

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
September 12, 2024

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the October 3, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting

B. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for August 2024

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo to provide an update on the Boost Program and provide accomplishment data for the first year of operations is attached

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

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145919 SP-145-2024 -Moore

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } SS
COUNTY OF ORANGE }

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

• THURSDAY, 7:00 P.M., OCTOBER 3, 2024

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 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.

SITE PLAN NO. SP-145-2024
LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-033-2024

A request for Site Plan approval to construct a seven-story, 98-unit multiple-family residential apartment complex with associated site improvements on a 1.35-acre (Gross) project site, and a Lot Line Adjustment to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) adjoining parcels into one (1) parcel to accommodate the proposed residential development. The proposal includes ten (10) affordable housing units for "very low-income" households. Inclusion of the ten (10) "very low-income" units qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law. The site is at 9891, 9897, and 9901 Garden Grove Boulevard in the GGMU-3 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 3) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

SITE PLAN NO. SP-144-2024
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-267-2024
INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-006-2024
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2023-156

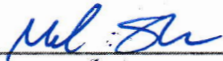
A request to develop a six-story mixed-use development on a 0.94-acre lot consisting of an 80-unit senior apartment complex and an 82-bed Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE). The specific land use entitlement approvals requested, include the following: (i) an Interpretation of Use to determine the compatibility between an RCFE use and the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone classification, and to allow the RCFE use subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit; (ii) a Tentative Parcel Map to consolidate two existing parcels to create a one-lot subdivision for condominium purposes to divide the RCFE and apartment building; (iii) a Site Plan to allow the construction of a six-story mixed-use development consisting of an 80-unit senior apartment building over a parking structure with one subterranean level and one above-ground level, and an 82-bed RCFE attached to the parking structure/ apartment building, along with associated site improvements; and (iv), a Conditional Use Permit to allow and regulate the operation of the proposed RCFE on the subject site. The proposal includes four (4) affordable housing units for "very low-income" households. Inclusion of the four (4) "very low-income" units qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the state density bonus law. The site is at 11432 and 11462 Stanford Avenue in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on October 3, 2024. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at,

September 11, 2024

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

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 11th day of September 2024.

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P.O. BOX 3070
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: September 9, 2024

PUBLISH: September 11, 2024

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Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
9449	08/01/24	can i please get a listing for new businesses for the previous month of July in Excel, thankyou	Finance	08/12/24	08/01/24
9450	08/01/24	Please kindly send the original layout plan for 8516 garden grove, CA garden grove 92844 as business unit needs to change to original layout and needs a copy and reference in order to do so.	Community Development	08/12/24	08/01/24
9451	08/02/24	Hello, I am looking to view monthly reports of new businesses that recently obtained a City of Garden Grove license. Specifically for July (07/01-07/31).	City Manager	08/12/24	08/02/24
9452	08/02/24	Hello, We'd like to request to get a blueprint of our home if possible . Thank you.	City Manager	08/15/24	08/05/24
9453	08/04/24	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings July 2024 Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	City Manager	08/15/24	08/05/24
9454	08/05/24	List of candidates who have pulled nomination papers for the 2024 municipal election so far	City Manager	08/15/24	08/12/24
9455	08/05/24	As-built plan and building permits for 13392 Euclid St	Community Development	08/15/24	08/14/24
9456	08/05/24	Public Records Request	Community Development	08/15/24	08/15/24
9457	08/05/24	Urgent request for the blueprint of the property 6291 Killarney Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92845. We need your help to obtain the blueprint in order to know the sewer lines of the property. This information is time critical for us to complete the purch...	City Manager	08/15/24	08/05/24
9458	08/07/24	I am requesting a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the company, Q T GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC (License #187975), that preferably covers the date 12/11/2021, though whatever insurance record is on file will be acceptable. Does the ...	Finance	08/19/24	08/07/24
9459	08/07/24	I work for AEI Consultants and am performing a Property Condition Assessment on a property in Garden Grove, CA. I would like to know if there are any building code violations or records of inspection that produced a negative response on this prope...	Community Development	08/12/24	08/12/24
9460	08/07/24	Hello, Deltex is submitting a public records request to City of Garden Grove for commercial purposes. Would a representative please provide the information relating to the solicitation below? If available, please include any awarded contract...	Finance	08/19/24	08/14/24
9461	08/07/24	Building and foundation plans for existing building located at: 12122 Western Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92841 Occupant/ Owner: GKN Aerospace	Community Development	08/19/24	08/15/24
9462	08/08/24	I am requesting the following policies and data of the police department: 1. Most updated police discipline policy, as well as all prior versions of the policy. 2. Most updated policy on the use of non disciplinary actions to correct performan...	Police	08/19/24	08/15/24

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9463	08/08/24	10872 FORBES AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE Records of fire inspections at the subject property; Records regarding petroleum product and/or hazardous substance usage/storage at the subject property (i.e., permits, inspections, hazardous materials busine...	Public Works Community Development	08/19/24	08/08/24
9464	08/08/24	All building plans for 10371 Garden Grove Blvd, Unit 46		08/19/24	08/08/24
9466	08/09/24	Hello, I am requesting all public building records (permits, applications, violations, etc.) for the property at 12621 Flower Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Thanks! Daniel	Finance Community Development	08/22/24	08/21/24
9467	08/12/24	Fire Permit Plan Check		08/22/24	08/12/24
9468	08/13/24	I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of general liability insurance for the contractor Bernard Nguyen Remodeling that covers the date 12/06/2021.	Finance	08/26/24	08/13/24
9469	08/13/24	SmartProcure is submitting a public records request to the Garden Grove Police Department for any and all purchasing records from 01/01/2019 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning, or p...	Police Finance Information Technology	09/09/24	09/09/24
9470	08/13/24	Please provide the following information for 10840 Katella: - Building Plans - Staff Reports and resolutions setting forth conditions for entitlements - CUP's - Current Business License Thank you.	Community Development Finance	08/26/24	08/14/24
9471	08/13/24	I am requesting any video/camera footage of the intersection of West and Garden Grove Blvd for a car accident that occurred on July 2, 2024 at approximately 1:20 a.m. 2 car collision. Our client, Cristian Angelo Helguero, was driving a grey silve...	Public Works Police	08/26/24	08/15/24
9472	08/14/24	Request Code: 13602481 Date: 08/14/24 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	08/26/24	08/22/24
9473	08/15/24	Request Code: 13580063 Date: 08/15/24 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	08/26/24	08/15/24
9474	08/16/24	I sell tamales for special occasions and Charlotte de fruits and veggies and dip with tamales chanpurado y 3236386801 Claudia tray of birria Taco as well and cabbage and salsa		08/26/24	08/16/24
9475	08/16/24	I sell tamales for special occasions and Charlotte de fruits and veggies and dip with tamales chanpurado y 3236386801 Claudia tray of birria Taco as well and cabbage and salsa		08/26/24	08/16/24
9476	08/16/24	I sell tamales for special occasions and Charlotte de fruits and veggies and dip with tamales chanpurado y 3236386801 Claudia tray of birria Taco as well and cabbage and salsa		08/26/24	08/16/24

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9477	08/16/24	I sell tray of arroz con leche and bag of clothes 3236386801 Claudia ask you can via text and cash tamales is 3 days ahead of the day you need for special occasions provide gloves and cash I sell bionico and taco birria intray you want the ste...		08/26/24	08/16/24
9478	08/16/24	conditional use permits (CUPs) for 12401 VALLEY VIEW Burger King	Community Development	08/26/24	08/22/24
9479	08/16/24	10872 Forbes Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92843 Property Parcel No. 099-182-15 Building Code Compliance 1. Are there outstanding building code violations associated with the Property? If "Yes", please provide relevant documentation via email. 2...	Community Development	08/26/24	08/20/24
9480	08/19/24	Dear Sir/Madam, Under the Freedom of Information Law, I am requesting the following records: I am requesting copies of public records comprising all contracts, agreements, or understandings (including any addendums, modifications, or alter...	City Manager	08/29/24	08/20/24
9481	08/19/24	Please provide any email communication between Garden Grove City Staff and Santa Ana Executive/Management City Staff (to include Charles Elms and John Kachirisky) regarding recruitment of current or retired Garden Grove PD command staff members fo...	Police	08/29/24	08/20/24
9482	08/19/24	hello, I am looking for an incident report for one of client it was a dog bite that occurred on 05/08/2024 13626 McMains street Garden Grove CA, 92844.	Public Works	08/29/24	08/28/24
9483	08/19/24	Request Uniform Rental Program records for next bidding	City Manager	08/29/24	08/20/24
9486	08/21/24	Hello. We are surveying two properties in Garden Grove and would like to obtain the following information: potable (and recycled?) water GIS maps, potable (and recycled?) water asbuilt plans, sewer GIS maps and asbuilt plans, storm drain GIS maps ...	Public Works	09/03/24	08/27/24
9488	08/22/24	Incident number 24045934	Public Works	09/03/24	09/03/24
9490	08/24/24	I am requesting my property blue prints. Would like to have for my records.		09/05/24	08/26/24
9491	08/26/24	Building plans Arch. and Structural for the address below. 13111 Dunklee Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92840 Owner wants to convert the 3-Car Garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit.		09/05/24	08/26/24
9492	08/26/24	Hi there- I would like to request any records regarding hazardous materials use, hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, any release of haz mats to the subsurface, oil/water separators and/or clarifier systems, notices of violations, etc. f...	Public Works	09/05/24	08/27/24
9493	08/26/24	Request code enforcement all business cards with email address with phone numbers.	Community Development	09/09/24	08/27/24

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9494	08/27/24	Request Code: 13602481 Date: 08/23/24 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	09/09/24	08/27/24
9495	08/27/24	Summons		09/09/24	08/29/24
9496	08/27/24	Traffic light signal timing for June 26, 2024, for the time period between 6:40 a.m. and 6:45 a.m., for the traffic lights at the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Haster Street, in the City of Garden Grove.	Public Works	09/09/24	09/04/24
9497	08/27/24	Hi Andrea, This is a records request. I am requesting data of current registered voters in the city of Garden Grove for the last 4 electioncycles that involve the Mayoral race ideally in a .csv or .xls* file that would include these fields: name...		09/09/24	08/28/24
9498	08/29/24	Copies of Planning/Zoning applications and exhibits for a new communication tower that may have been submitted/resubmitted since May 20, 2024 or currently in-review for the vicinity of 12432 9th St.	Community Development	09/09/24	09/09/24
9499	08/29/24	Hi, I am a research assistant helping conduct research in regard to civilian oversight of policing. For the research, I need the origin date of the Chief's Advisory Council. I am unable to find the date online, and I was hoping your office would b...	Police	09/09/24	09/03/24
9500	08/30/24	I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Co., looking to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the company Unity Construction, covering the date of 6/21/21. They were working on Central Avenue when damage occurred. I...	Economic Development Finance	09/09/24	09/03/24
9501	08/30/24	Hello, I am making this request early because of Labor Day Weekend. If you see this before September 3rd, please disregard the request until then. I would like to request a listing of new businesses filed in Garden Grove City for the month of A...	Finance	09/09/24	09/03/24

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
Dept: City Manager
Subject: BOOST PROGRAM UPDATE

From: Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept: Economic Development
and Housing
Date: September 12, 2024

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Boost Program and provide accomplishment data for the first year of operations.

DISCUSSION

On April 25, 2023, the Garden Grove City Council approved the FY 2023-24 Annual Action Plan, which included a funding allocation for the implementation of the "Boost Program". The Boost Program is designed to provide childcare agencies in Garden Grove with technical assistance and business support to help them expand their operations in Garden Grove. The City's main goal for the program is to increase capacity for childcare agencies in Garden Grove so families can access affordable childcare.

The Boost Program was awarded \$102,000 to assist 17 childcare agencies. The Program is operated by Upwards, an organization who manages the largest network of licensed family childcare providers in the nation, and provides access to affordable, high-quality childcare for all families through their online marketplace. Upwards manages an interactive map that will provide the user with an overview of the home-based childcare agencies in Garden Grove and allows users to tour the childcare facilities online.

In FY 2023-24, Upwards was able to assist 22 childcare agencies with the following technical assistance: one-on-one business consulting, hiring support, marketing and app utilization, childcare curriculum development, obtaining childcare licenses, obtaining business licenses, childcare provider networking, and additional technical assistance as needed. The businesses that were assisted were able to create 14 jobs as a result of the technical assistance that Upwards was able to provide. Additionally, Upwards was able to assist approximately 258 Garden Grove families access affordable childcare through their services.

For more information about the program or to view the interactive childcare map, please visit the City's website at <https://ggcity.org/boost>.



Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Economic Development and Housing Director

By: Tim Throne, Sr. Program Specialist
Attachment 1: Boost Program Flyers



Garden Grove has partnered with Upwards to bring BOOST to local child care providers.

Want to grow your daycare business?

BOOST gives income-eligible home daycare providers **free** business support and tech tools for one year.



Why BOOST?



Earn More

Learn how to increase enrollments and reduce expenses.



Save Time

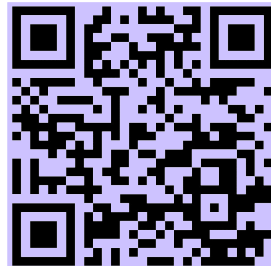
Use time-saving tools to manage attendance, tuition collection, and much more.



24/7 Support

Match with a Care Coach to answer all of your questions.

**Apply Today,
Spots are Limited!**



**Eligible
applicants
will start
immediately**



Have questions? Call us at (714) 364-0760

Or go to upwards.com/provide-care/boost






Garden Grove se ha asociado con Upwards para llevar acabo el programa BOOST a sus proveedores de cuidado infantil.

¿Quieres crecer tu negocio de guardería?

BOOST brinda apoyo empresarial e herramientas tecnológicas **gratis** por un año a proveedores de cuidado infantil que califican como elegibles por ingresos.

¿Por qué BOOST?

-  **Gane más**
Conozca cómo aumentar las inscripciones y reducir sus gastos.
-  **Ahorre tiempo**
Use herramientas que ahorran tiempo para administrar la asistencia, el cobro de matrículas y mucho más.
-  **Apoyo 24/7**
Nuestros Care Coaches están listos para responder a todas sus preguntas.



**¡Aplica hoy,
los lugares son
limitados!**



**Proveedores
que califican
comenzarán de
inmediato.**

¿Tiene preguntas? Llámenos al (714) 364-0760

O ir a upwards.com/provide-care/boost





Thành phố Garden Grove hợp tác với Upwards để giới thiệu chương trình BOOST đến các trung tâm giữ trẻ (child care) tại địa phương

Bạn muốn phát triển nhà trẻ (daycare) của mình?

Chương trình BOOST hỗ trợ MIỄN PHÍ các nhà trẻ (daycare) về mặt kinh doanh và kỹ thuật trong một năm nếu hội đủ điều kiện



Tại sao BOOST?



Gia Tăng Lợi Tức

Tìm hiểu cách thức để gia tăng đăng ký ghi danh và giảm chi phí.



Tiết kiệm thời gian

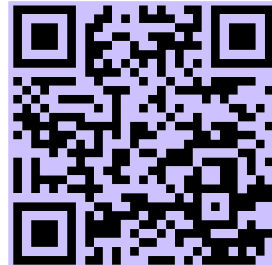
Tìm hiểu cách thức tiết kiệm thời gian quản lý điểm danh, cách thu học phí, và nhiều nữa.



Hỗ trợ 24/7

Hỗ trợ từ huấn luyện viên Care để giúp trả lời tất cả các câu hỏi của bạn.

**Đăng ký ngay hôm nay,
Chỗ có giới hạn!**



**Những ai hội đủ
điều kiện có thể
bắt đầu ngay lập
tức**



Có câu hỏi?

Gọi cho chúng tôi tại (714) 364-0760

Hoặc xem tại upwards.com/provide-care/boost






Garden Grove는 Upwards와
 제휴하여 BOOST를 해당
 지역인에게 제공합니다

보육 사업을 성장시키고 싶습니까?

BOOST는 소득적격 보육 제공자에게 1년
 동안 무료로 사업 지원 및 효율적인
 방식을 제공합니다.



Boost의 혜택은?

-  **수입증가**
 등록을 늘리고 비용을 절감하는
 방법을 가르쳐 드립니다
-  **시간절약**
 시간 절약 방식을 사용하여 출석,
 등록금 징수 등을 관리할 수
 있습니다.
-  **24/7 지원**
 케어 코치와 상담을 통해 모든
 질문에 대한 답변을 얻을 수
 있습니다

자리가 모두
 마감되기 전에 오늘
 신청하십시오



자격이 있는
 신청자는 바로
 시작 가능합니다



질문이 있으신가요?(714) 364-0760로 전화주세요.

또는 upwards.com/provide-care/boost 방문하세요

WEEKLY MEMO 09-12-2024

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

September 5, 2024 - September 11, 2024

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

Included in this Report

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 Garden Grove City Hall

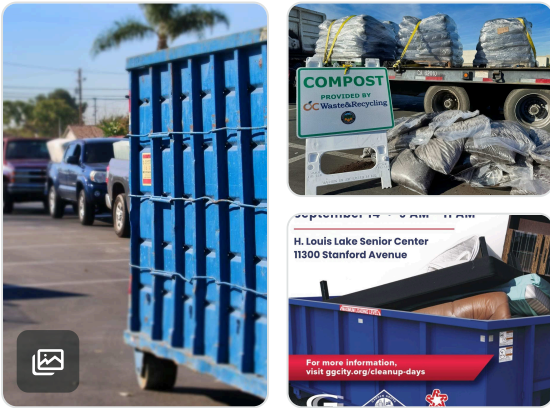
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Wed 9/11/2024 5:31 pm PDT

Join us this Saturday for the next community cleanup day, offering residents the...



Impressions	735
Reach	697
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 9/11/2024 5:31 pm PDT

Join us this Saturday for the next community...



Impressions	996
Reach	996
Engagements	70
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7%



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 9/11/2024 9:38 am PDT

Today, we take a moment of silence to remember the men, women & children who lost their lives from the 9/11 terror...



Impressions	75
Potential Reach	4,775
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.3%



gardengrovecityhall

Wed 9/11/2024 9:38 am PDT

🇺🇸 Today, we invite the Garden Grove community to observe a moment of silence in honor of the men, women, and...



Impressions	760
Reach	720
Engagements	56
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 9/11/2024 9:38 am PDT

🇺🇸 Today, we invite the Garden Grove community to observe a moment of silence in honor of the men, women, and...



Impressions	343
Reach	337
Engagements	22
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.4%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 9/10/2024 5:30 pm PDT

🏠 Thinking of buying a new home? Join us at the FREE Homebuyer Day resource fair on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10:0...



Impressions	1,497
Reach	1,497
Engagements	92
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.1%



X @CityGardenGrove

Tue 9/10/2024 5:30 pm PDT

Learn about the down payment assistance program in [#GardenGrove](#) and meet with mortgage lenders, community housing...



Impressions	67
Potential Reach	4,774
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



X @CityGardenGrove

Tue 9/10/2024 5:30 pm PDT

🏠 Thinking of buying a new home? Join us at the FREE Homebuyer Day resource fair on Sat, 10/5, from 10 AM-2 PM at the...



Impressions	89
Potential Reach	4,774
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%



📷 gardengrovecityhall

Tue 9/10/2024 5:30 pm PDT

🏠 Thinking of buying a new home? Join us at the FREE Homebuyer Day resource fair on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10:0...



Impressions	1,539
Reach	1,301
Engagements	60
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%



X @CityGardenGrove

Mon 9/9/2024 5:05 pm PDT

Based on mosquito abundance and surveillance data, @OCVector will conduct residential adult mosquito contr...



Impressions	111
Potential Reach	4,776
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.4%



Instagram gardengrovecityhall

Mon 9/9/2024 5:05 pm PDT

Based on mosquito abundance and surveillance data, the @ocvectorcontrol will conduct residential adult mosquito...



Impressions	971
Reach	864
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3%



Facebook Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 9/9/2024 5:05 pm PDT

Based on mosquito abundance and surveillance data, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will...



Impressions	1,857
Reach	1,857
Engagements	314
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	16.9%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 9/9/2024 2:41 pm PDT

👥 Attention teens, ages 13-17, this one is for you! 🌞 We're kicking off the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative 2024-25...



Video Views	579
Impressions	1,721
Reach	1,562
Engagements	146
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



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Mon 9/9/2024 2:40 pm PDT

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Impressions	688
Reach	507
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



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Mon 9/9/2024 2:40 pm PDT

👥 Attention teens, ages 13-17, this one is for you! 🌞 Join us at the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative kick-off meetin...



Impressions	124
Potential Reach	4,776
Engagements	3
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Mon 9/9/2024 10:09 am PDT

The walking trail at the upstream end of the outlet to the basin will be blocked off, and a portion of the asphalt trail will be...

pipes, the walking trail at the upstream end of the outlet to the basin will be blocked off for equipment staging, and a portion of the asphalt trail will be closed intermittently. 5 stalls of the parking lot will be unavailable during working hours.



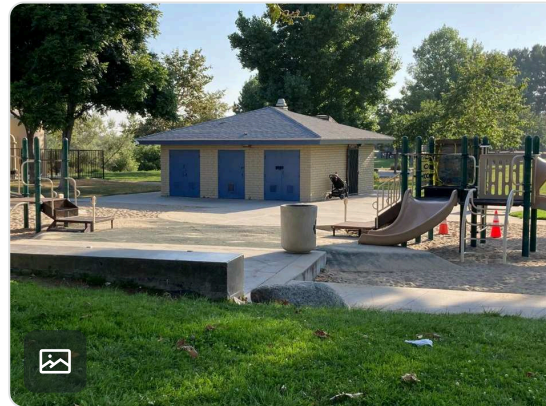
Impressions	84
Potential Reach	4,775
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.4%



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Mon 9/9/2024 10:09 am PDT

Haster Basin Recreational Park Storm Pipe Project Closures
[@OCpublicworks](#), in cooperation with O...



Impressions	120
Potential Reach	4,775
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.8%



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Mon 9/9/2024 10:05 am PDT

Haster Basin Recreational Park Storm Pipe Project Closures @ocpublicworks, in cooperation with OC Parks, will be...



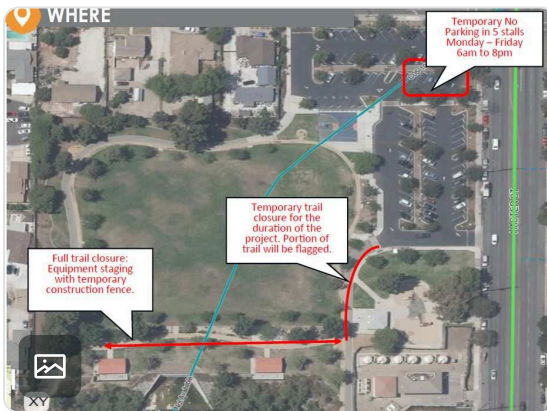
Impressions	1,603
Reach	1,320
Engagements	40
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 9/9/2024 10:04 am PDT

Haster Basin Recreational Park Storm Pipe Project Closures OC Public Works, in cooperation with OC Parks, will be...



Impressions	833
Reach	831
Engagements	62
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.4%



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Mon 9/9/2024 9:05 am PDT

! EMERGENCY WATER SHUTDOWN Water Services has an emergency water shut down on Oertley Circle and Sussex Circle. The water is expected to be off until 12:30 p.m. We apologize for the inconvenience.



Impressions	116
Potential Reach	4,775
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11.2%



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Fri 9/6/2024 11:12 am PDT

Make this a September to remember and visit one of your local #GardenGrove libraries! From 🏴‍☠️ Talk Like a Pirate Day...



Impressions	817
Reach	665
Engagements	38
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.7%



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Fri 9/6/2024 11:04 am PDT

For a full list of events, visit ocpl.org/events. #GG1956 #communityevent #storytime...

Impressions	93
Potential Reach	4,776
Engagements	2
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



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Fri 9/6/2024 11:04 am PDT

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Impressions	132
Potential Reach	4,776
Engagements	1
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0.8%




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Fri 9/6/2024 11:04 am PDT

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Impressions	1,074
Reach	982
Engagements	89
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.3%


 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Fri 9/6/2024 10:15 am PDT

UPDATE Due to excessive high temperatures, the #GardenGrove cooling center will remain open through Monday,...


2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive.

COOLING CENTER

September 5, 2024 (Thu) - September 9, 2024 (Mon)
 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Garden Grove Sports & Rec Center
 (13641 Deodara Dr)




Impressions	1,171
Reach	1,154
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	12

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Fri 9/6/2024 9:53 am PDT


UPDATE: 9/6/24 at 8:00 a.m. Due to excessive high temperatures, the [#GardenGrove](#) cooling center will rema...

COOLING CENTER

September 5, 2024 (Thu) - September 9, 2024 (Mon)
 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Garden Grove Sports & Rec Center
 (13641 Deodara Dr)



Impressions	84
Potential Reach	4,776
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Thu 9/5/2024 10:00 am PDT

Boutique crafters, it's time for you to be merry and shine bright at this year's **Winter in the Grove!** 🎄 Share your cra...



Impressions	1,375
Reach	1,124
Engagements	91
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.6%



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 9/5/2024 10:00 am PDT

Boutique crafters, it's time for you to be merry and shine bright at this year's **Winter in the Grove!** 🎄 Share your cra...



Impressions	1,857
Reach	1,782
Engagements	167
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9%



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Thu 9/5/2024 10:00 am PDT

🎄 Share your craft with thousands at the annual **Winter in the Grove** community event on Sat, 12/7, at Village Green Park,...



Impressions	126
Potential Reach	4,775
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.6%




Post Performance

September 5, 2024 - September 11, 2024

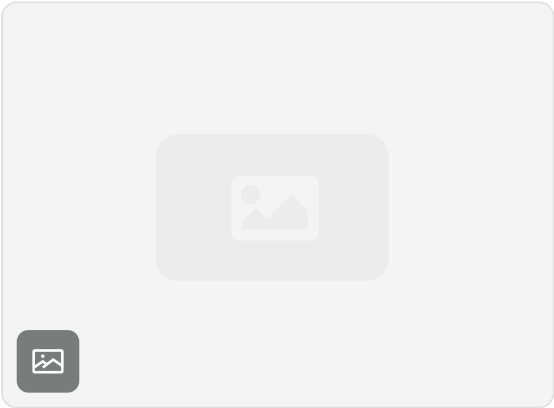
Review the lifetime performance of the posts you published during the publishing period.

Included in this Report


 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Wed 9/11/2024 7:28 am PDT

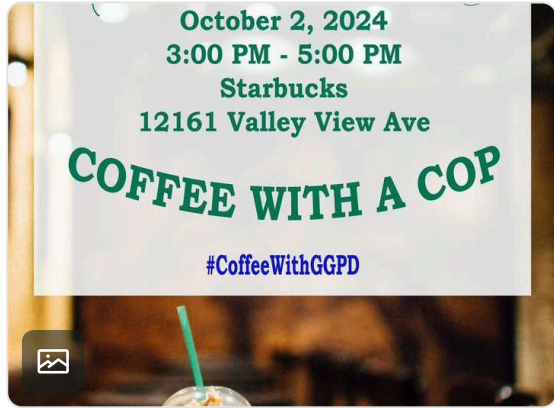
Today, we honor the nearly 3,000 lives lost in a horrific attack on America. People do not die, until they are forgotten. We...




Impressions	583
Reach	559
Engagements	75
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.9%


 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Tue 9/10/2024 6:00 pm PDT

Please #SaveTheDate and join us for our upcoming #CoffeeWithACop Event on October 2, 2024, from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM...



Impressions	1,884
Reach	1,852
Engagements	60
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Tue 9/10/2024 12:05 pm PDT



Video Views	1,047
Impressions	1,684
Reach	1,670
Engagements	258
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.3%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 9/7/2024 6:10 pm PDT

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



Video Views	971
Impressions	1,920
Reach	1,811
Engagements	233
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	12.1%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Sat 9/7/2024 9:30 am PDT

#PhysicalAgilityTesting is in progress.
 Good luck to all our applicants going through the course today! If you missed...



Video Views	1,249
Impressions	2,454
Reach	2,354
Engagements	269
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	11%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 9/6/2024 4:40 pm PDT

#GardenGrovePD Gang Suppression Unit (GSU) had been conducting an investigation into a #GardenGrove...



Impressions	9,841
Reach	9,145
Engagements	5,214
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	53%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 9/5/2024 7:45 pm PDT

#GardenGrovePD has been working with local businesses to combat organized retail theft. Today, Wednesday, September 5,...



Impressions	7,206
Reach	6,912
Engagements	2,538
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	35.2%

WEEKLY MEMO 09-12-2024

NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Garden Grove Police Department
(714) 741-5704; linos@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Wednesday, September 11, 2024

HISTORIC MAIN STREET CLOSED TO TRAFFIC SATURDAY FOR AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL

This Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Historic Main Street, between Garden Grove Boulevard and Acacia Parkway, will be closed to traffic for the Autumn Moon Festival. During these hours, parking on Historic Main Street will be restricted but remain accessible to pedestrians, and businesses will be open.

The festival takes place from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Activities at the event include folk games, costume contest, lantern parade, and more.

For more information on the street closure, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

For more information on the festival, visit facebook.com/phuonglongusa.

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Thursday, September 5, 2024



LOCAL TEENS INVITED TO JOIN TEEN ACTION COLLABORATIVE

The City of Garden Grove invites local teens, ages 13 to 17, to join the Garden Grove Teen Action Collaborative (GGTAC), a program empowering teens to become future leaders in their community. GGTAC will meet every third Thursday of the month, beginning Thursday, September 19, 2024 through Thursday, April 17, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meetings will be held at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

Coordinated by the Community Services Department, in collaboration with local organizations, GGTAC is an opportunity for Garden Grove teens to serve their community, gain career development skills, create new friendships, and receive college readiness guidance.

Interested teens are encouraged to attend the kick-off meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2024, to learn about the program, including goals and responsibilities, volunteer opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and more. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Parents are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, visit www.ggcity.org/ggtac or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5360.

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FREE PROGRAM



GARDEN GROVE

TEEN ACTION COLLABORATIVE

GGTAC OBJECTIVES

CAREER AND COLLEGE GUIDANCE



Teens get the opportunity to collaborate with community organizations and learn about career options, resume building, college preparation and enrollment, and leadership training.

VOLUNTEER EVENTS



With community involvement in mind, teens get the opportunity to volunteer at City events and assist local non-profit organizations with their special projects.

MEET NEW FRIENDS



At every meeting there are fun, interactive activities where teens can connect with each other and make friends within their community.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MEETINGS EVERY 3RD THURSDAY

Community Meeting Center

11300 Stanford Avenue

Sept 2024 - May 2025 | 4-5 PM

First Meeting on Sept 19, 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

 ggcity.org/GGTAC

FOR QUESTIONS:

 714-741-5360

 GGTAC@GGCity.org

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Dana Yang
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Monday, September 9, 2024

**Homebuyer Day Offers Key Information, Resources
for Buying a Home**

The City of Garden Grove, in collaboration with NeighborWorks Orange County, a community-led non-profit helping individuals reach their housing goals, will hold a Homebuyer Day event on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue in Garden Grove. The event is for anyone interested in learning more about down payment assistance, understanding the home buying process, credit readiness, financing, and more. Admission and parking are free.

A resource fair will include mortgage lenders, community housing organizations, and real estate agents providing a variety of resources and information related to becoming a home owner.

There will also be opportunities to learn more about the down-payment assistance programs offered by the Cities of Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Santa Ana. Free food and refreshments will be available and participants will have the opportunity to win free raffle prizes.

To register for the event, visit https://nwoc_hbfair2024.eventbrite.com/. For more information, call (714) 490-1250 or email events@nwoc.org.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
September 12, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Meeting Minutes for the August 15, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Notice of Cancellation for the September 19, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Meeting Minutes for the September 12, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from September 6, 2024 to September 12, 2024.
6. SCAG Regional Council Newsletter, September 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12, 2024 – October 31, 2024

Thursday	September 12	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Zoning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	September 19	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	September 20		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	September 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 3		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 4		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Friday	October 4	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Foods of Garden Grove, Village Green Park
Tuesday	October 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 10	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 17		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	October 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 31	11:30 a.m.	Halloween Luncheon, CMC, AB Room

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Beard
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Beard

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

July 18, 2024 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.
Motion: Laricchia Second: Cueva
Ayes: (4) Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Abstain: (2) Lindsay, Paredes
Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-070-2019 (REINSTATEMENT 2024) AND VARIANCE NO. V-023-2019 (REINSTATEMENT 2024) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND ATLANTIS WAY AT 9191 WESTMINSTER AVENUE.

Applicant: DR. MICHAEL DAO
Date: August 15, 2024

Request: A request to reinstate the approval for Site Plan No. SP-070-2019 to construct a 7,140 square foot third floor addition to an existing two-story 29,000 square foot medical office building, and to reinstate the approval of Variance No. V-023-2019 to deviate from the maximum stories and

height permitted in the O-P (Office Professional) zone to facilitate the construction of the new third floor addition. The site is in the O-P (Office Professional) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6094-24 was approved. One letter of concern was submitted by Jorge B. citing concerns with automobile accidents, no proper traffic controls in the area, insufficient parking, and increased traffic.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (6) Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez, Paredes

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-141-2024, LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-031-2024, AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-493-00 (REV. 2024) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF ORANGEWOOD AVENUE, EAST OF MAC STREET, AT 8811 AND 8791 ORANGEWOOD AVENUE.

Applicant: WINSTON LIU
Date: August 15, 2024

Request: A request to expand an existing religious facility by incorporating an approximately 0.42-acre adjoining parcel into the development's site area, and constructing a new ancillary building. The Planning Commission will consider approval of (i) a Site Plan to construct a new 4,285 square foot two-story ancillary building to serve the existing religious facility site, along with associated site improvements; (ii) a Lot Line Adjustment to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) adjoining lots into one (1) lot to accommodate the religious facility expansion; and (iii) a modification to Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-493-00 to allow the expansion of the religious use. Upon approval and exercise of the subject request, the Conditional Use Permit previously governing the subject religious facility, CUP-493-00, would be replaced by the modified Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-493-00 (REV. 2024). The site is in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6095-24 was approved with an amendment to add Condition No. 27, as indicated below, and to renumber the remaining conditions accordingly.

27. The applicant shall install 'STOP' signs adjacent to all driveway approaches on Orangewood Avenue.

One letter was submitted by Elaine Lizaola citing concerns with any possible living quarters at the religious facility, increased traffic, the facility's paint color, and the number of religious facilities allowed in neighborhoods. Charlene Manning spoke in regard to the almost daily amplified prayer services, and the possibility of extending the existing tree line to buffer noise and help with privacy to adjacent residential areas.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ramirez

Ayes: (6) Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez, Paredes

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Laricchia asked if affordable units remain affordable if sold. Staff responded that affordable rental units remain deed-restricted for 55 years. For-sale units under the Density Bonus Law, require the initial buyer to qualify as an affordable household. When the initial buyer decides to sell, they enter into an agreement with the City, and either sell to another qualified buyer, or sell at market-rate with the subsidy going into a City low-income housing fund.

Chair Lindsay congratulated all those who applied to run for positions with the City and wished them luck.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff gave a brief description of the agenda item(s) for the September 5th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:05 p.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: September 12, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY
CHAIR

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-266-2024

Applicant: SAUL DE SANTIAGO
Location: 12781 Harbor Boulevard
Date: September 12, 2024

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

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Nicholas Nguyen

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1854-24.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



City leaders voice support for November anti-crime ballot measure

Sep 11, 2024

Proponent also held a press conference in support of Prop. 36 before the hearing

By Jolena Voorhis, legislative affairs lobbyist

The Senate and Assembly public safety committees on Tuesday held a joint hearing on Proposition 36. Cal Cities supports the initiative, also known as the [Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act](#).

If approved by the voters in November, Prop. 36 would create a deterrent for repeat retail theft offenders and redirect some people towards treatment rather than incarceration by rolling back parts of Proposition 47. The 2014 initiative reclassified certain theft and drug crimes.

Three individuals testified in support of Proposition 36, including Redding Council Member Mark Mezzano, who spoke on behalf of Cal Cities.

“City officials are hearing from their residents, law enforcement officers, and small business owners that there are there are gaps in our system,” Mezzano said. “We need to address the pieces of Prop. 47 that are making it harder for public safety officials to keep our communities safe.

Mezzano noted that the Legislature’s [retail theft package](#) and Prop. 36 can work in concert. However, those bills fall short when it comes to reducing repeat offenders, he added. To impose stiffer penalties, voters would need to amend Prop. 47 — hence the initiative.

“Proposition 36 is not about returning to the era of mass incarceration,” he stressed. “It provides smart, tailored tools that help protect our businesses and create safer communities.

The California District Attorneys Association, the initiative’s sponsor, and Sacramento County Sheriff Jim Cooper spoke in support of the measure. They noted that Prop. 36 would provide them with more tools to address repeat offenders, reinstate drug courts, and provide adequate punishment for drug dealers.

The independent Legislative Analyst Office [provided an overview](#) of Prop. 47 and the proposed changes during the hearing. Analyst Caitlin O'Neil stated Prop. 36 could have a fiscal impact in the tens of millions and lead to a few thousand new convictions. However, the actual number of new convictions — an estimated 2,000 to 5,000 — would depend on the discretion of district attorneys and the courts. Other proponents of the measure include parents who lost loved ones to fentanyl overdoses. They spoke at a press conference before the hearing in support of the measure. “My family has suffered the unimaginable loss of a child due to the fentanyl crisis,” said Pamela Smith. “This problem, which has become all too real for so many, demands an urgent solution.”

Local leaders and parents both expressed frustration at the lack of action from state lawmakers on the fentanyl crisis.

“For years we have urged policymakers to take meaningful action against the fentanyl epidemic to protect the lives of our children and loved ones,” Matt Capelouto said. “The Legislature is once again adjourned, leaving us with no concrete solutions to the deadliest drug epidemic in history. You know who hasn’t adjourned? The fentanyl dealers.”

For more information about Prop. 36, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



The six biggest remaining bills for city leaders

Sep 11, 2024

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

It's do-or-die for hundreds of legislative proposals. Gov. Gavin Newsom has until Sept. 30 to sign or veto any new measures into law — [including dozens that would affect cities](#). Here are the top six bills city leaders should prioritize for action.

Problematic warehouse setback bill keeps trucking

Lawmakers proposed and passed major restrictions to new warehouses and warehousing expansions in the final days of the session. [AB 98 \(Carillo, Juan and Reyes\)](#) would force all local governments to update their circulation element by 2026 or 2028, depending on the region, regardless if they are approving new or expanded warehouses. If the circulation element is not updated, the Attorney General could fine them \$50,000 every six months.

Cal Cities has vigorously opposed this new unfunded mandate that usurps local land use authority. [Crafted in secret](#), the measure proposes a one-size-fits-all approach that takes local solutions completely off the table. It would create winners and losers based on geography, hamper employment opportunities, and limit future economic growth.

“AB 98 severely limits our job creation efforts, leading our residents to drive one to two hours to find employment in the Inland Empire and LA area,” Victorville Mayor Elizabeth Becerra [told reporters today](#). “Not only do these long commutes negatively impact the quality of life for our residents and their families, but long commutes also increase vehicle miles traveled and harm air quality.”

Business leaders and city officials warned that AB 98 would have unintended impacts on the state and national economies. The Inland Empire warehouse industry and southern California ports support 40% of all goods movement to every congressional district in the nation. Cal Cities and other excluded stakeholders are urging the Governor to veto the measure.

Sponsored bill would make it easier to clear vegetation for wildfire preparedness

One of Cal Cities' sponsored bills has taken on newfound urgency as wildfires erupt in California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. [An Orange County official](#) said that burn scars have helped slow the fast-moving Airport Fire. But some areas haven't burned in years. That, combined with recording-breaking heat, created the perfect conditions for fire growth.

Scenarios like these are all too common in California. Local agencies often experience long delays spanning multiple fire seasons when trying to accelerate wildfire preparedness efforts. [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#) would make it easier for cities to remove vegetation in fire-risk areas next to urban communities by expediting environmental permits. This voluntary process would uphold environmental laws and ensure continued collaboration between local agencies and the state.

Workforce bill misses the mark

Cal Cities is urging the Governor to veto [AB 2561 \(McKinnor\)](#), a measure aimed at reducing vacancy rates. The bill would require all local agencies to hold an annual public hearing on the status of vacancies before their governing board at least once per fiscal year.

The final measure is better than the original proposal. And the intent is sound: The status quo is not sustainable. However, the measure does not address the root causes of low labor force participation rates in California across all sectors. Instead, it would create additional layers of bureaucracy that distract from [meaningful efforts](#) to recruit and retain workers.

Cities acting in good faith could get slammed with stiff fines

Gov. Gavin Newsom has indicated that he'll sign [SB 1037 \(Wiener\)](#), but that shouldn't deter cities urging him to veto the measure. SB 1037 would allow the Attorney General to seek new legal penalties if a city fails to plan for enough housing — up to \$50,000 a month.

Recent amendments to the measure make it clear that after a court rules a city does not have a certified housing element, it will have 120 days to adopt a housing element and get it certified by the Department of Housing and Community Development. If not, a \$50,000 monthly fine will commence and continue until the department certifies the housing element.

Crucially, the bill does not provide an opportunity for cities to correct an honest mistake or address a genuine difference in interpreting the law. Even cities acting in good faith could be subject to significant fines and forced to pay the Attorney General for the costs of investigating and prosecuting the action, including expert witness fees and attorney's fees.

Sponsored recovery home bills face final hurdle

Two recovery housing bills sponsored by Cal Cities are awaiting the Governor's signature: [AB 2081 \(Davies\)](#) and [AB 2574 \(Valencia\)](#). The two measures would provide much-needed transparency and hold providers accountable for high-quality treatment and care.

AB 2081 would require licensed recovery home operators to disclose to people seeking care that they can check the Department of Health Care Services' website to confirm a facility's compliance with state licensing laws. The legislation would enable patients to make informed decisions about their care and connect them to other available [licensing and certification resources](#).

AB 2574 would expand reporting requirements to enhance the Department of Health Care Services' oversight of sober living homes operating as an integral part of a licensed treatment facility elsewhere. This much-needed transparency would ensure that if a recovery residence is operated as a business with a licensed treatment facility, it is regulated like a business, not a residential home.

What's next?

For now, lobbyists, lawmakers, aides, and reporters alike can take their foot off the gas pedal. A [unusually hectic](#) legislative session is over, and the ball is in Gov. Gavin Newsom's court.

Still, California's legislative session is notoriously productive, and this is only a momentary respite. Organizations — including Cal Cities — are already busy preparing briefs on the biggest new laws to cross the finish line. For more information about this year's biggest bills, [subscribe to Cal Cities Advocate](#) or contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).



Don't miss your chance to connect with 200+ city service providers and advocates

Sep 11, 2024

The best way to experience the Annual Conference and Expo is by planning ahead

By Cal Cities Education Staff

The [Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expo](#) is the best way for city officials to [hear from experts](#), connect with peers, and learn about the latest legislative news. But don't forget about the second half of the conference — the expo floor!

With over 200 exhibitors, the expo floor will be stuffed with opportunities to discover a wide range of city-focused services and organizations for your city's common challenges to its unique needs. [Sneak a look at the expo floor](#) before the conference to plot your course and get the most out of your time in Long Beach.

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

The expo also has a special pavilion for [Cal Cities Partners](#) and an exclusive Speakers Theater brimming with quick, bite-sized education sessions.

[Registration filling fast!](#)

Registration closes Oct. 4, Sign up soon to secure your spot and importantly, a nearby hotel room. Full conference registration is \$700 for member city officials and includes access to all general and concurrent sessions, the expo, CitiPAC and diversity caucus receptions, and Wednesday's host city reception.

Cal Cities strives to host inclusive, accessible events that enable all individuals to engage fully. For accommodation or accessibility inquiries, please contact Conference Registrar [Megan Dunn](#). Every effort will be made to honor requests submitted.

Scammers may contact you claiming to be the housing bureau/service for the conference. Cal Cities has contracted with LiveCon as the official housing bureau/service for the 2024 Annual Conference and Expo. Official conference emails will come from addresses ending in @calcities.org or @live-con.com or the actual hotel. Neither party will call you directly without prior communication.



Make your voice heard about a possible discount rate reduction

Sep 11, 2024

Cities can send a comment letter or offer testimony

By Johnnie Pina, legislative affairs lobbyist

Cal Cities is urging the California Public Employees' Retirement System not to lower the fund's discount rate and expected rate of return. CalPERS' investment returns for the fiscal year [outpaced its discount rate](#), triggering an automatic review of the benchmark. Cities can make their voice heard by [sending a letter](#) or providing testimony during a Sept. 17 meeting.

The discount rate is comparable to an assumed rate of return and serves as a policy marker for the CalPERS Board of Administration. The board will review the discount rate next year as part of the scheduled Asset Liability Management process.

CalPERS' preliminary net return for the 12-month period ending June 30 was at 9.3% in July, outpacing the discount rate of 6.8%. Assets as of that date were valued at \$502.9 billion. The overall estimated funded status of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund stands at 75%.

Under the CalPERS Funding Risk Mitigation Policy, the CalPERS Board must review whether to lower the discount rate for future years if returns exceed expectations. This year, the Board could reduce the discount rate and the expected investment return by 0.05%. Lowering the discount rate and expected investment rate of return would increase employer liabilities and contributions.

How to participate

The CalPERS Finance and Administration Committee will discuss a possible lowering of the rate on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 9:00 a.m. or upon adjournment or Recess of the Pension and Health Benefits Meeting — whichever is later.

Local officials can share how further discount reductions or increased pension costs would affect their city by calling (800) 259-4105 during the meeting. Participants should call a few minutes early, enter the queue, and provide their name, title, and city. The board meeting is available on the [CalPERS Board Webcast webpage](#).

Cities may also [send a comment letter](#) to the Board urging them not to reduce the discount rate. Email all letters to board@calpers.ca.gov.

City officials can also refer to [Cal Cities' sample letter](#), as well as CalPERS' [Funding Risk Mitigation Event Agenda Item](#), [Funding Risk Mitigation Policy](#), and [Funding Risk Mitigation Event Slideshow](#), for more information.



Cal Cities policy committee applications due Sept. 26

Sep 11, 2024

By Cal Cities Staff

The League of California 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 meet regularly 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 become official Cal Cities policy and a [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 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.

For more information, please contact [Meg Desmond](#), associate manager, legislative administration.



Warehouse setback bill will limit jobs and economic growth, warn city officials and business leaders

Sep 11, 2024

Contact:

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Sacramento, CA — City officials and business leaders today issued a warning that a gut-and-amend bill jammed through the Legislature at the last minute will lead to job losses and limit economic growth, impacting California's overall economy. AB 98 (Carillo, Juan and Reyes), which now sits on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk, would impose statewide mandates on all cities and counties on where industrial warehouses can be located and how they must operate.

"AB 98 severely limits our job creation efforts, leading our residents to drive one to two hours to find employment in the Inland Empire and LA area," says Mayor Elizabeth Becerra of Victorville in the High Desert region. "Not only do these long commutes negatively impact the quality of life for our residents and their families, but long commutes also increase vehicle miles traveled and harm air quality."

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties are among the top five counties that provide the most warehouse jobs in the state, but these jobs are equally important throughout California. In San Mateo County, warehouse jobs account for roughly 8.5% of the total labor workforce. From 2019 to 2023, the average annual salary increased by \$14,000 for a warehouse job in Los Angeles County.

"We are fiercely protective of jobs," said Mitchell Vieyra, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Los Angeles County Business Federation, widely known as BizFed. "In that spirit, our members across all business sectors in Southern California are fiercely opposed to AB 98, a last-minute bill that would choke our supply chain, slow local manufacturing, and threaten livelihoods. We call for Governor Newsom's swift veto of this bill, which was pushed without adequate input from impacted Californians."

The stringent warehouse requirements will not hurt just local communities, but the state and national economies. If AB 98 is signed into law, there will be unintended impacts on the delivery of materials to warehouses — from the southern California border to the 11 public ports that move goods and cargo around the state. The Inland Empire warehouse industry and southern California ports support 40% of all goods movement to every congressional district in the nation.

Business leaders and city officials warn that the new restrictions could increase the cost of everyday goods and push businesses out of state.

"AB 98 is flawed policy," says Paul Granillo, president and CEO of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership. "It infringes on people's right to a job, residents' rights to let their elected council members make land use decisions and harms the economic future of the Inland Empire."

City officials say that these one-size-fits-all rules for the zoning of industrial warehouses and prescriptive trucking routes could severely reduce the availability of land suitable for logistics use, even in areas already zoned for industrial purposes. Warehouses of any size will face costly requirements. Cities and counties, even if they are not approving new or expanded warehouses, will be forced to update their circulation element and truck route mandates — without any funding to support these requirements. The overly broad terms in the bill are fundamental flaws in the legislation.

“In densely populated regions, these restrictions could make it nearly impossible to find viable sites for new or expanding logistics facilities,” says Mayor L. Dennis Michael of Rancho Cucamonga. “This not only hinders new developments but also forces existing facilities to consider relocating out of state.”

Michael notes that implementing the bill will be costly for local communities, as AB 98 unnecessarily duplicates existing policies that many communities, including Rancho Cucamonga, already use to manage public health and air quality.

“AB 98 was a gut-and-amend that was jammed through the Legislature in the final week of session,” said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. “Cal Cities is calling on the Governor to send a strong message about the importance of public process by vetoing AB 98. That will allow for lawmakers to come back to the table the next legislative session with ALL stakeholders — including local governments — to find a solution that meaningfully balances the interests of all the stakeholders involved.”

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-sponsored bond agency issues over \$97 million in affordable housing bonds

Sep 11, 2024

By Cal Cities Staff

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) issued over \$97 million in affordable housing bonds for the cities of Folsom, El Cajon, and Yorba Linda.

In Folsom, the joint powers authority issued \$32,533,000 in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Vintage at Folsom Apartments for the new construction of 136 housing units. The one- and two-bedroom units will be rent restricted for extremely low-income and low-income senior tenants and reserved for households earning less than 30%, 50%, or 60% of the area median income.

CSCDA issued \$42,910,000 in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for the Lexington Green Apartments in El Cajon. The 144 multifamily affordable housing apartments will be 100% affordable and provide one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments to low-income residents.

In Yorba Linda, it issued \$21,806,213 in tax-exempt and taxable multifamily affordable housing bonds for Villa Plumosa Apartments. The funding will allow Villa Plumosa to remain 100% affordable and provide two- and three-bedroom apartments to low-income residents.

CSCDA worked with the cities and others to provide the housing bonds. The financing for the apartments requires the affordability of the units to be maintained for 55 years.

About CSCDA

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally approved projects.

Visit the organization's [website](#) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.



City officials and business leaders call on Governor to veto warehouse setback bill

Sep 10, 2024

Contact:

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Sacramento, CA — The League of California Cities will bring together local officials and business leaders from throughout the state to call on the Governor to veto AB 98 (Carrillo, Juan and Reyes), an expensive, duplicative bill that will stifle local economies, be detrimental to local jobs, and threaten the prosperity of local communities throughout California.

What: Convening to urge Governor to veto AB 98 warehouse setback bill

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Where: [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Speakers:

- Victorville Mayor Liz Becerra
- Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael
- BizFed Director of Strategic Initiatives Mitchell Vieyra
- Inland Empire Economic Partnership President and CEO Paul Granillo
- Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman (moderator)

If media are interested in interviewing panelists before or after the press conference start time, contact Kayla Sherwood at ksherwood@calcities.org to schedule an interview.

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What cities need to know about November's public safety ballot measure — and how to support it

Sep 9, 2024

By Kristine Guerrero, [*director of public affairs*](#)

Voters around the state will have a chance to weigh in on [10 statewide ballot measures](#) this November, including [the Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act](#). Also known as Proposition 36, the initiative would create a deterrent for repeat retail theft offenders and redirect some people towards treatment rather than incarceration.

One of Cal Cities' top advocacy priorities this year is to advance solutions that help reduce crime and provide more support to people struggling with substance use while avoiding a return to the days of mass incarceration. To that end, Cal Cities actively engaged in both legislative and ballot box efforts to make tailored reforms to Proposition 47 (2014).

This summer, the Cal Cities Board voted to support three [November ballot measures](#), including Prop. 36. A recent poll from the Los Angeles Times and the UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies found that [56% of Californians would support Prop. 36](#).

Cal Cities has developed a sample city resolution in support of Prop. 36, as well as a side-by-side comparison of the measure and the [retail theft package](#) signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom last month.

For more details, contact your [regional public affairs manager](#).

SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

AGENDA

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING

ACTION

2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CONNECT SOCAL 2024 AMENDMENT 1 ADOPTED

On Sept. 5, the SCAG [Regional Council adopted](#) the 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, including the associated transportation conformity analyses. The Regional Council action was based on the SCAG Transportation Committee's recommended adoption of the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 and the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee's recommended adoption of the transportation conformity analyses.

A funding program spanning six years, the 2025 FTIP includes over 1,100 projects totaling \$38.8 billion, incorporating a wide range of multimodal investments supported by federal, state, and local funds to improve transportation options across Southern California. Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 makes changes to better meet regional needs, such as additions, deletions, and modifications to project scope, cost, and schedule, for approximately 350 projects.

During the 30-day public review period, the draft 2025 FTIP received 21 comments, including five general observations and 16 comments specific to individual projects. The draft Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 received eight comments, including one comment on demographics and growth forecasts, one general comment, and six project-specific remarks. SCAG staff reviewed and addressed all feedback, incorporating relevant suggestions into the final documents. Importantly, none of the comments or the resulting revisions affected the transportation conformity analyses or determinations.

Additionally, in adherence to the California Environmental Quality Act, SCAG staff prepared an addendum to the recently certified [Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report](#) (PEIR). The Regional Council reviewed and adopted the addendum to the 2024 PEIR as recommended by the Energy and Environment Committee before the approval of Amendment 1.

SCAG anticipates receiving final federal approval for transportation conformity for both the 2025 FTIP and Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 by mid-December 2024.

ACTION 2024 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY FUNDING AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The state budget enacted in June 2024 reduced Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 7 funding, which resulted in a significant reduction to funding available for the 2024 Sustainable Communities Program (SCP) – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications. While SCAG is identifying potential additional funding to supplement the existing funding sources, the final fund estimate will not be available until SCAG's budget is finalized in fall 2024. Therefore, the program anticipates awarding between \$6.3 and \$8.2 million (down from \$10.4 million) for the following project categories:

- Community/Areawide Plans: up to \$700,000 available (down from \$2.4 million; funding cap based on ATP state guidelines)
- Quick-Build Projects: between \$5.6 and \$7.5 million (pending final budget availability)

On Sept. 5, the Regional Council [adopted](#) the "Amended 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines" and "Amended Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines" to ensure consistency for the 2024 SCP – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications with the amended ATP statewide and regional guidelines for the revised funding estimate.

On Aug. 7, SCAG hosted the second of two application workshops to support the 2024 SCP – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications. More than 100 registrants participated across the two workshops, with representation from all six SCAG counties. Staff will continue to support interested applicants throughout the application period, closing Sept. 27, with office hours, which interested applicants can book online on the [SCP page](#) on the SCAG website.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

SCAG HEARS FROM TRANSIT TECHNOLOGY PANEL

In support of the Presidential Priorities and the work of the California State Transportation Agency's Transit Transformation Task Force, the Sept. 5 Regional Council meeting included a panel discussion on transit recovery and technology, featuring Metrolink Chief Executive Officer Darren Kettle, who shared efforts to implement operations changes to optimize service, and Riverside Transit Agency Chief

Executive Officer Kristin Warsinski and Riverside Transit Agency Planning Director Jennifer Nguyen, who highlighted efforts to implement technological innovations that address changing customer needs. Video of the panel discussion will be available soon on the [Regional Council video archive](#).

SCAG-SPONSORED ASSEMBLY BILL 2485 HELD IN COMMITTEE

The SCAG sponsored bill Assembly Bill (AB) 2485 (J. Carrillo) was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee in August. The bill did not move off the suspense file and will not move forward.

AB 2485 would have increased transparency in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination process by establishing procedures for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publish data sources, analyses, and methodology used in the development of a given region's RHNA determination on its website and required HCD to convene a panel of experts to advise HCD on those data sources, analyses, and methodology used in the development of a given region's RHNA determination.

The legislature's appropriations committees rapidly considered hundreds of bills with new spending attached, approving or rejecting them in quick succession with neither explanation nor opportunity for public comment. The Senate Appropriations Committee held 34 percent of its 515 measures, including AB 2485. The typical hold rate is about 25 percent.

SCAG's Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee (LCMC), the bill's sponsor, Assemblymember Juan Carrillo, and numerous other partners helped AB 2485 on its legislative journey this year, especially LCMC Chair Patricia Lock Dawson and LCMC Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache.

SCAG will continue working with HCD and partners on potential improvements to the RHNA process in future cycles, such as its recent letter to the chairs of the Assembly and Senate housing committees asking them to hold a special hearing on HCD's "California Housing Futures 2040" report.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCAG PARTNERS ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS ON AIR QUALITY

SCAG and its partners accomplished two significant actions with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in the South Coast region last month.

The first was the withdrawal of South Coast Air Quality Management District’s (AQMD) 2019 Contingency Measure Plan. The withdrawal fully resolves potential U.S. EPA action and avoids significant economic impacts to the region through highway sanctions that could have prevented tens of billions of federal funding for transportation projects in Southern California.

The withdrawal resulted from extraordinary multiagency collaboration across local, state, and federal levels. The other significant action was the largest U.S. EPA grant ever awarded. Through its [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program](#), the U.S. EPA awarded \$500 million to an application led by South Coast AQMD to reduce diesel pollution throughout the region by incentivizing the development of zero-emission heavy-duty vehicle charging equipment and zero-emission freight vehicles and cargo equipment.

The U.S. EPA grant was announced at a [press conference in late July](#) that included U.S. Senator Alex Padilla. This funding will fund work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality from the coast through the Inland Empire, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities. SCAG will partner with South Coast AQMD to implement the overall grant and will receive \$50 million to invest in its [Last Mile Freight Program](#).

Also, planning efforts such as SCAG’s ongoing “[Zero Emissions Truck Infrastructure Study](#)” will be important in identifying strategic investment opportunities for the grant.

SCAG ADVANCES REGIONAL TRANSIT PRIORITIES WITH TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE

On Aug. 29, SCAG hosted the fifth meeting of the Transit Transformation Task Force, led by the California State Transportation Agency, at the SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. At the meeting, SCAG highlighted its regional approach to transit planning and the task force’s larger discussions focused on policies and programs to improve transit operator workforce recruitment, retention, and development, and Transportation Development Act reform, specifically how it can be changed to better support and improve operations. Prior to the meeting, task force members joined SCAG, Move LA, Metrolink, and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for a ride-along to experience Los Angeles transit. The transit tour highlighted Los Angeles’ public transportation systems—both opportunities and challenges— and recent improvements along the Metro A Line.

[Senate Bill 125](#) established the task force to develop statewide recommendations to grow transit ridership, improve transit customer experiences, and address long-term operational needs. The task force includes 25 members, including a cohort from Southern California. The task force’s work aligns with the [Connect SoCal 2024](#) vision

of a future in which public transit functions as the backbone of the mobility ecosystem, enabling seamless and efficient mobility without using an automobile.

The task force is developing policy recommendations for a report to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the State Legislature on or before Oct. 31, 2025. The Task Force will next meet in [Monterey on Oct. 28](#).

The full Executive Director's Report for September 2024 is [available online](#).

UPCOMING MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER

17th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
17th Safe and Active Streets Working Group
24th 2024 Southern California Demographic Workshop
24th Transportation Conformity Working Group
25th Modeling Task Force

OCTOBER

Note: Regional Council and policy committee meetings are canceled for October in observance of Rosh Hashanah.
15th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
22nd Transportation Conformity Working Group
29th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee



SCAG ADOPTS 2025 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CONNECT SOCAL 2024 AMENDMENT 1



On Sept. 5, the SCAG Regional Council adopted the [2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program \(FTIP\)](#) and [Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1](#), along with their transportation conformity analyses. This decision followed recommendations from the SCAG Transportation Committee for the 2025 FTIP and Amendment 1 and from the SCAG Energy and Environment Committee for the conformity analyses.

The 2025 FTIP is a six-year funding program, including over 1,100 projects with a total value of \$38.8 billion, encompassing a diverse range of multimodal investments funded by federal, state, and local sources to enhance transportation options throughout Southern California. Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1 adjusts the recently adopted Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy to better address regional needs for approximately 350 projects, including additions, deletions, and modifications to project scope, cost, and schedule. Additionally, following recommendation from the

SCAG Energy and Environment Committee, the SCAG Regional Council adopted an addendum to the [Connect SoCal 2024 Program Environmental Impact Report \(PEIR\)](#) in adherence to the California Environmental Quality Act. SCAG expects to receive final federal approval for transportation conformity by mid-December 2024.

To learn more about the 2025 FTIP, Connect SoCal 2024 Amendment 1, or 2024 PEIR addendum, visit the [SCAG website](#).

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES REVISED SCP – ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY GUIDELINES



On Sept. 5, the SCAG Regional Council [adopted](#) the “Amended 2025 Active Transportation Program Regional Guidelines” and the “[Amended Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines](#),” a necessary step to align regional guidelines with recently amended guidelines for the state’s [Active Transportation Program](#) (ATP) and to secure funding for the ongoing 2024 [Sustainable Communities Program](#) (SCP) – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications.

The [June 2024](#) state budget significantly reduced ATP Cycle 7 funding, one of the funding sources for the SCP – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications. In response to the enacted budget, the California Transportation Commission [adopted](#) the “Amended 2025 Active Transportation Program Statewide Guidelines” and a revised funding estimate at its [August 2024](#) meeting. The statewide ATP guidelines require SCAG to adopt amended regional guidelines to direct the selection of projects.

SCAG's 2024 SCP – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications will fund community plans, areawide plans, and quick-build projects that encourage active transportation (e.g., walking, biking, and transit) and improve roadway safety to help achieve the mobility goals, planning policies, strategic investments, and implementation strategies of [Connect SoCal 2024](#).

While SCAG is identifying potential additional sources to supplement existing funding, the final funding estimate will not be available until SCAG finalizes the SCP – Active Transportation and Safety budget in fall 2024. For the 2024 SCP – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications, SCAG anticipates awarding between \$6.3 million and \$8.2 million (down from \$10.4 million) for the following project categories:

- Community/Areawide Plans: up to \$700,000 available (down from \$2.4 million; funding cap based on ATP state guidelines).
- Quick-Build Projects: between \$5.6 million and \$7.5 million available (pending final budget availability).

The SCP – Active Transportation and Safety call for applications is open until Sept. 27. Details about project types and program goals can be found in the "[Amended Connect SoCal 2024 Sustainable Communities Program – Active Transportation and Safety Guidelines](#)" approved by the SCAG Regional Council on Sept. 5.

**KICK OFF PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH BY
CELEBRATING *GO HUMAN* TRAFFIC
SAFETY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
PROJECTS**



September is California Pedestrian Safety Month and a great time to learn about recently completed traffic safety projects near you. This summer, *Go Human* Community Streets Grant Program awardees completed 15 traffic safety community engagement projects across the region to increase safety of people walking and biking. These projects brought people together to tell their stories about mobility, provide feedback on local infrastructure, build local capacity, and reimagine safety in their communities. From Brawley in Imperial County to Oxnard in Ventura County, awardee projects reached residents and decision-makers with nine safety leadership workshops, 10 walk audits and community bike rides, seven temporary traffic safety demonstration projects, four data collection efforts, and three traffic safety storytelling projects. These projects are all part of ongoing efforts to increase safety for people biking and walking.

In Los Angeles, the [People for Mobility Justice](#) “South Central LA Mob J Summer” included a street charette and community bike rides to inform the next phase of improving traffic safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders that travel in high-injury streets in South Los Angeles. They also promoted the “[South LA Quick Build](#),” distributed safety materials to participants, and shared a survey at the event for residents to identify corridors and types of infrastructure needed to improve the community’s safety.

Learn more about the grantees and projects throughout this month on the [SCAG website](#) and the [Go Human blog](#).

A full archive of SCAG Update newsletters is available on the [SCAG website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 17

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

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Safe and Active Streets Working Group

Tuesday, Sept. 17

10:00 a.m. – noon

[View Calendar](#)

2024 Southern California Demographic Workshop

Tuesday, Sept. 24

9:00 a.m.

[Register](#)

Transportation Conformity Working Group

Tuesday, Sept. 24

10:00 a.m. – noon

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Modeling Task Force

Wednesday, Sept. 25

10:00 a.m. – noon

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