

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
August 21, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

A copy of the Mayor's letter of opposition to SB 79 (Wiener) Transit-oriented Development is attached.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

August 21, 2025

The Honorable Scott Wiener
Senator, California State Senate
1021 O St, Suite 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 79 (Wiener) Transit-oriented Development
Notice of Opposition**

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

Dear Senator Wiener,

The City of Garden Grove writes to express our strong opposition to your SB 79 (Wiener), which would disregard state-certified housing elements and bestow land use authority to transit agencies without any requirement to align development standards with local general plan and zoning requirements.

SB 79 doubles down on the recent trend of the state overriding its own mandated local housing elements. This latest overreaching effort forces cities in urban transit counties defined as “a county with more than 15 rail stations” to approve transit-oriented development projects near specified transit stops — up to seven stories high and a density of 120 homes per acre — without regard to the community's needs, environmental review, or public input. Similarly, cities in non-urban transit counties near specific transit stops would need to approve development projects by right, up to five stories high, with a density of 80 homes per acre.

Most alarmingly, SB 79 defies cities’ general plans and provides transit agencies unlimited land use authority on property they own or have a permanent easement on or before January 1, 2026, within a half mile of a transit stop. Transit agencies would have the power to determine nearly all aspects of the development including height, density, and design, without any regard to local zoning or planning.

The City of Garden Grove appreciates the author’s desire to include an alternative transit-oriented development plan; however, as currently drafted, the local government has the option to do this through an additional analysis in the local government’s housing element or through the adoption of an ordinance with approval from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). In the AB 650 Senate Appropriations Analysis, HCD has determined that it will cost \$11.1 million annually and 52 new staff positions to provide more clarity in the housing element review process. SB 79 would add additional requirements for state review, increasing workloads, and making it more likely that local governments will not get their housing elements or ordinances approved promptly.

SB 79 (Wiener) Transit-oriented Development

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Finally, the local flexibility provided in the measure is minimal at best. The bill does not provide exemptions for cities that have adopted plans to promote taller, denser residential development near transit in consultation with the community but fall short of the bill's rigid minimum requirements. The alternative plan would still be required to meet or exceed the required development near transit as determined by HCD across all transit-oriented development zones within the jurisdiction without accounting for infrastructure constraints, environmental hazards, or community design goals unique to each jurisdiction. For example, a community may want to distribute density around the jurisdiction due to its infrastructure capacity. However, they must still meet the minimum requirements of the bill, regardless of whether they make sense for the community or the design of the jurisdiction. In short, the flexibility is about how to meet the state's requirements – not whether those requirements make sense for the community.

The City of Garden Grove appreciates and respects your desire to pursue a housing production proposal. However, as currently drafted, SB 79 will not spur much-needed housing construction in a manner that supports local flexibility, decision-making, and community input. State-driven ministerial or by-right housing approval processes fail to recognize the extensive public engagement associated with developing and adopting zoning ordinances and housing elements.

California will never produce the number of homes needed with an increasingly state-driven, by-right housing approval process. What we really need is a sustainable state investment that matches the scale of this decades-in-the-making crisis. For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove strongly opposes SB 79.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Klopfenstein
Mayor

c: Senator Tom Umberg, 34th District, (Emily.Rodriguez@sen.ca.gov)
Senator Tony Strickland, 36th District, (Zechariah.Jauregui@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)

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S O C I A L M E D I A H I G H L I G H T S




Post Performance


August 14, 2025 - August 20, 2025

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

Included in this Report


 Garden Grove Police Department




 **Garden Grove Police De...**


Wed 8/20/2025 6:01 pm PDT

If you're ready to make a difference and wear #GardenGrovePD badge with pride, now's your chance! 🙌 Apply today at...




Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—




 **Garden Grove Police De...**


Tue 8/19/2025 10:51 am PDT

This morning, we had the joy of celebrating a special milestone with Ronan, the son of Jena and our fallen brother, LT. John...




Video Views	4,217
Impressions	9,313
Reach	9,099
Engagements	1,256
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.5%



 **Garden Grove Police De...**

Mon 8/18/2025 3:21 pm PDT

Weekend recap 8/14/2025 - 8/17/2025
#GardenGrovePD #GGPD32 #GGPD
#SafeStreetsGG



Video Views	920
Impressions	1,975
Reach	1,933
Engagements	247
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.5%

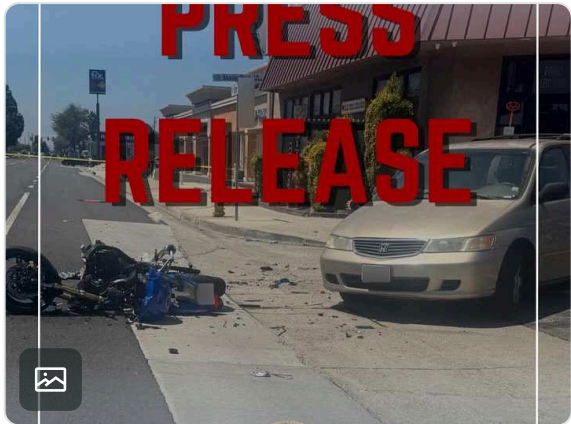


Garden Grove Police De...

Sun 8/17/2025 3:15 pm PDT



SUBJECT: Fatal Traffic Collision LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 9100 Block of Garden Grove Blvd, City of Garden Grove DATE/TIME OF...



Impressions	98,919
Reach	92,622
Engagements	10,373
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.5%



Post Performance

August 14, 2025 - August 20, 2025


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

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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/20/2025 12:38 pm PDT

@OCRecorder

For more information about marriage services available to you, please visit ocrecorder.com.

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	49
Potential Reach	—
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



X


@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/20/2025 12:38 pm PDT

@OCRecorder

UPDATE: 8/20/25 at 12:30 p.m. The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels event scheduled for Monday, August 25, has been canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience and extend our warmest wishes to all couples who expressed interest in celebrating their special day with us.

Impressions	57
Potential Reach	—
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%




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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/20/2025 12:38 pm PDT

For more information about marriage services available to you, please visit ocrecorder.com.

Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	45
Potential Reach	4,757
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/20/2025 12:37 pm PDT

UPDATE: 8/20/25 at 12:30 p.m.
The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels event scheduled for Monday, August 25, has been canceled. We apologize for any inconvenience and extend our warmest wishes to all couples who expressed interest in celebrating their special day with us.

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Impressions	52
Potential Reach	4,757
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/20/2025 12:21 pm PDT



youtube.com/shorts/c7pzeHM...
🎃 Who says you have to wait until October for spooky season? Burnt Umber, a local specialty coffee shop and tea room is serving up hauntingly delicious drinks and treats all year long! 🍰📍 Located at 12752 Valley View Street Ste. Q [#GG1956](#) [#GGTV3](#)


Post Link Clicks	0
Impressions	119
Potential Reach	4,757
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%




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Wed 8/20/2025 12:01 pm PDT

🎃 Who says you have to wait until October for spooky season? 🍁🍁🍁🍁, a local specialty coffee shop and tea room is...



Views	3,118
Reach	2,068
Engagements	342
Engagement Rate (per View)	11%







Garden Grove City Hall


Wed 8/20/2025 12:00 pm PDT

🎃 Who says you have to wait until October for spooky season? ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐, a local specialty coffee shop and tea room is...



Video Views	90
Impressions	235
Reach	230
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%







@CityGardenGrove


Tue 8/19/2025 5:01 pm PDT

🌟 Love is in the air, [#GardenGrove](#)! 🌟
Next Monday, August 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Clerk-Recorder on Wheels i...



Impressions	129
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.6%


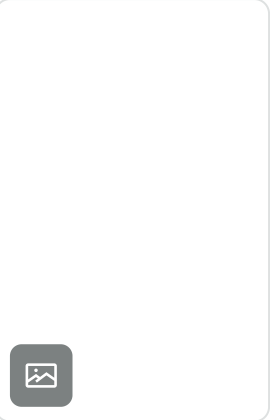





@CityGardenGrove


Tue 8/19/2025 5:01 pm PDT

Services include marriage licenses, civil ceremonies, and vow renewals, 🏹 with weddings officiated by Garden Grove May...




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




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Tue 8/19/2025 5:00 pm PDT

UPDATE: 8/20/25 at 12:30 p.m. The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels event scheduled for Monday, August 25, has been canceled...





Monday, August 25, 2025
11AM - 2PM (By Appointment Only)

Location
The Cottage Industries (near Jamb) 12032 8th St, Garden Grove, CA 92640

Services
Marriage Licenses, Civil Ceremonies, and Renewal of Vow Ceremonies

Book Your Appointment
Please call 714-834-2248
Limited appointments available. Book yours today!

ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
OCRecorder.com/marriageapp

Lunes 25 de agosto de 2025
11AM - 2PM (Solamente Con Cita)


Lugar
The Cottage Industries (near Jamb) 12032 8th St, Garden Grove, CA 92640


Servicios
Licencias matrimoniales, ceremonias civiles y ceremonias de renovación de votos

Reserva tu cita
Lláme al 714-834-2248
Cupo limitado. ¡Reserve su cita hoy mismo!

ORANGE COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER
OCRecorder.com/marriageapp


Views	2,659
Reach	1,019
Engagements	47
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.8%




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Tue 8/19/2025 5:00 pm PDT


UPDATE: 8/20/25 at 12:30 p.m. The Clerk-Recorder on Wheels event scheduled for Monday, August 25, has been canceled...





Impressions	857
Reach	832
Engagements	70
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.2%



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Tue 8/19/2025 10:00 am PDT



☀️ Warm weather is in the forecast, #GardenGrove! Are you and your loved ones prepared to beat the heat? ➡️ Swipe ...

Beat the Heat.

Warm weather is in the forecast, Garden Grove!

Make sure you and your loved ones are ready for high temperatures.

Swipe ➡️ for important tips to stay safe and cool!



Stay Hydrated.

Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.

One of the best ways to avoid heat-exhaustion and fatigue is to drink 2 to 4 glasses of water every hour.

Stay Indoors for Outdoor Activity.

Stay indoors from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest.

If you must go outdoors, wear sunscreen and stay in the shade.

Views	1,469
Reach	569
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per View)	1%



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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/19/2025 10:00 am PDT



Thời tiết oi bức đang đến [#GardenGrove](#)! Quý vị và người thân đã chuẩn bị biện pháp cần thiết để ứng phó với thời tiết khô nóng chưa? ➡ Vuốt màn hình qua để khám phá những cách nhanh chóng và dễ dàng giữ mát trong mùa hè này!



Impressions

47

Potential Reach


4,755

Engagements

2

Engagement Rate (per Impression)


4.3%





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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/19/2025 10:00 am PDT



Để biết thêm các hướng dẫn an toàn, vui lòng truy cập: readyoc.com/extreme-heat.



Post Link Clicks

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Impressions

41

Potential Reach


4,755

Engagements

0

Engagement Rate (per Impression)


0%





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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/19/2025 10:00 am PDT



Se pronostica un clima cálido, ¡[#GardenGrove](#)! ¿Usted y sus seres queridos están preparados para combatir ...





Impressions

10

Potential Reach


4,755

Engagements

1

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

10%

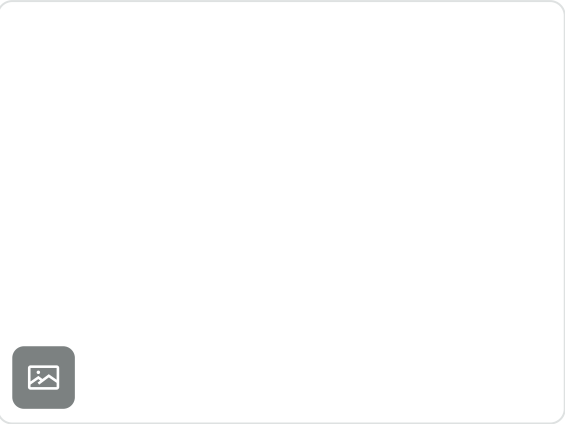


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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/19/2025 10:00 am PDT

☀️ Warm weather is in the forecast, [#GardenGrove](#)! Are you and your loved ones prepared to beat the heat? Swipe to...



Impressions	55
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%




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Tue 8/19/2025 10:00 am PDT

☀️ Warm weather is in the forecast, [#GardenGrove](#)! Are you and your loved ones prepared to beat the heat? ➡️ Swipe ...



Impressions	362
Reach	355
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%




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Mon 8/18/2025 5:15 pm PDT

☀️ Summer is heating up and so are your recycling habits! Let's keep [#GardenGrove](#) clean by making sure organics, recyclable...




Views	825
Reach	363
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.3%





Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 8/18/2025 5:15 pm PDT




☀️ Summer is heating up and so are your recycling habits! Let's keep #GardenGrove clean by making sure organics, recyclable...




Hot Summer Tips!

- Organics Recycling** (Green Bin): Food Waste, Food-Soiled Paper, Pizza Boxes, ❌ NO Plastic Bags
- Mixed Recycling** (Blue Bin): Metal Cans, Clean Paper & Cardboard, Plastic & Glass
- Landfill Trash** (Black Bin): Styrofoam, Wax-Coated Paper, Flexible Plastics


Impressions	632
Reach	616
Engagements	14
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%






@CityGardenGrove


Mon 8/18/2025 5:14 pm PDT




Summer is heating up and so are your recycling habits! Let's keep [#GardenGrove](#) clean by making sure organics, recyclable...




Impressions	93
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%





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Fri 8/15/2025 5:05 pm PDT

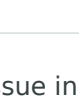
Have you noticed an issue in your neighborhood? 📱 Use the **FREE Garden Grove mobile app** to report it instantly...



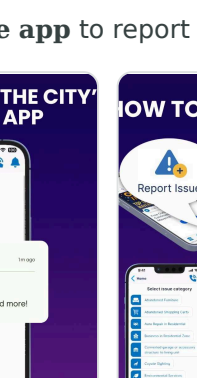
DOWNLOAD THE CITY'S FREE MOBILE APP





REMINDER
Receive the latest news and information, get emergency notifications, report issues, and more!




HOW TO REPORT AN ISSUE




- 1 TAP "REPORT ISSUE"
- 2 FOR EMERGENCIES, SELECT THE CORRECT APPROPRIATE CONTACT
- 3 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES TAP "NEXT"
- 4 SELECT ISSUE CATEGORY AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

FIND IT UNDER 'GARDEN GROVE'



Views	1,109
Reach	280
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.2%

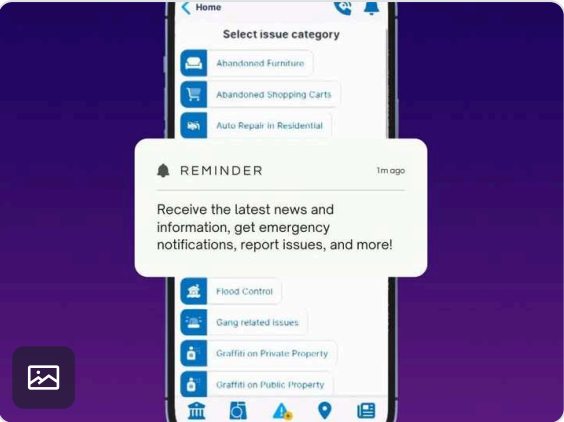




Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 8/15/2025 5:05 pm PDT

Have you noticed an issue in your neighborhood? 📱 Use the FREE **Garden Grove mobile app** to report it instantly...



Impressions

355

Reach


329


Engagements

13

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

3.7%

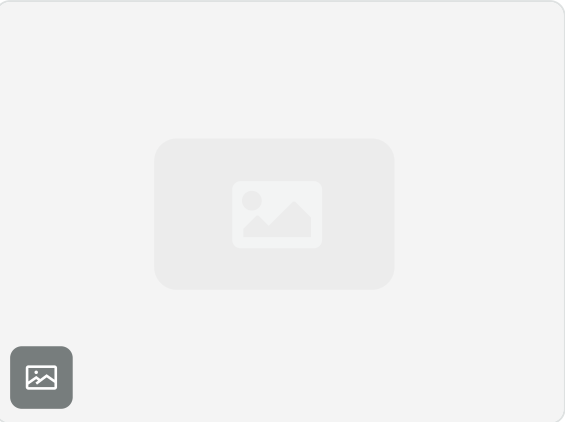




Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 8/15/2025 5:02 pm PDT

Have you noticed an issue in your neighborhood? 📱 Use the FREE **Garden Grove mobile app** to report it instantly...



Impressions

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Reach

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Engagements

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Engagement Rate (per Impression)

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@CityGardenGrove

Fri 8/15/2025 4:59 pm PDT

[@OCVector](#) llevará a cabo tratamientos preventivos de control de mosquitos el próximo lunes 18/8 hasta el miércoles 20/8, de 12:00 a.m. a 5:00 a.m. Para obtener más información y verificar si reside en el área de tratamiento: bit.ly/NeighborhoodMo...



Post Link Clicks

0

Impressions

54

Potential Reach

—

Engagements

3

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

5.6%





@CityGardenGrove

Fri 8/15/2025 4:58 pm PDT



@OCVector sẽ thực hiện phun thuốc phòng ngừa muỗi vào tuần sau, Thứ Hai, 18/8, đến Thứ Tư, 20/8, trong khoảng thời gian từ 12:00 giờ khuya đến 5:00 giờ sáng. Kiểm tra khu vực của quý vị có thuộc phạm vi phun thuốc hay không tại bit.ly/NeighborhoodMo...




Post Link Clicks0


Impressions29

Potential Reach—

Engagements1


Engagement Rate (per Impression)3.4%






@CityGardenGrove

Fri 8/15/2025 4:56 pm PDT



Hãy dùng ứng dụng di động Garden Grove miễn phí để báo ngay các vấn đề trong khu phố! Tìm “Garden Grove” trong cửa hàng ứng dụng trên điện thoại và bấm “Tải xuống.” Đừng quên bật thông báo để nhận các thông tin cập nhật quan trọng từ Thành phố!



Impressions63

Potential Reach4,755

Engagements0

Engagement Rate (per Impression)0%





@CityGardenGrove

Fri 8/15/2025 4:53 pm PDT



¿Ha notado un problema en su vecindario? ¡Utilice la aplicación móvil gratuita de Garden Grove para informarle al instante! 🔍 Busque "Garden Grove" en la tienda de aplicaciones de su teléfono y haga clic en "Descargar". ¡Recuerde "permitir/recibir/mostrar notificaciones." 🔔





Impressions25

Potential Reach4,755

Engagements0

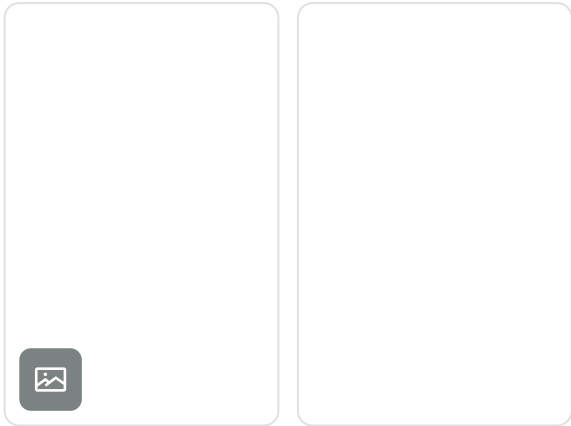
Engagement Rate (per Impression)0%







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Fri 8/15/2025 4:48 pm PDT



Impressions	100
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10%

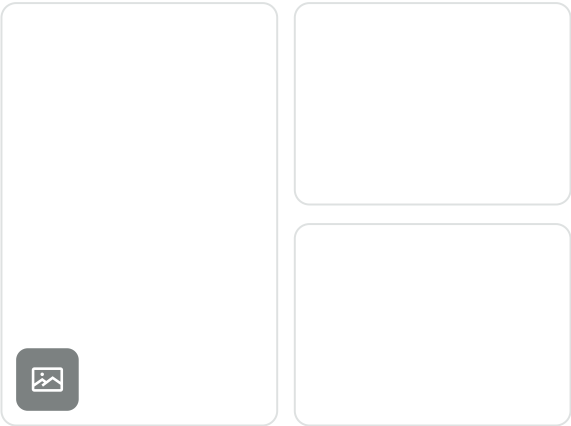





@CityGardenGrove


Fri 8/15/2025 2:52 pm PDT

@OCVector will be conducting preventative mosquito control treatments next Mon, 8/18, thru Wed, 8/20, from 12AM-5AM. For...



Impressions	63
Potential Reach	—
Engagements	12
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	19%








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Fri 8/15/2025 2:42 pm PDT

The Orange Mosquito and Vector Control District will be conducting preventative mosquito control treatments next Monday...



Views	1,259
Reach	362
Engagements	9
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.7%






Garden Grove City Hall


Fri 8/15/2025 2:42 pm PDT

The Orange Mosquito and Vector Control District will be conducting preventative mosquito control treatments next Monday...



Impressions	796
Reach	760
Engagements	54
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%

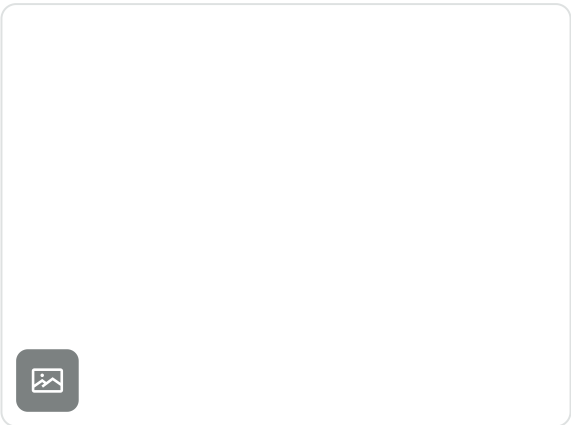





@CityGardenGrove


Fri 8/15/2025 10:32 am PDT

Join Foods of Garden Grove Live on Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Village Green Park! First 30 vendors get a \$150 stipend....



Impressions	80
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.3%







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Fri 8/15/2025 10:24 am PDT

Got flavor? Foods of Garden Grove Live is looking for local eateries to join the city's biggest food event on **Friday, September...**



Views	2,057
Reach	992
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per View)	1.1%






Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 8/15/2025 10:24 am PDT

Got flavor? Foods of Garden Grove Live is looking for local eateries to join the city's biggest food event on **Friday, September...**



Impressions	1,159
Reach	1,105
Engagements	60
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%






Garden Grove City Hall


Thu 8/14/2025 8:42 pm PDT

🍴 Feeling hungry, #GardenGrove? **Foods of Garden Grove Live** tasting tickets are officially on sale at ggcity.org/fogglive! Joi...



Video Views	1,982
Impressions	6,929
Reach	6,929
Engagements	145
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%






gardengrovecityhall

Thu 8/14/2025 8:41 pm PDT

🍴 Feeling hungry, #GardenGrove? **Foods of Garden Grove Live** tasting tickets are officially on sale at ggcity.org/fogglive! Joi...





Views	4,186
Reach	2,792
Engagements	295
Engagement Rate (per View)	7%



X @CityGardenGrove

Thu 8/14/2025 6:30 pm PDT



 Foods of Garden Grove Live tasting tickets are now on sale at ggcity.org/foggylive!  Village Green Par...



Video Views	43
Impressions	127
Potential Reach	4,755
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.5%



 Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 8/14/2025 12:15 pm PDT



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Video Views	116
Impressions	272
Reach	257
Engagements	10
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.7%



 **gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 8/14/2025 12:13 pm PDT



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Views	1,615
Reach	975
Engagements	47
Engagement Rate (per View)	2.9%

WEEKLY MEMO 08-21-2025

NEWS ARTICLES

Voice of OC
August 21, 2025

Garden Grove Bans Booze Ads Near Schools & Playgrounds

BY HOSAM ELATTAR



A mural at the SteelCraft Market in Garden Grove on Aug. 10, 2025. Credit: HOSAM ELATTAR / Voice of OC

Outdoor advertisements of alcoholic beverages like beer, wine or whiskey will soon no longer be allowed to go up near schools and parks in Garden Grove.

Last week, Garden Grove City Council members voted unanimously on an ordinance banning the advertisement of alcohol on billboards and signs within 500 feet of a school, playground, child care facility or library at the request of Councilwoman Yesenia Muñeton.

“I want to assure that our students and our children and the community are safe,” said Muñeton at the Aug. 12 city council meeting.

A majority of her colleagues thanked her for bringing forth the item.

It comes after an alcoholic beverage company painted a mural across a local elementary school advertising their product, according to a [staff report](#).

To view the draft ordinance, click [here](#).

“I probably would have passed this sign, and not even, you know, focus. So it was good that you could bring that focus to this council and provide some effective change in our city that will be positive for future generations,” said Councilman George Brietigam at the Aug. 12 meeting.

[Numerous studies](#) conducted and reported by organizations like the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism show that greater exposure to alcohol marketing leads to increased underage drinking.

[Studies also show](#) underage drinking contributes to increased accidents and injuries, increased risks of sexual and physical assault, interferes with brain development and increases the risks of alcohol problems later in life.

Hosam Elattar is a Voice of OC reporter. Contact him at helattar@voiceofoc.org or on Twitter [@ElattarHosam](#).

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Thursday, August 14, 2025



FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE LIVE TASTING TICKETS ON SALE *ADDITIONAL EATERY SPACES AVAILABLE*

Tickets are now available for the 2025 Foods of Garden Grove Live (FOGG Live), returning Friday, September 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Village Green Park in Downtown Garden Grove. This popular tasting event brings together top local restaurants, live music at the Garden Amp, family activities, and a lively community atmosphere. Admission is free, with tickets required for food tastings.

Guests can choose from several tasting options, with each ticket valid for one tasting or \$3 off a favorite drink. Choices include the Fun Pack with 5 tastings for \$15, the Foodie Pack with 10 tastings for \$30, and the Family Pack with 20 tastings for \$45. The VIP Lounge Pack offers 16 tastings, exclusive appetizers, and lounge access for \$75. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to redeem alcoholic beverage tickets.

To date, this year's participating eateries include Los Sanchez, Sabroso! Mexican Grill, Apollo Burgers, Garlic and Chives, Barrio, Carolina's Italian Restaurant, Phin Smith, Phuc Long, Smoke Queen BBQ, Loving Hut, Azteca Restaurant and Lounge, Urthly Vegan Market, and Nova Kitchen and Bar. Live music at the Garden Amp will headline the night with NO DUH, the nation's top No Doubt tribute band, joined by REMIX to open the show for an unforgettable mix of music, good vibes, and neon lights.

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More restaurants, activities, and entertainment details will be announced in the coming weeks.

New to this year's event, *Art in the Dark* is a blacklight-reactive street art and UV exhibit with interactive installations. Guests can also join in the fun by purchasing a seat in the inaugural FOGG Live Paint and Sip experience to create their own blacklight masterpiece. Paint and Sip tickets are \$45 and available on the FOGG Live webpage. Also making its debut, the Glow Zone features oversized LED lawn games, glow booth carnival games, blacklight crafts, UV tattoos, and more, all glowing under vibrant blacklight.

The City is also seeking local food and beverage businesses to join the event. The first 30 eateries to register will receive a \$150 stipend. The application deadline is Friday, September 5, 2025, and participation is limited to establishments that are part of the Foods of Garden Grove program. Interested vendors can email foodies@ggcity.org or call (714) 741-5000 or visit ggcity.org/fogglive to find the application and other details.

Foods of Garden Grove Live is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove initiative, which spotlights more than 150 restaurants representing the city's cultural diversity. The initiative supports small businesses and offers a virtual food tour of Garden Grove's vibrant dining scene, including Little Saigon, OC Koreatown, Latin eateries, and Michelin Guide honorees.

Get tickets, apply as a vendor, and see the latest event updates at www.ggcity.org/fogglive.

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MORE TO EXPLORE

MORE RESTAURANTS, MORE FLAVOR!

Foods of Garden Grove is growing. Don't miss your chance to find your new favorite dish!



GLOW ZONE: NOW EVEN MORE LIT

THE GLOW ZONE GOT A GLOW-UP!

Play oversized LED lawn games, glow games, create blacklight crafts, and rock UV tattoos!



ART IN THE DARK

Immerse yourself in black light-reactive street art, interactive art installations, and a vibrant UV art exhibit.

JOIN THE GLOW! Scan the QR code to purchase your spot at the FOGG Live Paint & Sip and create your blacklight masterpiece!



FOGG - FREE CONCERT

Free Concert Featuring **NO DUH**, the #1 No Doubt tribute band, with the band **REMIX** opening for a night of great music, good vibes, and neon lights



VIP LOUNGE

UPGRADE YOUR EVENING

Escape the crowds and enjoy exclusive food, drinks, comfortable seating, fire pits, and table and yard games in a relaxed, private VIP lounge.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
August 21, 2025

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of the cancellation of the August 28, 2025 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from August 15, 2025 to August 21, 2025.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 21, 2025 – September 18, 2025

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 CANCELLED
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
Thursday	September 11	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 18		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	September 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

GARDEN GROVE

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 28, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: August 21, 2025

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

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



Cal Cities joins over 200 California cities in the United Against Hate coalition

Aug 20, 2025

Here's how your city can join the coalition and take action

By Nancy Hall Bennett, regional public affairs manager (North Bay Division)

Cal Cities has joined [United Against Hate](#), a national coalition that includes over 200 cities from throughout California.

United Against Hate promotes safety, inclusion, and civility in the state's diverse communities. The coalition began in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2017 to counter white supremacist rallies in Berkeley and San Francisco.

Hate crimes in California have risen for the [better part of the decade](#). A state report released in June found that [hate crimes in California increased last year](#).

For local leaders, United Against Hate Week (Oct. 19-25) is an opportunity to bring people together, counter toxic messages, and strengthen connections with communities that are too often the targets of hate.

Cities can participate in several ways, including:

- [Passing a city resolution](#).
- Sharing stories of community resilience through social media.
- Highlighting local initiatives or partnerships during the week of action.

As part of its ongoing efforts to advance equity, Cal Cities is hosting an October roundtable discussion, where city leaders can share best practices for fostering trust, equity, and respect in their communities during United Against Hate Week.

City leaders are encouraged to review the [Stop Hate Action Kit for Cities](#), take part in United Against Hate Week, and consider the [20 Ideas for Action](#). Together, we can send a clear message: California cities stand united against hate.



Cal Cities and others urge state leaders to protect homelessness programs from recent budget cuts

Aug 20, 2025

By Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate (community services)

Cal Cities and a coalition of local governments and homeless and housing service providers are calling on lawmakers to pass legislation ensuring unhoused Californians are not impacted by recent state budget cuts to homelessness funding.

Cal Cities has long urged state leaders to invest a minimum of \$1 billion in ongoing funding for the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program. But [in June](#), lawmakers and Gov. Gavin Newsom zeroed out HHAP grants — the main source of homelessness funding for many communities — for the current fiscal year. For FY 2026-27, lawmakers set aside \$500 million — [half the level of previous years](#). Legislators committed to figuring out implementation and accountability for this next round of funding through a budget [trailer bill](#), which will be introduced and voted on before the end of session.

[In the letter](#), Cal Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the [Bring California Home Coalition](#), and the Big City Mayors urged state leaders to pass trailer bill language to quickly and effectively distribute HHAP funding to avoid service interruptions.

"We appreciate the Legislature and Governor for advancing Round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program and their continued leadership in addressing homelessness," Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, chair of Big City Mayors, told Cal Cities. "While long-term, ongoing funding is critical to sustaining progress, our priority now is ensuring this round of funding is distributed quickly, efficiently, and with accountability so communities can continue providing rental assistance, shelter, and housing services without disruption."

What is Cal Cities asking for?

The coalition is urging lawmakers to incorporate several provisions into a budget trailer bill that implements the program to minimize the cut's impact. These include:

1. **Ensure a timely and full funding distribution:** To avoid any gaps in funding, the Housing and Community Development Department should distribute funding quickly and provide all allocated funding at once to avoid major funding reductions that could lead to service disruptions.
2. **Simplify the application process:** The department needs to expedite the application process, which currently takes over six months. Jurisdictions will have completed the application for the previous round of funding less than a year ago. The department should allow applicants to update those applications rather than start all over again. Jurisdictions should also be able to secure funding while working to follow the new requirements to avoid delays in getting funding out the door.

3. **Keep funding in the region:** If a jurisdiction is unable to comply with the program requirements, it is critical that the state does not withhold or direct funding away from the region so that those experiencing homelessness do not lose access to vital programs and services.

If the trailer bill includes these key principles, jurisdictions would be able to avoid major service cuts. Failure to do so could be devastating, with California's largest cities [projecting](#) the loss of 3,250 shelter beds, reduced outreach services for over 12,500 individuals, and stalled development for over 2,250 housing units as a direct consequence.

"HHAP has contributed to over 80,000 housing placements since 2023 and that's why homelessness rose eight times faster outside of California than within California between 2023 and 2024," said Alex Visotsky, a senior California policy fellow at the National Alliance to End Homelessness on behalf of the Bring California Home Coalition. "If we're not thoughtful about how and when HHAP funds roll out, we risk giving back that progress as critical services are interrupted."

HHAP investments have shown promising results. Just this week, the Governor issued a [press release](#) highlighting that cities throughout California are reporting reductions in unsheltered homelessness, pointing to investments made by his administration as key to this progress.

"The decline in homelessness we are seeing in communities throughout California underscores what cities have been saying for years: local efforts and state investments are working," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "Despite this progress, the newly approved state budget zeroes out funding for the state's flagship homelessness program for the current fiscal year. While we continue to call on the state to restore funding, we also urge them to distribute the funds that are available quickly so cities can continue to support their unhoused residents without disruption."



What the redistricting ballot measure means for cities

Aug 20, 2025

By Johnnie Pina, legislative advocate (governance)

California lawmakers are racing to place Proposition 50, also called the Election Rigging Response Act, on the Nov. 4 ballot. If approved, the ballot measure would allow the Legislature to redraw congressional maps, temporarily bypassing the state's independent redistricting commission.

The proposal emerged after other states, notably Texas, began pursuing mid-cycle redistricting, prompting California's Democratic leaders to propose a one-time legislative alternative.

Voters approved the commission in 2008 and expanded its authority two years later to include congressional maps. If voters approve Prop. 50, the new maps go into effect for the 2026 election if another state redraws its congressional districts without a court order. These new maps would remain in place until 2032. The commission would then resume control over the creation of congressional maps.

How would this work?

Prop. 50 is tied to three legislative bills coauthored by several prominent legislative leaders. [ACA 8](#) would place a constitutional amendment on the ballot allowing legislative-drawn congressional maps. [AB 604](#) establishes the [proposed map](#). [SB 280](#) funds and sets the rules for the November special election, including consolidating local elections already scheduled for that date. Cal Cities has no position on all three bills.

How could this move impact city finances, boundaries, and elections?

Prop. 50 would only affect congressional districts. City council, county, and other local district boundaries would not be impacted. Local governments would not need to redraw maps, though they should monitor changes in federal representation. The maps would split at least [one city](#) into three districts.

Cities would not be on the hook for election costs: The Legislature plans to provide upfront payments to counties and the Secretary of State to cover the costs.

In fact, there could be cost savings for some cities. SB 280 would consolidate a local election called on or before Aug. 8, 2025, and scheduled for Nov. 4, 2025, with the statewide special election. A district, city, or other political subdivision could not call a special election to be held on Nov. 4, 2025, after the bill's effective date. Cities cannot add on to the ballot.

Looking ahead

Lawmakers are conducting hearings and voting on the three-bill package ahead of Thursday's deadline to place Prop. 50 on the Nov. 4 ballot. Since the measures are either ballot initiatives or have urgency clauses, they must receive a two-thirds majority in both houses to qualify.

If the Legislature approves the measures, California voters will face a major decision: Keep the current maps or allow a one-time legislative redraw that could shift congressional representation ahead of the 2026 elections.

Meanwhile, Republican legislators have filed an emergency petition with the California Supreme Court seeking to block the measure. House Speaker Mike Johnson and other national Republican leaders have also vowed to stop the plan.



Full City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar

schedule available

Aug 20, 2025

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Attendees at this year's City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar will hear from three powerhouse keynote speakers about work-life balance, workplace culture, and navigating public office. Held in November, the seminar helps clerks of all tenures respond to emerging challenges and conduct routine business.

The seminar will kick off on Nov. 12 with a keynote address from [Seth Winterhalter](#) on the realities of work-life balance. Winterhalter helps cities navigate leadership challenges and hosts The HaltingWinter Podcast, where municipal leaders have meaningful conversations about the challenges and opportunities facing local governments.

On Thursday, attendees will get a new law and elections update before hearing from California [Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber](#), Ph.D., during a fireside chat. A former assembly member and professor, Dr. Weber has fought to secure and expand civil rights for all Californians.

[Andy Masters](#) will wrap up the conference on Friday with a fun and engaging look at how leadership is depicted in the media and how clerks can improve their city's work culture. Masters is an award-winning author and international speaker who focuses on empowering government leaders and public servants.

This year's seminar will cover a range of topics, including election security, legal publication requirements, prohibited campaign activity, the California Public Records Act's "catch-all" exemption, and administrative records. To view the full schedule and session descriptions, visit the [City Clerks New Law and Elections 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. 5. Afterward, officials must register on-site if space is available.

This year, the City Clerks New Law and Elections Seminar is at the Westin Bonaventure in Los Angeles. 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. 21. 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, please contact Conference Registrar [Megan Dunn](#). If you are interested in sponsoring the conference, please email [Amy Wade](#). For all other questions, please contact [Kayla Boutros](#).