitting processes for "sustainable" transportation projects. This would have included everything from adding bike lanes and restriping to larger developments.

Cal Cities [expressed concerns about the proposal](#) and the potential for uncoordinated infrastructure development to compromise safety standards. The bill's primary concern was not derived from a report, study, or even a survey. (The Legislature did produce a [permitting reform report](#) earlier this year, which did not support the language in SB 445.)

In response, the author withdrew the language and advanced the bill as an empty vehicle with only "intent language"— and a promise to work with stakeholders to address their concerns if it moved forward. Then SB 445 did move forward, through and out of the Senate and into the Assembly, where it was significantly amended.

The new language proposed an astonishing new state-controlled permitting scheme that would have severely restricted cities' ability to manage their own public rights-of-way and infrastructure systems. Cal Cities [voiced strong opposition](#), along with several cities across the state. They detailed how the bill would adversely affect their local streets and roads.

One city highlighted how some applicants for transportation projects in the right-of-way wanted to pave over several city manholes. In another project, the applicant insisted, to reduce costs, on only providing a single thru lane in each direction when an additional lane was needed to provide emergency vehicle access and better overall operations of the roadway. The bill would have given those applicants the final say in how the development would be built.

With only days remaining, key legislators forced new amendments to SB 445 in response to city advocacy. The latest version empowers only the California High-Speed Rail Authority to create uniform permitting regulations to try to keep its projects on schedule.

Although significantly narrowed down, SB 445 still has some problems that Cal Cities will work with the author to address. These changes would not have been possible without the combined strength of Cal Cities' members and their voices.