

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**August 29, 2024**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members      FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING  
Memorandum of Understanding between CalOptima Health and the Garden Grove Housing Authority is attached.
- B. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the September 12, 2024 Zoning Administrator Meeting.

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

- A. ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS  
Public Notice: Observation schedule for November 5, 2024 Presidential general election.

**III. OTHER ITEMS**

- SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES  
Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS  
Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	Memorandum of Understanding between CalOptima Health and the Garden Grove Housing Authority	Date:	August 29, 2024

**OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of this memorandum is to convey information about the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in January 2024 between the Orange County Health Authority dba CalOptima Health ("CalOptima") and the Garden Grove Housing Authority (GGHA) to refer clients to receive CalOptima's services.

**BACKGROUND**

On January 30, 2024, the GGHA together with the Orange County Housing Authority, the Anaheim Housing Authority, and the Santa Ana Housing Authority signed an MOU with CalOptima Health to establish a referral framework from each public housing authority (PHA) to CalOptima Health for the PHA's clients to leverage CalOptima's Health services. The MOU outlines several points of understanding which include the population to be served, the scope of CalOptima Health services, and the scope of services to be provided by each PHA.

**DISCUSSION**

Effective August 1, 2024, GGHA started referring its clients to CalOptima Health following the MOU signed with this health care provider in January 2024. The GGHA's program participants and applicants, who are holding a newly matched voucher, a current voucher with an extension, or a current voucher for an involuntary move are among the population to be reviewed by CalOptima Health to receive the two health care benefit initiatives which are the Community Support and the Enhanced Care Management ("ECM") services. The Community Support services include, but are not limited to housing transition navigation services and housing deposits. Qualifying individuals will receive assistance in finding a rental unit, money to cover the security deposit of the unit, and money to cover the cost of moving expenses. The Community Support and the "ECM" services are provided through CalAIM (California Advancing

and Innovating Medi-Cal), an initiative launched by California's Department of Health Care Services in January 2022.

Any of GGHA's participants and household members that are interested in, or are currently receiving Medi-Cal benefits and show an interest in accessing CalAIM's benefits and health services, will sign a release of information form, called the CalAIM Housing and Health Services Voluntary Consent Form. GGHA staff will send the signed Consent Form to CalOptima Health for them to review for eligibility for these services.

#### CONCLUSION

These housing supportive services could aid many GGHA participants in securing rental units and to alleviate the financial burden associated with moving. By referring targeted support, GGHA aims to enhance accessibility and affordability for those who have previously been underserved.



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

By: Vilma Kloess, Housing Supervisor  
Quang Nguyen, Sr. Housing Specialist

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## Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

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

August 28, 2024

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

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 28th day of August 2024.

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

• THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., September 12, 2024

The City of Garden Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Meeting Center, to consider the request listed below. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

#### CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-266-2024

A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a new, 2,900 square foot, arcade, located within an existing multi-tenant commercial shopping center. The site is at 12781 Harbor Boulevard in the Planned Unit Development No. PUD-121-98 zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on September 12, 2024. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: August 26, 2024

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Observation Schedule for November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election

SANTA ANA, CA – August 28, 2024 – The public is invited to observe as the Orange County Registrar of Voters conducts the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election. All ballot processing, counting, testing and audits will take place at the Orange County Registrar of Voters Office 1300 S. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705. Observers are also welcome to visit Vote Center and ballot drop box locations throughout the county to observe daily operations.

The start dates for significant election activities are listed below. Daily election activities are posted and updated on an observation calendar on the Registrar of Voters website – [ocvote.gov/observe](https://ocvote.gov/observe).

<b>Start Date/Time</b>	<b>Observable Election Activity</b>
October 7, 2024 8 a.m.	<u>Voting</u> Ballots for all active registered voters in Orange County will be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service for mailing. Voters may also visit the Registrar of Voters to be issued and vote a ballot.
October 8, 2024 10 a.m.	<u>Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy Test</u> Accuracy testing of Orange County's voting system will start with the preparation of test ballots and will continue until all devices to be used in this election have been included in the test. It is expected that scanning of the test ballots will commence on Thursday, October 10.
October 8, 2024 1 p.m.	<u>Processing of Mail Ballots</u> Mail ballot processing includes sorting, signature verification, collection and return operations, and duplication of the official ballots.
October 14, 2024 10 a.m.	<u>Counting of Mail Ballots</u> Mail ballots accepted for counting are scanned. The votes on the scanned ballots may not be tabulated by the voting system, accessed by Registrar of Voters staff, or released until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5.

<p>October 26, 2024 8 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Vote Centers Open</u> 38 Vote Centers open throughout the county to serve voters daily. An additional 146 Vote Centers will open Saturday, November 2. All 184 Vote Centers will be open through 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Processing of Conditional Voter Registrations and provisional ballots can begin.</p>
<p>November 5, 2024 After 8 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tabulation of Ballots</u> The votes from mail ballots processed and scanned by this day and in-person ballots cast at Vote Centers will be tabulated by the voting system. Unofficial Election Results Reports will be posted at 8:05 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and every half hour thereafter until all Vote Center ballots are tabulated.</p>
<p>November 6, 2024 10 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Official Canvass</u> During the Official Canvass, the Registrar of Voters continues to process mail ballots; accounts for all ballots that were issued, voted, and those that were not used; and completes audits. The canvass must be completed no later than Thursday, December 5.</p>
<p>November 7, 2024 11 a.m.</p>	<p><u>One Percent Manual Tally</u> At least 1% of all precincts will be randomly selected at this time. It is expected that the hand counting of all ballots from those precincts to verify the votes tabulated by the voting system software will commence on Friday, November 15.</p>
<p>November 8, 2024 11 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Risk Limiting Audit</u> Election contests to be included in the Risk Limiting Audit as well as the randomly selected seed number of at least 20 digits to select ballots will be determined at this time. It is expected that the hand counting of those ballots to verify the votes tabulated by the voting system software will commence on Monday, November 18.</p>
<p>November 15, 2024 8 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Post-Election Logic and Accuracy Test</u> The scanning of test ballots on all voting system devices will commence to confirm that the system is still tabulating votes accurately.</p>

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**About the Registrar of Voters:**

The Registrar of Voters is responsible for conducting elections in the County of Orange, the fifth largest voting jurisdiction in the United States with 1.8 million registered voters. We are a County agency, which receives funding from the County’s General Fund and periodic reimbursement from the federal government, the State of California and local jurisdictions.

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Orange County Registrar of Voters

NOTE TO EDITORS: For additional information visit the [About Us](#) page or call the Registrar of Voters media help line at 714-567-5197.

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# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**





# Post Performance

August 22, 2024 - August 28, 2024

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

**Included in this Report**

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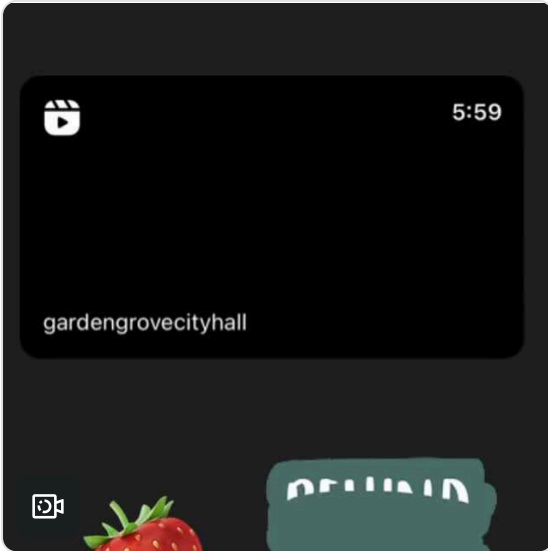
 Garden Grove City Hall

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**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 8/28/2024 5:27 pm PDT



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Story Taps Back</b>	<b>6</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 8/28/2024 5:26 pm PDT

#WaybackWednesday to this past Memorial Day Weekend! The 🍓 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade has...



<b>Video Views</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>8.7%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 8/28/2024 5:25 pm PDT

#WaybackWednesday to this past Memorial Day Weekend! The 🍓 Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade has...

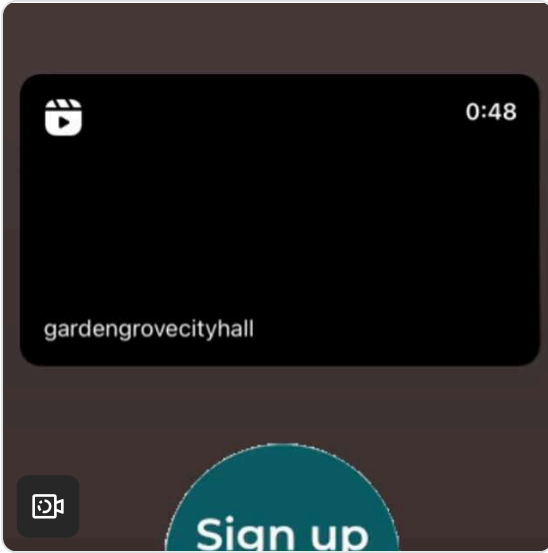


<b>Impressions</b>	<b>1,241</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>693</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>2.3%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 8/27/2024 4:56 pm PDT



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>463</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>457</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Story Taps Back</b>	<b>3</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 8/27/2024 3:42 pm PDT

Program operator needed to provide tech assist & biz support to microenterprises. Organizations that provide services to...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Potential Reach</b>	<b>4,770</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>1%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 8/27/2024 3:27 pm PDT

We're looking for a qualified program operator to provide technical assistance and business support to microenterprise...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>1,170</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>1,155</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>1.5%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 8/27/2024 3:23 pm PDT

We're looking for a qualified program operator to provide technical assistance and business support to microenterprise...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>729</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>724</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>1.6%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 8/27/2024 2:37 pm PDT

Sign up for the 2024 Fall CERT Academy and be prepared! CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team, a volunteer...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>1,299</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>736</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>2%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 8/27/2024 2:29 pm PDT

Sign up for the 2024 Fall CERT Academy and be prepared! 🚒 CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team, a volunteer...



<b>Video Views</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>323</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>10.2%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Mon 8/26/2024 1:15 pm PDT

📍 9/28 and 9/29 | 8 AM - 5 PM 📍 OCFA Headquarters, 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine  
Apply today at [bit.ly/OCFAGEC2024](https://bit.ly/OCFAGEC2024)....



Impressions	87
Potential Reach	4,771
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Mon 8/26/2024 1:15 pm PDT

👮 Don't miss your chance to register for the [@OCFireAuthority](https://www.ocfa.org) Girls Empowerment Camp! The FREE two-day...



Impressions	163
Potential Reach	4,771
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.8%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 8/26/2024 1:15 pm PDT

👮 Don't miss your chance to register for the [@ocfireauthority](https://www.ocfa.org) Girls Empowerment Camp! The FREE two-day camp provides...



Impressions	796
Reach	671
Engagements	33
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.1%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 8/26/2024 1:15 pm PDT

👷 Don't miss your chance to register for the Orange County Fire Authority Girls Empowerment Camp! The FREE two-day...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>531</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>494</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>6.8%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 8/22/2024 11:29 am PDT

Last week, we received over \$1 million in federal funding for key projects in #GardenGrove! The funds will be used to...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>5,246</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>2,788</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>4.4%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 8/22/2024 11:21 am PDT

Last week, we received over \$1 million in federal funding for key projects in #GardenGrove! The funds will be used to...



<b>Video Views</b>	<b>394</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>675</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>638</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>13.3%</b>



# Post Performance

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



**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Wed 8/28/2024 3:30 pm PDT

Choose a career of courage, courtesy and commitment. If you think you've got what it takes to wear the #GardenGrovePD...



Video Views	333
Impressions	984
Reach	959
Engagements	94
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.6%



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Tue 8/27/2024 6:31 pm PDT

We are heartbroken to hear of the tragic loss of San Diego Police Department Officer Austin Machitar, killed in the line ...



Impressions	5,787
Reach	5,787
Engagements	1,406
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	24.3%



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Tue 8/27/2024 12:30 pm PDT

Our 2024 #CitizenAcademy kicked off last night with an overview of #GardenGrovePD, Q&A sessions with Chi...



Impressions	2,267
Reach	2,267
Engagements	409
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	18%



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 8/24/2024 12:00 pm PDT

Outreach & Cleanup Recap #GGPD32  
 #SRTsaturday #WheresTheSRT  
 #teamwork Be Well OC Garden Grove...



<b>Video Views</b>	<b>919</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>1,892</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>1,758</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>146</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>7.7%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Thu 8/22/2024 6:16 pm PDT

Ladies, did you know there are over 700,000 law enforcement officers, but only 12% of those are females? Answer the c...



<b>Video Views</b>	<b>1,305</b>
<b>Impressions</b>	<b>2,964</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>2,851</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>287</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

**WEEKLY MEMO 08-29-2024**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# Anti-graffiti work gets boost

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON AUGUST 28, 2024 • ( [LEAVE A COMMENT](#) )



GRAFFITI cleanup will get a boost in Garden Grove (File photo).

**By Jim Tortolano/Orange County Tribune**

More muscle will be added to the city's efforts to combat graffiti as a result of the Garden Grove City Council's actions on Tuesday night.

The council voted 7-0 in favor of an amendment with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc., to upgrade the contract to provide two manned trucks to paint over graffiti to seven days a week, at a cost of \$225,000.

The city will get two operating graffiti removal trucks seven days a week for not just public property but also private property facing public streets. Typically the program has had two such trucks, one on duty six days a week and one three days a week, focusing on the public right-of-way.

The entire annual program costs \$482,427.

This comes after a pilot program earlier this year showed that 98 percent of all reported graffiti was cleaned within 24 hours.

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance which will clear the way for eight pool tables to be installed at The Wharf restaurant on Main Street.



# **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** 08/29/2024  
**SUBJECT:** Child Passenger Safety Week  
**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:** City of Garden Grove  
**DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** Sept. 15, 2024 – Sept. 21, 2024

## **Child Passenger Safety Week Highlights Importance of Making Sure Your Child is in the Right Seat**

Garden Grove, Calif. – The Garden Grove Police Department is joining law enforcement agencies, public health departments and other community organizations to raise awareness about the importance of keeping children in the correct car seat for their age and size.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, The Garden Grove Police Department encourages all parents and caregivers to make sure their children are riding safely by using the correct car seats, booster seats and properly fitted seat belts. This annual campaign takes place from September 15-21.

“Every child deserves to travel safely,” Garden Grove Police Chief Amir El-Farra said. “During Child Passenger Safety Week, we urge all parents and caregivers to take a few minutes to double-check their child’s car seat. Keeping a child in the right seat for their age and size can make all the difference in a crash.”

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), nearly half of car seats (46%) are misused. Properly installed car seats have been shown to reduce fatal injury crashes by 71% for infants under a year old and by 54% for toddlers ages 1 through 4.

[California law](#) requires all children under 2 years old to ride in a rear-facing car seat, unless the child is 40 or more pounds or is 40 or more inches tall. Once a child reaches these milestones, all children under the age of 8 years are still required to be secured in a car seat or booster seat. Children under the age of 8 may not ride in the front seat unless the vehicle is not equipped with a rear, forward-facing seat. Children 8 and older, or who are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall,

may be secured by a booster seat, but at a minimum must be wearing a properly fitted safety belt.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to keep children in the proper rear or forward-facing seat as long as possible and use the "[Five-Step Test](#)" to determine if their child is big enough to safely use a seat belt without a booster seat.

The Garden Grove Police Department provides free car seat inspections conducted by certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Our goal is to support parents and caregivers in securing their child's safety in a car seat while traveling in vehicles.

To schedule an appointment or learn more about the Garden Grove Police Department's Child Safety Seat program, please contact us by phone at 714-741-5760 or via email at [crimeprevention@ggcity.org](mailto:crimeprevention@ggcity.org). You can also schedule a free child safety seat inspection by contacting your [local CHP Area Office](#).

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CHIEF OF POLICE

# **PRESS RELEASE**

**DATE:** 08/29/2024  
**SUBJECT:** Pedestrian Safety Month  
**LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE:** City of Garden Grove  
**DATE/TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** September 2024

## **Pedestrian Safety Starts with You: Stay Alert to Protect People Walking**

*September is Pedestrian Safety Month in California*

Garden Grove, Calif. – September is Pedestrian Safety Month in California. The Garden Grove Police Department would like to remind drivers to slow down and be alert for people walking on our roads. By always taking extra precautions, you can help protect pedestrians and reduce the risk of crashes and injuries. Walking should always be an easy and safe option for getting around any community.

According to projections from the Governors Highway Safety Association, 7,318 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes across the United States in 2023. In California alone, pedestrian deaths make up more than 27 percent of all traffic-related fatalities, highlighting the urgent need for increased awareness and safety measures on our roads.

"Every step we take towards greater pedestrian safety is a step towards saving lives," Garden Grove Police Chief Amir El-Farra said. "We want to remind everyone that safety begins with you, whether you're behind the wheel or on foot. Small actions, like slowing down, putting away distractions and yielding at crosswalks, can make a life-saving difference."

To promote the safety of people walking, The Garden Grove Police Department will conduct several traffic safety operations throughout the month of September focused on the most dangerous driver behaviors that put the safety of pedestrians at risk. These violations include speeding, making illegal turns, failing to yield and running stop signs or signals.



The Garden Grove Police Department offers safe driving and walking tips, including staying off the phone when behind the wheel or walking.

### Drivers

- Do not speed, and slow down at intersections. Be prepared to stop for pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks.
- Avoid blocking crosswalks while waiting to make a right-hand turn.
- Never drive impaired.

### Pedestrians

- Be predictable. Use signalized crosswalks where drivers may anticipate foot traffic.
- Watch for approaching vehicles and practice due care crossing the street. At 30 mph, a driver needs at least 90 feet to stop.
- Make it easier for drivers to see you at night – consider wearing bright colors, reflective material, or use a flashlight when practical.
- Be careful crossing streets or entering crosswalks at night or on busier streets with higher speed limits.

Share your thoughts about pedestrian safety by participating in the Go Safely Movement, a call-to-action traffic safety survey from the California Office of Traffic Safety. Take the survey at [gosafelyca.org](http://gosafelyca.org).

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Economic and Housing Development

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Tuesday, August 27, 2024



## **CITY SEEKING PROPOSALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL BUSINESSES**

The City of Garden Grove is seeking a qualified program operator to provide technical assistance and business support to microenterprises in Garden Grove. Through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, organizations with demonstrated skills and experience providing services to low- and moderate-income individuals, who wish to either expand or establish their own microenterprise, are invited to submit a proposal for consideration by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at <https://ggcity.org/neighborhood-improvement/hud-rfp>.

Approximately \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be available for the program during the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year. The CDBG program provides federal assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to the largest localities in the country.

For more information, contact Senior program Specialist Timothy Throne at (714) 741-5144 or [timothyt@ggcity.org](mailto:timothyt@ggcity.org).

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# PRESS RELEASE

**DATE:** August 28, 2024

**SUBJECT:** CALEA Reaccreditation

**NARRATIVE:**



The Garden Grove Police Department is proud to announce that it has been awarded its 11th consecutive national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA's primary purpose is to improve the delivery of public safety services by maintaining a comprehensive body of law enforcement standards, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence.

In 1988, the Garden Grove Police Department became the first CALEA-accredited agency in California. The accreditation process involves a rigorous self-assessment and review by independent assessors. It evaluates agencies' policies and procedures, training, operations, and community engagement. This thorough process includes an on-site review by CALEA, focusing on facility inspections, staff interviews, and gathering public input.

Garden Grove Police Chief Amir El-Farra stated, "Certification from CALEA is the gold standard for law enforcement. The CALEA accreditation process is another tool to ensure the Garden Grove Police Department uses the most effective, efficient, and current procedures to serve our community."

As part of this process, agency employees, community members, and the public are invited to provide feedback about their interactions with the Garden Grove Police Department through the CALEA Public Comment portal. This public portal is designed to receive comments on our compliance with CALEA standards, engagement in the service community, delivery of public safety services, and overall eligibility for accredited status. These comments can be commendations or concerns. We want you to know that we are committed to using this feedback to continually enhance our services and ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Your voice matters to us.

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For any questions about our agency, standards, or the process, please contact Lieutenant Royce Wimmer, Accreditation Manager, at (714) 741-5786. To access the Public Comment portal, please visit <https://cimrs2.calea.org/982>.

Prepared By:

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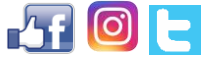
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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**August 29, 2024**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the September 5, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting
3. League of California Cities articles from August 23, 2024 to August 29, 2024.
4. Garden Grove Historical Society Newsletter, September 2024
5. OCFA Girls Empowerment Camp 2024



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 29, 2024 – October 3, 2024

Monday	September 2		City Hall Closed – Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	September 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
		11:30a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luncheon CMC, AB Room
Friday	September 6		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 12	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	September 20		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 3		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	October 4		City Hall Closed – Labor Day Holiday
Tuesday	October 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 10	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 17		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	October 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



## A G E N D A

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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**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](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

**Agenda Item Descriptions:** Are intended to give a brief, 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 (1) 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](mailto: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: CHAIR LINDSAY, VICE CHAIR RAMIREZ  
COMMISSIONERS BEARD, CUEVA, CUNNINGHAM, LARICCHIA,  
PAREDES

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 15, 2024](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-142-2024](#)

APPLICANT: JEFFREY AND TINA MULLEN

LOCATION: WEST SIDE OF JEFFERSON STREET, SOUTH OF LARSON STREET, AT 13171 JEFFERSON STREET

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan approval to construct eight (8) multiple-family rental units and associated site improvements on an approximately 0.23-acre lot. The proposal includes one (1) affordable housing unit for "very-low income" households. The inclusion of one (1) "very-low income" unit qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking, pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law. The site is in the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-142-2024, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT





# Lawmakers try to jam through warehouse setback bill

Aug 28, 2024

By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, [legislative affairs lobbyist](#), and Brian Hendershot, [Cal Cities Advocate managing editor](#)

Two lawmakers have gutted and amended a bill that would place severe restrictions on new or expanding warehouses. The end-of-session move comes after months of closed-door negotiations that excluded local governments and other key stakeholders.

“This warehouse bill is the latest attempt to undercut local control and land use authority,” Ontario City Manager Scott Ochoa said. “Establishing statewide standards based on worst-in-class circumstances is detrimental to all players and invites negative unintended consequences. Legislators should find effective means of discouraging bad actors and supporting communities engaged in good land planning, not building a fast track for a race to the bottom.”

In essence, [AB 98 \(Carillo, Juan and Reyes\)](#) is an unfunded mandate that unnecessarily penalizes all local governments. It would require setbacks between new warehouses and homes, hospitals, and schools, as well as new rules for trucking routes. The unintended consequences are endless. The measure is so objectionable that Cal Cities took the unusual step of [opposing the bill](#) before it went into print.

It’s not unusual though for lawmakers to [gut and amend bills](#) in the 11th hour. Legislators argue the process lets them respond to fast-moving issues. But lawmakers crafted the measure so hastily that there is already talk of clean-up legislation next year. The last-minute push for a complicated policy change with no input from local governments has frustrated city officials throughout the state.

“If your policy has merit, then run it through the established process that is designed to be fair, transparent, and thorough,” wrote Biggs City Administrator Josh Cook in a letter today to the bill authors.

The measure has even drawn criticism from [environmental justice groups](#) — the very constituency the bill claims to help — justifying the need to hold the bill this year and have it heard through the full legislative process next year.

AB 98 will be routed through two policy committees but no changes to the language can be made due to the [72-hour in print rule](#).

## How bad is this bill?

AB 98 would limit new or expanded warehouses on existing and rezoned industrial sites within 900 feet of sensitive receptors unless specific standards are met. Cities would also need to update their circulation elements to account for related truck routes, signage, parking, and idling. Cities that fail to do so could face \$50,000 fines every six months from the Attorney General — no questions asked.

“AB 98 undermines the land use authority of cities and counties, even where policies are already in place to protect sensitive areas,” Merced City Manager Scott McBride said. “This bill not only pushes warehouse projects out of California but also discourages job-creating investments from considering the state. This shift exacerbates unemployment and poverty in regions that most need economic opportunities, ultimately diminishing Californians’ ability to prosper.”

AB 98 is so broad that it would impact every city. All cities would need to update their circulation elements to account for truck routes within the next one to two years, even if they don’t approve logistic use projects in their community. Furthermore, trucks could only travel on highways that predominately serve commercial uses — something not all communities can accommodate.

Existing law already requires local governments to update their circulation elements with proactive measures for bicyclists and pedestrians in that same timeframe. This increases the likelihood that cities will be hit with fines.

## What can my city do?

Lawmakers have until midnight on Saturday to pass the measure. If your city has not yet voiced its opposition, call your senator [today](#). For more information, [contact your regional public affairs manager](#).



# Six things to know about the last week of session

Aug 28, 2024

By Brian Hendershot, [Cal Cities Advocate managing editor](#). Additional contributions by the [Cal Cities Advocacy Team](#)

It's a busy week for the Legislature, albeit one somewhat of its own making. Besides the usual slew of unfinished business — delayed further by this year's national political conventions — lawmakers are trying to jam through large policy proposals by [cutting and amending](#) existing measures. This includes a problematic warehouse zoning bill — [more on that here](#).

Legislators pulled two of the more extreme proposals, but there are still a few hours left in the day for last-minute legislative shenanigans. We've rounded up the biggest legislative developments, good and bad, that city leaders need to know about before the session ends late Saturday night.

## Housing bills invite more lawsuits and fines

It wouldn't be a legislative session without a few tweaks to in-progress housing plans. But a measure by Sen. Scott Wiener somehow became worse. [SB 1037](#) would allow the attorney general to seek new legal penalties if a city fails to plan for enough housing. The bill now requires a city to bring its housing element into compliance within 120 days if a court finds its housing element is out of compliance. Cities that don't could receive a \$50,000 per month fine until the element is adopted and approved by the state.

Cal Cities opposes SB 1037, as it sets many cities up to fail and lacks protections for cities acting in good faith to comply with state law. Current law requires cities to submit a draft element to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) 45 days before adopting the plan. HCD then has 45 days to report its findings to the city. This would give cities a few weeks to get their housing elements into compliance.

Legislators are also debating changes to the builder's remedy. [AB 1886 \(Alvarez\)](#) would ban cities from self-certifying housing plans that are "in substantial compliance with housing element law." Cal Cities opposes the measure. Like SB 1037, this measure would be a major departure from existing law and punish cities acting in good faith.

Another measure, [AB 1893 \(Wicks\)](#), would prohibit objective standards on builder's remedy projects and limit cities' ability to reject some development projects. The measure is intended to clarify how the builder's remedy works and place some guardrails around it. However, the proposal lacks specifics over what cities could or could not do, opening the door to potential litigation. Cal Cities will oppose the measure unless the author adds clarifying amendments.

## Lawmakers revived dead bills

Lawmakers resuscitated several dormant ideas in the last weeks of the session, including a measure that would limit warehouse development: [AB 98 \(Carillo, Juan and Reyes\)](#). The authors negotiated the far-reaching, barely-in-print bill behind closed doors without key stakeholders — including cities.

The proposal's impacts are many and very few are good. It would create economic winners and losers based on geography that is not based on sound scientific data, trigger expensive updates to local plans, and saddle all cities with fines. The measure is so egregiously crafted that Cal Cities took the unusual step of [opposing the bill](#) before it was in print.

Another bad idea, [AB 1082 \(Kalra\)](#), would prevent cities from towing vehicles that violate parking rules and place a cap on what cities can recover. Parking enforcement helps keep streets and water systems clean, allows cities to deliver vital services, and provides access to local businesses. Cal Cities opposes the measure, as it would remove one of the few parking enforcement tools cities have left.

Sometimes these resuscitations go in cities' favor. Asm. Steve Bennett brought back a bill first [championed by Cal Cities last year](#). [AB 1168](#) would clarify a city or fire district's right to provide emergency ambulance services. Oxnard tried to launch its own ambulance services to improve response times in disadvantaged neighborhoods. However, a court in 2021 ruled the city lost that right when it joined a joint powers authority. Lawmakers sent AB 1168 to the Governor today.

[Key senior housing and homelessness housing bills move forward](#)

It's not all doom and gloom in the housing space. [AB 2564 \(Boerner\)](#) would provide funding to a program that helps keep seniors and disabled adults from defaulting on their property taxes, therefore keeping them in their homes. The bill would have a negligible impact on future budgets but an outsized impact on some of the state's most vulnerable residents. Cal Cities supports the measure.

Another bit of bright news: A bill that would add new income categories to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment framework is in much better shape. Cal Cities has had an oppose unless amended position and worked closely with the author's office on several clarifying amendments. Last week, [AB 3093](#) was significantly changed to incorporate Cal Cities' requested changes. However, Cal Cities remains opposed to AB 3093.

With many cities still navigating the sixth cycle, now is not the time to add new complicated, duplicative, and costly requirements. The state budget also included significant cuts to affordable housing programs and still lacks ongoing funding. Simply put, there is no new funding to develop these plans, implement strategies, or support the construction of affordable housing.

Gov. Gavin Newsom is sponsoring AB 3093, making a veto statistically and historically unlikely.

#### [Sponsored bills likely to land on the Governor's desk](#)

Two recovering housing measures sponsored by Cal Cities are awaiting Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature. [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#) would require licensed treatment facilities to share resources about their licensure status with potential patients. [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#) would expand financial reporting requirements to improve the state's oversight of sober living homes operating as an integral part of a licensed treatment facility located elsewhere in the community. Both bills are part of a [four-bill package](#) Cal Cities sponsored this year to protect residents and [hold providers accountable](#) for maintaining high-quality treatment and care.

Two sponsored environmental bills are also still in play. [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#) would speed up local wildfire preparedness efforts while upholding environmental laws and permitting authorities. [SB 972 \(Min\)](#) would improve technical assistance for local organic waste diversion programs. Cal Cities expects both bills will advance to the Governor's desk.

#### [Labor bills endanger city services](#)

Lawmakers have [thus far avoided](#) passing major changes to the state's labor laws that would jeopardize public services. But that doesn't mean there aren't a few questionable proposals still percolating.

[SB 399 \(Wahab\)](#) is designed to protect workers from adverse action if they refuse to attend a meeting about politics or religion. Although not directed at cities, Cal Cities opposes the bill due to its broad definition of "political matters." This definition would treat many routine government functions as political matters, interfere with basic government operations, and create new legal risks for cities.

Asm. Tina McKinnor did tweak [AB 2561](#), a measure aimed at reducing vacancy rates. The measure no longer includes the onerous meet and confer requirements. However, it would still impose other expensive and unnecessary requirements that would detract from efforts to recruit and retain workers. The new version now requires all local agencies to have a vacancy rate hearing regardless of the vacancies in their cities. Cal Cities remains opposed to the bill.

#### [More good news for cities](#)

In the Senate, lawmakers yanked a proposal that would force cities to approve certain green energy projects. The bill is part of a larger, last-minute effort to deal with to expedite [clean energy infrastructure developments](#) in response to increased energy demand, brownouts, rising utility costs, and clean energy goals.

Details about the rest of the package, such as tax credits, are still trickling in. Although this is a win for now, it comes with a caveat. This idea will likely come up again next year — hopefully with more time and productive conversations between stakeholders.

On the executive side, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an ethics bill co-sponsored by Cal Cities and the Fair Political Practices Commission. [AB 2631 \(Fong\)](#) will ensure that a key ethics training course remains free online indefinitely. The training was in danger of losing funding just as 2,000 new agencies and several thousand agency officials had to start taking the course.

Another Cal Cities-supported measure, [SB 689 \(Blakespear\)](#), is also awaiting the Governor's signature. The bill would make it easier for coastal cities to convert motorized vehicle lanes into dedicated bicycle lanes. Most coastal cities need to update their local coastal programs to convert motorized vehicle lanes. This can be a time-consuming and costly process to the [detriment of residents](#).

#### [Next steps](#)

City leaders have about a month left to make their voices heard in the Capitol. Lawmakers have until Aug. 31 to send any remaining bills to the Governor. He then has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto any measures. For more information about the remaining priority bills, sign up for Cal Cities' [Sept. 9 webinar](#) on the top measures pending before the Governor.



# Is extreme heat impacting your city? These resources and tips could help

Aug 28, 2024

By Zack Cefalu, *legislative affairs and policy analyst*

State and federal agencies, along with the city of Los Angeles and the nonprofit Climate Resolve shared resources on extreme heat last week as part of a webinar for city officials. Each organization shared strategies for combatting extreme heat and resources for affected cities, which they urged attendees to utilize and replicate.

Some standout resources include [multilingual standardized emergency alerts and public announcement materials](#), [regional resource mapping](#), [a cooling infrastructure initiative](#), and [federal grant opportunities](#). Other resources include:

- [California Heat Assessment Tool \(CHAT\)](#)
- [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#)
- [National Risk Index](#)
- [Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool](#)
- [HeatReadyCA](#)
- [CalOES Extreme Heat Response Plan](#)
- [LA Heat Relief Outreach Materials](#)

Presenters also urged cities to connect with every available partner and funding opportunities. Organizations that remain siloed are more likely to produce ineffective responses. They encouraged cities to partner with other local governments, state and federal agencies, and community organizations to deploy resources at every level possible.

They also stressed the need for heat-resilient infrastructure. This need is especially acute in historically under-served communities that lack the resources to address these issues. Overall, extreme heat does not garner the same resources and support as other disasters.

In 2022, state agencies in California came together to create the [Extreme Heat Action Plan](#), to develop new strategies to address an inevitably hotter future. The plan outlines actions state agencies can take, focused primarily on increasing public awareness, community services and response, infrastructure and building resilience, and nature-based solutions.



## Here's what your city needs to know about a proposed general resolution

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*By Cal Cities Staff*

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# *Garden Grove Historical Society*

## *Calendar of Activities*

### *September 2024*

September 1 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

**September 14 - Picnic originally to be held this date has been cancelled due to a conflict with the high school alumni association picnic.** The plan is to schedule the first meeting at the birthday party in April, 2025.

September 15 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

September 24 - Board meeting, 9:30AM.

### *October 2024*

October 6 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

October 15 - Board meeting, 9:30 AM.

October 20 - Public tour, 1:30 PM.

October 24, 25 & 26 - Barn and Book Sale. Doors open at 8:00 AM, and close at 4:00 PM each day. Guaranteed great deals!

### **Corrections**

The June issue stated that Arthur Schnitger died in 1973; the correct date is 1963. Mrs. Helen Schnitger was a founding member of the Garden Grove Historical Society.

## **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: A Quick Overview**

This article is based on information from the Los Angeles Public Library's website as well as an article from the 2014 issue of *The California Historian*

The Sanborn Map Company of New York holds a unique place in American urban historical research. Their atlases of American cities were initially created to advise fire insurance companies of risks in urban areas, but ended up tracing the subtle change from an agrarian society to a nation of cities. The hefty atlases produced by D.A. Sanborn from the 1880s to 1970 show changes from block to block like no other cartographic resource, and open up our knowledge of what our cities looked like before the modern age.

The maps are extremely detailed city plans, usually at a scale of 50 or 100 feet to an inch. They show individual buildings complete with construction details such as building material (brick, adobe, frame, etc.), height (of larger buildings), street address, and occasionally street widths, water pipes, hydrants and cisterns, and fire-fighting facilities.

The earliest maps are some 200 years old; in 1792-1799, the city of London was mapped by Richard Horwood on 32 sheets. This map is now in the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley. In the western US, the oldest is probably an 1851 map of the section of San Francisco that had burned in September 1850.

Changes to the original sheets were accomplished by clerks pasting strips of paper over sites that had changed, as well as incorporating newly developed streets and neighborhoods onto existing sheets.



A Sanborn fire insurance map from 1914, of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. Image from the Library of Congress website

Today, geographic information system software makes this job much less time-consuming.

Urban planners, developers, conservationists, students, and architects study the maps to determine if an oil well, sewer outlet, slaughterhouse, refinery, or waste dump may have occupied their site previously. Indeed, cities typically require builders to check Sanborn atlases before they begin work at their sites, as well as completing other studies.

After the 1950s, the production of insurance maps was greatly restricted because uniform building codes began to substitute for the maps.

The complete atlases are microfilmed at the Library of Congress, which also provides a lot of background information on the maps. Larger metropolitan areas generally have a microfilmed collection of the maps. The central library in downtown Los Angeles is probably the closest site to Orange County, and also offers an online search engine. Anyone wanting a reproduction of an original map would need to contact the EDR

Company, the business which now maintains the collection of maps.

## Garden Grove's Era of Growth (AKA the 1950s)

This article by John Westcott appeared in the October 9, 1989 issue of the Orange County *Register* under the headline "Garden Grove's growth rate was once fastest in the US"

When the 1950 census put Garden Grove's population at 3,762, the town's leaders were proud of the growth that had nearly doubled its population in just two decades. They hadn't seen anything yet.

During the next 10 years, the population exploded, increasing nearly 23 times, to 84,238. Garden Grove was the fastest-growing city in the United States. A year after its incorporation in 1956, it was the third largest city in Orange County.

The roots of the explosion lay in World War II. Many veterans stationed in the area found it pleasant enough to come back as permanent residents, and business and industry followed. All of Orange County boomed, and 11 of its cities incorporated in the period 1952 through 1962.

It was Garden Grove which seemed to benefit from the abundance of low-cost housing, easy credit, and proximity to the booming aircraft industry in Long Beach.

The boom began in 1949, and from then on, building and real estate sales maintained the pace. In mid-1953, 40 developers were working on 64 subdivisions, and 140 licensed real estate agents were listed. Homes were built so fast, infrastructure like streets, sidewalks, sewers, and gas and water lines weren't in place. School-building increased, from three to 29 from 1950 to 1957, but double sessions were still a fixture.

Growth also created a hodge-podge of streets and separate neighborhoods, the "loops and lollipops" planners describe when looking at an



aerial map. The jogs and cul-de-sacs led to concern that fire and police protection might be compromised.

The boom made the town a bedroom community, with most residents commuting to other cities with more industries, such as Long Beach and Anaheim. Industry began increasing after incorporation in 1956, after several failed attempts, driven by the threat of annexation by neighboring cities. By 1970, annexation expanded the city from 11.2 square miles to 17.4, and the population to 123,000. By then the population finally had stabilized, and the pace of growth became steady. Today, the population is 171,949 (2020 census), making it the fifth-largest city in Orange County.



This mid-century modern ranch style house dates from the 1950s, during Garden Grove's era of super-growth



This mid-century "Cinderella" house, designed by architect Jean Vandruff, dates to the era of growth. There are still many of these houses in the city

## Doors Recall Happy Days

By Alan Trudell, in the *OC Register*, 1979

Back in the early and mid '50s, Walt and Marie Wacker had the unique custom of inviting guests to autograph closet doors in the family room of their home.

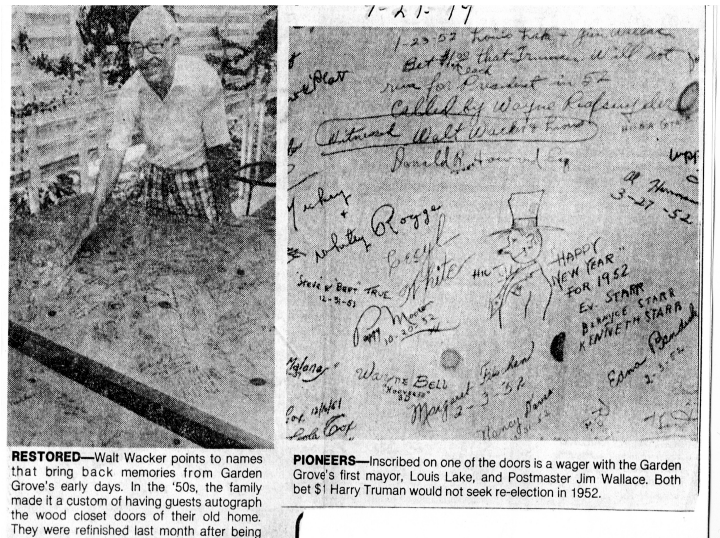
The Wackers, proprietors of a market in the city's downtown from 1944 to 1952, were in the hub of social activity then; their home was once the meeting place for Lion's Club and Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce members.

The autographed doors meant much to the couple. Some of the 150 names inscribed include Louis Lake, the city's first mayor, and Wayne Reafsnyder, a member of one of the town's pioneer families.

However, when the home was leveled for expansion of the Garden Grove Freeway, the Wackers had no room for the massive wood doors in their apartment. For 24 years, they rested in storage at Garden Grove Lumber, where Marie worked.

The couple moved to a mobile home park, and Walt pulled the doors from mothballs. They were then refinished with five coats of liquid plastic, and were used in the carport. "My wife had the wild notion we could use them as tables," said Walt. "We just stand out there and see the names and remember the occasion they [the signers] were there."

Editor's note: The tables now reside at the Ware-Stanley Ranch.



**RESTORED**—Walt Wacker points to names that bring back memories from Garden Grove's early days. In the '50s, the family made it a custom of having guests autograph the wood closet doors of their old home. They were refinished last month after being

**PIONEERS**—Inscribed on one of the doors is a wager with the Garden Grove's first mayor, Louis Lake, and Postmaster Jim Wallace. Both bet \$1 Harry Truman would not seek re-election in 1952.



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