

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
September 10, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Records Requests for the month of August 2026.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

Open City of Garden Grove
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Liz Vasquez
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	City Clerk
Subject:	RECORDS REQUESTS	Date:	September 10, 2026

OBJECTIVE

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Liz Vasquez
City Clerk



By Juan Munoz
Records Coordinator

Attachment

Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
11386	08/02/26	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings July 2026 Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	08/13/26	08/11/26
11387	08/03/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for '2026 Residential Streets Rehabilitation Project' that was submitted on 06/02/2026. I believe the project number is 'CP15...	Public Works	08/13/26	08/03/26
11388	08/03/26	10941 Allen Dr Gardne Grove Original blue prints needed for a home project. Blue print for solar panel project.	Community Development	08/13/26	08/11/26
11390	08/04/26	SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the Garden Grove Police Department for any and all purchasing records from 5/6/2026 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning, or pri...	Finance	08/14/26	08/10/26
11391	08/04/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'On-Call Concrete Construction' that was submitted on 06/01/2026. I believe the project number is 'S-1389', but I could b...	Finance	08/14/26	08/06/26
11392	08/04/26	I would like to request a listing of new businesses in Garden Grove for the month of July 2026. All information about the businesses that you are able to provide, such as business name, business address, business formation date, and business phone...	Finance	08/14/26	08/11/26
11393	08/04/26	REQUEST FOR COPY OF AUTO ACCIDENT VIDEO FROM CAMERA ON TRAFFIC POLE LOCATION: INTERSECTION EUCLID AND TRASK, https://maps.app.goo.gl/8aUcr99izsYdmc8x7 DATE OF LOSS: 7/24/26 TIME OF LOSS: 4:00 PM BETWEEN: LEXUS IS AND BMW UNK COMPANY: MERCURY ...		08/14/26	08/04/26

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11394	08/04/26	I am writing to request copies of the California City of Garden Grove's most current uncashed or outstanding funds listing. Please email the listing of these outstanding amounts that are at least 6 months old and over \$1,000 detailing the follo...	Finance	08/14/26	08/10/26
11396	08/04/26	Verizon has asked me to research the history of an existing wireless facility (Building Side-Mounted) and obtain pdf file copies of the CUP Resolution and/or Approval Documents that granted the entitlement. Verizon Site Info Site Name: PLEASU...	Community Development	08/14/26	08/05/26
11397	08/04/26	Hi Team, M Escrow, Inc. has teamed up with Rexera to gather data on code violations and permits with the property address 13138 Ferndale Dr, Garden Grove, CA 92844. We have some inquiries regarding code violations and permits. Could you pleas...	Community Development	08/14/26	08/14/26
11398	08/04/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request an electronic export (Excel or CSV format) of the complete Real Property Asset Inventory for all parcels owned by the City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Housing Authority, and the Succes...	Economic Development Community Development Information Technology	08/31/26	08/18/26
11400	08/05/26	Any and all certified code enforcement case files, building inspector notes, citations, or health and safety violations at 12273 Donald Reed Lane, Garden Grove, CA 92840 between February 1, 2023, and July 31, 2023.		08/15/26	08/05/26
11401	08/05/26	Dear Custodian of Records, I am requesting all contemporaneous notes, call summaries, or documentation created by Extension 5503 (EOC Public Info 3) or any other city staff member regarding the incoming call on May 22, 2026, at 6:25 PM from (56...		08/17/26	08/05/26
11402	08/05/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Provide Transportation and Distribution of Composted Mulch Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail' that was submitted ...	Finance	08/17/26	08/05/26

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11403	08/05/26	Certified copies of Development Agreements: 1. Grove District Resort Hotel Development Agreement. Include Amendments 2. DA-008-2017. Include Amendments Copy of signed Assignment Agreement for line 1 project. Version online is unsigned.	Economic Development	09/05/26	09/08/26
11404	08/05/26	2023, 2024, and 2025 annual reports from City franchised haulers showing total annual collected tons and diverted tons per waste stream, per line of business.	Public Works Utilities	08/17/26	08/11/26
11405	08/06/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Axon Enterprise, Inc., Digital Ally, Inc., Getac Video Solutions, HALOS Security, and Motorola,...	Finance	08/17/26	08/11/26
11406	08/06/26	On behalf of Orange County Professional Firefighters Local 3631, I am requesting the official list of candidates who have qualified for the November 2026 municipal election in your city. Please include each candidate's name and the office or di...		08/17/26	08/06/26
11407	08/06/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'MEDAL OF HONOR TRAIL CONCRETE INSTALLATION FOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT' that was submitted on 02/12/2026. I believe the projec...	Economic Development	08/17/26	08/17/26
11409	08/06/26	All documents regarding CUP-187-2020, IOU-003-2020 and V-031-2020 for Little World/L & L Kids Entertainment at 9691 Chapman Avenue. In particular, I need the parking analysis, parking calculations, parking exhibit, staff report, CUP application, R...	Community Development	08/17/26	08/12/26
11410	08/06/26	I have been unable to obtain the sketch or floor plan showing the permitted square footage, as well as the number of permitted bedrooms and bathrooms for this property. Could you please provide a copy at 12701 REVA RD, GARDEN GROVE, CA.		08/20/26	08/10/26

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11411	08/07/26	Please produce all records maintained by the City of Garden Grove Code Enforcement Division relating to the apartment complex legally located at 12921 Dale St., Garden Grove, CA 92841, for the period June 1, 2022 to present. The property is com...	Community Development	08/20/26	08/19/26
11413	08/08/26	Requesting the complete building permit file for Permit/Project No. A-321521 at 12752 Monarch St, Garden Grove, CA 92841 (electrical revision - power for cup oven machines and 8 laser machines; application created on or about 10/22/2025; current s...		08/20/26	08/10/26
11414	08/09/26	Payment records for all vendor entities (including companies, organizations, contractors, and other non-person payees) made by City of Garden Grove from January 1, 2026 to current date including at minimum: purchase date, vendor name, line-item de...	Finance	08/20/26	08/19/26
11415	08/10/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Darkwing Tech, Eflare Corporation, Night Searcher, Orion Safety Products, and PowerFlare Corpor...	Finance	08/20/26	08/11/26
11416	08/10/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'On Call RAP Slurry Seal and Asphalt Cold Mix-2026' that was submitted on 11/24/2025. I believe the project number is 'S-...	Finance	08/20/26	08/10/26
11417	08/10/26	I am requesting access to public records maintained by your agency relating to outstanding, uncashed, stale-dated, voided, canceled, or otherwise unclaimed payments. Specifically, I request any spreadsheet, database, report, ledger, or other el...	Finance	08/20/26	08/19/26
11418	08/10/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Fire Station #86 Landscape Rehabilitation Project' that was submitted on 11/19/2025. I believe the project number is 'S-...	Finance	08/20/26	08/10/26

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11423	08/11/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING CITY PARKS IMPROVEMENTS' that was submitted on 10/20/2025. I believe the project number is 'S-...	Community Services	08/21/26	08/19/26
11424	08/11/26	Please see the attached letter.	Economic Development Information Technology Community Development	09/21/26	
11425	08/12/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'On-Call Saw Cutting Services' that was submitted on 01/05/2024. I believe the project number is 'S-1317-A', but I could ...	Finance	08/22/26	08/12/26
11427	08/12/26	Please see attached request.		08/24/26	08/12/26
11428	08/12/26	I am requesting that the City of Garden Grove immediately preserve and provide any available traffic-camera footage, traffic-monitoring footage, video-detection footage, surveillance footage, or other recorded video/images showing the intersection...		08/22/26	08/12/26
11429	08/12/26	Please provide the City of Garden Grove's 2025 contract/payment records with Orange County Humane Society and its animal-control reports. records of animal intake, and the result. Example how many dogs and cats came into the shelter in 2025 a...	Public Works	08/24/26	08/24/26
11430	08/13/26	Bid for 2023 Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'On-Call Saw Cutting Services' that was submitted on 11/06/2023. I believe the project number is 'S-1317...	Finance	08/24/26	08/13/26
11431	08/13/26	1. Regarding the hotel (Nickelodeon) measure, how many signatures were submitted. I understand that the county will be doing the verifying, etc. 2. What's the title of the hotel petition and the other one (hotel wages, etc.) that won't be procee...	City Manager	08/24/26	08/24/26

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11432	08/13/26	Hello City of Garden Grove, I am an intern for Irvine City Councilmember Melinda Liu. Under the California Public Records Act, I request records sufficient to show the number of incidents, citations, and arrests involving nitrous oxide within t...	Police	08/24/26	08/17/26
11433	08/13/26	reference permit #93409 Copy of approved plan set and associated supporting documents for the construction of the CNG station at 11790 Cardinal Circle for OCTA. Also copy of title report if available. Please provide via email.		08/24/26	08/13/26
11434	08/13/26	As per the City of Stanton the address is within the limit line of the City of Garden Grove. Please below on the details of my request. Verizon has asked me to research the history of an existing wireless facility (Lattice Tower) and obtain pdf...	Community Development	08/24/26	08/24/26
11435	08/13/26	A hole on Epsilon & Beta in the road , tires and rims are going to be damaged. More importantly people can fall while walking or riding bikes. It is getting bigger, and terrible when turning in and out of the street.		08/24/26	08/14/26
11436	08/14/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'CALTRANS FENCING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT' that was submitted on 08/28/2023. I believe the project number is 'PROJECT NO. 122...	Economic Development	09/22/26	
11437	08/14/26	Please provide all building permits, inspection history, Certificates of Occupancy (CO), and architectural plans/drawings on file for APN: 099-065-03, property address: 13142 Adland Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843 and all for all unit addresses. U...		08/24/26	08/14/26
11438	08/14/26	Home Owner of 11622 Candy Ln- GG-CA 92840 Request for Floor Plans of above address		08/24/26	08/14/26
11439	08/14/26	Please attached Request	Community Development	09/08/26	09/08/26

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11440	08/15/26	Dear Records Officer, I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your time and for the work you do. Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6250 et seq.), I am requesting an electronic summary of purchase orders (not th...	Finance	08/27/26	08/24/26
11441	08/16/26	Dear Records Officer, I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your time and for the work you do. Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6250 et seq.), I am requesting an electronic summary of purchase orders (not th...	Finance	08/27/26	08/24/26
11442	08/17/26	I am requesting public records related to the property located at 11121 Jerry Ln, Garden Grove, CA 92840, APN 090-082-43. Specifically, I am requesting copies of all available records related to Permit Nos. 14-2473 and 14-2475, including: Bu...	Community Development	08/27/26	08/17/26
11443	08/17/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'On- Call Asphalt Cold Milling, Trucking, Street Sweeping, Paving and Operator Services for the City of Garden Grove' tha...	Finance	08/27/26	08/17/26
11444	08/17/26	We had a work order earlier this year to get our sidewalk, city owned trees trimmed earlier this year. The address is 12602 Kensington Lane, Garden Grove. The work order number is #641246. We are requesting a copy of the work order for insurance ...	Public Works	08/27/26	08/18/26
11445	08/17/26	Please provide copies of submitted candidate nomination signers for all 2026 Garden Grove local election candidates, as well as any applicable circulator affidavit/circulator declarations if applicable. Thank you!		08/27/26	08/18/26
11446	08/17/26	I am a researcher at Stanford University interested in using the data from your city's 311 reporting data system. Would it be possible to receive the underlying dataset of requests, for example in a CSV format? Ideally, it would be great to obtain...		08/28/26	08/18/26

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11447	08/18/26	Please provide an electronic list of all new business licenses issued within Zip code 92841 from June1, 2026 through August 18, 2026. Please include where publicly available: Business Name, Business Address, Business phone number, Business Type...	Finance	08/28/26	08/18/26
11448	08/18/26	I am requesting a physical microfiche, archived parcel sheets, and building record history for the property located at 11212 Clarissa St, Garden Grove, CA 92840 (APN: 089-627-06). Specifically, I am requesting copies of: The original 1959 Plot Pl...		08/28/26	08/18/26
11449	08/19/26	city of garden grove -holiday lighting, decoration and design rfp for previous installations. Specifically, I am requesting: 1.name of the winning bidder/vendor 2.the total dollar amount of the awarded contract. 3.the city council resolution...	Finance	08/31/26	08/19/26
11450	08/19/26	Any available city traffic camera, intersection camera, or surveillance footage capturing the motor vehicle accident that occurred on April 26, 2026, at approximately 9:58 PM at Trask Ave & Brookhurst St, Garden Grove, CA 92843. The footage reques...		08/29/26	08/19/26
11452	08/19/26	Good afternoon, I would like to request footage from the camaras located on intersections Brookhurst St & Westminster Ave, Garden Grove CA - My client had an accident on 07/17/2026 he was hit by a vehicle.		08/30/26	08/20/26
11453	08/20/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Action Training Systems, Air Methods Ascend, Axene Continuing Education, Fire Engineering Train...	Finance	08/31/26	08/24/26
11454	08/20/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'ON-CALL ASPHALT COLD MILLING, PULVERIZATION, TRUCKING, STREET SWEEPING and OPERATOR SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF GARDEN GROV...	Finance	08/31/26	08/20/26

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11455	08/20/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'CIVIC CENTER BRIDGE AND LANDSCAPE RENOVATION PROJECT' that was submitted on 11/28/2022. I believe the project number is ...	Finance	08/30/26	08/24/26
11456	08/20/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'CIVIC CENTER BRIDGE AND LANDSCAPE RENOVATION PROJECT' that was submitted on 03/06/2023. I believe the project number is ...	Community Services	09/14/26	
11457	08/20/26	Copy of the floor plan of the condo in Garden Grove. 12852 PALM ST, PERMIT#:10-1006. ISSUED:4/29/2010		09/03/26	08/24/26
11458	08/21/26	SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the City of Garden Grove for any and all purchasing records from 5/8/2026 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning, or printing pape...	Finance	09/03/26	08/27/26
11459	08/21/26	Please email me a copy of your current contract for the Mutli-Function Device fleet and Print Center (e.g. Kyocera, Xerox). Please include lease agreement showing payment, models, accessories with terms & conditions. Please include the Maintenanc...	Finance	09/03/26	08/24/26
11460	08/22/26	Please check and advise for below, 1.Any outstanding code violations. 2.Open or expired building permits. 3.Demolition orders, unrecorded special assessments or liens (including those related to tall grass, junk/debris removal, lot maintena...		09/03/26	08/24/26
11461	08/24/26	digital records of city service requests submitted via the Garden Grove Report an Issue portal		09/03/26	08/24/26
11462	08/24/26	Hello City of Garden Grove City, My name is Lan Le and the owner at 10831 Allen Dr Garden Grove, CA 92840. I want to request a record of house plot plan for this house. We bought the house in 2020 but didn't have the full house plan draw from pr...		09/03/26	08/24/26

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11463	08/24/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request records sufficient to identify rental housing properties located in Garden Grove, CA that have been the subject of reported, investigated, cited, or confirmed health, safety, sanitation, bui...		09/03/26	08/24/26
11464	08/24/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request records sufficient to identify rental housing properties located in Garden Grove, CA that have been the subject of reported, investigated, cited, or confirmed health, safety, sanitation, bui...		09/03/26	08/24/26
11465	08/24/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request records sufficient to identify rental housing properties located in Garden Grove, CA that have been the subject of reported, investigated, cited, or confirmed health, safety, sanitation, bui...		09/03/26	08/24/26
11466	08/24/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request records sufficient to identify rental housing properties located in Garden Grove, CA that have been the subject of reported, investigated, cited, or confirmed health, safety, sanitation, bui...		09/03/26	08/24/26
11467	08/24/26	Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I request records sufficient to identify rental housing properties located in Garden Grove, CA that have been the subject of reported, investigated, cited, or confirmed health, safety, building, code ...		09/03/26	08/24/26
11469	08/24/26	Building Permits and C of O for 5856 BELGRAVE AVE. PDFs of building permits are not available as a user name and password is required.	City Manager	09/08/26	08/25/26
11470	08/24/26	Hi, I'm requesting an official record of case #194132 and its resolution for our records. It is in response to a city inspection concerning water accumulation. This was resolved by city creating a new adequate drainage on the side walk. Cross ...	City Manager Public Works Utilities Public Works	09/08/26	09/08/26
11471	08/25/26	We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Audio Enhancement, Boxlight, and Vivi, covering the past three years to present. Spreadsheet...	Finance	09/08/26	08/27/26

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11472	08/25/26	My name is Varlik Kiziloren . I work with our sales and supply chain teams at INNIO Waukesha. We are conducting a database refresh and were wondering if your company has any gas engines. Having this information will greatly help our team plan for ...	Public Works Utilities	09/08/26	08/31/26
11473	08/25/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'On-Call Reclaimed Asphalt Pavement (RAP) Slurry Seal and Asphalt Cold Milling 2022' that was submitted on 10/17/2022. I ...	Finance	09/08/26	08/31/26
11474	08/25/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'ACACIA-JOSEPHINE STORM DRAIN IMPROVEMENT' that was submitted on 11/23/2021. I believe the project number is 'CP1007000',...	Public Works Utilities Public Works	09/08/26	09/01/26
11475	08/25/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Fencing at Atlantis Play Center' that was submitted on 12/23/2019. I believe the project number is 'S-1262', but I could...	Finance	09/08/26	08/31/26
11476	08/25/26	Site: 7345 Orangewood Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92841, Parcel Number 131-021-033 (See Attached Map). ESS requests the following information concerning the subject site which the public works department may have on file: 1. Information regarding ...	Public Works Utilities Public Works	09/08/26	09/08/26
11477	08/25/26	Site: 7345 Orangewood Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92841, Parcel Number 131-021-033 (See Attached Map). ESS requests the following information concerning the subject address which the fire department may have on file: 1. utilization, manufacture, st...		09/04/26	08/25/26
11478	08/25/26	Site: 7345 Orangewood Avenue Garden Grove, CA 92841, Parcel Number 131-021-033 (See Attached Map). I hereby request copies of all building permits and certificates of occupancy for the above address.		09/04/26	08/25/26

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11479	08/25/26	Dear city record representative. My name is Long Nguyen. May I have full record for the property address: 11571 Palmwood Dr, Garden Grove, with APN: 089-581-03. What is the total living SF, how many bedrooms and bathrooms. I found mixed record...		09/08/26	08/26/26
11482	08/27/26	Requesting traffic collision report #26002303, along with any photos and BWC footage associated with the report.		09/06/26	08/27/26
11483	08/27/26	Record for front yard landscaping of 12682 Groveview St Garden grove CA 92840		09/08/26	08/27/26
11484	08/27/26	Tracking how the city's complete zoning code has been republished or rewritten over time. Provide the single complete, recodified zoning code closest to 1990 — a single document capturing Garden Grove's full zoning code as it stood around that dat...	City Manager	09/22/26	
11488	08/28/26	Looking for possible video footage of a car accident that happened on 08/23/2026 roughly around 330pm At the intersection of BROOKHURST ST. & HAZARD AVE. Accident happened in the left hand turn lane S/B on Brookhurst. This accident was between a ...		09/07/26	08/28/26
11489	08/28/26	Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Provide On-Call Hot Tapping, and Line Stopping Services' that was submitted on 04/01/2026. I believe the project number ...	Finance	09/08/26	08/28/26
11492	08/30/26	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings August 2026 Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	09/10/26	09/01/26
11493	08/31/26	Please provide permits for a recent half bath converted into a full bath. Subject-12842 Alonzo Cook St Garden Grove CA 92845		09/10/26	08/31/26
11494	08/31/26	Name, title, and responsibility for employee overlooking streets and street lights.		09/10/26	08/31/26

WEEKLY MEMO 09-10-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

OC TRIBUNE
Sept 4, 2026

Matt West will be new city mgr.

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



MATTHEW WEST, assistant city manager of Garden Grove.

Matthew S. West, the current assistant city manager of Garden Grove, is expected to be appointed city manager by the city council when it meets on Tuesday.

The agenda calls for the council to vote on an employment agreement calling for West to receive an annual salary of \$363,756 with additional compensation for expenses and benefits.

West will take office on Nov. 3, the day after current city manager Lisa Kim retires from the post.

The initial term of employment is for three years, renewed “automatically” for two more two-year terms.

He began service with Garden Grove in January 2024. Previously he was city manager of Tustin from 2019-2023.

He worked in other posts – including assistant city manager – for Tustin from 2001 to 2019.

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

OC TRIBUNE
Sept 4, 2026

A new 'home' for the GGPD

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



The ribbon-cutting for the brand-new Garden Grove Public Safety building was held on Tuesday afternoon, a \$152 million state-of-the art facility that will allow the GGPD to consolidate its operations into a modern three-story building with an adjoining parking structure.

GGPD Chief Amir El-Farra (above) presided over the event, and ribbon-cutting chores were assisted (below) by Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein and First District Supervisor Janet Nguyen (City of Garden Grove photo).



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CITY MANAGER LISA KIM ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After more than 30 years in public service, including more than a decade with the City of Garden Grove, City Manager Lisa Kim has announced her retirement. Her last day with the City will be November 2, 2026. Ms. Kim joined Garden Grove in 2016 as Community and Economic Development Director and was appointed City Manager in 2023. During her tenure, she helped guide the City through significant economic development initiatives, major projects, fiscal challenges, and efforts to strengthen city services.

"Lisa has more than fulfilled the confidence placed in her when she was appointed city manager," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "She brought steady leadership, thoughtful judgment and genuine care to every challenge, and she leaves our City with a strong foundation."

Ms. Kim's retirement marks the conclusion of a career spanning multiple roles in municipal government, including leadership roles in Orange County and the cities of Pomona, West Covina and Orange.

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"Serving Garden Grove has been one of the greatest privileges of my career," said City Manager Lisa Kim. "I am proud of what we accomplished, grateful for the trust placed in me and thankful for the relationships I built as an active member of community organizations such as the Garden Grove Host Lions Club and Boys & Girls of Garden Grove. Garden Grove will always hold a special place in my life."

As part of the leadership transition, the Garden Grove City Council is scheduled to consider an employment agreement with Garden Grove Assistant City Manager Matt West at its September 8 meeting. Any agreement will be subject to Council action.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Tuesday, September 8, 2026

GARDEN GROVE CELEBRATES REOPENING OF WOODBURY PARK

The City of Garden Grove celebrated the reopening of Woodbury Park on Saturday, August 29, welcoming several hundred community members throughout the day to experience the newly renovated park during a free community celebration.

The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony followed by a day of family-friendly activities, including free recreational swimming, water aerobics, fitness demonstrations, skateboarding demonstrations, basketball, a live DJ, giveaways, and complimentary food. The celebration gave residents an opportunity to explore Woodbury Park's newly renovated amenities and enjoy the park with their families and neighbors.

"This project is an investment in Woodbury Park, but more importantly, it is an investment in the people of Garden Grove," said Garden Grove Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein. "Woodbury Park is a great example of what can happen when community input, thoughtful planning, partnerships, and investment come together. We are excited to see residents enjoying this beautiful park and all it has to offer."

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GARDEN GROVE CELEBRATES REOPENING OF WOODBURY PARK 2-2-2

The fully remodeled 3.8-acre Woodbury Park now features a recreational swimming pool, pool house building, basketball courts, a skate plaza, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic shelters, a walking trail, park lighting, and two jungle-themed playgrounds designed for children ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12. The playgrounds include colorful play structures, a multi-person swing and seesaw, interactive activity panels, and musical sound elements.

The improvements were completed through the Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project, an \$11 million investment funded in part by California's Proposition 68 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. The project was identified through the City's Parks, Recreation & Facilities Master Plan and was shaped by years of community input.

Community engagement for the project began with the City's efforts to develop a 15-year Parks, Recreation & Facilities Master Plan. Residents participated in surveys and community meetings beginning in 2018 and continuing through 2020, including meetings specifically focused on the future renovation of Woodbury Park. Community participation helped inform the City's grant application and the vision for the park's transformation.

The community's involvement continued throughout the project. In 2025, the City partnered with the Woodbury Elementary School Boys and Girls Club on a wildlife drawing contest, with winning student artwork selected to be permanently inscribed on the reverse side of a monumental bronze sculpture by artist Jennifer Stewart. The sculpture will be completed and installed at Woodbury Park as part of the project.

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GARDEN GROVE CELEBRATES REOPENING OF WOODBURY PARK 3-3-3

The reopening of Woodbury Park marks the completion of a major investment in the community and provides residents with expanded opportunities for recreation, connection, and family activities.

For more information about Woodbury Park and the City's Parks, Recreation & Facilities Master Plan, visit ggcity.org/parksplan.

About Garden Grove Community Services Department

The Garden Grove Community Services Department provides programs, services, facilities, and recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for residents and strengthen the Garden Grove community.

About Woodbury Park

Located at 13800 Rosita Place, Woodbury Park is a 3.8-acre community park offering a variety of recreational amenities, including a swimming pool, playgrounds, basketball courts, a skate plaza, outdoor fitness equipment, picnic shelters, walking trails, and park lighting.







WEEKLY MEMO 09-10-2026

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

September 3, 2026 – September 10, 2026

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

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Fri 9/4/2026 8:21 am PDT

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After ten years with the City of Garden Grove and...



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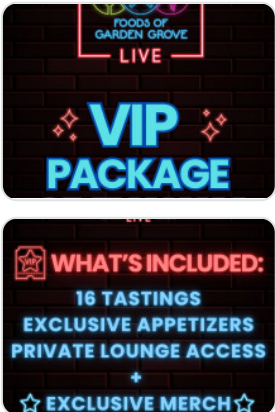




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Now is your chance to experience VIP at Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🍷

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Matt West to Serve as Garden Grove's Next City Manager

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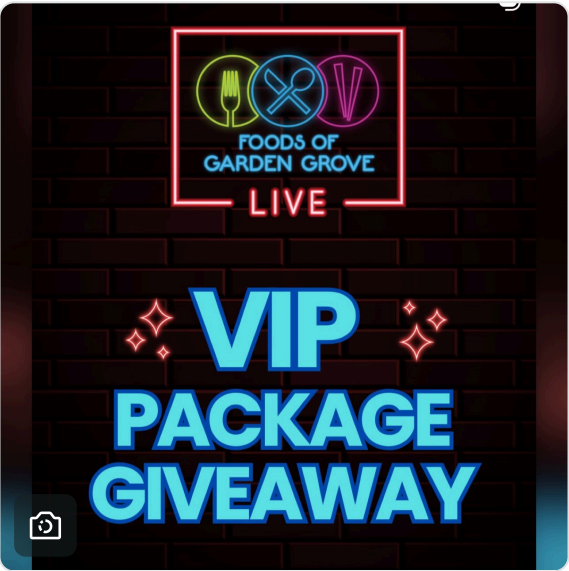
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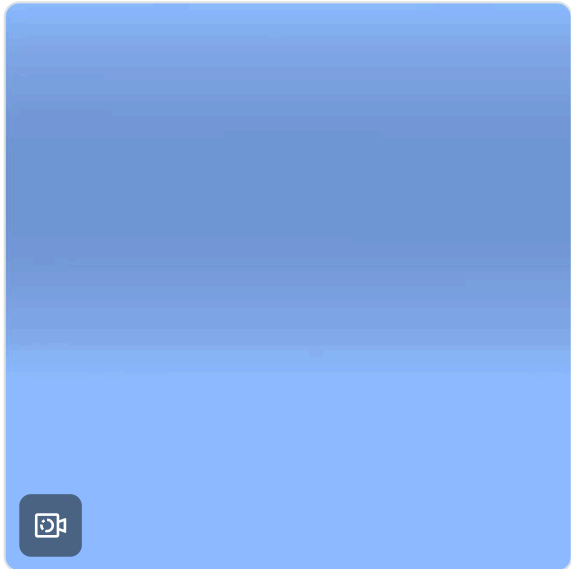
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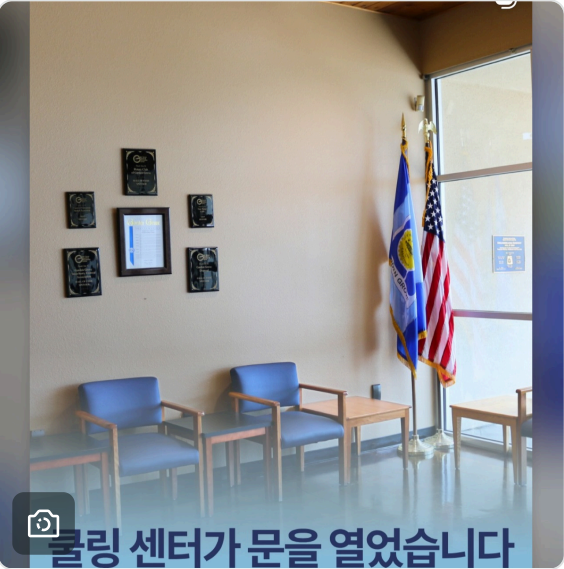
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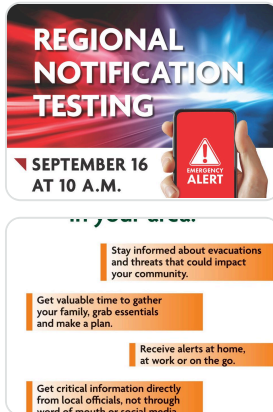


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Matt West to Serve as Garden Grove's Next City Manager

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Wed 9/9/2026 3:36 pm PDT

"We are confident he is prepared to lead Garden Grove and continue moving the City forward."

With more than 26 years of public service experience, Assistant City Manager Matt West will begin his new position on November 3, 2026.

Learn more at gg.city/next-city-manage

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Impressions

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Post Performance

September 3, 2026 – September 10, 2026

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

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 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Department

Tue 9/8/2026 2:35 pm PDT

Over the weekend, our Gang Suppression Officers located a firearm that had been thrown underneath a parked vehicle as suspects fled the area on foo...



Engagements	305
Views	4,215
Reach	3,111
Engagement Rate (per View)	7.2%
Video Views	1,789

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
September 10, 2026

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the September 14, 2026 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission meeting.
3. Meeting minutes for the August 20, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
4. Notice of Cancellation of the September 17, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from September 4, 2026 to September 10, 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 10, 2026 – September 25, 2026

Thursday	September 10		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day <i>Casual Dress Extended till September 17</i>
Thursday	September 10	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 10		Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC <i>**Canceled**</i>
Friday	September 11	8:30 a.m.	9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, Station 81
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
Thursday	September 24		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Thursday	September 24	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 25	5:30 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Foods of Garden Grove Live 2026, Village Green Park



AGENDA

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 14, 2026

Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92840

REGULAR SESSION - 6:30 P.M. – Council Chamber

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 timothyt@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.

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 Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker is requested fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, should contact the Neighborhood Improvement Office at (714) 741-5140 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2)

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to all or a majority of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commissioners within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection (1) at the Neighborhood Improvement Office during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission may take legislative action it deems appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.



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NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840

REGULAR SESSION - 6:30 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS de la O, JUNG, KESTER, PAREDES, PAYNE,
RUBIN, TACKNEY

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 2, 2026
- C. MATTERS FROM STAFF
 - 1. SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATION – FAIR HOUSING FOUNDATION BY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LIASION, MARTHA TORRES
 - 2. SERVICE PROVIDER PRESENTATION – INTERVAL HOUSE BY SENIOR PROGRAM ADVISOR, SHARON WIE
 - 3. PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2025-26 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT BY PROGRAM SPECIALIST, DANA YANG
- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. ADJOURNMENT

The next Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be a Regular Meeting on **Monday, December 7, 2026**, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA.



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: September 10, 2026

BERT ASHLAND
CHAIR

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Flanders, Lindsay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Ramirez.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

July 16, 2026 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (5) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (2) Flanders, Lindsay

Abstain: (0)

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-300-2026 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN CANNERY STREET AND CASA LINDA LANE, AT 9240 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, UNIT NOS. G16 & G17

Applicant: Nouh Sedra of NS LIQUOR LLC
Date: August 20, 2026

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new liquor store to operate with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 21" (Off-Sale General) License. In addition, a recommendation that the Planning Commission revoke the previous Conditional Use Permit No.

CUP-075-2016. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The applicant's representative, Nouh Sedra, addressed the Commission and answered questions. The applicant representative was asked if they had read and agreed with the Conditions of Approval, and they responded that they had.

Action: Resolution No. 6145-26 was approved.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Beard

Ayes: (5) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (2) Flanders, Lindsay

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-103-65 (REV. 2026) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF KATELLA AVENUE AND DINO CIRCLE, AT 10802 KATELLA AVENUE

Applicant: PDS West, Inc.

Date: August 20, 2026

Request: A request for modifications to the approved plans under Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-103-65 to allow building and site improvements for an existing carwash. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The applicant's representative, Shawn Amin, addressed the Commission and answered questions. The applicant representative was asked if they had read and agreed with the Conditions of Approval, and they responded that they had.

Action: Resolution No. 6144-26 was approved.

Motion: Laricchia Second: Cueva

Ayes: (5) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (2) Flanders, Lindsay

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-047-2026

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Date: August 20, 2026

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

Action: Resolution Nos. 6146-26, 6147-26, 6148-26, and 6149-26 were approved.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Ashland

Ayes: (5) Ashland, Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0)

Absent: (2) Flanders, Lindsay

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Beard requested information for the City Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th. Staff provided a brief description and confirmed an agenda would be distributed for the meeting. Commissioner Laricchia requested information regarding the status of the residential structures at the Cottage Industries project that are currently painted black. Staff confirmed the structures will remain as residential units that would be rented on a long-term basis and that ADUs will be constructed on some of the properties.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that following the Special Joint Meeting on August 25th with the City Council and the Planning Commission, there will be a Planning Commission meeting on September 3rd to consider the Little Saigon design guidelines.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:15 p.m.

Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary



10 ways to get the most out of Cal Cities' annual conference

Sep 9, 2026

Online registration closes Sept. 15

By Cal Cities Education Staff

The [2026 Annual Conference and Expo](#) is almost here! To help ensure you get the most out of your time in Anaheim, we've compiled a few tips for first-timers and conference veterans alike.

1. Review the conference schedule and plan your must-see stops

There isn't a dull moment at Cal Cities' annual conference! If you're attending with a group, divide up the educational sessions to maximize the conference's benefits. Remember to bring a stack of business cards! You never know who you might meet.

If this is your first time attending the conference — or if you need a refresher — join Cal Cities staff for an attendee orientation at 12:45 p.m. on Sept. 23 before the official conference kick-off.

To view the conference details in advance, check out the [online program](#). Review [session materials](#) before the conference so that you're ready to engage with speakers. Materials are uploaded as they come in, so check back often for updates.

2. Know when and where to pick up your badge — and wear it!

The annual conference officially starts at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, but registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Our advice? Come early and beat the crowds! Registration is in the Anaheim Convention Center North Plaza on the ground floor. It's also the best place to get answers to any questions you may have on-site.

Always wear your badge during the conference! If you don't have your badge, security may not let you enter the convention center or other conference events.

3. Download the New Cal Cities App!

The Cal Cities app, new as of May 2026, provides full access to the conference in the palm of your hand. You can view the full program, create your own personal schedule, and more. Make sure to delete the old version from your phone and download the new

one from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) by searching “League of California Cities” or “Cal Cities.”

Don't forget to allow push notifications to stay up to date on important announcements throughout the conference!

4. Plan your route to the convention center

Please review the [Anaheim Convention Center parking map](#) before you arrive. If you are driving to the convention center, the closest parking lot to the conference is Car Park 1 via Katella Ave. Car Park 4 will also be available, along with an overflow lot if necessary. Self-parking and valet are available at most hotels. Rates vary by location and are subject to change without notice.

Rideshare and taxi pick-up and drop-off locations are available on Convention Way, off Harbor Blvd. Shuttle service will operate daily between the DoubleTree and the Anaheim Convention Center. Shuttles will arrive every 20 minutes, with the first hotel pickup at 8:00 a.m. each day. Review the conference app for additional details.

5. Connect with peers at your department meeting or regional event

The annual conference is a chance to wrap up old business and prepare for the year ahead. During department meetings, city officials in similar professions gather to discuss pressing issues, hear timely legislative updates, and brainstorm solutions for their work on unified department goals. Check the conference schedule for exact times and locations of all department meetings.

Want to deepen your regional connections? Many regional divisions meet during the annual conference to share and reflect on issues impacting their region. For information about division events, review the conference schedule or contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).

6. Find exhibitors and Cal Cities Partners in the expo

Don't forget about the second half of the conference — [the expo floor](#)! With over 300 exhibitors, this year's expo floor will be brimming with opportunities to discover city-focused services and organizations for a wide range of mundane and unusual city challenges.

While you're there, be sure to check out the winners of this year's [Helen Putnam Awards for Excellence](#). The annual program honors and promotes the outstanding work of member cities throughout the state that have made unique contributions to community residents and businesses, which have resulted in lower costs or more effective delivery of services.

You will also find the Cal Cities Pavilion in our expo hall. Stop by to learn how to get involved!

7. Strike Up Some Fun at the CitiPAC fundraiser

Strike up some fun(ds) and bowl the night away at the annual CitiPAC fundraiser. Festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 23, at [Splitville Luxury Lanes](#) in Downtown Disney. Everyone is welcome; we hope you will consider making a donation.

8. Make sure your city is ready for the General Assembly

Each year, members can propose new Cal Cities legislative policies through the [annual resolution process](#). Cal Cities received [one general resolution](#) by the July 25 deadline, which seeks to restore and strengthen local authority over housing and land use matters.

The General Assembly will convene on Friday, Sept. 25 at 8:30 a.m. Voting delegates should check in at the voting delegate desk before the General Assembly to get their voting card.

9. Review the Cal Cities event and meeting policies

Cal Cities is committed to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all participants and staff at Cal Cities events and meetings. Help us maintain a safe and respectful environment for all attendees by taking a few minutes to review the event and meeting policies.

10. Pack the essentials

The annual conference includes a lot of walking, and conference room temperatures may vary. Pack comfortable shoes, chargers for devices, and a jacket, as conference rooms may be cold to some.

Reminder! Online registration closes Sept. 15.

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

Cal Cities strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact Event Registration Specialist [Megan Dunn](#). Every effort will be made to honor requests submitted. Please note, Cal Cities does not have control over specific room assignments or how rooms are set up. All hotel need requests should go directly to your hotel.

Scammers may contact you claiming to sell attendee lists or be the housing bureau/service for the conference. Cal Cities does not sell attendee lists or use a housing service. Only trust emails from [@calcities.org](#) or the official hotel you book with.



Registration open now for the 2026 Municipal

Finance Institute

Sep 9, 2026

Deadline to register is Dec. 2

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Make sense of fiscal issues big and small at the 2026 Municipal Finance Institute, Dec. 10-11 in Monterey. Designed for city staff, the institute connects finance directors and other municipal finance professionals with the essential information they need through sessions on [CalPERS](#), the Federal Reserve, raising revenues without new taxes, and more!

Registration and hotel information

Registration for the full institute starts at \$500 for city officials from any [Cal Cities member city](#). Registration includes admission to all educational sessions, seminar meals, and admission to the Thursday evening reception. The deadline to register online is Wednesday, Dec. 2. After that, officials may register on-site if space is available.

The 2026 Municipal Finance Institute will be at the Monterey Plaza Hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for conference attendees who register before Tuesday, Nov. 17. Discounted hotel rooms often sell out early, so advance registration is encouraged.

[Sponsorship](#) opportunities are available. For questions, please contact Exposition Sales and Event Sponsorship Manager [Amy Wade](#). For registration questions, please contact Registrar [Megan Dunn](#). For program questions, please contact Event Program Manager [Erin Wylder](#).

In advance of the seminar, [please review](#) Cal Cities' event and meeting policies.



Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar registration now open

Sep 9, 2026

Deadline to register is Dec. 2

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Join Cal Cities in Monterey Dec. 9-10 for the [2026 Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar](#). Designed for fire service leaders — including fire chiefs, battalion chiefs, senior command staff, and union leadership — the seminar offers sessions on community risk reduction, liability and risk reduction, Zone Zero, behavioral health calls, and more!

[Registration and hotel information](#)

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Policy and equity committee applications due Sept.

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Sep 9, 2026

By Meghan McKelvey, senior member services manager, and Meg Desmond, legislative operations manager

Are you looking to get more involved, connect with peers, or influence statewide legislation? Cal Cities offers a variety of volunteer leadership and committee roles for passionate and committed members. Applications are currently being accepted for seven policy committees and the Advancing Equity Advisory Committee.

Shape statewide legislation by joining a policy committee

Developing Cal Cities policy is a dynamic process that depends on the active involvement and expertise of city officials from all over the state. Cal Cities' [seven policy committees](#) meet regularly to review and recommend positions for bills and regulatory proposals. Each committee meets at least three times annually — January, March, and June.

For 2027, the January and March meetings will be in person. The June meeting will be held virtually. Cal Cities does not reimburse committee members for travel expenses associated with attending policy committee meetings. Each appointment serves a one-year term.

City officials can [apply for a division, department, caucus, or presidential appointment online](#).

Approximately 60 city officials serve on each committee. Applicants will be asked to briefly share information about their professional experience and policy knowledge when applying.

For questions, contact [Meg Desmond](#). Applications are due by Sept. 30.

Create more equitable communities through Cal Cities' equity committee

The Advancing Equity Advisory Committee helps cities strengthen their capacity to eliminate racial disparities, heal racial divisions, and build more equitable communities while also turning Cal Cities' organizational diversity goals into intentional and consistent practices at all levels of the organization.

The committee is made up of 40 members, representing caucuses, divisions, and departments. Five members are at-large members. Each member serves a one-year term. Next year's meetings are tentatively scheduled for: Jan. 29, April 2, June TBD, and Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon on Zoom. The committee will hold a virtual orientation on Dec. 9 at 9 a.m.

[Applications for the Advancing Equity Advisory Committee](#) close on Sept. 30. Applicants will be asked about their lived and professional experiences/qualifications. For questions, contact Meghan McKelvey.