

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S**  
**MEMO September 11, 2025**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City  
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

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

B. COMMUNITY SERVICES

A memo to inform about the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event is attached.

C. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for August 2025

**• OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



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:	Update on Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) meetings for August 2025		
		Date:	September 11, 2025

**OBJECTIVE**

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

**BACKGROUND**

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

**DISCUSSION**

In August 2025, the Economic Development team met with Brother's Juicery, Garden Grove Nissan, Estrada's Grill, Kimbap Paradise, Junbi and Tomy's Fresh-N-Fast Burgers as part of the ongoing BRE initiative. Discussions covered a range of topics, including current business challenges, financing options, and potential expansion plans. The Economic Development team is actively following up with each business to provide resources and identify opportunities for future partnerships.

**Brother's Juicery – August 6, 2025**

Brother's Juicery has been in operation for several years and serves as a local family-owned business. They have expanded their offerings to include not only juices and

smoothies, but also dips and pita chips. The business previously participated in the National Small Business Month campaign to promote shopping local.

During the meeting, the owner provided an update on daily operations and thanked the City for its continued outreach to small businesses. Staff introduced the opportunity to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove (FOGG) Live event as a way to broaden their marketing efforts and connect with new customers. Informational materials and City contact details were left with the owner for future reference.



### **Garden Grove Nissan - August 13, 2025**



Garden Grove Nissan, located at 9222 Trask Avenue, has operated for over a decade as a key auto-retail anchor in the City's auto center. The dealership, owned by Garden Grove Nissan, LP, remains a top sales tax contributor in Garden Grove.

Representatives reported that sales have softened but noted they are pursuing new strategies to strengthen revenue and customer engagement. They expressed interest in exploring broader marketing

partnerships, including collaboration with the City and local businesses, and identified the addition of a digital sign to enhance visibility along the freeway.

### **Estrada's Grill – August 15, 2025**

Estrada's Grill, has been in operation for several years and serves as a local family-owned restaurant. In 2023, Estrada opened a second location at 12582 Valley View, further expanding their presence in the community. During the visit, the owner reviewed current operations and acknowledged the value of the City's continued support of small businesses.



The owner voiced an interest in pursuing more marketing opportunities for both Garden Grove locations. Staff suggested participation in the FOGG Live event as one



way to raise their profile and reach a broader customer base. Program flyers and City contacts were shared to assist with any follow-up needs.



### **Kimbap Paradise – August 18, 2025**

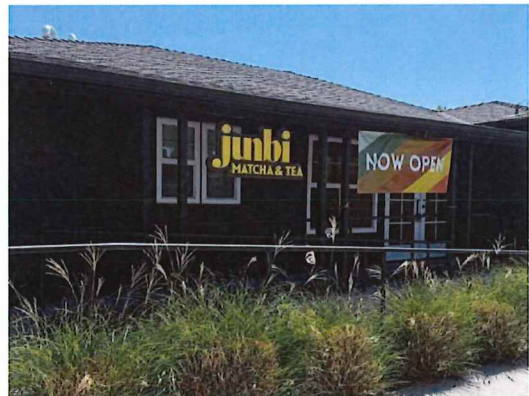
Kimbap Paradise continues to serve as a popular destination for Korean cuisine in Garden Grove. Staff met with the owner to discuss the restaurant's operations and role in the community, and provided program information along with resource materials to support their business activities.

Although the owner expressed only limited interest in participating in the City's FOGG Live event, they indicated a willingness to engage in other future City-led initiatives to expand

visibility and attract new customers.

### **Junbi – August 21, 2025**

Staff met with Junbi on Thursday, August 21, 2025, to review the progress of their store's grand opening. Junbi completed their final inspection, and the City was preparing to issue their Certificate of Occupancy. The business was approved to hold a soft opening on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Staff congratulated the ownership team on reaching this milestone and discussed opportunities for ongoing collaboration with the City.



Junbi is the third tenant to open within the Cottage Industries project known as Farm Block. The business specializes in matcha-based beverages that promote health and wellness and operates daily from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The owners highlighted their goal of creating a community gathering place and expressed interest in participating in future City marketing initiatives.

### **Tomy's Fast-N-Fresh Burger– August 27, 2025**



Tomy Burger has been a fixture in the community since the 1980's and continues to serve as a long-standing local restaurant. The business is recognized as an important contributor to Garden Grove's small business landscape and neighborhood economy.

During the visit, the owner raised concerns about ongoing homelessness issues in the adjacent vacant lot and also requested workforce development



resources. In response, staff presented the City's workforce program and provided additional materials from the Orange County Workforce Solutions and the Small Business Development Center. Contact details and informational flyers were left with the owner for reference, which they appreciated.

### CONCLUSION

The BRE program is a key component of the City's efforts to support local businesses by understanding their challenges, identifying opportunities, and strengthening relationships with business leaders. By engaging directly with the business community, the City aims to create a business-friendly environment that promotes long-term growth and investment in Garden Grove. Through this engagement, we aim to build a strong bridge that fosters open communication and collaboration between the City and local businesses.



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

Prepared by: Henry Surjono, Administrative Analyst

**City of Garden Grove**  
**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From: John Montanez
Dept.:	City Manager	Dept.: Community Services
Subject:	Magnolia Park Family Resource Center's 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Date: September 11, 2025

**OBJECTIVE**

To inform the City Council about the Magnolia Park Family Resource Center 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event Friday, September 12, 2025.

**BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION**

The Magnolia Park Family Resource Center (MPFRC) will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Friday, September 12, 2025, with a community event at Magnolia Park from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The celebration will feature a live concert by the Selena tribute band *Dreaming of You*, as well as fun family activities such as face painting, a caricature artist, and arts and crafts. In addition, the event will include a resource fair, door prizes, giveaways, and free food for the first 300 attendees.

The event is open to the general public; however, priority will be given to families who have previously participated in MPFRC services.

**SUMMARY**

The Magnolia Park Family Resource Center will host a family-friendly event to commemorate its 25th Anniversary on September 12, 2025, at Magnolia Park. The celebration will include live music, activities, resources, food, and giveaways for the community.



JOHN MONTANCHEZ  
Community Services Director

*Gabriela O'Cadiz Hernandez*

By: Gabriela O'Cadiz-Hernandez  
Human Services Supervisor

Attachment: Magnolia Park Family Resource Center's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Flyer

MAGNOLIA PARK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

# Celebrating 25 Years

OF BUILDING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025  
4:30PM-7:30PM

**11402 MAGNOLIA STREET, GARDEN GROVE**

- ✦ ENJOY AN OUTDOOR CONCERT
- ✦ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
- ✦ COMMUNITY RESOURCES
- ✦ PRIZES/GIVEAWAYS
- ✦ FREE FOOD FOR THE FIRST 250 ATTENDEES



**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE  
CALL (714) 741-5222**





MAGNOLIA PARK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

# Celebrando 25 Años

DE CONSTRUIR COMUNIDADES SALUDABLES UNA FAMILIA A LA VEZ

CELEBRACIÓN DE ANIVERSARIO  
VIERNES, 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2025  
4:30PM-7:30PM

**11402 MAGNOLIA STREET, GARDEN GROVE**

DISFRUTE DE UN CONCIERTO  
AL AIRE LIBRE

ACTIVIDADES PARA LOS NIÑOS

RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS

PREMIOS/RIFAS

COMIDA GRATIS PARA LOS PRIMEROS 250 ASISTENTES



**PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN,  
LLAME AL (714) 741-5222**



**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 8, 2025

OBJECTIVE

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Liz Vasquez  
City Clerk

*Diana Serrato*

By Diana Serrato  
Deputy City Clerk

Attachment

# Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
10415	07/31/25	Alta Gardens Care Center 13075 Blackbird Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copies of Certificates of Occupancy</li> <li>• Copies of Outstanding Zoning Code Violations</li> <li>• Copies of Outstanding Building Code Violations</li> <li>• Copies of Outstanding Fire Code Violations</li> <li>• Copies of C...</li> </ul>	Public Works Community Development	08/11/25	08/07/25
10417	07/31/25	It is a dog bite it happened on yana dr 25038632 Is The incident number		08/11/25	08/01/25
10418	08/01/25	Request Code: 14296299 Date: 08/01/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...		08/11/25	08/01/25
10419	08/01/25	Hello,  Do you have any public records for the following address? These include building (Did not see any in the search) or other records that would be relevant to a Phase I ESA.  7311 Doig Drive Garden Grove, CA 92802	City Manager Public Works Utilities	08/11/25	08/11/25
10420	08/01/25	Hello,  I am a records research engineer for CHC Consulting, a contractor for AT&T. We are currently planning a fiber cable installation project in 9842 Johannah Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92844, USA and I'm hoping you can provide some information. ...		08/11/25	08/01/25
10421	08/02/25	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings July 2025  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	08/14/25	08/06/25



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10422	08/04/25	I need an inspection. I had a fire in my garage due to the dryer blowing up due to lack of proper ventilation. We have also been having water leaks, damages and mold.		08/14/25	08/04/25
10423	08/04/25	My name is Emma, and I work at a school located in Garden Grove. Our address is: Montessori Greenhouse School 5856 Belgrave Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92845 I'm currently trying to locate the hydraulic calculations for our building. Unfortunately, ...	Community Development	08/14/25	08/14/25
10424	08/04/25	Dear Garden Grove Building Department,  I'm submitting a public records request under the California Public Records Act. I'm seeking any ADU-related permit records for the property at:  I currently reside at the property located at:  ...	Community Development	08/28/25	08/25/25
10425	08/04/25	Request Code: 14218573 Date: 08/03/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...		08/14/25	08/04/25
10426	08/04/25	Garden Grove Animal Control Report Date of Occurrence: 06/23/2025 Report/Case #: G25034502 Location of Loss: 12101 Winton St.	Public Works	08/14/25	08/14/25
10427	08/04/25	Need floor plans for rebuilt office and restroom configuration.  11531 Anabel Avenue, Garden Grove AP# 100-471-02.		08/14/25	08/04/25
10428	08/04/25	Please provide a list of any and all police reports (including date of arrest and DR#) involving arrests made by Officer Javon Smith (5203) between the dates of 02/09/024 and 07/15/2025, for PC 4573 (bringing drugs into the jail).		08/15/25	08/05/25

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10429	08/04/25	Please provide a list of any and all police reports (including date of arrest and DR#) involving arrests made by Officer Rudy Rocha (4860) between the dates of 02/09/024 and 07/15/2025, for PC 4573 (bringing drugs into the jail).		08/15/25	08/05/25
10430	08/04/25	Please provide a copy of any and all POST classes attended by Officer Rudy Rocha (4860) prior to 02/09/2025, including any and all materials related to drug investigation and identification.		08/15/25	08/05/25
10431	08/04/25	Please provide a copy of the waiver request submitted by Village Bible Church regarding mandatory organic waste fees and services. Please also provide the status of the waiver request (approved, denied, under review).	Finance Public Works Utilities	08/15/25	08/11/25
10432	08/05/25	Hello, this is a California Public Records Act Request,  I am requesting a copy of calls for service for your police agency over the last three years (2023, 2024 and through July 31, 2025.) I am requesting the data include: the type of call (e...	Police	08/29/25	08/29/25
10433	08/05/25	Quanta Utility Engineering Services is currently working on a new project for Southern California Edison and at this time would like to request record substructure AS-BUILT maps of your utility for the area(s) highlighted in the attachment(s). P...	Public Works Utilities	08/15/25	08/06/25
10434	08/05/25	Hello, I am requesting possible intersection surveillance footage of a vehicle accident that occurred on March 31, 2025 on Westminster & Hope in the city of Garden Grove, involving a red 1993 Toyota Corolla & white 2010 Lincoln MKT.  For my cla...		08/15/25	08/05/25
10435	08/06/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 7/30/2025 - 8/5/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	09/01/25	08/20/25

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10436	08/06/25	Hello, I would like to request a listing of new businesses that filed in the City of Garden Grove for the month of July 2025. Information including: Business name, business address, contact name, business phone number, and date that the business ...	Finance	08/18/25	08/06/25
10437	08/06/25	Please provide the following retirement plan documents.  Plan Adoption Agreement Summary Plan Description 404(a)5 Participant Fee Disclosure 408(b)2 Plan Sponsor Fee Disclosure	Human Resources	08/18/25	08/18/25
10438	08/06/25	Hello, I'm trying to get a copy of permit number 15-0527. This was a high pile storage permit filed in 2015. I need to get a copy of the drawings from that permit if possible, and any other specifications supplied at time of submission. Thank you	Community Development	08/18/25	08/06/25
10439	08/06/25	Pursuant to the open records law Cal. Gov't Code Secs. 6250 to 6277, I am requesting an opportunity to obtain copies of the following documents and records pertaining to the City's February 14, 2025 RFP No. S-1357 - Provide Investment Manager an...	Finance	08/18/25	08/18/25
10440	08/07/25	Re: Industrial 7311 Doig Drive Parcel: 13165120 Garden Grove, Orange, California 92841 Property Solutions Inc Project #: 20250780  Dear Freedom of Information Officer: Property Solutions Inc. is conducting a Property Condition Assessment of...	Public Works Utilities City Manager	08/18/25	08/18/25
10441	08/08/25	July 30, 2025  Via Email  Liz Vasquez, City Clerk City Clerk's Office City of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070 Garden Grove, CA 92840 cityclerk@ggcity.org  Niki Wetzels, Director Community Development Department City of...	Community Development	08/21/25	08/11/25



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10442	08/09/25	Requesting all related documents to Community Spotlight in recognition of the Eagle Scout Flagpole Installation Project at the Medal of Honor Bike and Pedestrian Trail. computers memo, letters, funding project, ongoing Maintenance cost to budgeted...		08/21/25	08/11/25
10443	08/09/25	Request all documents for Eagle Scout project to the Medal of Honor installing dog waste bags, memos, agreement city maintenance on going agreements, Est cost to bags budgeted, labor, contact to Eagle troop, letters, funding project.	Economic Development	08/21/25	08/12/25
10444	08/10/25	To Whom It May Concern -  Partner Engineering and Science, Inc. is an engineering firm currently conducting a property condition survey of the following property on behalf of the property owner:  Sonesta Simply Suites 12901 Garden Grove Bo...	Community Development	08/21/25	08/20/25
10446	08/11/25	I'm requesting a copy of the proposal submitted by Meeder Investment Management for Request for Proposal (RFP) No. S-1357, which was due 3/31/2025.		08/21/25	08/11/25
10448	08/11/25	To Building and Fire Department (or other department as applicable in your municipality) - For the property located at 13075 Blackbird St, Garden Grove, CA (Parcel No. 101-011-07) please provide copies of the following: 1. Copies of any OPEN OR A...	City Manager Community Development Public Works Utilities	08/21/25	08/21/25
10449	08/12/25	Request Code: 14218573 Date: 08/12/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Finance	08/25/25	08/12/25
10450	08/13/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 8/6/2025 - 8/12/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pro...	Community Development	08/25/25	08/25/25

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10451	08/13/25	I am submitting a Public Records Request to review the below information for the following parcels (APN: 132-402-32) located at 11822 Gilbert Street, Garden Grove, CA 92481.  This request is for a Phase I report that is part of the due diligenc...	Public Works Utilities	08/25/25	08/25/25
10452	08/13/25	Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas to obtain a copy of the certificate of general liability insurance for the company G B C Express Inc that covers the date 8/9/23 or any available document. They were working at/near 10811 B...	Finance	08/25/25	08/18/25
10453	08/13/25	I would like to own a copy of the original blueprints for my townhome located at 8766 Brookdale Drive for my records and small home repairs.		08/25/25	08/14/25
10454	08/13/25	My name is Huyen Tran, and I am the owner of the property located at 12352 Lampson Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840.  I am writing to respectfully request an extension for Building Permit No. 18-3335, which was issued for the following project:  Co...		08/25/25	08/14/25
10455	08/14/25	Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the contractor Unlimited Communications Inc that covers the date of 5/19/23. I am wondering if the City of Garden Grove...	Finance	08/25/25	08/18/25
10457	08/14/25	i want to know who is the owner of address 11901 westminster ave , garden grove 92843		08/25/25	08/14/25
10458	08/14/25	Request document as below for the property address Main address: 11401 Jacalene Ln, Garden Grove, CA 92840 ADU address: 11405 Jacalene Ln, Garden Grove, CA 92840  Purpose: Need these document to submit the SCE for service request code to obt...	City Manager	08/25/25	08/21/25

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10459	08/15/25	SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the Garden Grove Police Department for any and all purchasing records from 5/9/2025 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning, or pri...	Finance	08/25/25	08/25/25
10460	08/19/25	Hi I am currently leasing a space at 14104 brookhurst st garden grove ca 92843, I wanted to request any building blueprints from the previous tenant so i can see the plans. Any building plans or blueprints available would be great thank you		09/02/25	08/20/25
10461	08/20/25	The Data Branch is hereby submitting a commercial records request. We seek a spreadsheet containing all purchase orders from January 1, 2021, to present day.  Requested Information: Spreadsheet containing all purchase orders from January 1, 202...	Finance	09/02/25	08/28/25
10462	08/20/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 8/13/2025 - 8/19/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pr...	Community Development	09/02/25	08/20/25
10463	08/20/25	Please provide name of company who was awarded contract and their payment/performance bond information for the project called "2025 Various Street Rehab" project # CP-1442000	City Manager Public Works	09/02/25	08/25/25
10464	08/20/25	Information about AQ Meat Market. Subject to conditions of approval as outlined in Section 9.16.020.080 and further subject to the following: No sale or slaughter of live animals shall take place, be allowed or provide for.	City Manager	09/02/25	09/02/25
10465	08/21/25	Request Code: 14312641 Date: 08/21/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Public Works Utilities	09/02/25	08/21/25



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10466	08/21/25	Request Code: 14312641 Date: 08/21/25  On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...		09/02/25	08/21/25
10467	08/21/25	RE: 13650 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92843 APN: 101-080-27 / 101-080-66  We are preparing a zoning compliance report for the property referenced above and are requesting:  Copies of any zoning variances, special exceptions/conditional use ...	City Manager Community Development	09/02/25	09/02/25
10468	08/22/25	I kindly request you to please assist me on how to request a copy of the report of the incident of house fire in city of garden grove.		09/04/25	08/25/25
10469	08/24/25	I am requesting any documents related to any current open building and zoning violations as well as any documents pertaining to certificate of occupancy, site plan and copy of planned unit development for the below address  12332 Garden Grove Bl...	Community Development	09/04/25	09/04/25
10471	08/25/25	Hi, We need a copy of the Easement Agreement for 11747 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove. (Reciprocal Easement and Operation Agreement for Harbor Hotel Plaza (site A)" dated August 1, 1999, recorded as Instrument No. 19990490875)	City Manager	09/04/25	09/04/25
10472	08/26/25	SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the City of Garden Grove for any and all purchasing records from 6/23/2020 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning, or printing pap...	Finance	09/08/25	08/29/25
10476	08/26/25	May i please have all records regarding the construction permits for this building from July 2018 to March 2020. Thank you.		09/08/25	08/26/25

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10477	08/26/25	Good Afternoon, I hope this finds you well.  I would like to submit a public records request to obtain a copy of all current contracts for Multi-Function Device printers and copiers, including equipment costs, applicable lease agreements, main...	City Manager	09/08/25	
10478	08/26/25	Please report the monthly or quarterly transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue accrued during the 2024-2025 fiscal year, as well as the TOT rate imposed during that time. Include all TOT revenue accrued during this period, even if the payments are n...	Finance	09/08/25	08/27/25
10479	08/27/25	Hello, I am requesting copies of or a report of ALL issued building permits for Residential & Commercial properties from 8/20/2025 - 8/26/2025. Report to include (if available): Permit #, Issue Date & Applied Date, Site Addresses, Valuation of pr...	Community Development	09/08/25	08/28/25
10480	08/27/25	Please provide construction drawings that are on file with the city associated with the Rite Aid located at 12897 Harbor Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92840.		09/08/25	08/27/25
10481	08/27/25	Garden Grove Police Department PRA Office 11301 Acacia Parkway Garden Grove, CA 92840  August 25, 2025  To Whom It May Concern:  Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records:  Hello,  The payro...	Finance Police	09/08/25	09/04/25
10482	08/28/25	Request a copy of your building permit records since June 19, 2025, to present.  Please include any fields that your permitting system tracks. This includes but is not limited to: -Permit Number -Applied/Issued Dates -Work Address -Permit Ty...		09/08/25	08/28/25

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10483	08/29/25	Request for Documents - Civic Center Revitalization Project  *See attached for full spectrum of request	Economic Development	09/22/25	
10484	08/29/25	Video Record of an event that took place at Woodbury Park in the 1980's (possibly 1985) "Video-Rama"  Park recreation leader at that time was Caroline Fonseca.	City Manager Community Services	09/08/25	09/04/25
10485	08/29/25	I am looking for the building plans for the apartment complex below. We are working with the owner to install EV chargers and the owner no longer has the building plans.  9121 Trask Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92844		09/08/25	08/29/25
10486	08/29/25	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings August 2025 (Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible)	Finance	09/12/25	09/02/25

**WEEKLY MEMO 09-11-2025**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

September 4, 2025 – September 10, 2025

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




Included in this Report

X @CityGardenGrove

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@CityGardenGrove

Wed 9/10/2025 7:07 pm PDT

Join us for an all-new blacklight Paint & Sip experience. Ticket includes painting materials, a choice of beverage, and live...




claim: example only, not actual Paint and Sip artw

Impressions157

Potential Reach9,724

Engagements12


Engagement Rate (per Impression)7.6%



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 9/10/2025 6:19 pm PDT

🌟🎨 Paint, sip, and glow all night at Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🎨🌟 On Friday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Village Gre...




claim: example only, not actual Paint and Sip artw

Views1,658

Reach767

Engagements40


Engagement Rate (per View)2.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 9/10/2025 6:19 pm PDT

🌟🎨 Paint, sip, and glow all night at Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🎨🌟 On Friday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Village Gre...



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Impressions232

Reach228

Engagements4

Engagement Rate (per Impression)1.7%



**X @CityGardenGrove**

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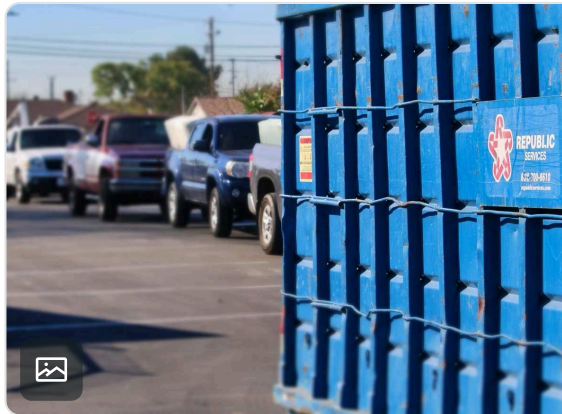
Impressions	84
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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Wed 9/10/2025 4:01 pm PDT

Join us at the Community Cleanup Day event this Sat, 9/13, from 9AM-11AM at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center 📍 11300...



Impressions	105
Potential Reach	4,758
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%


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Wed 9/10/2025 4:01 pm PDT

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Views	0
Reach	1,537
Engagements	42
Engagement Rate (per View)	—






**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 9/10/2025 4:01 pm PDT

Join us at the Community Cleanup Day event

REPUBLIC SERVICES



Impressions

692

Reach


692


Engagements

57

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

8.2%






**@CityGardenGrove**

Tue 9/9/2025 4:36 pm PDT

Curious how AI can transform your business? Join the City of Garden Grove and SBDC for a free virtual briefing on **AI in...**



Impressions

107

Potential Reach


4,758


Engagements

6

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

5.6%






**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 9/9/2025 4:33 pm PDT

Curious how AI can transform your business? Join the City of Garden Grove and SBDC for a free virtual briefing on **AI in...**



Views

1,684

Reach

559


Engagements


15

Engagement Rate (per View)

0.9%









**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 9/9/2025 4:33 pm PDT



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Impressions596

Reach588

Engagements15


Engagement Rate (per Impression)2.5%






**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 9/9/2025 4:09 pm PDT



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Views1,092

Reach873

Comments0

Story Taps Back60





**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 9/9/2025 1:43 pm PDT



No reported injuries thanks to the help of **@ocfireauthority**, **@ocfadivision1**, **@gardengrovepd**, and **@socialredcross**...



Views1,201

Reach936

Comments0

Story Taps Back12






**Garden Grove City Hall**


Mon 9/8/2025 12:32 pm PDT

Calling all teens, ages 13 to 17! ✨👏 You're invited to attend the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) kick-off...



<b>Impressions</b>	<b>1,121</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>1,086</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>7.2%</b>







**gardengrovecityhall**


Mon 9/8/2025 12:27 pm PDT

👉 Calling all teens, ages 13-17! Don't miss out on this GOLDEN opportunity! ✨



<b>Views</b>	<b>807</b>
<b>Reach</b>	<b>665</b>
<b>Comments</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Story Taps Back</b>	<b>6</b>







**@CityGardenGrove**

Mon 9/8/2025 12:26 pm PDT

Now's your chance to learn about the GGTAC, from goals and responsibilities to volunteer and scholarship opportunities....





<b>Impressions</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Potential Reach</b>	<b>4,758</b>
<b>Engagements</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Engagement Rate (per Impression)</b>	<b>0%</b>





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@CityGardenGrove

Mon 9/8/2025 12:26 pm PDT



Calling all teens, ages 13 to 17! 🗨️👉 You're invited to attend the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) kick-off...



Impressions

95

Potential Reach


4,756

Engagements

1

Engagement Rate (per Impression)


1.1%






Instagram

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Mon 9/8/2025 12:24 pm PDT



Calling all teens, ages 13 to 17! ✨👉 You're invited to attend the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC) kick-off...



Views

4,394

Reach


2,135

Engagements

43

Engagement Rate (per View)


1%





Instagram

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Fri 9/5/2025 4:01 pm PDT



☀️ Ready to start or grow your career in #GardenGrove? Whether it's supporting technology, guiding families, or creating...



Views

8,680

Reach


3,690


Engagements

228

Engagement Rate (per View)

2.6%






**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 9/5/2025 4:00 pm PDT


☀ Ready to start or grow your career in **#GardenGrove**? Whether it's supporting technology, guiding families, or creating...




WE'RE HIRING!

View current career opportunities with the City of Garden Grove

Impressions	64,134
Reach	61,823
Engagements	5,419
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.4%






**@CityGardenGrove**

Fri 9/5/2025 4:00 pm PDT

☀ Ready to start or grow your career in **#GardenGrove**? Whether it's supporting tech, guiding families, or creating safe an...





WE'RE HIRING!

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SWIPE TO LEARN MORE

Impressions	98
Potential Reach	4,756
Engagements	6
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%






**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 9/4/2025 5:57 pm PDT

**#GardenGrove** eateries, bring your flavor to FoGG Live on Sept. 26 at Village Green Park and don't miss your moment to shin...




LAST CHANCE FOR EATERIES!


SECURE YOUR SPOT AND BE PART OF GARDEN GROVE'S FOODIE CELEBRATION!



DEADLINE EXTENDED

APPLY BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025


Impressions	88
Potential Reach	4,756
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%




**gardengrovecityhall**  
Thu 9/4/2025 5:51 pm PDT


 **Last call Garden Grove eateries!** 



Your moment to shine at the city’s biggest foodie celebration is almost here. From...




Views	3,509
Reach	1,808
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per View)	0.6%




**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Thu 9/4/2025 5:51 pm PDT


 **Last call Garden Grove eateries!** 


Your moment to shine at the city’s biggest foodie celebration is almost here. From...

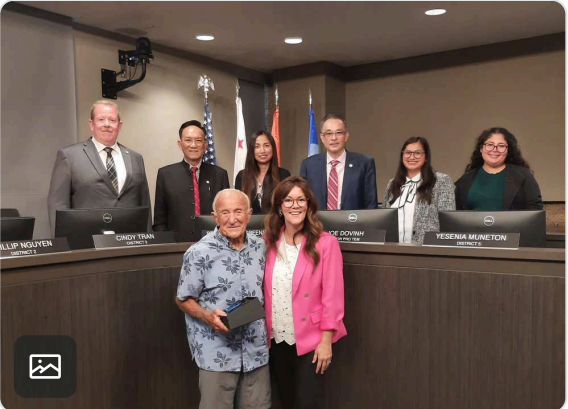


Impressions	779
Reach	711
Engagements	39
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5%



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Thu 9/4/2025 1:10 pm PDT

**#TBT** to last Tuesday, August 26, when the **#GardenGrove** City Council recognized Hank Ameen.  From serving as a Garde...



Impressions	105
Potential Reach	4,756
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.7%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 9/4/2025 1:08 pm PDT

#**TBT** to last Tuesday, August 26, when the  
#**GardenGrove** City Council recognized  
Hank Ameen. ❤️ From serving as a Garde...



Views

5,386

Reach

2,411

Engagements

114

Engagement Rate (per View)

2.1%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 9/4/2025 1:08 pm PDT

#**TBT** to last Tuesday, August 26, when the  
#**GardenGrove** City Council recognized  
Hank Ameen. ❤️ From serving as a Garde...



Impressions

6,472

Reach

6,222

Engagements

584

Engagement Rate (per Impression)

9%

**WEEKLY MEMO 09-11-2025**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**



# Park smoking ban on its way?

By [OC TRIBUNE STAFF](#) ON [SEPTEMBER 9, 2025](#) •



SMOKING in Garden Grove parks may soon be illegal (Shutterstock).

**By Jim Tortolano**  
Orange County Tribune

Parks in Garden Grove may soon be smoke-free.

On Tuesday night the city council voted 5-0 – with Councilmember George Brietigam absent and Councilmember Joe DoVinh abstaining – in favor of directing the city attorney to return with a proposed ordinance banning the smoking of tobacco and other products – including “vaping” – in city parks and adjacent parking lots.

“The residents of Garden Grove deserve parks with clean air,” said Councilmember Yesenia Muneton, who proposed the prohibition.

The proposed ordinance will come back to the council for a final vote, along with information about enforcement and information options.

State law currently prohibits smoking near children’s play areas, but that’s the only restriction in place in the city parks.

Also on Tuesday, the council:

- approved a memorandum of understanding with Fountain Valley and Santa Ana to explore creating a Little Saigon Business Improvement District and related costs;
- an agreement with Silverstone Property Management for the Central Cities Navigation Center operated in partnership with Fountain Valley and Westminster;
- contract for the replacement of the roofs at the Community Meeting Center and H. Louis Lake Senior Center, both at 11300 Stanford Ave.



# Orange County plans 9/11 remembrances for 24th anniversary



Orange County Fire Authority Engineer Brandon Norris, left, rings a bell as OCFA Fire Captain Mike Varker, right, salutes during a ceremony to honor the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, in the East Room of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum in Yorba Linda. It was the 23rd anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. (Photo by Mark Rightmire, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **HEATHER MCREA** | [hmcrea@scng.com](mailto:hmcrea@scng.com) | Orange County Register  
UPDATED: September 10, 2025 at 7:25 AM PDT

Orange County communities plan to gather on Thursday, the 24th anniversary of [the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks](#), to remember those who died and those who ran into danger to rescue those they could.

Here are a number of the remembrances planned on Thursday, as well as later this weekend.

**Irvine:** The Orange County Fire Authority will host a brief ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday at its Regional Fire Operations and Training Center in Irvine, which will include an honor guard and bell ringing ceremony, speakers and the center's 9/11 memorial. The event will also be live-streamed at [Facebook.com/OCFireAuthority](https://www.facebook.com/OCFireAuthority)

**Laguna Beach:** First responders and city leaders will have a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday at Monument Point in Heisler Park. It is expected to last around 30 minutes.

**Yorba Linda:** At 11 a.m., the Nixon Presidential Library & Museum in Yorba Linda will have its annual ceremony remembering those who died. There will be remarks by Sheriff Don Barnes, OCFA Fire Chief Brian Fennessy and retired Marine Lt. Col. Grant Williams, with performances by the Orange County Fire Authority Pipes and Drums, the Villa Park High School Band, Orange High School Chamber Singers and the OC Master Chorale.

**Mission Viejo:** At 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, the city is having a Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony at the new Fire Station 24 at 25862 Marguerite Parkway. A candlelight remembrance will conclude the event. Parking is at the Mission Viejo Marketplace.

Rancho Santa Margarita: There will be a Patriot Day Ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday at the city's Civic Plaza.

Huntington Beach: The city will have a Patriot Day Ceremony at 6 p.m. on Thursday at the Pier Plaza. Mayor Pat Burns and local first responders will lead the event honoring those who were injured and died in the [terrorist attacks](#).

Orange: At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Orange Elks Lodge 1475 is hosting a community memorial ceremony at City Hall. The fourth annual commemoration will have speakers, patriotic performances by the El Modena High choir and on the bagpipes, a color guard presentation by Orange High's MCJROTC and more.

Santa Ana: Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana will have a "2,200 Steps" event at 9 a.m. on Saturday that will feature participants walking a path in memory of the 343 firefighters who died as they tried to rescue people in the [Sept. 11 terrorist attack](#). The 2,200 steps (about a mile) represent the flights of stairs rescuers climbed in the World Trade Towers. There will also be speakers, a moment of silence and other tributes.

*Originally Published: September 10, 2025 at 7:11 AM PDT*

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**September 11, 2025**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the September 18, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from September 5, 2025 to September 11, 2025.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11, 2025 – October 17, 2025

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Thursday	September 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday	September 11	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 18		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	September 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 23	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
Thursday	September 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	September 26	5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Foods of Garden Grove Live Village Green Park, 12732 Main Street
Thursday	October 2		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 3		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	October 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 9	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, CMC
Tuesday	October 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 16		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



## AGENDA

### GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

**Agenda Item Descriptions:** Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief and general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

**Documents/Writings:** Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [public-comment@ggcity.org](mailto:public-comment@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.**

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: 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 21, 2025](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-162-2025](#)

APPLICANT: WILLIAM JAGER

LOCATION: EAST OF COAST STREET, BETWEEN GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND LARSON AVENUE, AT 13040 COAST STREET

REQUEST: A request to construct a five-story, thirty-four (34) unit apartment building and associated site improvements on an approximately 0.50-acre lot. The proposal includes three (3) affordable units for "very-low-income" households and three (3) affordable units for "moderate-income" households. Inclusion of the six (6) affordable units qualifies the project for a Density Bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the state density bonus law. 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).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Site Plan No. SP-162-2025 pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

D. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. Presentation on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT



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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Ramirez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lindsay.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

June 5, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Beard Second: Flanders

Ayes: (4) Beard, Flanders, Laricchia, Lindsay  
Noes: (0)  
Absent: (1) Ramirez  
Abstain: (1) Ashland, Cueva

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-045-2025

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
Date: August 21, 2025

Request: A City-initiated Zoning Text Amendment to Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code (GGMC) to add definitions, special operating conditions, and parking standards to allow Substance Abuse Treatment Centers as a conditionally permitted use for properties zoned M-1 (Limited Industrial). In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council determine that

the proposed Amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6124-25 was approved.

Motion: Beard Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Ashland, Beard, Flanders, Laricchia, Lindsay

Noes: (1) Cueva

Absent: (1) Ramirez

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - PRESENTATION ON THE THE GENERAL PLAN, ZONING CODE AND MUNICIPAL CODE: Staff gave a presentation and discussion on the general plan, zoning code, and municipal code.

Commission Laricchia ask where the City is in meeting its RHNA, and staff stated that they will follow-up, including if JADUs are included in the RHNA. Staff clarified that HCD only looks at the number of building permits issued for RHNA.

Commissioner Cueva requested clarification on the City's ability to act on residential projects. Staff explained that, under state housing law and the Housing Accountability Act, the City must approve qualifying housing projects that meet applicable standards.

Commissioner Lindsay commented about future code amendments addressing conflicts with current building code standards, and staff stated that they will take that into consideration in the next code update.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

None

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the September 4, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting would be cancelled, and gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the September 18, 2025 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:47 p.m.

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Carol Sebbo  
Recording Secretary



# Cap-and-Trade reauthorization is, in fact, still on the table

Sep 10, 2025

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

With many [priorities coming down](#) to the wire in the final days of the legislative session, lawmakers finally landed on a two-bill Cap-and-Trade deal this morning with [AB 1207 \(Irwin\)](#) and [SB 840 \(Limón\)](#). The proposal would fund some, but not all, of Cal Cities' priorities. However, the framework provides flexibility for continued discussions on key funding areas.

All bills must be in print for 72 hours, kicking the final vote to Saturday morning — past the adjournment deadline. The Legislature will have to waive its own rules to finalize the package, among a swath of bills amended earlier today.

The Cap-and-Trade Program has generated roughly \$30 billion over the last ten years, often distributed to cities and others as grants for transit, rail, transportation, air quality, affordable housing, safe drinking water, and organic waste programs. Since last fall, Cal Cities has urged lawmakers to reauthorize the program until 2045 and invest in local efforts to carry out statewide housing and climate goals.

## A mixed bag of results

AB 1207 would create structural changes to the program, including reauthorizing it through 2045. SB 840 would provide a framework for funding distribution that, if passed, would take effect starting Fiscal Year 2026-27.

In a win for cities, the framework includes specific funding for affordable housing and sustainable communities efforts, along with wildfire resilience. Explicitly not included is money for local clean transportation, organic waste infrastructure, and climate adaptation efforts, such as sea level rise and flood infrastructure improvements.

However, SB 840 would allow the Legislature to allocate \$1 billion at its discretion during the annual budget process. Cal Cities will continue to fight for the unmet priorities that were not included in the framework in future budget years.

## What's next?

Cities should stay tuned, as the threshold is high. Both bills need to clear a two-thirds majority in the next 72 hours — and it remains to be seen how the vote will land.



# Bill Talk: Lots of unfinished business

Sep 10, 2025

A weekly update from Cal Cities, sorting through the state bill buzz

*By Cal Cities Staff*

Lawmakers have a lot — and I truly do mean, a lot — left to do and vanishingly few hours left to do it.

First, there are the hundreds of measures that [passed off the suspense file](#), awaiting a full, final vote. Some of those bills underwent substantial changes, leading to a flurry of stakeholder shuffling. A prime example: [Politico](#) on Friday reported that the State Building and Construction Trades Council removed its opposition to a heavily altered housing bill, SB 79.

On top of that, legislators need to [reauthorize the Cap-and-Trade Program](#) and [pass changes to last year's problematic warehouse bill](#) — both Gordian Knots in and of themselves — before the weekend. Looming over it all are the specters of a special session (or two), clean-up legislation next year, and additional federal fights. All of which is to say: Stay tuned for updates.

*-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

[Legislature approves sponsored housing bill; SB 79 still awaiting final vote](#)

The Senate passed [AB 650 \(Papan\)](#) this afternoon. Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure would allow cities to begin the housing element drafts earlier than existing law and provide more clarity in the review process. A final vote count is pending. However, the bill has received zero no votes so far. With minor technical changes made to the measure in the Senate, AB 650 will go back to the Assembly for concurrence this week before heading to the Governor's desk.

The Assembly will vote on [SB 79 \(Wiener\)](#) sometime today or tomorrow. The measure, which would force cities to approve tall, dense residential projects near specific transit stops, [scraped out of committee](#) last week after another round of changes. Currently, it would require cities in Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento, Santa Clara, Alameda, and San Mateo counties to approve such projects with limited environmental review and public engagement. All other counties would be exempt. On Friday morning, the State Building and Construction Trades removed their opposition after securing new labor standards on specific projects.

*- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate (housing)*

[Legislature inches closer to a climate bond deal](#)

Thanks to [continued advocacy](#), the Governor and Legislature appear to have landed on a deal over how to spend November's \$10 billion climate bond. The agreement avoids using the monies to backfill the state budget and increases the first-year tranche of funding to \$3.287 billion.

[In May](#), Gov. Gavin Newsom proposed using over \$300 million of a \$10 billion climate bond to backfill the state's budget deficit. Cal Cities and dozens of stakeholder groups that supported the bond pushed back, arguing that clawing back Prop. 4 funding went against what voters approved in November.

In response, the Legislature rejected the Governor's proposal, first winnowing it down and then eventually rejecting it entirely. Some highlights in the deal, AB/SB 105, that now sits in front of the Legislature include:

- \$1.2 billion for safe drinking water, drought, flood, and water resilience
- \$416 million for wildfire and forest resilience
- \$279 million for coastal resilience
- \$110 million for extreme heat mitigation
- \$390 million for biodiversity and nature-based solutions
- \$153 million for climate-smart agriculture
- \$466 million for park creation and outdoor access
- \$275 million for clean air and energy

Cal Cities submitted [a support letter](#) to the budget committees today, urging lawmakers to pass the first year of funding before the end of the legislative session.

- [Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate \(environmental quality\)](#)

[Sponsored short-term rental bill awaiting the Governor's signature](#)

The Legislature sent [SB 346 \(Durazo\)](#) to the Governor's desk. Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure would require short-term rental platforms, at the request of a city, to provide the address of short-term rentals listed for rent on the platform. It would also give cities audit authority over transient occupancy taxes collected by the platforms.

"For too long, platforms ... have profited while local governments struggle to collect the taxes they're owed and enforce the laws their communities have voted for," [Durazo told Fox40](#). "SB 346 gives cities and counties the basic tools they need to do their jobs."

- [Ben Triffo, legislative advocate \(revenue and taxation\)](#)

[Improved recovery housing oversight advances to the Governor's desk](#)

For over a decade, Cal Cities has pushed to strengthen the state's oversight of recovery housing. After years of legislative inaction, all that effort is paying off: For the second year in a row, sponsored bills by Asm. Laurie Davies and Avelino Valencia advanced all the way to the Governor's desk.

[AB 424 \(Davies\)](#) would provide more transparency into how the Department of Health Care Services processes complaints against licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities. The bill would require the department to notify individuals when their complaint has been received, when the investigation concludes, and the outcome of the investigation. Currently, complainants do not receive updates and must file a public records request just to learn the outcome of their complaint.

"AB 424 is a critical step towards fixing California's substance use disorder treatment system," said Davies. "Bad treatment experiences should be investigated and corrected

quickly. The public shouldn't be kept in the dark as to whether or not corrective actions are being taken or if the complaint was received."

[AB 492 \(Valencia\)](#) would require the department to notify a city if the department approves a new license in its jurisdiction. No such requirement currently exists, leaving local agencies in the dark about the operation of facilities within their jurisdictions. This lack of communication can make it difficult to address community concerns, maintain public safety, and ensure that recovery and treatment programs are effectively integrated into local communities.

"By providing local agencies with timely information, we can foster greater collaboration, improve public safety, and ensure that these facilities operate in a manner that best serves the needs of our residents," Valencia said, calling the measure a "critical step."

*- Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate (community services)*

[Metal theft bill in Senate; Advance Clean Fleet bill awaiting Governor's signature](#)  
Cal Cities' sponsored [AB 476 \(Gonzalez\)](#) advanced to the Senate Floor. The measure would help prevent theft and vandalism to public infrastructure by enhancing [reporting and licensing requirements](#) for scrap metal sellers. The measure, which has received bipartisan support so far, will need to go back to the Assembly for concurrence due to changes made in [last week's appropriations hearings](#).

A bill that would make it easier to comply with the Advanced Clean Fleet rule is on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk. A reintroduction of a vetoed bill from last year, [AB 620 \(Jackson\)](#) would allow cities to rent zero-emission (EV) vehicles instead of buying them. Cal Cities is supporting the measure, due in part to the new landscape surrounding EV manufacturing and sales, as well as actions by the federal government that limit the state's authority.

*- Damon Conklin, legislative advocate (infrastructure)*

[Sponsored sea level rise planning bill heads to the Governor's Desk](#)

[AB 996 \(Pellerin\)](#) made it off the Senate Floor last Thursday on the consent calendar, reinforcing the bipartisan support for the measure. The bill would provide [tools for coastal and bay cities](#) to meet sea level rise planning requirements. A coalition of coastal and bay local governments has proved instrumental in advancing this measure. There is still time for your city to engage and request the Governor's signature.

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

[Cities encouraged to support PFAS bills as they move to the floor](#)

Another sponsored bill, [SB 454 \(McNerney\)](#), is headed to the Governor's desk. Cities should encourage the Governor to sign the bill, which would create a PFAS Mitigation Fund to help cities and water agencies remove forever chemicals from their water supplies. A second PFAS bill supported by Cal Cities, [SB 682 \(Allen\)](#), is awaiting a vote on the Assembly Floor. That measure would prohibit the distribution or sale of certain products that contain PFAS.

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

[Muralist exemption passes out of the Legislature](#)

A bill that would make it easier for cities to commission muralists, [SB 456 \(Ashby\)](#), is headed to the Governor's desk. Co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure would provide a narrow exemption from state contractor license requirements for muralists working on public and private art projects.

In 2023, the Contractors State License Board [began notifying cities](#) that muralists fall within the definition of a "contractor" and therefore must carry a license for projects exceeding \$500, delaying projects throughout the state. Obtaining a license requires years of specialized experience, an examination, and annual fees. City staff who knowingly hire an unlicensed muralist can face fines.

"Murals and public art installations improve [public health](#), drive economic development, and expand community access to arts and culture," said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "Cal Cities is proud to co-sponsor SB 456, much-needed legislation that will make it easier for cities to commission local artists and [uplift their communities](#)."

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate (community services)*

A quick reminder

Bill Talk is a weekly breakdown of the biggest bills, policy committee hearings, and legislative deadlines that city leaders need to know about. To get this list on Monday morning, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#). To access old Bill Talks, visit the [archive page](#). Cal Cities also maintains a live [list of all sponsored/hot measures](#). Lists of all tracked bills are available on [individual policy pages](#).





# CARB to consider further changes to Advanced Clean Fleets regulation

Sep 10, 2025

*By Damon Conklin, legislative advocate (transportation), and Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

Cal Cities is urging the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to make it easier for cities to comply with its [Advanced Clean Fleets regulation](#). The agency is accepting public comments through Sep. 15, in advance of a Sept. 25 meeting.

The rule took effect on Jan. 1, 2024, after years of debate and proceedings. It requires all cities to obtain a 100% zero-emission vehicle fleet — including street sweepers, cement trucks, and other large vehicles — by 2035. While earlier iterations of this mandate were draconian, Cal Cities secured [several waivers and extensions](#) for cities.

CARB began [walking back parts of the regulation](#) earlier this year when it became clear that conflicts with federal law put the rule in danger. Soon after, President Donald Trump signed three resolutions terminating federal waivers needed to enact parts of the regulation. These actions had a chilling effect on zero-emission vehicle manufacturing and sales — right as the state began investing heavily in a now more limited stock of zero-emission vehicles.

September's meeting comes in response to [AB 1594 \(Garcia, 2023\)](#), which requires CARB to revise the regulation to ease compliance for energy providers and other public utilities. Cal Cities is urging CARB to include cities in these amendments, which would make it easier for cities to replace traditional utility-specialized vehicles at the end of their life to maintain reliable service and respond to major events.

Cal Cities is also arguing that while the regulations are open, CARB should consider several other changes, including removing a purchase requirement for waivers, providing a list of market-ready vehicles, and extending the timeline to acquire a 100% zero-emission fleet.

Members should also provide comments about any compliance challenges that they are experiencing. [A sample letter is available online](#).



# City officials call on Governor to sign short-term rental reform legislation

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**Sacramento** — City officials from throughout the state are urging the Governor to sign critical legislation that would make it easier for cities to enforce local short-term rental laws, crack down on illegal units, and collect the correct amount of transient occupancy taxes owed to them. The timing for the Cal Cities-sponsored bill, SB 346 (Durazo), is key, as California prepares to host the 2026 World Cup, back-to-back Super Bowls, and the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. The legislation would require short-term rental platforms to share information about properties that are listed on their websites, allowing cities to go after illegal rentals, enforce their local ordinances, and collect transient occupancy taxes.

“Cal Cities is proud to sponsor this SB 346, which received overwhelming bipartisan support in the Legislature and not a single vote against it,” said **League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman**. “We urge the Governor to sign this important measure.” Estimates show that in Los Angeles County alone, [nearly 72% of Airbnb listings](#) — about 32,500 properties — are operating illegally. But without property data from the short-term rental companies, city officials have no way of identifying these illegal rentals or enforcing local ordinances, leaving millions of tax dollars owed to cities left uncollected.

“Today, many California cities lack access to property addresses and other property-related information for short-term rentals that are needed to collect accurate tax payments under local transient occupancy tax ordinances,” said **Long Beach Mayor Rex Richardson**. “SB 346 will better equip cities like Long Beach with the tools to verify the accuracy of local tax payments and enforce against unlicensed units, ensuring that short-term rentals continue to operate fairly and responsibly in our cities.”

Over the years, cities throughout the state have adopted local ordinances to work with short-term rental platforms, which can bring in revenue for cities that fund city services. However, short-term rentals, when not regulated by local governments, can contribute to housing shortages and rising rents for residents.

“While tourism is vital to Sonoma’s economy, we must also safeguard our limited housing stock so that local families and our workforce can continue to live here,” said **Sonoma Mayor Patricia Farrar-Rivas**. “This bill strikes the balance between welcoming visitors and protecting the long-term stability of our neighborhoods, and I urge the Governor to sign it into law. It is one important step in helping cities like Sonoma address our housing needs.”

SB 346 can be a helpful tool for cities that recognize the value of short-term rentals while simultaneously managing their impact on the housing market.

"While short-term rentals support visitation and bring revenue to our communities, they also can cause negative community impacts, including upward pressure on the availability and affordability of workforce housing," said **Truckee Mayor Jan Zabriskie**. "In Truckee, we manage short-term rentals in order to better balance these competing interests. We support SB 346 because it will help us improve our management of short-term rentals for the benefit of our community."

Cities throughout the state have expressed challenges in identifying properties that are vacation rentals and enforcing local policies. SB 346 gives local governments the tools to ensure short-term rental platforms adhere to local laws.

"Cities need the tools provided by SB 346 to ensure fair tax collection, strengthen local oversight of short-term rentals, and help preserve housing availability by holding short-term rental platforms accountable," said **San Luis Obispo Mayor Erica A. Stewart**.

SB 346 would give city officials the tools to go after bad actors without imposing additional burdens on hosts who abide by the law and follow the rules.

"Indio welcomes visitors year-round," said **Indio Mayor Glenn Miller**. "SB 346 brings the transparency and accountability we need from short-term rental platforms, so properties follow the rules and taxes are paid. That means fair competition for compliant hosts and stable funding for city services. We respectfully ask the Governor to sign SB 346."

In a time of budget uncertainty for the local governments and the state alike, every tax dollar counts. SB 346 is a revenue-generating and cost-saving measure for every community in California.

"Short-term rentals are a part of our community, and allow great coastal accommodations for our visitors," said **Laguna Beach Mayor Alex Rounaghi**. "But they also can reduce housing supply, become problematic neighbors, and be places that are hard to contact in emergencies — which is why we try to regulate them. Simple solutions, such as requiring that operators give cities the lodgings' addresses, along the lines of SB 346, are essential to balancing safety, housing, and recreational needs."

The Governor has until Oct. 9 to sign or veto the bill.

"The enactment of SB 346 will provide local communities with new tools to address neighborhood compatibility issues and ensure proper collection of transient occupancy taxes associated with vacation rentals, said **Santa Barbara Mayor Pro Tempore Eric Friedman**. "Passage of SB 346 is critical to assist local agencies in their effort to address impacts from vacation rentals and ensure that all visitor-accommodating services play by the same rules."

*Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.*

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# Cal Cities secures major revisions to warehouse law

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The bills, which address many of Cal Cities' concerns, can be taken up as early as Friday morning

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

After over a year of advocacy from Cal Cities, lawmakers are advancing long-promised changes to last year's problematic [warehouse law](#). The clean-up legislation addresses a significant number of concerns raised by Cal Cities, counties, and planners.

[AB 98 \(Carillo and Reyes\)](#) emerged at the [end of the session](#) in 2024 after months of closed-door negotiations. It created restrictions on new or expanding warehouses and a sweeping, costly statewide mandate that requires all cities to update their circulation elements to account for these changes — including truck movement.

The bill's authors agreed to revisit the law's language this year, in the form of [AB 735 \(Carrillo\)](#) and [SB 415 \(Reyes\)](#), to get AB 98 through the Senate. Cal Cities secured the following amendments to those measures:

- Allow local governments outside of the warehouse concentration region to develop an ordinance rather than mandating a truck traffic update in the circulation element by Jan. 1, 2028.
- Give cities with 50,000 or fewer residents and counties with 100,000 or fewer residents until Jan. 1, 2030, to complete the ordinance adoption. This would benefit smaller jurisdictions with fewer resources.
- Remove the double planning mandate for the jurisdictions adopting ordinances, since they will not have to update their circulation elements with proactive measures for bicyclists and pedestrians on the same strict timeline in the bill.
- Completely exempt a city or county from the circulation element update if it is not approving new or expanded logistics use projects in its community. If that changes, the city or county would need to adopt an ordinance within two years.
- Prevent the Attorney General from imposing penalties on local governments that are working in good faith to follow the law.
- Revise the bill's definition of local roads to prevent warehouse development near sensitive receptors.

The changes address some of the Senate's concerns from last year, as well as those raised by Cal Cities. The Senate and Assembly local government committees will meet today to hear each bill. Both houses can take the measures up on the floor as early as Friday evening for a full vote.



## Help develop Cal Cities policy by serving on a policy committee; applications due Sept. 26

Sep 10, 2025

*By Cal Cities Staff*

Cal Cities is accepting applications for all seven policy committees now through Sept. 26. City officials can [apply for a division, department, caucus, or presidential appointment online](#).

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 regularly meet to review and recommend positions for bills and regulatory proposals. These recommendations are then forwarded to the Cal Cities Board of Directors for consideration.

If approved, these positions are official Cal Cities policy and become [part of Cal Cities' compilation of existing policy](#). This document is updated every two years.

Approximately 60 city officials serve on each committee. To accurately reflect the state's diverse communities and perspectives, city officials from all regions are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants will be asked to share information about their professional experience when applying.

Each committee meets at least three times annually — January, March, and June. This year, the January and March meetings will be in person and will require travel. The June meeting will be held virtually. Cal Cities does not reimburse committee members for travel expenses associated with attending policy committee meetings.

A summary of each committee and the policy areas they oversee are below:

- **Community Services:** Reviews issues related to homelessness, child care, parks and recreation, libraries, emergency/disaster preparation and response, cultural arts, and community and human services programs.
- **Environmental Quality:** Reviews issues related to air, water, and water quality, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), solid waste and recycling, hazardous materials, coastal issues, utilities, and wildfires.
- **Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations:** Reviews issues related to transparency, technology (open data), healthcare, elections and political reform, pensions, and workers' compensation reform, as well as other labor-related issues.

- **Housing, Community, and Economic Development:** Reviews issues related to general plans and zoning, housing, rent control, land use regulation, and development fees.
- **Public Safety:** Reviews issues related to law enforcement; fire and life safety policies, including emergency communications; and emergency services, including ambulance and disaster preparedness.
- **Revenue and Taxation:** Reviews issues related to finance administration, taxation reform, revenue needs, and revenue sources at the federal, state, and local levels.
- **Transportation, Communication, and Public Works:** Reviews issues related to transportation planning, technology, funding, construction, public works, telecommunications, and other related areas.

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