

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
September 3, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo is attached to announce that the City of Garden Grove has received a Gold Award from the International Economic Development Council for the Foods of Garden Grove program in the multimedia Promotion category.

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo is attached to inform about the 2026 Older Adult Resource Fair.

• **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:	Foods of Garden Grove Receives IEDC Gold Award and Best in Show Nomination	Date:	August 27, 2026

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that the City of Garden Grove has received a Gold Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) for the Foods of Garden Grove (FoGG) program in the Multimedia Promotion category. FoGG was also selected as a Best in Show nominee as part of IEDC's 2026 Excellence in Economic Development Awards.

BACKGROUND

The International Economic Development Council is the world's largest membership organization serving economic development professionals. Its annual Excellence in Economic Development Awards recognize programs, projects, organizations, and initiatives that demonstrate innovation, leadership, and meaningful impact in the economic development field.

In 2026, IEDC presented 226 awards to organizations worldwide at the Bronze, Silver, and Gold levels, with select Gold Award recipients also nominated for Best in Show. Awards were presented across the following 26 categories:

1. Print Brochure
2. Print Promotion
3. Multimedia Promotion
4. Annual Report
5. Paid Advertising Campaign
6. Magazine and Newsletter
7. Special Event
8. Innovation in Economic Development Week
9. General Purpose Website
10. Special Purpose Website
11. Digital Media
12. Multi-Year Collaborative Economic Development
13. Business Retention and Expansion
14. Entrepreneurial and Small Business Development

15. Neighborhood Development
16. Talent Development and Retention
17. Real Estate Development and Reuse
18. Economic Equity and Inclusion
19. Recovery, Resiliency, and Mitigation
20. Innovative Financing
21. Innovative Economic Development
22. Public-Private Partnership
23. Postsecondary Education Partnership
24. Regional or Cross-Border Partnership
25. Economic Development Organization of the Year
26. Best Use of Federal Resources

The City submitted Foods of Garden Grove (FoGG) for consideration in the Multimedia Promotion category. Entries were evaluated within four population groups: fewer than 25,000; 25,000 to 200,000; 200,000 to 500,000; and more than 500,000. These classifications allow programs serving similarly sized communities to be evaluated together. The following projects received recognition in the 2026 Multimedia Promotion category:

Population less than 25,000

- 17-County Podcast as Part of a Multimedia Ecosystem — Silver Award

Population between 25,000 and 200,000

- Foods of Garden Grove — Gold Award and Best in Show nominee
- Discover Boynton Beach, Florida — Bronze Award

Population between 200,000 and 500,000

- Tech Tuesday — Bronze Award

Population greater than 500,000

- Ready Sites Marketing Videos — Gold Award and Best in Show nominee

Based on Garden Grove's population of approximately 170,000, FoGG was evaluated in the 25,000-to-200,000 population group. FoGG received the highest award level in its population group and was the only Multimedia Promotion recipient within that group selected as a Best in Show nominee.

DISCUSSION

Foods of Garden Grove was developed as a year-round economic development and marketing initiative to support local businesses and strengthen the City's identity as a culinary destination. Through social media, digital storytelling, restaurant features, video content, and other promotional efforts, FoGG increases exposure for participating businesses while encouraging residents and visitors to explore Garden Grove's diverse dining community. The award application highlighted FoGG's



substantial reach and measurable results. The initiative promotes more than 100 local food and beverage establishments and has grown its Instagram audience to more than 11,000 followers. Attendance at the annual Foods of Garden Grove Live event increased by more than 50 percent, from approximately 2,800 to 4,300 visits. These results demonstrate FoGG's effectiveness in increasing visibility for local businesses, engaging the community, and attracting visitors to Garden Grove.

The judges' feedback highlighted the metrics supporting the success of the program and acknowledged the wide range of marketing portals making it truly a multi-media campaign. One judge commented, "The campaign was exceptionally well integrated across video, influencers, live events, broadcast media, analytics, and destination branding, creating a compelling model for community-driven economic development." Another judge praised the data that demonstrated "restaurant growth that significantly exceeded surrounding regional and national growth trends". The feedback reinforces FoGG's effectiveness as an economic development tool and its role in supporting small business and strengthening Garden Grove's identity as a culinary destination.

In addition to receiving the Gold Award, FoGG was nominated as one of 15 Best in Show nominees from among the 2026 award-winning applications. This distinction places FoGG among the year's highest-rated entries competing for IEDC's prestigious Best in Show recognition. The Best in Show winner will be announced during the Tuesday Morning Plenary at IEDC's 2026 Annual Conference, taking place from October 26 through October 28, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

CONCLUSION

The IEDC Gold Award and Best in Show nomination represent significant achievements for the City and recognize the continued success of Foods of Garden Grove as an innovative economic development and marketing initiative. These honors reflect the City's commitment to supporting local businesses while showcasing the diversity and vibrancy of Garden Grove's culinary community to locals and visitors alike.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ursula Luna-Reynosa', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

By: Sara Shapiro, Administrative Analyst

Attachment: 2026 Resource Fair Flyer

Elder Adult Resource Fair

Step right up to resources,
fun and friends!



When

**Wednesday, September 23
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Where

**Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840**

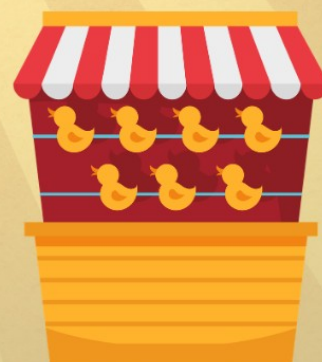


**Come connect with organizations in our
community with the essential services and
support you need to thrive!**

**We'll also have a vaccine clinic and free
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WEEKLY MEMO 09-03-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

Garden Grove's Gem Theatre stays alive with musicals, intimate performances



By [LOU PONSI](#) | Correspondent / Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: August 20, 2026 at 8:57 AM PDT | UPDATED: August 20, 2026 at 9:02 AM PDT

Editor's Note: This is part of a monthly feature on arts and culture offerings in Orange County, which is rich with indoor and outdoor, often inexpensive or even free, options that you might not know about.

Since staging their first production at the GEM Theatre more than 20 years ago, Nicole Cassesso, the theater's chief executive director, and Damien Lorton, its chief artistic director, have committed themselves completely to providing patrons with top-tier productions in a polished space.

Through their production company, One More Productions, Cassesso and Lorton offer patrons several first-rate musicals a season on the main stage of the 158-seat theater, each running for about five weeks.

The GEM also presents a "Black Box Series," offering more simplified, short-run productions that allow for more intimate, cabaret-style performances.

"You're not going to find theater like this," said Lorton, who first met Cassesso when he directed a performance at Newport Harbor High School, where Cassesso performed. "We have live musicians for every show. It's amazing to see what we do."

"You're very welcomed," Cassesso said of the theater's atmosphere. "And on top of that, you're getting a Broadway performance."

But the journey hasn't always been smooth for Cassesso and Lorton — or for the theater itself.

The GEM opened in 1923 as a venue for vaudeville acts before becoming one of the first American theaters to transition to a movie house in 1932, capitalizing on the growing popularity of motion pictures.

From the 1930s to the 1960s, the GEM operated solely as a movie theater.

Falling on hard times, the movie theater closed in 1971 and remained shuttered until the city purchased the local landmark in 1979.

The city renovated the theater, transforming it back into a venue for live performances.

Multiple issues, including a lack of stable leadership and low attendance, once again forced the theater's closure.

Cassesso and Lorton, both longtime professionals in live theater — on stage and behind the scenes — saw plenty of potential in the local landmark and rented the theater from the city in 2005.

When the city planned to demolish the building and replace it with a parking lot, Lorton and Cassesso fought successfully to save it from the wrecking ball.

"We felt like regardless of whether you give it to us, you can't tear down this piece of history," Cassesso said.

Lorton and Cassesso became permanent managers in 2008 when the City Council voted unanimously to award One More Productions a 10-year contract to operate the theater.

With scant funding and no staff, the pair set out to rebuild the GEM.

They undid years of neglect, repairing vandalized infrastructure and replacing stolen fixtures.

Lorton and Cassesso did the directing and marketing, ran the box office and managed the sets, props and costumes. They also overcame a 2011 fire.

"We have scrubbed every toilet. We would bake the cakes for the snack shack," Cassesso said. "We would direct all the shows, do all the costumes, all the props, run the box office, answer the phones, do all the marketing. ... I mean, everything."

Aside from musical theater, the GEM functions today as a community hub, hosting boutiques, pet adoption events, Rotary fundraisers, weddings, funerals, cabarets and school visits.

Affordability is a core value, Cassesso said, and the GEM has a variety of ticket packages, offering discounts for seniors, veterans and educators, and discounted

tickets on specific nights for Garden Grove residents, students, employees and Disney cast members.

Upcoming productions include Sweeney Todd, which is scheduled to run through Sept. 27, followed by Bat Boy (Oct. 9–25) and Fiddler on the Roof (Nov. 12 to Dec. 20).

Past productions include Footloose, Grease, Hairspray and Damn Yankees.

With balcony seating, private suites and an upstairs performance lounge, online influencers have given the GEM stellar reviews.

Some have described the theater as an intimate space with a “vintage charm” vibe.

“My new favorite playhouse,” said a recent Google review. “Hairspray 2026 rocked the house. One of the best performances that I’ve ever seen live. The acting was superb, professional and captivating.”

Korea Federation of SMEs partners with Garden Grove in the US... "Creating a base for Korean SMEs to enter the market"

KBIZ Partners With Garden Grove City to Support U.S. Market Entry

First U.S. local government agreement aims to revitalize Korean business district and create sales opportunities for SMEs

By Park Yong-sun(ChosunBiz)

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Kim Ki-mun (right), Chairman of the Korea Federation of SMEs, signs an MOU with Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and poses for a commemorative photo on the 27th, local time, at the National Police Agency in Garden Grove City, California, U.S. /Courtesy of Korea Federation of SMEs

The Korea Federation of SMEs (KBIZ) has partnered with Garden Grove City in California, U.S. to support Korean small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in entering the American market.

KBIZ announced on August 27 (local time) that it signed a business agreement with Garden Grove City at the Garden Grove City National Police Agency to support Korean SMEs' entry into the U.S. market through revitalizing the Korean business district.

Garden Grove City, located in Orange County, California, U.S., is adjacent to major tourist attractions such as Disneyland, resulting in a high influx of tourists. The food, restaurant, and tourism industries form the mainstay of the local economy, and

notably, a large-scale official Korean business district, often referred to as “Little Seoul,” has been established.

Centered around the Korean business district, the K-Food industry has also developed, with food manufacturing SMEs and Korean cuisine franchises having entered the market. Industrial facilities that can accommodate food production and light manufacturing companies are also in place, earning the city recognition as a foundation for Korean companies to establish a local presence.

Based on these regional strengths, KBIZ has signed a business agreement with Garden Grove City, marking the first such agreement with a U.S. local government. The two sides agreed to cooperate in ▲ supporting Korean SMEs' entry into the U.S. market, ▲ promoting the Korean business district in Garden Grove City domestically, and ▲ establishing a business network between the two institutions.

Following the signing ceremony, a plaque declaring Garden Grove City as a “K-Food&K-Goods Friendly City” was delivered to express gratitude for the city’s efforts to revitalize the K-Food industry and to demonstrate a commitment to cooperation.

Kim Ki-mun, president of KBIZ, proposed, “Let us establish a ‘Korea Desk’ in Garden Grove City to support SMEs aiming to expand across the U.S., including California, and prepare specific cooperation plans.” He added, “Let us create a space for the constant exhibition and sale of products from outstanding SMEs, and hold a ‘Korean Product Sales Event’ at the end of the year where local consumers can directly experience various Korean products.”

Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein expressed, “This is a great idea that utilizes the city’s strength as a Korean community to inject new vitality into the local economy,” and stated her intention to cooperate with KBIZ’s proposals.

OC Tribune

August 24, 2026

Woodbury Park to reopen

BY [OC TRIBUNE STAFF](#) ON [AUGUST 24, 2026](#) • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



WOODBURY

PARK has a totally new look (City of Garden Grove photo).

The reopening of Woodbury Park in Garden Grove will be held on Saturday (Aug. 29) starting at 10 a.m.

There will be a demonstration of the new facilities, including a Skate Zone, basketball courts, water aerobics and more. Also, there will be free food and a live disc jockey.

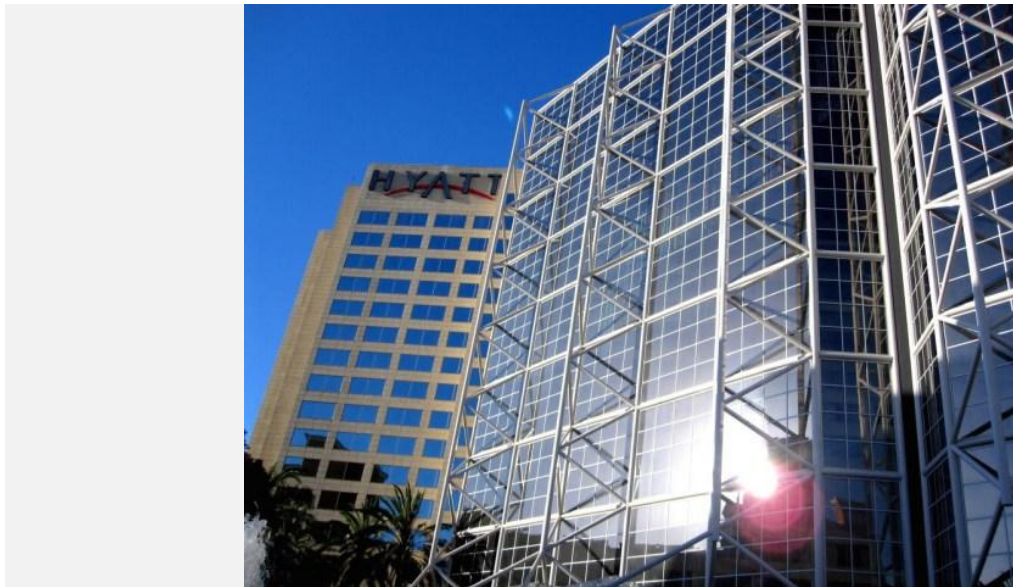
The ribbon-cutting will start at 10 a.m. but the event will continue to 1 p.m.

The park is located at 13800 Rosita Place, northeast of Westminster Avenue and Euclid Street (west of Newhope Street).

OC Tribune
August 23, 2026

Safety and security features for hotel workers before council

BY [OC TRIBUNE STAFF](#) ON [AUGUST 23, 2026](#) • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



HYATT REGENCY Orange County Hotel in Garden Grove on Harbor Boulevard (File photo).

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

Two proposed ordinances with potential for controversy are on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

One of them is the revival of a proposal to ban smoking in city parks; the other is the first reading of an ordinance to "establish safety and security requirements for hotel workers."

The original proposal for a ban on smoking in parks was tabled when Councilmember Joe DoVinh made a vigorous objection to the idea, suggesting that it might be a violation of civil rights.

Now, at the request of Councilmember Yesenia Muneton, the topic has been revived. The staff report notes that second-hand smoke creates a health risk for park visitors and that second-hand smoke is responsible for approximately 41,000 deaths among non-smokers each year.

State law requires that smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of playgrounds and "tot lot" areas. Currently several cities in Orange County – including Dana Point, Buena Park, Laguna Beach and Cypress – have enacted prohibitions on smoking in parks.

Regarding safety and security for hotel workers, the proposal calls for hotels to provide (among other requirements) providing certain employees with

- a “personal security device” to summon help if threatened and;
- provide for “designated and trained responders” such as security staff or an on-duty manager to respond to calls for assistance;
- ability for employees to request reassignment away from an offending guest, and be given paid-time to contact and cooperate with a police investigation.

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The employees who are considered the most likely in need of such protections are those who work alone in guest rooms and other isolated areas where “they may be exposed to threatening or other violent conduct,” according to a staff report.

The requirements listed in this proposed ordinance do not appear to exist for other classes of workers in Garden Grove, but similar regulations have reportedly been adopted for hotel workers in Anaheim and Ontario.

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



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Thursday, August 27, 2026



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES SCHEDULE ON LABOR DAY

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the City of Garden Grove will follow the schedule below for its facilities and services on Monday, September 7, 2026:

Garden Grove City Hall

- Garden Grove City Hall will be closed.

Additional City Facilities

- The Atlantis Play Center, Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, H. Louis Lake Senior Center, and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center will be closed.

Street Sweeping

- Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday and will resume the following day. For more information visit, www.ggcity.org/pw/street-sweeping.

Trash Services

- Trash collection services will not be provided on the holiday and will resume the following day. For more information visit, www.republicservices.com/gardengrovesca.

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Friday, August 28, 2026



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE RECEIVES 2026 EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOLD AWARD FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

The City of Garden Grove received a 2026 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). The award was bestowed for the organization's work in the Multimedia Promotion category for the 170,000 population group. The City will be recognized and honored at the IEDC 2026 Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 25–28.

Each year, IEDC honors economic development organizations, government entities, initiatives, and programs that consistently demonstrate excellence in the field. The honorees lead transformational projects that revitalize communities and advance the practice of economic development.

"This recognition celebrates the restaurants and small-business owners who give Garden Grove its distinctive flavor and the City team that brings their stories to a wider audience," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "Foods of Garden Grove connects people with local businesses, strengthens our economy and showcases the culinary experiences that make our community special."

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE RECEIVES 2026 EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 2-2-2

This year's awards take on special meaning, as IEDC celebrates its 100th anniversary. In recognizing excellence in economic development, IEDC and its partners are celebrating successes and shining a spotlight on programs that inspire and prepare the field for the next century of economic development.

"The City of Garden Grove is leading the field of excellence in economic development with its Foods of Garden Grove program. This award shines a spotlight on City's commitment to its community and showcases the significant impact of economic development," said Nathan Ohle, IEDC President and CEO. "IEDC is honored to present this award to The City of Garden Grove/Economic Development Department to celebrate their leadership and innovation in the field."

Foods of Garden Grove Live is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove initiative, which showcases more than 100 local restaurants and beverage establishments. Designed to support small businesses, the initiative highlights Garden Grove's varied dining scene, including longtime local favorites, distinctive culinary districts and Michelin Guide-recognized establishments. For more information visit ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove.





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Monday, August 24, 2026



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE COOLING CENTER TO OPEN AUGUST 24 – AUGUST 28

Due to high temperatures, the City of Garden Grove will open a public cooling center on Monday, August 24, through Friday, August 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cooling center is located at the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive, in Garden Grove Park.

All ages are welcome to enjoy the center's air-conditioned accommodations. Visitors will have access to the center's lobby and restrooms. Food will not be available. No pets are allowed except for service animals.

Also, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, will extend its hours to 5:00 p.m., from Monday, August 24, through Friday, August 28, for seniors only.

For more information, visit www.ggcity.org/cooling-center or call the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

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Monday, August 24, 2026



GKN AEROSPACE ANNOUNCES CLAIMS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE UP TO \$100 MILLION FOR COMMUNITIES SUBJECT TO MAY EVACUATION ORDERS

GKN Aerospace (GKN) has announced plans to launch a claims program providing up to \$100 million for people and businesses seeking compensation for losses related to the May 2026 evacuation orders.

According to GKN, the program is targeted to open for claims submissions in fall 2026. GKN has identified hotel stays, meals, transportation, lost wages and loss of use among the types of damages the program is expected to address. Additional details, including eligibility requirements and instructions for submitting claims, are still being developed.

"From the beginning, the City Council has called on GKN to take accountability for the financial impacts of this incident," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "We welcome this progress and will continue to expect GKN to address the broader effects on our community."

GKN will administer the claims program and plans to provide additional information and host community events to assist with the claims process. Community members are encouraged to visit gknngg.com for the latest program information and updates.

Separately, GKN has stated that it is targeting September 28, 2026, to resume full manufacturing operations at its Garden Grove facility, subject to an independently monitored, court-approved safety plan and applicable regulatory requirements. The September 28 date is GKN's stated target and is not a timeline established by the City.

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Wednesday, September 2, 2026



GARDEN GROVE CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY WITH SEPTEMBER 1 RIBBON CUTTING

The City of Garden Grove, along with development partner Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate, celebrated a major milestone in its Civic Center Revitalization with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Garden Grove Public Safety Facility on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Designed specifically for the needs of a modern police department, the building provides enhanced security, updated technology, improved operational and collaborative spaces, and amenities that will support the department for decades to come.

"Today marks a proud moment for Garden Grove and an important step forward for our city," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "This facility demonstrates our commitment to public safety, responsible long-term planning and a strong future for our community."

The facility incorporates modern public safety and security features, including reinforced structural elements and specialized glazing, along with spaces designed to support emergency operations, training, collaboration, community engagement, and the day-to-day work of sworn officers and professional staff.

For the Garden Grove Police Department, the building also represents a new chapter.

“Our officers and professional staff come to work every day focused on serving this community,” said Garden Grove Police Chief Amir El-Farra. “This facility gives our team a modern home designed around that mission. It enables us to better serve Garden Grove today while also helping us recruit and prepare the next generation of public safety professionals.”

The new public safety facility is a centerpiece of the broader Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project, which is creating modern civic facilities and public spaces designed to better serve residents and strengthen the heart of the community.

“Today’s ribbon cutting is the culmination of an extraordinary partnership with the City of Garden Grove, the Police Department, and the entire project team,” said Brian Dugan, Partner at Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate. “From the beginning, our shared goal was to deliver a public safety facility that reflects the professionalism of the men and women who serve this community and gives them the modern, purpose-built environment they need to do their jobs effectively. We are incredibly proud to have helped bring the City’s vision to life and to deliver a facility that will serve Garden Grove for generations to come.”

The September 1st celebration was an opportunity to mark the opening of the facility with City leaders, police personnel, project partners including design-

builder Clark Construction and architect AC Martin, and members of the Garden Grove community.

For more information about the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project, visit www.ggcity.org/civic-center.

About the Garden Grove Police Department

The Garden Grove Police Department is committed to protecting and serving the Garden Grove community through professional policing, community partnership, and exceptional public service. The new public safety facility provides a modern environment to support that mission and the next generation of Garden Grove police officers and professional staff.

About Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate

Edgemoor Infrastructure & Real Estate is a leader in the development, financing, leasing, operations, and activation of public buildings, infrastructure, and commercial real estate, with over \$5 billion of work completed or under development, including the Long Beach Civic Center and Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse in Long Beach California and the Howard County Circuit Courthouse in Ellicott City, Maryland.





WEEKLY MEMO 09-03-2026

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

August 20, 2026 – August 27, 2026

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

Fri 8/21/2026 1:35 pm PDT

Tickets are NOW ON SALE for Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🎵🎶🌟

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Mon 8/24/2026 2:37 pm PDT

GKN Claims Update - August 24 ⚠️

Today, GKN announced plans to launch a claims...



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Thu 8/20/2026 5:30 pm PDT

A trend, a year in the making! 🌟

From breaking ground in July 2025, to a year in...



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Fri 8/21/2026 3:16 pm PDT

Beat the heat, Garden Grove! The Cooling Center will open on Sunday, August 23! 🧊☀️

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**COOLING CENTER
OPEN ON**

AUGUST 23, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center
13641 Deodara Drive



**EL CENTRO PARA
REFRESCARSE
ABRERA EL**

23 DE AGOSTO DE 11:00 A.M. A 5:00 P.M.

Centro de Deportes y Recreación de Garden Grove
13641 Deodara Drive

Views

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Wed 8/26/2026 12:35 pm PDT

🚗🐘 We're only a few days away from the Woodbury Park Reopening Celebration, and we can't wait to welcome you all!...





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Fri 8/21/2026 8:48 am PDT

Tickets are NOW ON SALE for Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🎵🎶🌟

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f Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/24/2026 2:37 pm PDT

GKN Claims Update - August 24 ⚠️

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Wed 8/26/2026 12:35 pm PDT

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Thu 8/20/2026 5:31 pm PDT

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Tue 8/25/2026 5:31 pm PDT

The **@ocvectorcontrol** will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove to help reduce mosquito populations and prevent...



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Garden Grove City Hall
Fri 8/21/2026 3:06 pm PDT

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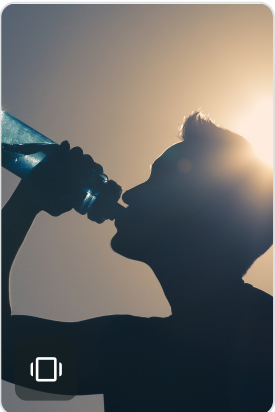




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Mon 8/24/2026 10:48 am PDT

The Cooling Center will open today through Friday! 🌡️☀️

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**COOLING CENTER
OPEN ON:**

AUGUST 24 – 28
11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
**Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center**
13641 Deodara Drive

**EL CENTRO PARA
REFRESCARSE
ABRERA :**

24 A 28 DE AGOSTO
DE 11:00 A.M. A 5:00 P.M.
**Centro de Deportes y
Recreación de Garden Grove**




gardengrovecityhall

Mon 8/24/2026 5:28 pm PDT

The U.S. National Weather Service has declared an Extreme Heat Warning beginning on Monday, August 24 until Friday, August 28 at 8:00 p.m. ☀️...



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Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 8/25/2026 5:31 pm PDT

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove to help...



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Thu 8/20/2026 1:42 pm PDT

Happening Tonight !!



Views

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Garden Grove City Hall

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Thu 8/20/2026 5:31 pm PDT



Views

1,593




Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/24/2026 10:48 am PDT

The Cooling Center will open today through Friday!

🌞🌡️

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Views

1,504



**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 8/26/2026 1:06 pm PDT



Make sure to join us this Saturday, August 29, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the Woodbury Park Reopening Celebration,...



Views

1,429



**gardengrovecityhall**

Sun 8/23/2026 12:08 pm PDT



**COOLING CENTER
OPEN ON**

AUGUST 23, 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center**

13641 Deodara Drive

Views

912



**gardengrovecityhall**

Fri 8/21/2026 3:17 pm PDT



**COOLING CENTER
OPEN ON**

AUGUST 23, 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center**

13641 Deodara Drive

Views

870



gardengrovecityhall
 Mon 8/24/2026 10:54 am PDT



**COOLING CENTER
OPEN ON:**

**AUGUST 24 - 28
11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center
13641 Deodara Drive**




Views

806



gardengrovecityhall
 Sun 8/23/2026 12:08 pm PDT



**EL CENTRO PARA
REFRESCARSE
ABRERA EL**

23 DE AGOSTO DE 11:00 A.M. A 5:00 P.M.

**Centro de Deportes y
Recreación de Garden Grove
13641 Deodara Drive**




Views

747



gardengrovecityhall
 Fri 8/21/2026 3:17 pm PDT



**EL CENTRO PARA
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ABRERA EL**

23 DE AGOSTO DE 11:00 A.M. A 5:00 P.M.

**Centro de Deportes y
Recreación de Garden Grove
13641 Deodara Drive**




Views

730





gardengrovecityhall
Mon 8/24/2026 2:39 pm PDT



Views

720





gardengrovecityhall
Mon 8/24/2026 10:54 am PDT



Views

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gardengrovecityhall
Fri 8/21/2026 4:16 pm PDT



Views

680



gardengrovecityhall

Sun 8/23/2026 12:08 pm PDT



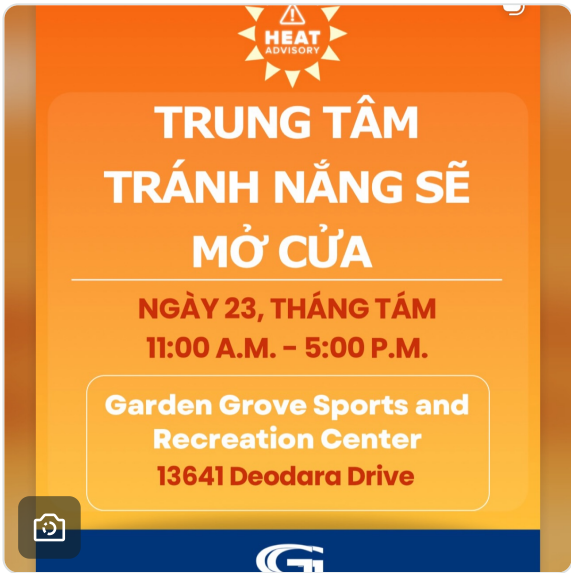
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gardengrovecityhall

Fri 8/21/2026 3:17 pm PDT



Views

654



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Fri 8/21/2026 4:17 pm PDT

Tickets Now on Sale!



Views

647





gardengrovecityhall
Mon 8/24/2026 10:54 am PDT



**TRUNG TÂM
TRÁNH NẮNG
MỞ CỬA :**
**NGÀY 24 –28 THÁNG 8
11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**
**Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center
13641 Deodara Drive**



Views

631





gardengrovecityhall
Sun 8/23/2026 12:08 pm PDT



쿨링 센터 운영:
8월 23일 11:00 – 오후 5:00
**가든그로브 스포츠 및 레크리에이션 센터
Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center
13641 Deodara Drive**



Views

629





gardengrovecityhall
Fri 8/21/2026 3:17 pm PDT



쿨링 센터 운영:
8월 23일 11:00 – 오후 5:00
**가든그로브 스포츠 및 레크리에이션 센터
Garden Grove Sports and
Recreation Center
13641 Deodara Drive**



Views

610





gardengrovecityhall

Mon 8/24/2026 10:54 am PDT



Views

605





@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 3:40 pm PDT

Today, GKN announced plans to launch a claims program to provide up to \$100 million for eligible residents and businesses affected by the May...



Impressions

599





@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 5:28 pm PDT

The U.S. National Weather Service has declared an Extreme Heat Warning beginning on Monday, August 24 until Friday, August 28 at 8:00 p.m. ☀️ ...



Impressions

295



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 10:48 am PDT

The Cooling Center will open today through Friday!

The H. Louis Lake Senior Center,11300 Stanford...

COOLING CENTER

OPEN ON:

AUGUST 24 - 28

11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center

13641 Deodara Drive

Impressions

251



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 8/21/2026 3:06 pm PDT

Beat the heat, Garden Grove! The Cooling Center will open on Sunday, August 23! 🌡️☀️

...

Views

207



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/26/2026 8:42 am PDT

오렌지 카운티 모기 및 매개체 방제국은 모기 개체 수를 줄이고 웨스트 나일 바이러스와 같은 모기 매개 질병을 예방하기 위해 가든 그로브 지역에서 ...

주거지 모기 방제 노력



Impressions

200



X

@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/25/2026 5:35 pm PDT

El Distrito de Control de Mosquitos y Vectores del Condado de Orange llevará a cabo tratamientos de volumen ultrabajo en áreas de Garden Grove...



Impressions

199



X

@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/25/2026 5:34 pm PDT

@OCVector will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove to help reduce mosquito populations and prevent...



Impressions

197



X

@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/25/2026 5:37 pm PDT

Trung Tâm Kiểm Soát Muỗi và Côn Trùng Quận Cam sẽ tiến hành phun thuốc diệt muỗi thể tích siêu thấp tại một số khu vực thuộc Garden Grov...



Impressions

195



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/26/2026 1:31 pm PDT



We're only a few days away from the Woodbury Park Reopening Celebration, and we can't wait to welcome you all! Take a look at all th...

CEREMONY

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

FREE FAMILY SWIM

10:30 AM - 2:00 PM

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATIONS

10:30 AM - 1:00 PM

FREE HOT DOGS AT SNACK BAR (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

PRO SKATE DEMO SKATE SPOT

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Impressions

173

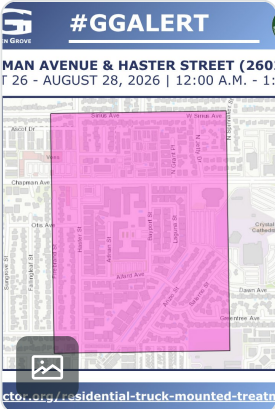


@CityGardenGrove

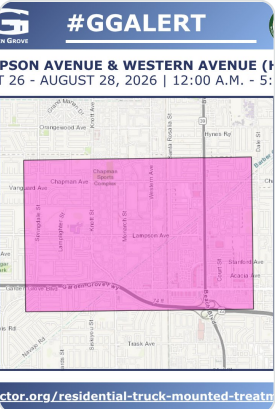
Tue 8/25/2026 5:34 pm PDT



12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. (Chapman Ave. and Haster St.) and 12:00 a.m. - 5:30 a.m. (Lampson Ave. and Western Ave.)...



#GGALERT
MAN AVENUE & HASTER STREET (260...
T 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 1:



#GGALERT
LAMPSON AVENUE & WESTERN AVENUE (H...
T 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 5:

Impressions

129



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 3:43 pm PDT

Hôm nay, GKN Aerospace đã công bố chương trình bồi thường, cung cấp khoản hỗ trợ lên đến \$100 triệu cho những cư dân và doanh nghiệp đ...



CẬP NHẬT VỀ CHƯƠNG TRÌNH YÊU CẦU BỒI THƯỜNG TỪ GKN

Impressions

105



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 3:41 pm PDT

Hoy, GKN anunció planes para lanzar un programa de reclamos que destinará hasta 100 millones de dólares a los residentes y empresas elegibles...



ACTUALIZACIÓN

SOBRE EL

PROGRAMA DE

RECLAMOS DE GKN

Impressions

97



@CityGardenGrove

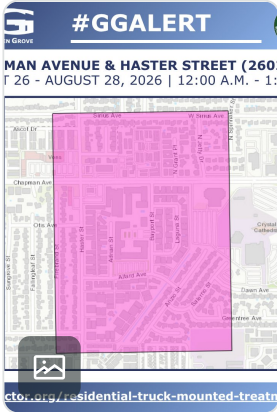
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26 a 28 de Agosto



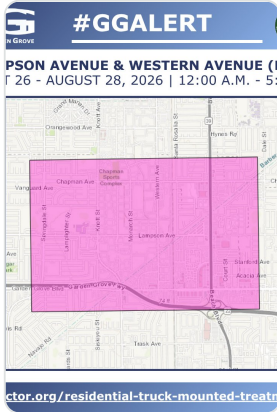
12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. (Avenida Chapman y Cal...



#GGALERT

MAN AVENUE & HASTER STREET (260...

T 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 1:



#GGALERT

PERSON AVENUE & WESTERN AVENUE (H...

T 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 5:

Impressions

78



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/26/2026 8:42 am PDT

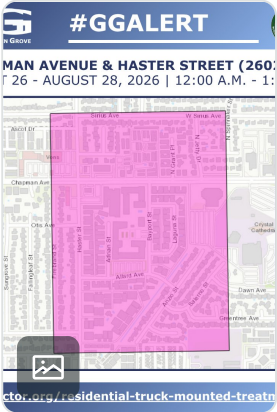


8월 26일 - 28일



오전 12:00 - 오전 1:00

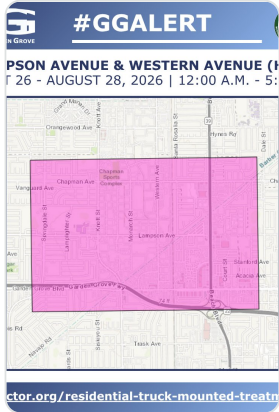
(Chapman Ave. 및 Haster St.) 및 오전 12:00 - 오전 5:30 (Lampson Ave. 및 Western Ave.)...



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T 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 1:



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PERSON AVENUE & WESTERN AVENUE (H...

T 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 5:

Impressions

76



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 8/25/2026 5:37 pm PDT

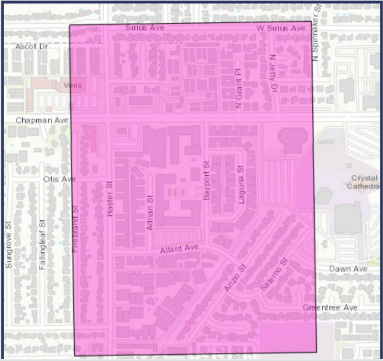
📅 17

Ngày 26-28 Tháng Tám

🕒 12:00 khuya – 1:00 giờ sáng (Chapman Ave. v...

CHAPMAN AVENUE & HASTER STREET (2602_05)

AUGUST 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 1:00 A.M.



Impressions

73



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 8/26/2026 1:31 pm PDT

📅 17

This Saturday, August 29

🕒 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

📍 Woodbury Park, 13800 Rosita Place

Let us know what you're looking forward to the most! We hope to see you at Woodbury Park!!

🌳🔧

#GG1956 #GardenGrove #WoodburyPark

#CommunityEvent

#ParksMakeLifeBetter

Impressions

71



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 4:38 pm PDT

오늘 GKN은 지난 5월 대피령으로 영향을 받은 대
상 주민과 사업체를 지원하기 위해 최대 1억 달러 규
모의 보상 프로그램을 시작할 계획이라고 발표했...

⚠️

GKN 보상
프로그램
언제이트

Impressions

66



@CityGardenGrove

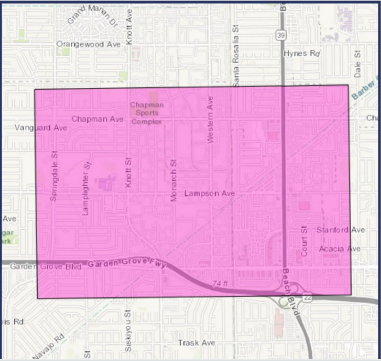
Tue 8/25/2026 5:37 pm PDT

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Để xem bản đồ khu vực, thông tin liên quan đến việc phun thuốc và các cập nhật mới nhất, vui lòng truy cập ocvector.org/res...

LAMPSON AVENUE & WESTERN AVENUE (H33)

AUGUST 26 - AUGUST 28, 2026 | 12:00 A.M. - 5:30 A.M.



Impressions

61



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/24/2026 3:41 pm PDT

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ACTUALIZACIÓN

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PROGRAMA DE

RECLAMOS DE GKN

Impressions

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Post Performance

August 20, 2026 – August 27, 2026

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Department

Thu 8/20/2026 5:41 pm PDT

 FRONT DESK CLOSURES

Please be advised that the Garden Grove Police...



Engagements	359
Views	10,415
Reach	6,250
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.4%



Post Performance

August 27, 2026 – September 3, 2026

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

Included in this Report

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gardengrovecityhall

Fri 8/28/2026 5:41 pm PDT

You're looking at the 2026 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award winner 🏆

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Views

8,932

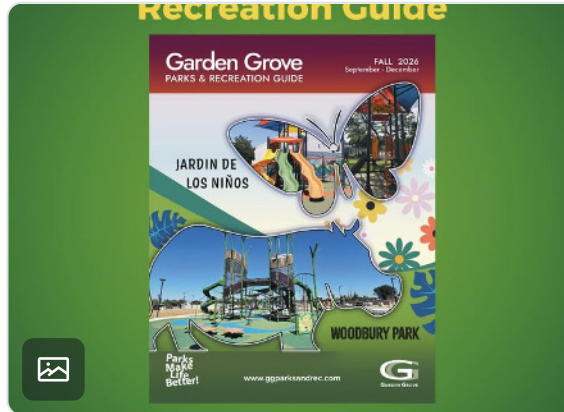


Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 8/28/2026 11:08 am PDT

Our Fall classes are now open for registration! 🍁

With the season changing its the perfect time to...



Views

5,688

Boosted



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 9/1/2026 3:00 pm PDT

'Tis the season, and join us as a boutique crafter at this year's **Winter in the Grove!** ❄️

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Views

5,669



Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 8/28/2026 5:41 pm PDT

You're looking at the 2026 Excellence in Economic Development Gold Award winner 🏆

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Views

5,285



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 9/1/2026 3:00 pm PDT

'Tis the season, and join us as a boutique crafter at this year's **Winter in the Grove!** ❄️

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Views

5,167



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 9/2/2026 3:19 pm PDT

🎉 Yesterday, we celebrated the completion of Phase I of the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project with a ribbon-cutting...



Views

5,025




gardengrovecityhall

Mon 8/31/2026 11:37 am PDT

@ocvectorcontrol will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove to help reduce mosquito populations and prevent...



Views

4,789




Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/31/2026 11:37 am PDT

ocvectorcontrol will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove to help reduce mosquito populations and prevent...



Views

3,077




gardengrovecityhall

Sat 8/29/2026 10:00 am PDT

We're ready to Open!



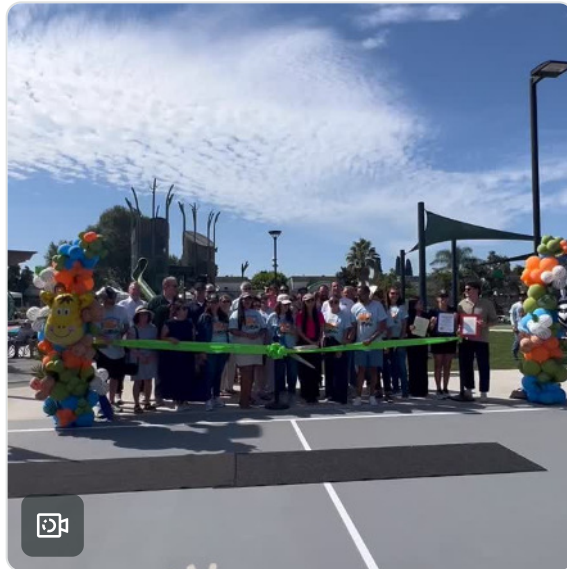
Views

2,918



gardengrovecityhall

Sat 8/29/2026 10:30 am PDT



Views

2,732

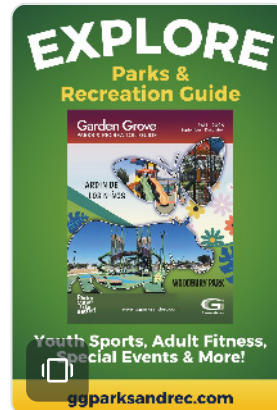


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Views

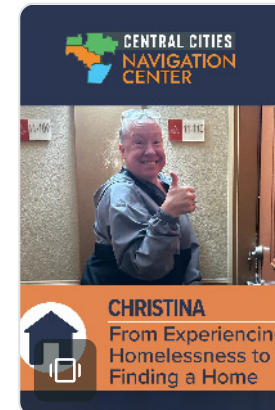
2,673



gardengrovecityhall

Mon 8/31/2026 7:59 am PDT

Through the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC), individuals experiencing homelessness can receive assistance to create a foundation for ...



Views

2,585

Before coming to the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC), Christina was living in her car. She came to the CCNC seeking stability and found support that helped her move forward. With her Case Manager's support, Christina began to believe a new beginning was possible. Soon after, Christina moved into her own

a long time, a relaxing place to come home to after work, and visits from her children. She's proudest of creating a stable home and is now working toward her next goal: finding a better job.

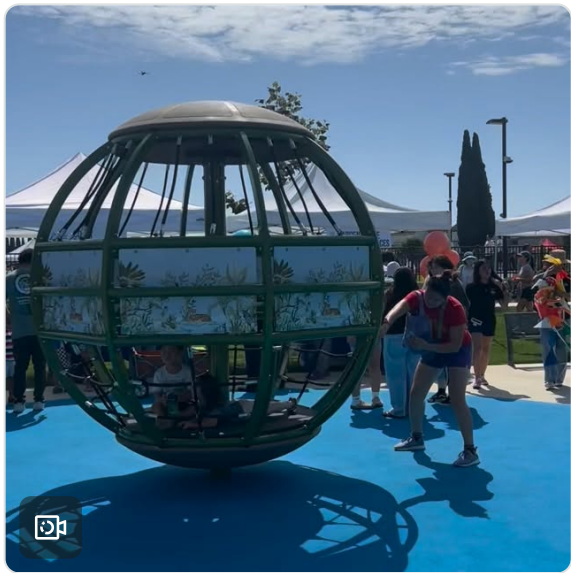
Christina's story is a reminder that safe housing can provide the foundation to reconnect with loved ones, pursue new opportunities, and build a brighter future.

Her message to anyone considering





gardengrovecityhall
Sat 8/29/2026 10:43 am PDT



Views

2,372





Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 8/31/2026 7:58 am PDT

Through the Central Cities Navigation Center (CCNC), individuals experiencing homelessness can receive assistance to create a foundation for ...



Views

2,286





gardengrovecityhall
Fri 8/28/2026 2:17 pm PDT



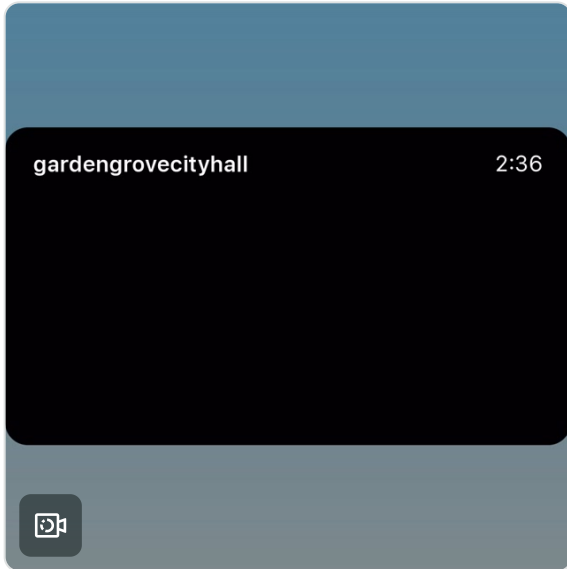
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gardengrovecityhall

Wed 9/2/2026 3:19 pm PDT

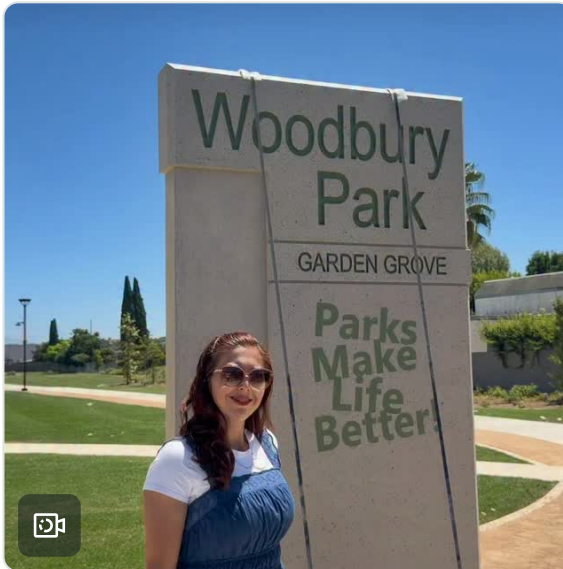


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gardengrovecityhall

Fri 8/28/2026 2:17 pm PDT



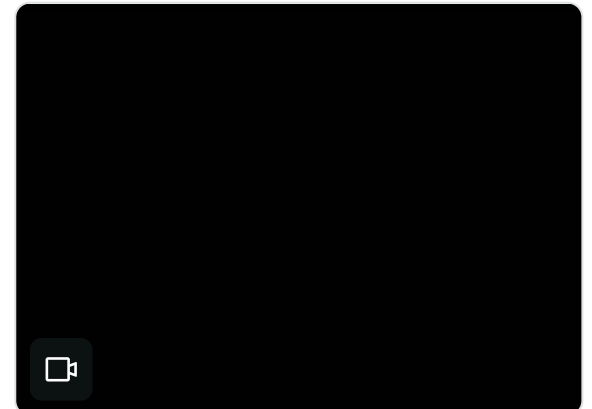
Views 1,352



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 9/2/2026 3:10 pm PDT

Yesterday, we celebrated the completion of Phase I of the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project with a ribbon-cutting...



Views 1,265





gardengrovecityhall
Mon 8/31/2026 11:45 am PDT



Views

1,135





gardengrovecityhall
Thu 8/27/2026 1:01 pm PDT



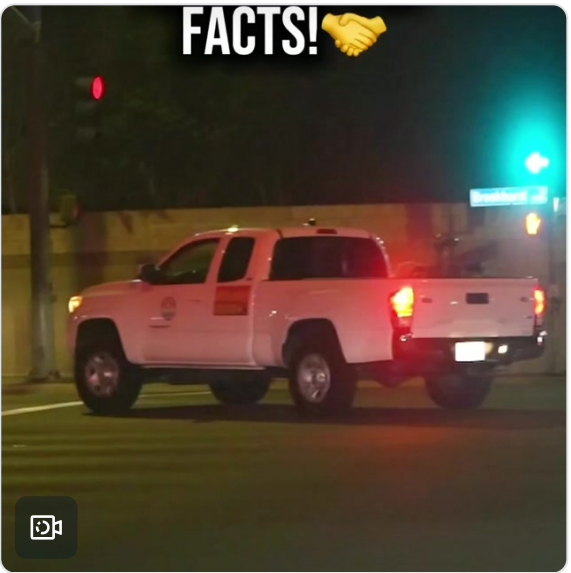
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gardengrovecityhall
Mon 8/31/2026 11:45 am PDT



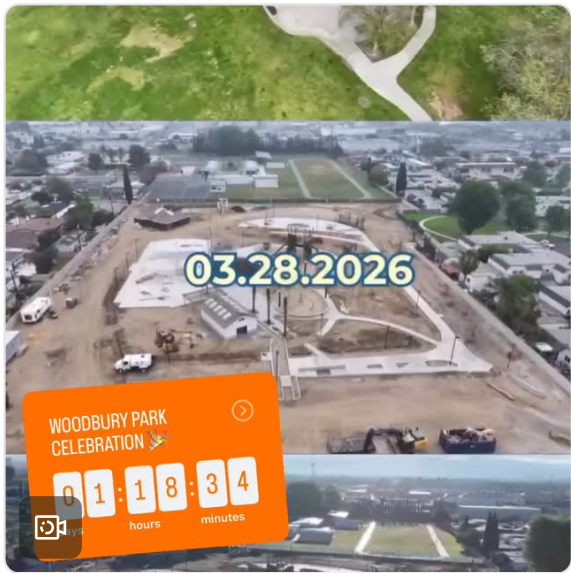
Views

965





gardengrovecityhall
Thu 8/27/2026 3:27 pm PDT



Views

940





Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 8/31/2026 3:40 pm PDT

Foods of Garden Grove Live is Back! 🍔🌮

On Friday, September 25, Foods of Garden Grov...



Views

584





gardengrovecityhall
Thu 9/3/2026 7:11 am PDT

Are you prepared for an emergency? ⚠️

Alert OC will be conducting a regional notification...



Views

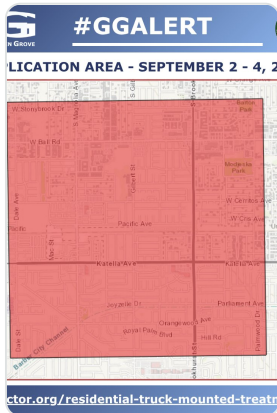
541



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/31/2026 11:37 am PDT

[@OCVector](#) will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove to reduce mosquito populations and prevent mosquito-bor...



Impressions

220



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 8/31/2026 7:58 am PDT

Christina found stability and support at the Central Cities Navigation Center with services like Housing Navigation and Health. Now she is in her own...



Impressions

201



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 9/2/2026 3:08 pm PDT

🎉 Yesterday, we celebrated the completion of Phase I of the Garden Grove Civic Center Revitalization Project with a ribbon-cutting...



Impressions

184



X @CityGardenGrove

Wed 9/2/2026 3:08 pm PDT

The new facility will equip our Garden Grove officers and professional staff with the space and resources to support collaboration, training,...



Impressions

63

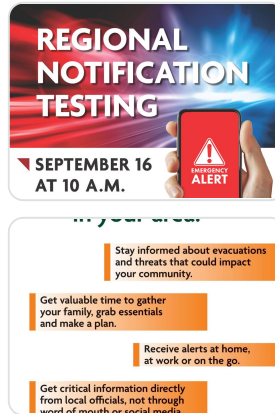


X @CityGardenGrove

Thu 9/3/2026 7:11 am PDT

Alert OC will be conducting a Regional Notification Test on  09/16/2026 at 10 a.m.

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Impressions

59



f Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 9/3/2026 7:11 am PDT

Are you prepared for an emergency? 

Alert OC will be conducting a regional notification...



Views

41





Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/31/2026 10:03 am PDT

This class is designed to teach both the average person and professional how to initially respond to cardiac or respiratory arrest. Learn simple rescue...

Receive Your Certification



Views

0





Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 8/31/2026 10:02 am PDT

Ice hockey for all ages and all levels. Watch your skater smile as they learn how to march, glide, stop, hop, fall down, and get back up properly.

Ice Hockey & Ice Skating



Views

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Post Performance

August 20, 2026 – August 27, 2026

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove Police Department





Garden Grove Police Department

Thu 8/27/2026 7:01 pm PDT

Please join us in congratulating Officer Roberto Avalos on being officially sworn in as the newest member of the Garden Grove Police Department!...



Engagements	990
Views	9,354
Reach	5,493
Engagement Rate (per View)	10.6%





Garden Grove Police Department

Thu 8/20/2026 5:41 pm PDT

 FRONT DESK CLOSURES 

Please be advised that the Garden Grove Police...



Engagements	370
Views	10,920
Reach	6,443
Engagement Rate (per View)	3.4%

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
September 3, 2026

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the September 3, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Agenda for the September 10, 2026 Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from August 28, 2026 to September 3, 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 3, 2026 – September 23, 2026

Thursday	September 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 4		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	September 7		City Hall Closed – Labor Day
Monday	September 7	8:00 a.m.	Garden Grove Elk Lodge 68 th Annual Labor Day Family Fun Festival, 11551 Trask Ave
Tuesday	September 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 10		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day Casual Dress Extended till September 17
Thursday	September 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 10		Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC **Canceled**
Monday	September 14	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 17	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Luncheon, CMC, AB Room
Thursday	September 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	September 23	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Older Adult Resource Fair, CMC



AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

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

A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 20, 2026

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

C.1 ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION NO. IFC-004-2026

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
LOCATION: NA

REQUEST: A request for Planning Commission to consider and recommend that the City Council adopt non-binding design guidelines for the “Little Saigon” area in collaboration with the Cities of Fountain Valley and Santa Ana.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Item for Consideration No. IFC-004-2026 to City Council.

D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

E. MATTERS FROM STAFF

E.1. Project Update

F. ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 – 9:00 am

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-302-2026](#)

APPLICANT: 7-Eleven, Inc.

LOCATION: 12971 Nelson Street

REQUEST: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate an existing convenience store with an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale General) License. Also, a recommendation that the Zoning Administrator revoke the previous Conditional Use

Permit governing the tenant space, CUP-110-85. 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).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Decision approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-302-2026 pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

3. ADJOURNMENT



Everything cities need to know about the heated last days of session

Sep 2, 2026

By Cal Cities Staff

The legislative session came to a rather explosive end on Tuesday afternoon. After days of heated negotiations, Assembly leadership killed a high-profile wildfire liability compromise bill — for now. Assembly leadership [pledged to hold hearings](#) on the issue this fall. Gov. Gavin Newsom, the proposal's original architect, noted he is "here until January" and wasn't done with the issue.

"We will continue to tackle the difficult but critically important issue of wildfire reform," said Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas [on Tuesday](#). "The proposal before us does not yet deliver the relief, accountability or meaningful reform that Californians deserve. So, we are going back to work — and we will not stop until we have done everything in our power to deliver real results."

But while the last-minute scramble sucked all the oxygen out of the room, it was hardly the only high-profile issue that lawmakers had to deal with in the waning days of California's two-year session. Legislators also took action on key data center, pension, climate spending, and license plate reader bills — with some favorable results for cities.

The Governor has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto the hundreds of bills. Here are the [top bills](#) that cities should consider advocating on over the next four weeks.

- *Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

Environmental Quality

Wildfire liability negotiations between the Governor, the Assembly Speaker, and the Senate Pro Tem broke down in the final days of the legislative session. Introduced early on Saturday, [SB 492 \(Becker\)](#) focused on speeding up support to wildfire survivors and developing a statewide wildfire mitigation strategy and data sharing platform. The bill also sought to limit attorney's fees, outlaw wildfire claim sales by private equity groups, and restrict utility CEO compensation. The bill did not include any limits on public agency recovery, a major win for Cal Cities.

On Tuesday, the Assembly decided not to vote on the bill due in part to pushback from utilities, builders, and electrical workers, who argued that SB 492 didn't fully address the financial liability risks that utilities face when their equipment causes wildfires. Although the measure stalled, it is clear that the issue will come before lawmakers again. Cal Cities' advocacy this year laid strong groundwork for future policy conversations about wildfire liability.

Also swirling in the late hours of dealmaking was a second allocation of climate bond funding. Cal Cities testified [in support](#) of the budget bill — which contains funding for water supply, wildfire prevention, coastal resilience, extreme heat, and

microgrid — before the [Assembly budget committee](#). The measure passed on Tuesday morning.

Also included in the wrap-up budget actions was a partial allocation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The California Air Board earlier this year gave the [manufacturing industry more allowances](#), taking away from the fund. Next year's budget discussions will likely try to address this shift.

Two tribal bills also made it to the Governor's desk. [AB 2218 \(Kalra\)](#) creates a statewide water tribal policy. [AB 1881 \(Ramos\)](#) allows tribes or tribal members to sue the state, as well as sue or veto any state actions on public lands that impact their religious freedom. Cal Cities is urging the Governor to veto both measures; state policy implementation impacts cities that coordinate, receive funding, and are permitted by the state.

Two high-profile data center bills are pending action from the Governor as well. Cal Cities supports [AB 1577 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#), a bill that provides more energy usage information to cities when siting data centers. [AB 2469 \(Papan\)](#), which Cal Cities opposes, stops cities from approving data centers unless the applicant includes specific water supply information. This information is helpful, but conditioning permits like this will create new challenges for cities.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 1642 \(Harabedian\)](#) Wildfires: contamination standards
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [AB 1761 \(Rogers\)](#) Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [AB 762 \(Irwin\)](#) Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [AB 2667 \(Hadwick\)](#) Vape products: household hazardous waste: advertising
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [AB 2739 \(Soria\)](#) Water: affordability and system stabilization
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [SB 1370 \(Stern\)](#) Covered wildfire mitigation projects: consolidated and expedited review
Cal Cities Request: Sign

- *Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Legislators sent several notable labor measures to the Governor for approval, including [AB 1383 \(McKinnor\)](#). The measure [rolls back key provisions](#) of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act. Cal Cities is urging the Governor to veto the measure, citing its potential to increase long-term costs for cities and taxpayers. The Legislature also passed [SB 577 \(Laird\)](#), a late-breaking bill that seeks to address expensive lawsuits related to childhood sexual assault claims and broader public entity liability reform. While Cal Cities appreciates the Legislature's efforts to address a complex and sensitive issue, Cal Cities argued that the bill falls short of the meaningful reforms needed to address [escalating public agency costs](#). Cal Cities urged lawmakers to adopt true reforms that ensure long-term fiscal sustainability and emphasized that communities need a framework that both protects survivors and preserves essential services.

Another bill, [AB 2656 \(Petrie-Norris\)](#), requires local agencies to provide unions with at least 45 days' notice before developing, buying, or requiring the use of generative artificial intelligence to perform work within a represented bargaining unit. Cal Cities and a broad coalition are urging the Governor to veto the measure, arguing that it would create burdensome requirements, duplicate existing

obligations, and slow local agencies' ability to evaluate and implement tools that can improve efficiency and public service delivery.

Cal Cities is asking the Governor to sign two beneficial bills. [AB 1821 \(Pacheco\)](#), a Cal Cities co-sponsored measure, changes the timeline for responding to public records requests from calendar days to business days. This would ensure local agencies have the intended number of working days to conduct thorough searches, review records, and make required redactions. The bill responds to a sharp increase in both the volume and complexity of public records requests.

[SB 1187 \(Durazo\)](#) removes certain Brown Act language-access requirements enacted under [SB 707 \(Durazo\)](#) last year, including agenda translation and certain language-access service requirements for eligible legislative body meetings. The reforms preserve local agencies' ability to voluntarily provide additional language-access services while addressing implementation challenges and costs.

- *Johnnie Piña, legislative advocate*

Housing, Community, and Economic Development

The Cal Cities-sponsored [AB 2296 \(Papan\)](#) passed the Legislature with unanimous bipartisan support. The measure gives cities an extra six months to complete their housing elements and get them approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Due to implementation issues and at the request of several regional planning bodies, cities with a housing element deadline in the 2027, 2028, and 2029 calendar years would not qualify for the additional time during the 7th Regional Housing Needs Allocation Cycle but would benefit in the 8th cycle.

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

Cal Cities is also requesting a veto on [SB 1117 \(Cervantes\)](#). The measure dramatically limits the amount of impact fees cities can collect for up to two accessory dwelling units larger than 750 square feet on single-family lots. This could frequently result in a large reduction in local government funding for infrastructure and public services that support livable, equitable, and thriving communities, the need for which does not go away if fees are reduced.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 1621 \(Wilson\)](#) Planning and Zoning Law: postentitlement phase permits: Housing Accountability Act
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [AB 1457 \(Bryan\)](#) General plan: environmental justice element: disadvantaged communities
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [AB 2166 \(Carrillo\)](#) Multifamily housing development: offsite housing factories: backstop financing
Cal Cities Request: Sign

- *Brady Guertin, legislative advocate*

Community Services

Cal Cities' sponsored recovery housing bills, [SB 329 \(Blakespear\)](#) and [SB 490 \(Umberg\)](#), unanimously passed out of the Assembly and are headed to the

Governor. The [measures](#) respond to a state audit that found the state failed to thoroughly investigate complaints against residential alcohol and drug treatment facilities.

This is the **third** time Cal Cities has sponsored a bill with Sen. Umberg that allows the state to leverage local capacity to respond swiftly to violations, and the first time the legislation has made it all the way to the Governor.

During the legislative process, the state department that oversees these facilities requested amendments that would have removed key components of the proposal — which Cal Cities ultimately decided not to accept. As a result, the Governor could veto SB 490 at the department's request. Letters from cities demonstrating strong local support can help make the case that these important reforms should be signed into law.

A Cal Cities-supported homelessness prevention bill, [AB 1924 \(Gabriel\)](#), also advanced to the Governor. The measure directs the state to develop California's first comprehensive homelessness prevention strategy, including model best practices for local agencies. This represents a policy shift from responding to homelessness to preventing it in the first place.

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 2007 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#) Youth programs: identifying information of youth
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [AB 1153 \(Bonta\)](#) Illegal disposal site abatement
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [SB 692 \(Arreguín\)](#) Vehicles: homelessness
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [SB 1077 \(Gonzalez\)](#) CalFresh: federal government shutdowns
Cal Cities Request: Sign

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

Public Safety

Cal Cities helped send several key public safety bills to the Governor, including [AB 1941 \(Gonzalez, M\)](#). Co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure increases penalties for organized metal theft. [SB 758 \(Umberg\)](#) — also co-sponsored by Cal Cities — is also pending on the Governor's desk. The bill prohibits the sale of nitrous oxide by retailers that hold a tobacco license, with an exemption for grocery stores. Both houses unanimously approved the measure.

In a win for cities, [SB 1013 \(Cervantes\)](#), which could have prohibited cities from utilizing automatic license plate readers, was held on the Assembly Floor. While the bill was amended to partially address data retention concerns, the measure still could have adversely impacted law enforcement's ability to conduct criminal investigations. Cal Cities opposed the measure.

Major wildfire mitigation measures and insurance reforms supported by Cal Cities are also now pending on the Governor's desk, including [AB 1934 \(Bennett\)](#), [AB 2724 \(Bauer-Kahan\)](#), [SB 877 \(Pérez\)](#), and [SB 1301 \(Allen\)](#).

Other priority bills include:

- [AB 1632 \(Johnson\)](#) Trespass
Cal Cities Position: Support (Held)
- [AB 2076 \(Lowenthal\)](#) The Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act:
online marketplaces: nitrous oxide
Cal Cities Position: Sign

- [SB 747 \(Wiener\)](#) Civil rights: deprivation of federal constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [SB 907 \(Archuleta\)](#) Driving under the influence and other driving offenses: comprehensive reform
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [SB 936 \(Blakespear\)](#) Nitrous oxide: sales.
Cal Cities Request: Sign

- *Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate*

Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

Two key e-bike measures, [SB 1167 \(Blakespear\)](#) and [AB 2346 \(Wilson\)](#), advanced to the Governor's desk. The bills strengthen e-bike labeling and advertising requirements, update classifications, improve consumer disclosure requirements, and ensure higher-powered vehicles are appropriately regulated. If signed, the Cal Cities-supported measures would join the already-signed [AB 1569 \(Davies\)](#) and [AB 1614 \(Dixon\)](#) — all informed by Cal Cities' working group, roundtables, and surveys with members.

Cal Cities successfully blocked Gov. Newsom's proposal to create a Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) tax credit of up to \$300 million annually. [The proposal](#), which the administration has pushed since last fall, would have redirected revenues intended for local transportation projects to subsidize SAF production despite uncertain climate benefits. Its exclusion protects critical funding for local streets, roads, and other transportation infrastructure.

Other priority bills include:

- [SB 1246 \(Cortese\)](#): Autonomous Vehicles
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [SB 795 \(Archuleta\)](#): E15 Gasoline
Cal Cities Request: Sign
- [SB 342 \(Umberg\)](#): Contractors Licenses
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [SB 222 \(Wiener\)](#): Permitting HVAC & Water Heaters
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [AB 1198 \(Haney\)](#): Public Works Wages
Cal Cities Request: Veto
- [AB 1976 \(Wicks\)](#): Bicycle facilities
Cal Cities Request: Veto

- *Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*

Revenue and Taxation

[SB 922 \(Laird\)](#), a measure sponsored by Cal Cities that deals with road repair, is ahead of the curve. The Governor signed the measure late last month. This will give cities the certainty they need to recover the cost of street maintenance and repair caused by public service operations, such as waste hauling, through service-related fees and charges. This bill is a response to the decision issued in *Rogers v. City of Redlands*, which created significant uncertainty and legal exposure and jeopardized millions in road repair dollars.

Still on the Governor's desk is [AB 2640 \(Hadwick\)](#). The measure prevents the state from clawing back reimbursement funds from a city while still owing that same city money for other state-mandated costs. This is a common-sense fix that protects local budgets and gives cities more flexibility over how state reimbursement disputes are resolved.

Two other Cal Cities-supported bills are also awaiting the Governor's signature: [SB 1005 \(Caballero\)](#), a measure that would provide guidance for local agencies impacted by the end of penny production, and [SB 1172 \(Hurtado\)](#), which would place guardrails around consultant compensation in tax-sharing agreements.

- *Ben Triffo, legislative advocate*

Next steps

Gov. Gavin Newsom has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto any legislation on his desk. Cal Cities also maintains a [live list of priority bills](#), sample letters, and their statuses. To learn how you can make your voice heard, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



Cal Cities is accepting proposals for the 2027 Public Works Officers Institute

Sep 2, 2026

Session submissions due by Oct. 2

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Cal Cities is accepting forward-thinking [session proposals](#) for the [Public Works Officers Institute](#). Held March 17-19 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County hotel in Garden Grove, this three-day conference connects local public works officers with new ideas, strategies, and solutions to help keep their communities thriving.

[Help pave the way for others](#)

Submissions from individuals, groups, businesses, and organizations on any topic relevant to public works are welcome. Cal Cities encourages session proposals that are creative and modern in their programming and format. Previous sessions include:

- Upping Your Communications Game
- Women in Public Works
- Public Works Visibility as First Responders
- Strategic Funding and Grant Writing for Public Works
- Claiming Compliance Credit for Stormwater Management Strategies

Sessions may not include sales pitches, commercialism, or product promotion of any kind. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, Oct. 2.

Member-driven and member-led programming is a cornerstone of Cal Cities' educational activities. Over 95% of all programming comes directly from Cal Cities' open calls for proposals!

[How to submit](#)

Learn how to create an excellent proposal by reviewing the Call for Proposals section on the Public Works Officers Institute [webpage](#). When you have your idea (or ideas!) ready, [submit your proposal online](#). If accepted, you'll present your session at the 2027 institute at the Hyatt Regency in Garden Grove.

For questions, please email [Event Program Manager Erin Wylder](#).



Future of proposed mail-in-ballot changes remains unclear

Sep 2, 2026

By Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate (federal liaison)

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court weighed in on proposed changes to mail-in ballots that could have major implications for elections in California. However, it's unclear if the changes can be implemented before the November election.

Cal Cities provided feedback on parts of the proposed changes over the summer as part of a rulemaking process. While counties are primarily responsible for elections, cities play a key role in voter outreach, public education, and logistical support. This strong partnership is critical to the security and success of the state's election system, where [nearly 90% of ballots cast](#) in the last statewide election were by mail.

How did we get here?

In March, the President issued an [executive order](#) to "ensure citizenship verification and integrity in federal elections" conducted by mail and directed the U.S. Postal Service to initiate a rulemaking. The Postal Service subsequently released a [proposed rule](#) in June that outlined new preparation and data reporting requirements for mail-in and absentee ballots.

Immediately after the executive order was issued, California and over 20 other states sued to block the vote-by-mail changes. The group argued that the changes could upend their planning for the November midterm elections and infringe on their authority to administer elections.

A federal judge agreed with the states and temporarily blocked the federal government from implementing key parts of the order in those states before the [midterm elections](#). In a [different case](#) challenging the order, that same judge issued a nationwide preliminary injunction that prevented the federal government from implementing the challenged provisions [pending further litigation](#).

Cal Cities [submitted comments on the proposed rule](#) in July, outlining several implementation concerns. The letter urged the Postal Service to reconsider the proposal and work with state and local governments to ensure any new requirements are feasible, aligned with existing systems, and supported with adequate resources and clear guidance. Along with Cal Cities' letter, the Postal Service received over 200,000 public comments on the proposed rule.

The agency ultimately finalized the new rule with an effective date of Aug. 21, 2026. However, because court injunctions were in place, the Postal Service decided not to implement the rule for the 2026 election until the government obtained relief from those injunctions.

Last week, the Supreme Court ruled that key provisions of the executive order may take effect for the upcoming November election. The Supreme Court concluded that the lower court's injunction in the states' lawsuit should be paused while the litigation continues.

The Supreme Court found that the states lacked standing to challenge the executive order but did not rule on the legality of the order itself. Following the Supreme Court's ruling, the federal judge [lifted the nationwide injunction](#).

What's next?

The Supreme Court's ruling does not mean the executive order can move forward as originally envisioned. Days after the ruling, California and 23 other states [filed another federal lawsuit](#) seeking an immediate halt to the new rules while the litigation continues. The plaintiffs argue that the rule unlawfully interferes with their authority to administer elections and exceeds the agency's statutory authority. In response, the lower court judge issued a temporary restraining order blocking the Postal Service from implementing key parts of the rule for the [November election](#). The federal government has challenged that order. It remains unclear if the rule will take effect before the November election. California counties will begin mailing ballots by Oct. 5.



November bond measure could provide billions in funding for affordable housing and veterans housing

Sep 2, 2026

Cities can show their support by adopting Cal Cities' [sample city resolution](#)

By Kristine Guerrero, senior director of public affairs

This November, California voters will have 14 statewide ballot measures to consider, including Proposition 1 — which would allow the state to sell \$11.25 billion in general obligation bonds for the development, preservation, and rehabilitation of affordable housing and veterans housing. Cities can voice their support for the measure, also known as the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026, by using Cal Cities' [sample city resolution](#).

"Prop 1 is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to tackle California's housing crisis," said Ray Pearl, executive director of the California Housing Consortium, a Navy veteran, and Westlake Village City council member. "I know this crisis from both sides. Veterans who've earned a place to call home, seniors on fixed incomes, teachers and firefighters who can't afford to live in the communities they serve — they're all counting on us."

Cal Cities has long supported investments that increase the supply of affordable housing. If approved by the voters, Prop. 1 would replenish funding for several successful state programs. The state would repay the bond — the largest such bond since 2018 — through its General Fund and a tax-exempt, self-supporting veterans bond.

The types of affordable housing programs Prop. 1 would fund include:

- **Multifamily housing.** Prop. 1 provides \$7.2 billion to acquire, build, or renovate rental housing, such as apartment buildings. These programs generally provide local governments and private developers with low-interest loans to help fund part of the project cost. Some of this funding would be used for supportive housing, which provides on-site services (such as mental health and substance use counseling) to certain residents.
- **Homeownership.** Prop. 1 provides \$1.1 billion to support homeownership among low- and moderate-income households. Some of the funds would be used to provide first-time homebuyer loans that generally do not have to be paid back until the home is sold or paid off. Some funding would help nonprofits and other organizations acquire land to build homes and repair existing homes for eligible low-income households.
- **Infrastructure.** Prop. 1 provides \$500 million for a variety of infrastructure projects that support affordable housing developments, such as water, sewage, parks, and transportation improvements.
- **Farmworker housing.** Prop. 1 provides \$450 million in loans and grants to build or renovate housing for farmworkers.
- **Higher education student housing.** Prop. 1 provides \$350 million, split evenly between the University of California and California State University, for affordable student housing.
- **Tribal housing.** Prop. 1 provides \$200 million in grants to tribes that could be used for various housing-related purposes, including construction and repair.

- **Local pilot programs.** Prop. 1 provides \$200 million that would be available to cities, counties, and other entities for pilot projects that develop housing at reduced costs. Prop. 1 also provides \$1.25 billion for home loan assistance to veterans. Veterans participating in the program would make monthly payments to the state, allowing the state to repay the bonds.

For cities, Prop. 1 could provide an infusion of support for the state's long-running housing affordability challenge. It could also fund innovative local programs like regional housing trusts and help cities meet their Regional Housing Need Assessment goals for current and future cycles.

"Prop. 1 gives cities the tools to build the homes California needs, and that's why so many local governments, business groups, and senior and veterans groups across the state are united behind it," Pearl said.

According to the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, Prop. 1 would provide subsidies for as many as 40,000 multifamily rental units and about 1,200 beds for university students. The funds could also help up to 40,000 households, including about 2,100 veterans, with homeownership.

Cities can support Prop. 1 by adopting [Cal Cities' sample resolution](#). For more information about how to get involved, contact your regional public affairs manager or email ballotmeasures@calcities.org.



North Bay city officials lobby lawmakers on wildfire liability, pensions, and more

Sep 2, 2026

North Bay city officials lobby lawmakers on wildfire liability, pensions, and more

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor. Additional contributions by Nancy Hall Bennett, regional public affairs manager (North Bay Division)

Cities from Cal Cities' [North Bay Division](#) made their voices heard in Sacramento amid last week's [end-of-session chaos](#). The group advocated on several pressing city issues, including proposed changes to wildfire liability and employee pensions. "It was a productive day in Sacramento," said Natalie Rogers, the division's president and Santa Rosa council member. "These meetings gave us a valuable opportunity to share the priorities and concerns of our cities and advocate directly on the issues that matter most to our communities as the legislative season comes to a close."

Now-scuttled changes to wildfire liability rules dominated the meetings. The Newsom-backed bailout would have limited how much money local governments and individuals could recover from companies after a utility-caused wildfire. Legislators ultimately agreed [to a pared-down proposal](#) focused on wildfire mitigation, faster payouts to victims, and stricter oversight of the claims process, among other things. The compromise bill died on Tuesday after pushback from utilities, builders, and electrical workers.

The North Bay delegation expressed their disappointment over the passage of [AB 1383 \(McKinnor\)](#). The measure makes [several significant changes](#) to public employees' retirement benefits that would ultimately lead to increased costs for cities and taxpayers. The measure is awaiting action from the Governor. Local officials encouraged legislators to pass several measures, all of which are now on the Governor's desk. [AB 2296 \(Papan\)](#), sponsored by Cal Cities, lets cities update their housing elements six months earlier than existing law. [AB 1941 \(González, M.\)](#) and [SB 758 \(Umberg\)](#) — both co-sponsored by Cal Cities — strengthen penalties for organized metal theft and combat the illegal use of nitrous oxide, respectively.

The delegation also reminded lawmakers that a change to state law could force goat grazing companies out of business and [jeopardize wildfire risk reduction services](#) in the region. By acreage, targeted grazing [ranks third](#) in the state's wildfire resilience activities. Gov. Gavin Newsom has yet to approve a legislative fix that passed in the final days of session.

The division met directly with Assembly Members Chris Rogers, Damon Connolly, and Lori D. Wilson, as well as Senator Mike McGuire and the staff from Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry's office.



Lawmakers send AB 1383 to the Governor's desk

Sep 2, 2026

Cal Cities is urging Gov. Gavin Newsom to veto the measure

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor, and Johnnie Pina, legislative advocate (governance)

Lawmakers in both houses passed [AB 1383 \(McKinnor\)](#) by overwhelming majorities in the evening hours of Aug. 30 despite sustained criticism that expanding pension benefits could harm cities already struggling to deliver essential services. Cal Cities and a broad coalition of local government associations are now urging Gov. Gavin Newsom to veto the measure.

AB 1383 [rolls back crucial provisions](#) of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and will substantially raise costs for cities. The measure allows public safety employees to retire earlier with full benefits and public safety unions to bargain for more generous pension formulas. Some of the bill's provisions — including an automatic increase to the pensionable compensation cap — would apply to all PEPRA employees.

Proponents of the bill have framed AB 1383 as a way to increase retention and recruitment for police and firefighters. However, Cal Cities and others have noted that there is little evidence to support that expanding pension benefits for everyone is the most effective solution for a narrow recruitment challenge. In fact, the bill's bargainable safety tier may exacerbate recruitment and retention issues, as cities spend more on pension benefits for existing workers.

Although some of the provisions are framed as optional, in practice it will be anything but. "Once one city adopts richer pension benefits, neighboring jurisdictions must match them to remain competitive," wrote La Verne Mayor Tim Hepburn and Napa Mayor Scott Sedgley in [Capitol Weekly](#). "What begins as a local decision can quickly become a regional expectation, driving costs higher for all taxpayers."

Legislators amended the bill on Aug. 27 to reduce the proposed pensionable compensation cap limits for those not in Social Security. This change will reduce the cost of the bill by an unknown amount. However, the amendment did not change the Cal Cities' opposition, as the bill still carries a massive price tag.

Prior to the changes, the California [Department of Finance](#) released its analysis of the bill, urging lawmakers to reject the proposal due to its costs.

Similarly, [CalPERS](#) estimated that the measure would create at least \$4.8 billion in new costs, and potentially as much as \$8.2 billion. The estimate does not include costs to county retirement systems or independent public pension systems. The Governor has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto the bill.