**City of Garden Grove**

# WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO

**October 8, 2026**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

## I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
September 2026 list of Records Requests

## • OTHER ITEMS

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

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
  Items of interest are included.

Lisa Kim
City Manager

**Open City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

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| To: | Lisa L. Kim | From: | Liz Vasquez |
| Dept: | City Manager | Dept: | City Clerk |
| Subject: | RECORDS REQUESTS | Date: | October 7, 2026 |

OBJECTIVE

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

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

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

SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Liz Vasquez
City Clerk

Juan Munoz

By Juan Munoz
Records Coordinator

Attachment

# Montly Requests Log

| # | Submitted | Request | Department | Due | Closed |
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| 11496 | 08/31/26 | Hello,<br><br>My name is FF/PM Kim with Station 81. I am requesting contact information for the property owner of 11432 Stanford Ave regarding a potential training opportunity at this site.<br><br>County records indicate that the parcel is owned by THREEK... | Finance<br>Community Development | 09/11/26 | 09/01/26 |
| 11497 | 09/01/26 | I am looking to get copies of the FXS1, FXS2, and FXS3 sheets that were submitted to the building department as part of the plan review for the Walmart located at 11822 Gilbert Street in Garden Grove. These were submitted in 2012. | | 09/11/26 | 09/01/26 |
| 11498 | 09/01/26 | I would like to request a listing of new businesses formed in Garden Grove in August. All information you are able to provide about the business, such as business name, address, formation date, phone number, etc. would be greatly appreciated. | | 09/11/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11499 | 09/01/26 | Hello Building Department,<br>We are starting plans at 13961 Brookhurst Street and were looking for some assistance in locating the underground utility as-builts for the existing retail center location. The GIS portal was helpful for all the existin... | | 09/11/26 | 09/01/26 |
| 11501 | 09/01/26 | To whom it may concern,<br><br>Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records<br><br>1) All contracts, licenses, MOUs, MOAs, data agreements, letters of intent, State of Work documents, Scope of Work documents, and o... | Finance<br>Police | 09/14/26 | 09/03/26 |
| 11502 | 09/02/26 | We are doing an environmental site assessment on the property and would like to know if there are any records in regards to underground/aboveground storage tanks, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, septic tanks, and/or any clarifiers on the pro... | Public Works<br>Public Works Utilities | 09/14/26 | 09/02/26 |

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| 11503 | 09/03/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Provide On-Call Hot Tapping, and Line Stopping Services' that was submitted on 04/01/2026. I believe the project number ... | Finance | 09/14/26 | 09/03/26 |
| 11504 | 09/03/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Provide On-Call Hot Tapping, Line Stopping, and Pipe Freezing Services' that was submitted on 02/13/2026. I believe the ... | Finance | 09/14/26 | 09/03/26 |
| 11505 | 09/03/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'RE-BID Repair and Rehabilitation of Water Storage Reservoirs Phase II - Trask Reservoirs Rehabilitation Project' that wa... | Public Works Utilities | 09/14/26 | 09/11/26 |
| 11506 | 09/03/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Repair and Rehabilitation of Water Storage Reservoirs Phase II - Trask Reservoirs Rehabilitation Project' that was submi... | Public Works Utilities | 09/14/26 | 09/09/26 |
| 11507 | 09/03/26 | Hi,<br>I'm trying to request the existing floor plan at the property 8132 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove CA on behalf of the new owner Gillian Hang Ny Nguyen | | 09/14/26 | 09/03/26 |
| 11509 | 09/04/26 | We are doing an environmental site assessment on the property and would like to know if there are any records in regards to underground/aboveground storage tanks, spills, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, septic tanks, and/or any clarifiers on... | | 09/21/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11510 | 09/04/26 | I would like to know the who the authorized landlord / owner is to pay my rent to at 13441 El Prado, Garden Grove, CA 92840 | | 09/21/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11514 | 09/06/26 | All Code Enforcement Notices of Violation, Warning Letters, Administrative Citations, and Inspection Reports for 11251 Trask Ave from August 1, 2021 to Present (including Case #CE-195548). | | 09/18/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11515 | 09/06/26 | All Code Enforcement Notices of Violation, Warning Letters, Administrative Citations, and Inspection Reports for 11251 Trask Ave from August 1, 2021 to Present (including Case #CE-195548). | Community Development | 10/05/26 | 10/05/26 |

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| 11517 | 09/08/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'NEW BID DATE Woodbury Park Revitalization and Expansion Project' that was submitted on 05/06/2025. I believe the project... | | 09/21/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11518 | 09/08/26 | I am requesting records under the California Public Records Act, Government Code<br>section 7920.000 et seq. I found this address on the City's own building pages.<br>If this should go to the City Clerk as custodian instead, I would be grateful if<br>yo... | Community Development | 09/21/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11519 | 09/08/26 | Hello, I am working on behalf of Southern California Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the contractor John Nguyen Construction that covers the date of 7/11/24. I am wondering if the City of Garden Grove mig... | Finance | 09/18/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11520 | 09/08/26 | I would like to request specifically is the CUP or use approval for the installation of wireless telecom facility under Verizon Wireless, the Director's Review approval provided to my previous request is for the installation of ground mounted gas ... | Community Development | 09/21/26 | 09/09/26 |
| 11521 | 09/08/26 | I am requesting a copy of case # CR-46011<br><br>Water quality remains my major concern noted in case #46011 | | 09/21/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11522 | 09/08/26 | Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I am formally requesting copies of public records regarding architectural, building, and engineering modifications for the property located at:<br><br>8716 Joyzelle Ave asso... | | 09/21/26 | 09/08/26 |
| 11526 | 09/09/26 | Hello,<br>We are looking for any existing floor plans for the main dwelling at 13702 Cork St, Garden Grove, CA 92844.<br>The house was built in 1961 and there were additions after. The date range for records is 1/1/1955 to 9/9/2026.<br>We have looked... | | 09/19/26 | 09/09/26 |

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| 11527 | 09/09/26 | I would like to request PDF copies of the CUP and COAs for the existing wireless telecommunications facility for Verizon.<br><br>The documents I previously received appear to be related to the installation of the generator. However, I am specifically ... | | 09/21/26 | 09/09/26 |
| 11528 | 09/09/26 | RFP number S-1370<br>On Call Police Rotational Tow and Storage Services<br><br>Wants the following:<br><br>-All RFPs that were submitted<br><br>-All staff notes,<br><br>-All Police Comments. Notes why there not selected<br><br>-Copy of notice of termination notice for... | Police<br>Finance<br>Information Technology | 10/05/26 | 10/05/26 |
| 11529 | 09/09/26 | Hello,<br>We are requesting any available as-built drawings for 11790 Cardinal Circle, Garden Grove.<br><br>Additionally, is there a flood study or other documentation available that establishes the base flood elevation (BFE) for the existing building... | | 09/21/26 | 09/10/26 |
| 11531 | 09/10/26 | Under the California Public Records Act, Government Code section<br>7920.000 et seq., I request electronic copies of the following<br>existing records.<br><br>This request concerns City of Garden Grove's drinking-water service<br>and its response to the Jun... | Finance<br>Public Works<br>Utilities<br>Public Works | 10/19/26 | |
| 11532 | 09/10/26 | Under the California Public Records Act, Government Code section<br>7920.000 et seq., I request electronic copies of the following<br>existing records.<br><br>This request concerns the May 21, 2026 chemical emergency at GKN<br>Aerospace Transparency Systems... | Finance<br>Police | 09/21/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11533 | 09/10/26 | 12691 Fletcher Dr Garden Grove<br><br>All records related to Code Enforcement and Permits. | Community Development | 10/05/26 | 10/05/26 |

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| 11534 | 09/10/26 | Under the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.), I request copies of the following records for August 2026:<br><br>1. All newly issued business licences, including for each: business name, owner name, business ... | | 09/21/26 | 09/10/26 |
| 11536 | 09/10/26 | Attachments from emails sent in request 11189. | City Manager | 09/21/26 | 09/14/26 |
| 11538 | 09/11/26 | I am a records research engineer for CHC Consulting, a contractor for AT&T. We are currently planning a fiber cable installation project in Garden Grove, CA and I'm hoping you can provide some information.<br><br>Ref address- 13111 Newland St, Garden ... | Public Works | 09/21/26 | 09/17/26 |
| 11541 | 09/13/26 | Dear City Clerk Vasquez:<br><br>Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Tiger Construction LLC respectfully requests electronic copies of the following existing records:<br><br>Any executed, proposed, revised, or draft agreement, amendment, extensi... | Finance<br>Information Technology<br>Public Works | 10/08/26 | |
| 11542 | 09/14/26 | 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 any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ... | Finance | 09/24/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11543 | 09/14/26 | Please find attached a formal request submitted under the California Public Records Act (Government Code §§ 7920.000 – 7931.000) on behalf of Kal Best Contractor, Inc. (KBCI).<br><br>The attached letter requests permit and plan-check records for all A... | Community Development | 09/24/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11544 | 09/14/26 | Building Records Request – 8150 Garden Grove Blvd<br><br>would like to request copies of any available historical building records for this property, including:<br><br>Approved site plans<br>Approved building plans<br>Permit history<br>Inspection and final reco... | | 09/24/26 | 09/14/26 |

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| 11545 | 09/14/26 | Please provide an electronic list of all new business licenses issued within Zip code 92841 from August 19, 2026 through September 13, 2026.<br><br>Please include where publicly available: Business Name, Business Address, Business phone number, Busine... | Finance | 09/24/26 | 09/16/26 |
| 11547 | 09/14/26 | I am researching the first months of local implementation of Senate Bill 79 (Wiener, 2025), the transit-oriented development statute that became applicable to local agencies on July 1, 2026. I request the following records of the City of Garden Gr... | Community Development | 09/24/26 | 09/14/26 |
| 11551 | 09/15/26 | We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Recorded Future, Dataminr, Shadow Dragon, Galls, Webbs, and GT Distributors, covering the past ... | Finance | 09/25/26 | 09/24/26 |
| 11555 | 09/16/26 | Request for Existing House Plans – 11741 Faye Ave, Garden Grove, Ca 92840<br><br>Hello,<br>I would like to request copies of the existing/original building plans and any available approved plans for the property at 11741 Faye Ave, Garden Grove, Ca 92840... | | 09/26/26 | 09/16/26 |
| 11556 | 09/16/26 | I am requesting copies of the following records for the property located at 14061 Buena Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843:<br><br>All approved building permit plans and drawings, including architectural, structural, civil, and site plans, from original c... | Community Development | 09/28/26 | 09/17/26 |
| 11557 | 09/17/26 | I am a records research engineer for CHC Consulting, a contractor for AT&T. We are currently planning a fiber cable installation project in Garden Grove, CA and I'm hoping you can provide some information.<br><br>Ref address- 13111 Newland St, Garden ... | | 09/28/26 | 09/17/26 |
| 11561 | 09/21/26 | I am working on behalf of Southern Calif. Gas Co. to obtain an emailed copy of the Certificate of Liability Insurance, or information therein, for the company G & D Demolition Inc. that covers the date 01/15/2025 (and to current).<br><br>CSLB, Licen... | Finance | 10/01/26 | 09/22/26 |

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| 11562 | 09/21/26 | 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 any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ... | | 10/01/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11563 | 09/21/26 | We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from hamilton construction, kiewit, MCM Construction, sundt, and Walsh, covering the past three year... | Finance | 10/01/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11564 | 09/21/26 | We are looking to request any traffic camera footage from the intersection of Chapman Avenue and Promenade lane from 09/04/2026 at 7:45 AM regarding a Traffic collision. Clymer and Beverly are authorized representatives of Bassir Law Group and the... | | 10/01/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11566 | 09/21/26 | Please provide an electronic list of all new business licenses issued within Zip code 92841 from August 19, 2026 through September 20, 2026.<br>Please include where publicly available: Business Name, Business Address, and only include ones with Busi... | Finance | 10/01/26 | 09/28/26 |
| 11567 | 09/21/26 | Need blueprint or structure of the house | | 10/01/26 | 09/21/26 |
| 11569 | 09/22/26 | Requesting all medical records/notes for a stray cat picked up on 9/18/26 and released 9/19/26. Animal ID was G26050107. Purpose of request is to continue medical care for the cat. | Public Works | 10/05/26 | 10/05/26 |
| 11570 | 09/22/26 | Requesting original construction plan documents for the multi family building located at<br>11250 Dale St.<br>Garden Grove | Community Development | 10/05/26 | 09/22/26 |
| 11575 | 09/24/26 | I would like to request all building permit records from June 1st 2024 to 2026, including permits of all statuses (pending, in-progress, approved, voided) along with any publicly available details such as the full property address, project type, p... | | 10/05/26 | 09/24/26 |
| 11576 | 09/24/26 | We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from Capital StreetScapes, Custom Products Corporation, Hall Signs, and Signature StreetScapes, cove... | Finance | 10/05/26 | 09/24/26 |

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| 11577 | 09/24/26 | I am requesting any camera footage and/or license plate reader records for the intersection of Newhope Street and Trask Avenue on Saturday, September 5, 2026 between 8:20 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Specifically, footage showing a hit-and-run traffic coll... | | 10/05/26 | 09/25/26 |
| 11578 | 09/24/26 | Please check and advise for below,<br><br>1.Any outstanding code violations.<br>2.Open or expired building permits.<br>3.Demolition orders, unrecorded special assessments or liens (including those related to tall grass, junk/debris removal, lot maintena... | | 10/05/26 | 09/25/26 |
| 11580 | 09/25/26 | Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code §7921.000 et seq., I am requesting existing records for residential Code Enforcement and property-condition cases in the City of Garden Grove from 08/20/2026 through 09/18/2026.<br><br>Ple... | | 10/05/26 | 09/25/26 |
| 11581 | 09/25/26 | Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, Government Code §7921.000 et seq., I am requesting existing records for residential Code Enforcement and property-condition cases in the City of Garden Grove from 08/20/2026 through 09/18/2026.<br><br>Ple... | | 10/05/26 | 09/25/26 |
| 11582 | 09/25/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Traffic Signal Maintenance at Garden Grove Blvd/Nelson St-Century Blvd & Garden Grove Blvd/Newland St' that was submitte... | Public Works | 10/05/26 | 09/25/26 |
| 11583 | 09/25/26 | DATA REQUEST - GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT - CA<br><br>September 25, 2026<br>Amir El-Farra, Chief of Police<br>Garden Grove Police Department<br>11301 Acacia Parkway<br>Garden Grove, CA 92840<br>police@ggcity.org<br><br>Dear Chief El-Farra:<br><br>We submit this req... | | 10/05/26 | 09/25/26 |

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| 11585 | 09/26/26 | Pursuant to the California Public Records Act, I hereby request the following records<br><br>1) Documents sufficient to show all city vendors and associated vendor IDs within the city's current ERP system<br><br>The requested documents will be made availa... | Finance | 10/08/26 | 09/28/26 |
| 11586 | 09/28/26 | Under the California Public Records Act, AI Business Flow requests an export of building permits issued by the City of Garden Grove.<br><br>Date range: from as far back as your electronic records go, through the present. The city's public GeoNode perm... | | 10/08/26 | 09/28/26 |
| 11587 | 09/28/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FY 23-24' that was submitted on 02/21/2024. We specifically request th... | Public Works | 10/08/26 | 09/30/26 |
| 11588 | 09/28/26 | We request all records, including executed contracts, purchase orders, invoices, and solicitation/RFP documents for products or services purchased from CitizenLab, CityZen, GoVocal, Granicus, Zencity, CalAmp, Motive, Samsara, and Verizon Connect, ... | Finance | 10/08/26 | 09/30/26 |
| 11589 | 09/28/26 | All records surrounding permits issued for the community swimming pool located at 13096 Blackbird Street Garden Grove, CA 92843. | | 10/08/26 | 09/28/26 |
| 11590 | 09/28/26 | Dear Records Officer,<br><br>I hope you are doing well. Thank you for your time and for the work you do.<br><br>Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Cal. Gov. Code § 6250 et seq.), I am requesting copies of contracts and purchasing records relat... | Finance Information Technology | 10/08/26 | 09/29/26 |
| 11591 | 09/28/26 | Please see attached document for full Public Records Act Request | Community Development | 10/08/26 | 09/29/26 |
| 11592 | 09/28/26 | 1. All current Citywide policies, administrative regulations, personnel rules, employee policies, directives, procedures, or other written standards concerning harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation, workplace bullying, abusive... | Human Resources | 10/09/26 | 10/06/26 |

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| 11593 | 09/29/26 | Please send the final and compiled bid tabulation (bid tally), including all quantities and unit pricing for each bidder, for 'Sewer System Rehabilitation Plan Phase 1 - Sewer Main Replacement Project No. 4' that was submitted on 12/19/2023. I bel... | Public Works Utilities | 10/09/26 | 10/06/26 |
| 11595 | 09/29/26 | 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 any errors/deficiencies and return by Email ... | Community Development | 10/09/26 | 09/29/26 |
| 11597 | 09/29/26 | Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code § 7920.000 et seq.), I request records identifying all currently open/active code enforcement cases (code violations) in the City of Garden Grove that were opened or remained active withi... | | 10/09/26 | 09/29/26 |
| 11599 | 09/30/26 | All plans and communications for the public/community swimming pool located at 13096 Blackbird Street Garden Grove, CA 92843. | Community Development | 10/12/26 | 09/30/26 |
| 11600 | 09/30/26 | All available building plans and records for 14345 Commerce Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92843, including original architectural plans, floor plans, as-built plans, tenant improvement plans, approved plan sets, and any plans showing the existing interi... | Community Development | 10/12/26 | 09/30/26 |
| 11601 | 09/30/26 | Documents relating to the original construction plans, entitlement, grading, and /or utility installations at the site | | 10/12/26 | 09/30/26 |
| 11602 | 09/30/26 | Please provide original architectural plans for 11451 Marin way | | 10/10/26 | 09/30/26 |

**WEEKLY MEMO 10-08-2026**

# N E W S  A R T I C L E S

**The Tribune**

**Sept 22, 2026**

# Foods of Garden Grove and Fall Festival on tap this week

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 • ( LEAVE A COMMENT )




**"FOODS** of Garden Grove" is returning to downtown this Friday (File photo).

Two of the premier events of the autumn calendar for West Orange County are taking place this weekend.

The third annual Foods of Garden Grove will be held on Friday along a block of Main Street in downtown at the Village Green Park (between Nelson Street and Acacia Parkway) from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The City of Westminster's fifth annual Fall Festival is coming to the Civic Center (18200 Westminster Blvd.) from Thursday to Sunday.



**WESTMINSTER FALL FESTIVAL** is Thursday through Sunday (OC Tribune photo).

FOGG is an event to showcase the variety and quality of eateries in the city, with cuisine ranging from Asian and American and every taste in between. This year features a record high of 30 vendors.

The event is free but tasting tickets will be available for sale to sample the lineup. In addition to the food there will be a free concert in the Garden Amp, a live art show and picnic tables in the park.

Westminster's Fall Festival – free to the public – will feature carnival rides, live entertainment, food and more. An estimated 12,000 people are expected to attend over the weekend.

The hours are:
Thursday from 5-9 p.m.
Friday from 5-11 p.m.
Saturday from 12 (noon) to 11 p.m.
Sunday from 12-9 p.m.

**The Tribune**

**Sept 4, 2026**

# Kim retiring as city manager

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



**LISA KIM** is retiring as city manager of Garden Grove (City of Garden Grove photo).

Lisa Kim will be retiring on Nov. 2 from her post as city manager of Garden Grove.

The announcement was made on Thursday. She was a history-making figure in Garden Grove as the city's first female city manager and the first Asian-American to hold that post.

She has served three years as the city's top appointed official and before that was assistant city manager and community and economic development director.

Kim came to Garden Grove after working in leadership roles for the cities of Pomona and Orange.

During her tenure she was responsible for a comprehensive plan to address homelessness, development of the Civic Center Revitalization project – which included a new $152 million police facility – and the city's response to the GKN Aerospace hazmat crisis and the evacuation of an estimated 50,000 people in West Garden Grove and parts of Cypress, Stanton and Westminster.

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

**Voice of OC**

**Sept 21, 2026**

# Garden Grove Replaces Be Well OC's Mental Health Services

BY **Tristan Caliboso** Sep 21, 2026




Be Well Campus in Irvine. Credit: JULIE LEOPO, Voice of OC

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Garden Grove is the latest Orange County city to ditch mental health services provider Be Well OC after parent nonprofit Mind OC told city leaders it can no longer financially uphold its end of the contract.

The shift away from Mind OC's programming comes amid a yearslong legal battle with the County of Orange amid disputes over which entity owns the two mental health campuses they built together and questions over who can offer services there.

After a county audit found that Mind OC's Be Well program had multiple issues at their Orange campus, county supervisors pulled their contracts to provide mental health services in 2024, leading Mind OC to sue the county alleging a breach of contract.

[***Read***: Is Orange County's Flagship Mental Health Program Finished?]

Now, the county operates the Orange facility while the Irvine branch remains shuttered as both sides continue to dispute who owns the properties in court.

During their meeting on Aug. 25, Garden Grove City Council members unanimously voted to approve a $1.5 million first-year contract with nonprofit Healthcare In Action in an effort to begin phasing out Be Well's services.

A majority of the cost will be covered by $1.1 million the city previously allocated for their contract with Be Well. The approval also included a $450,000 reappropriation from the city's National Opioid Settlement fund to cover the rest of the new contract.

"If we don't use it, we lose it," Councilmember Joe DoVinh said at the late August meeting.

The city plans to run both agencies simultaneously under the supervision of the Garden Grove Police Department until Nov. 30, according to a staff presentation from the meeting.

Two crews will be operating from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide mobile mental health services. One crew is scheduled from Monday to Friday, while the other will work from Wednesday to Sunday.

After Nov. 30, Healthcare In Action is slated to operate solo under a city-led pilot program until March 2027.

During the meeting in August, Garden Grove city officials questioned some of the steps taken for the rollout of Healthcare In Action's services.

Councilmember George Brietigam questioned why the two care teams' shifts overlap at the same time from Wednesday to Friday.

"Wouldn't it be prudent to have one of the units starting at 3 p.m. and going to 11 to give the p.m. watch guys some support as well?" Brietigam said.

"It looks like it's a simple, no-cost solution that we could be exploring here."

Councilmember Cindy Ngoc Tran spoke in support of a 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift, citing that this was a common issue for small businesses in the area sending in reports late at night.

"Sometimes when I called our team, they said we have to wait until the next day," Tran said.

Timothy Throne, a project manager for the city's economic development team, cited budget constraints as to why there's only one shift timeframe planned during the transition, adding that these hours reflected peak activity hours according to data provided by Be Well.

"Caller data showed that beyond 6 p.m., there weren't that many calls to dispatch in regard to homeless-related calls or even crisis calls," Throne said at the meeting.

Councilmember Ariana Arestegui raised concerns about how the new contract will cost more than Be Well's for less operating hours.

Be Well operated 18 hours a day when it was fully operational and had a $1.1 million annual contract with the city.

Healthcare In Action will only operate eight hours a day for $1.5 million.

Those costs are set to go down if Garden Grove decides to continue working with Healthcare In Action. After the first year, the annual contract could drop to $1.2 million.

Arestegui said providing mental health services is critical.

"That is something that is at the top of my mind: making sure that we are addressing the needs of the community as much as possible."

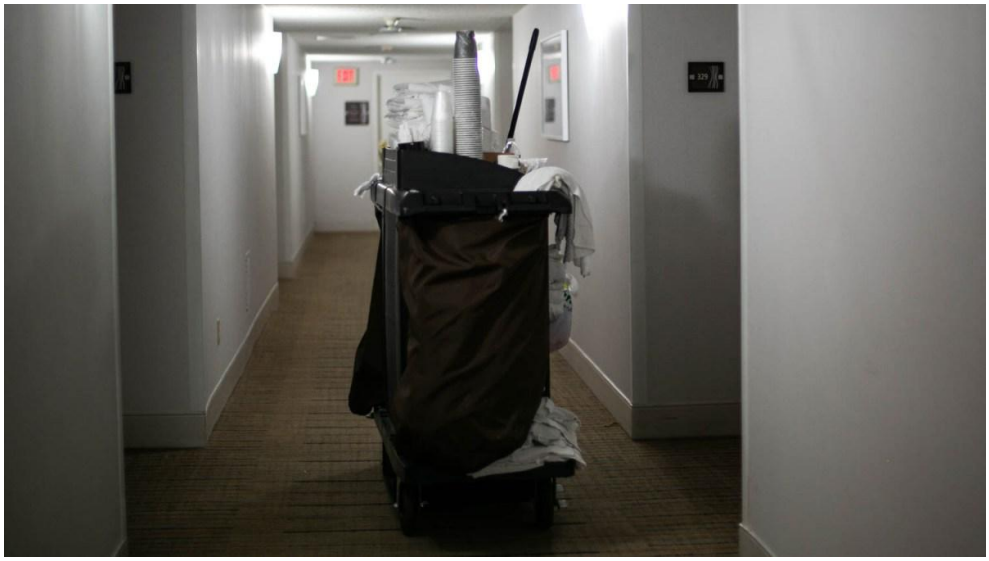
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**Voice of OC**

**Oct 5, 2026**

# More Orange County Hotels to Require Panic Buttons for Workers

BY **Tristan Caliboso**Oct 5, 2026



A hotel in Orange County. Credit: JULIE LEOPO, Voice of OC

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Panic buttons for hotel workers will be required at more Orange County hotels starting next year to better protect the employees from unruly guests as local leaders look to establish higher safety standards for hotel workers.

While Anaheim and Irvine already require panic buttons for maids and employees who often clean hotel rooms by themselves, hotels in Garden Grove will now also be required to provide the devices.

Hoteliers will be required to provide these personal safety devices for every hotel worker assigned to a guestroom on their own.

If an employee feels threatened by a guest, they can press a button on the device that will notify on-site responders of the incident. Workers can also request to be reassigned away from that guest's room afterwards.

Should an incident occur, employees will also be given up to eight hours of paid time off to report the incident to law enforcement and to consult legal counsel.

Hotel employers will be mandated to train staff on how to use the devices, inform employees of their rights through training and posted notices and will be prohibited from retaliating against workers if they do exercise those rights.

Garden Grove City Council members approved the change unanimously during their meeting on Sept. 8 after an initial approval in late August. These new standards will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

During the August meeting, Councilmember Ariana Arestegui questioned city staff about the written provisions for paid time off.

A previous version of the ordinance capped employees at only three hours of paid time off to report incidents to law enforcement and to consult legal counsel.

The amendment passed by the city council increased that paid time off to eight hours.

“Interactions with law enforcement with any other follow-up care after an incident would be such that it would tie up more time,” Arestegui said.

Councilmember George Brietigam spoke in support of raising the maximum paid time off.

“If the worst happens, it’s not even gonna scratch the amount of time it’s gonna take you at the doctor, let alone reporting it to the PD,” Brietigam said.

Arestegui’s and Brietigam’s concerns were also shared by the hotel workers’ union known as Unite Here Local 11 — but representatives from the union say the final draft was substantially different from what was originally given to city officials.

According to Unite Here Local 11 Press Secretary Maria Hernandez, the city council had removed or changed several sections from a first version of the ordinance.

One of the sections in the previous draft would have provided workers with doubled pay if employers assign excess rooms during an employee’s shift.

Other omitted sections included panic button training for on-site responders and an increased daily penalty for hotels in violation of the ordinance.

“Let us be clear: if this council is serious about hotel worker safety, the answer isn’t a weaker ordinance rushed through tonight,” Unite Here Local 11 spokesman Matthew Richard said at the August meeting.

“The gap in this city-proposed law is significant.”

Union member Marco Alcala also claimed that during the process of writing the ordinance, no representatives from the Garden Grove City Council reached out to Unite Here Local 11 to collaborate.

Alcala and Richard called on the city council to reject the legislation.

“Staff moved forward with the completed version without ever picking up the phone to ask workers a single question,” Alcala said. “That alone should give you pause about why this item is in front of you.”

While some Garden Grove hotels already provide panic buttons for workers, the city’s new standards make them a mandated requirement for all hotels in the city, which is also near the Anaheim Resort area.

According to Greg Blodgett, Deputy Director of the city’s Economic Development Department, the ordinance is even based on Anaheim’s own laws dedicated toward hotel staffers.

“We’re in the same market, and the same workplace. We want to be on a level field with Anaheim, so it’s similar to Anaheim’s ordinance,” Blodgett said during a presentation at the Aug. 25 meeting.

Cities such as Ontario and Irvine also served as inspiration for Garden Grove’s new ordinance.

Previously, Irvine passed a similar law in 2022 that included similar protections, becoming the first Orange County city to enforce these standards.

Their ordinance also included a provision to double a worker’s pay if they’re given heavier workloads during their shift.

But in November 2024, Irvine city officials voted 3-2 to repeal the provisions for extra pay, with Councilmember Kathleen Treseder and former Councilmember Tammy Kim voting against the repeal. Councilmembers who voted to remove the increased pay requirements said it makes it more difficult for hoteliers to run their businesses.

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Wednesday, September 23, 2026

# 2026 FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE LIVE TO FEATURE LARGEST VENDOR LINEUP TO DATE

With 30 participating food and beverage vendors, the 2026 Foods of Garden Grove Live will feature its largest lineup to date. The third annual event returns Friday, Sept. 25, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St., in Downtown Garden Grove.

Guests can also enjoy live music at the Garden Amp, interactive neon glow-art installations and family-friendly activities. Admission to the event and concert is free. Tasting packages are required for food and beverage samples.

The record lineup includes the following participating food and beverage vendors:

- Amarith Farmhouse
- Azteca Restaurant & Lounge
- Barrio
- Brother's Products
- Carolina's Italian Restaurant
- Cho Tam Bien
- Chubbi Tea Shoppe
- Claws and Cream
- Ep Juicery
- Estrella de Mexicali & EDM Catering
- FireFly Burger
- Garden Amp
- Hello Cafe & Bakery

- Henry’s Bar & Grill
- Jack’s Bakery & Eatery
- Jerusalem Roastery
- Junbi Matcha & Tea
- Luv Fish & Thai Food
- Mornings Coffee GG
- NOVA Kitchen & Bar
- OniGuru
- Pho Redbo
- Phuc Long
- Sabroso
- Sawoey Thai Cuisine
- Shawarma House
- Smoke Queen BBQ
- Tomy’s Fast-N-Fresh Burger
- tsun scoops
- Urban Punjab - The Royal Kitchen

Guests can choose from several tasting options, with each ticket valid for one tasting or $3 off a favorite drink. Choices include the Fun Pack with 5 tastings for $15, the Foodie Pack with 10 tastings for $30, and the Family Pack with 20 tastings for $45. The VIP Lounge Pack offers 15 tastings, 2 VIP drink tickets, VIP exclusive merch, and lounge access for $75. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to redeem alcoholic beverage tickets. Specialty non-alcoholic drinks will also be available.

Live music at the Garden Amp will feature Your Mom’s Band, the New Originials and DJ Jason Bee. Returning attractions include Art in the Dark, a blacklight-reactive street art and UV exhibit with interactive installations, and the Glow Zone, featuring oversized LED lawn games, glow booth carnival games, blacklight crafts, UV tattoos and more.

The Foods of Garden Grove Live event is part of the City’s year-round Foods of Garden Grove initiative, which showcases more than 100 select food and drink establishments. Designed to support small businesses, the initiative offers a virtual

tour through Garden Grove's vibrant ethnic enclaves, including Little Saigon, OC Koreatown, Latin eateries, and Michelin Guide honorees.

Get tickets, view the event map and see the latest event updates at [fogg.live](fogg.live).






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Monday, October 5, 2026

## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE EXTENDS COOLING CENTER OPERATIONS THROUGH OCTOBER 8

Due to high temperatures, the City of Garden Grove will open a public cooling center from Monday, October 5, through Thursday, October 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cooling center is located at the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Drive, in Garden Grove Park.

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

Also, the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, will extend its hours to 5:00 p.m., from Monday, October 5, through Thursday, October 9, for seniors only.

OC Public Libraries locations also serve as designated cooling centers during regular operating hours. In Garden Grove, the Chapman Library and Tibor Rubin Library are available as cooling centers. Visitors are encouraged to contact the library before visiting to confirm hours of operation.

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

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Monday, September 28, 2026

## EXPERIENCE FANG-TASTIC FAMILY FUN AT ANNUAL JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE EVENT

The community is invited to attend Garden Grove's annual Halloween-themed event, Jack O' Lantern Jamboree, on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center, located in Garden Grove Park, at 13630 Atlantis Way.

Event activities include carnival games, inflatable obstacle courses, reptile shows, face painting, a pumpkin patch, Trick-or-Treat Street, and more. Costumes are encouraged.

Only children ages 2 to 10 will have the opportunity to select a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and decorate it in the craft area. Attendees of all ages will have access to all other event activities and Halloween candy. C&M Ohana will also be on site selling kettle corn, lemonade, shaved ice, and ice cream.

Ticket sales begin Tuesday, October 6, 2026, and will continue until quantities run out. Tickets must be purchased in advance at ggcity.org/reggister or by visiting the Community Services Counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

Ticket prices are $12 per child, ages 2-10; $3 for individuals, ages 11 and over; and youth, 1 and under, are free.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/joj or call (714) 741-5200.

# JACK O'LANTERN JAMBOREE

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
## 1:00-4:00 PM
## ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER
## GGCITY.ORG/JOJ



**TICKET SALES BEGIN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**
**NO TICKET SALES AT DOOR.**

GARDEN GROVE

**WEEKLY MEMO 10-08-2026**

# SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



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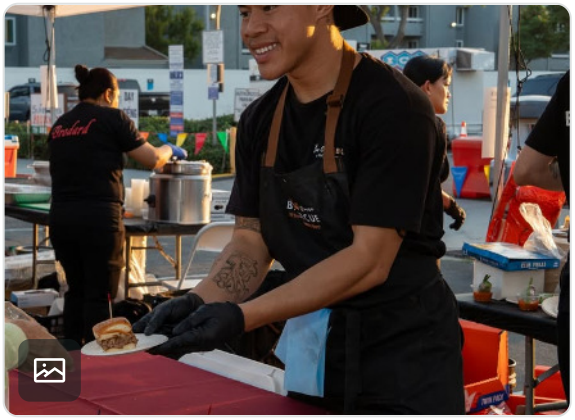
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Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 9/18/2026 3:15 pm PDT

**Foods of Garden Grove has the largest vendor lineup to date🥗🍔🍕**

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Fri 9/18/2026 3:16 pm PDT

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Thu 9/17/2026 6:03 pm PDT

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Join us at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center on...



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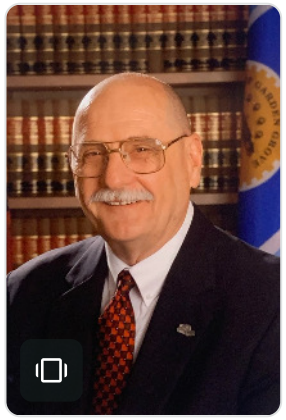


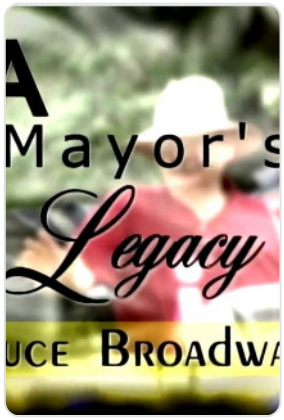

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Tue 9/22/2026 2:51 pm PDT

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2004 State of the City: A Mayor's Legacy...




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Wed 9/23/2026 1:52 pm PDT

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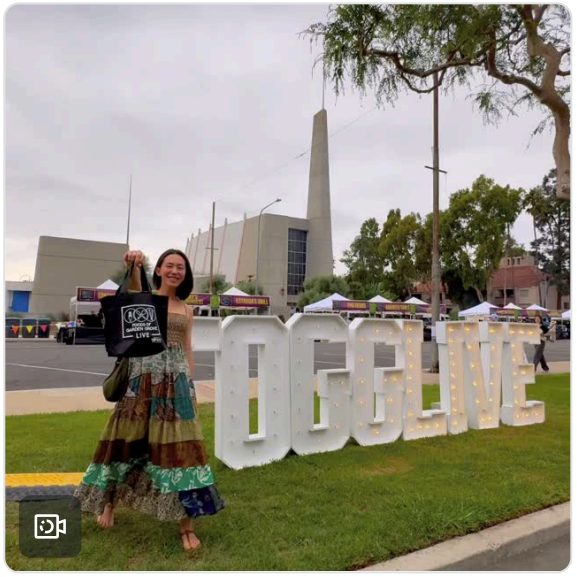
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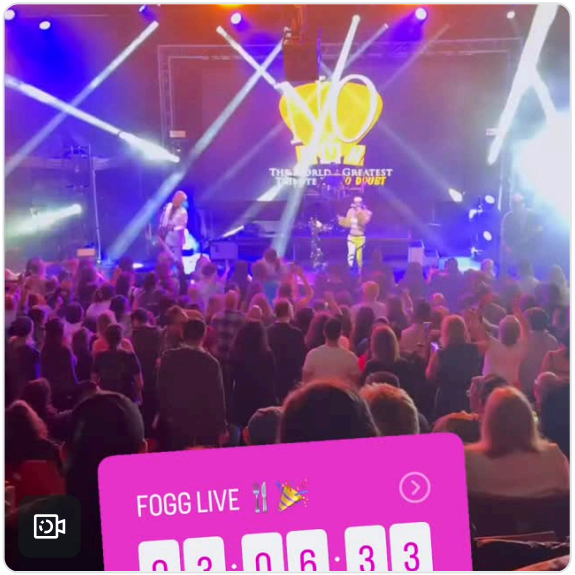
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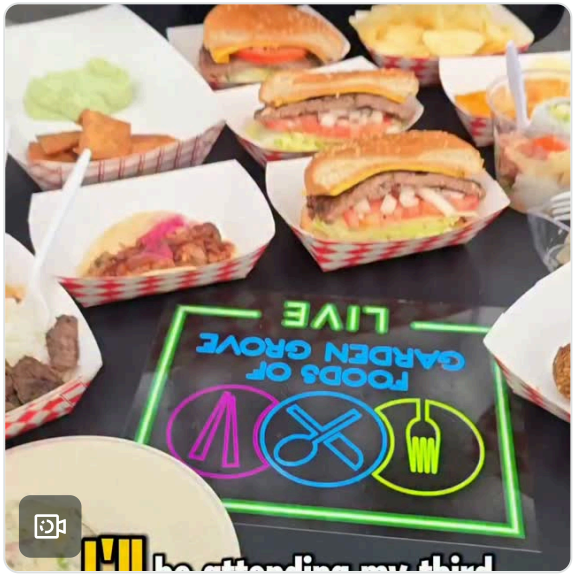
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Explore Art in the Dark, curated by **@xzbtlife**




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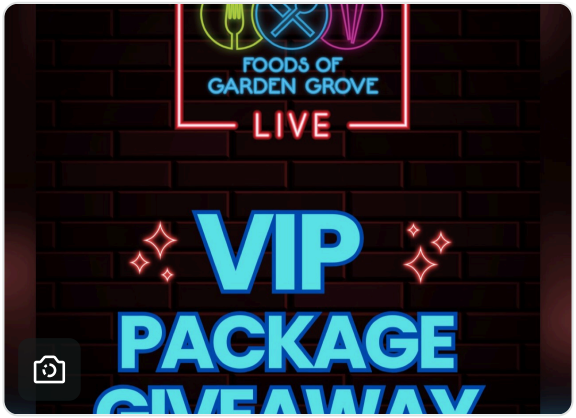
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There's still time to enter!




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Wed 9/23/2026 2:06 pm PDT

Last Chance to enter the Giveaway!!




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In between bites dance away with a free concert at **@gardenampoc**




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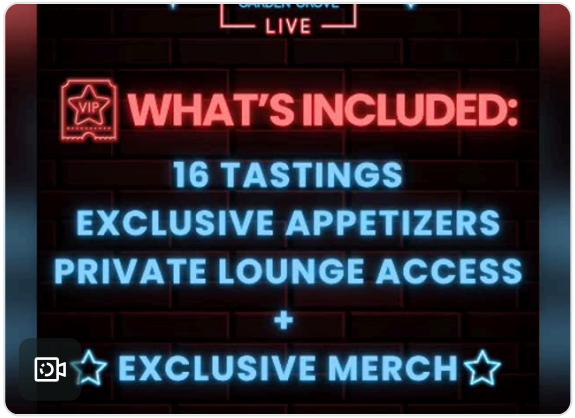
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Wed 9/23/2026 2:10 pm PDT

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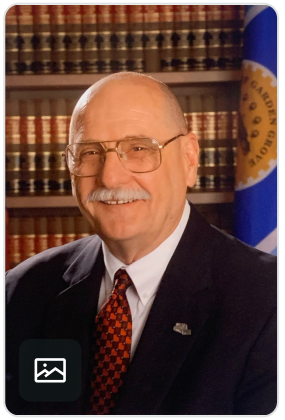


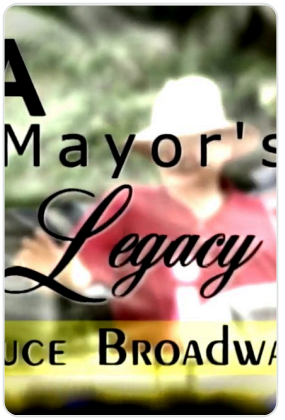

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**Impressions** 287

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Fri 9/18/2026 3:15 pm PDT

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**Impressions** 227

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Wed 9/23/2026 1:51 pm PDT

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**Impressions** 193

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Thu 9/24/2026 8:18 am PDT




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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 9/22/2026 2:53 pm PDT

For more than 2 decades, Mayor Broadwater dedicated himself to serving the Garden Grove community. First elected to the City Council in 1992, he served as Mayor across six terms, helping shape the community & serving the residents throughout his years in public service.

Impressions 79

@CityGardenGrove

Tue 9/22/2026 2:54 pm PDT

He is survived by his children, Josh and Jeremy, as well as his four grandchildren Preston, Lexi, JJ, and Koda.

Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched through his years of service to our city.

Impressions 69

**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 9/24/2026 11:25 am PDT

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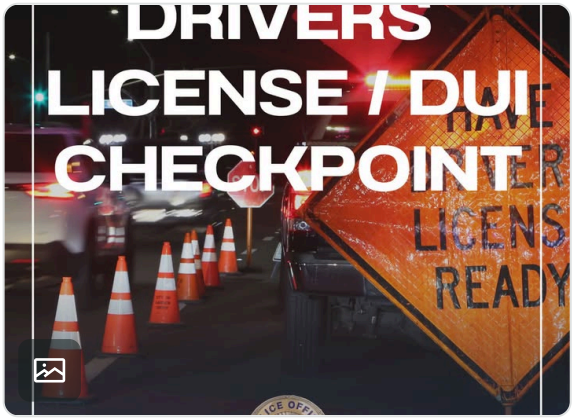
Garden Grove Police Department

**Garden Grove Police Department**

Thu 9/17/2026 5:29 pm PDT

🚨DUI/Drivers License Checkpoint Notification🚨

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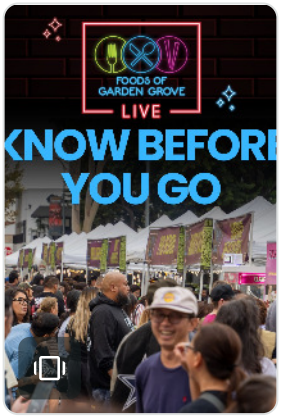
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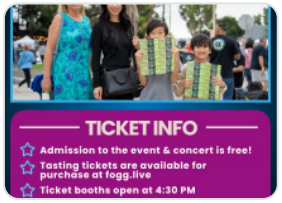
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Fri 9/25/2026 10:55 am PDT

*Tonight is Foods of Garden Grove Live*! 🍴🎶🥳

Immerse yourself in Garden Grove's diverse food...







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Mon 9/28/2026 4:04 pm PDT

🎃 Jack O' Lantern Jamboree returns this year with *fang-tastic* fun for the whole family!

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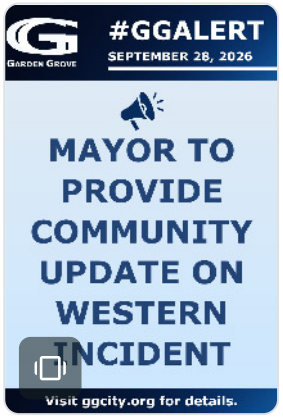


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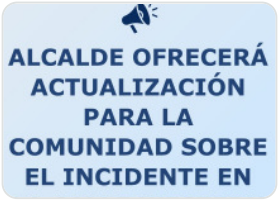
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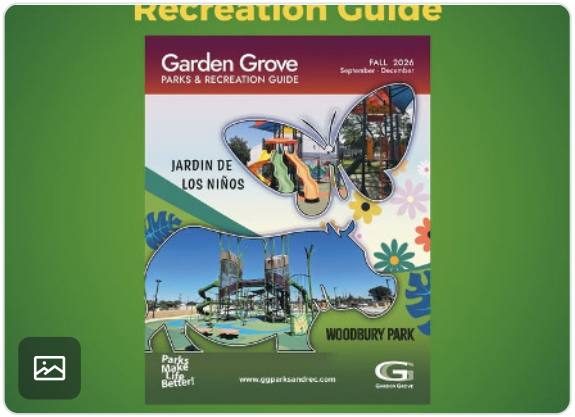



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Fri 9/25/2026 10:00 am PDT

Are you looking to spice things up this season? 🍂

The Fall 2026 Parks and Recreation Guide is jam-...




Views 8,998

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**gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 9/24/2026 11:56 am PDT

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Mon 9/28/2026 4:05 pm PDT

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Sun 9/27/2026 12:10 pm PDT

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




Views 6,957

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Tue 9/29/2026 4:35 pm PDT

**JOIN US FOR HOMEBUYER DAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026!** 🏡

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Garden Grove City Hall

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Garden Grove City Hall
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Garden Grove City Hall
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Mon 9/28/2026 8:14 am PDT




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gardengrovecityhall

Fri 9/25/2026 5:03 pm PDT

**@foodsofgardengrove** Ticket Booths are now open!!




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Fri 9/25/2026 8:18 pm PDT



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Mon 9/28/2026 10:50 am PDT

Watch Recording at




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gardengrovecityhall
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Find what's on the Menu tonight
**@foodsofgardengrove**




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Fri 9/25/2026 6:06 pm PDT

**@foodsofgardengrove**
**@gardengroveparksandrec** Stop by the Lawn Games for free activities!




Views 865

gardengrovecityhall
Fri 9/25/2026 5:33 pm PDT

We're live! What will be your first stop?
**@fastnfreshburger**



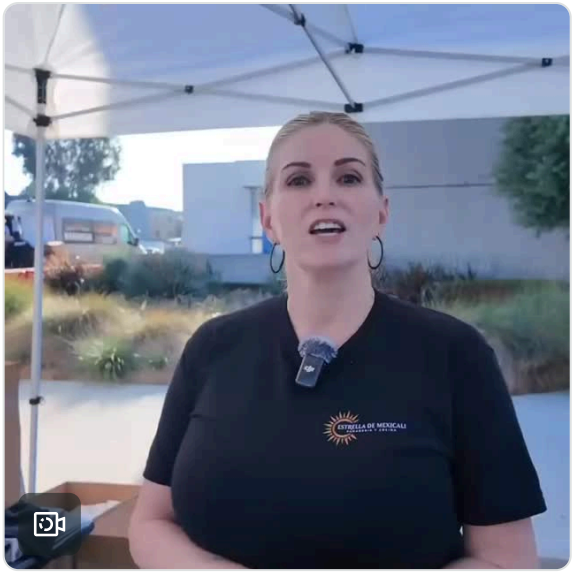
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Live Art by **@xzbtlife**




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Tue 9/29/2026 4:47 pm PDT

📢 HOMEBUYER DAY 2026 IS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3! CLICK THE POST FOR MORE INFO!
🏘️




Views 770

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 9/29/2026 1:54 pm PDT

⚠️ EMERGENCY WATER SHUTDOWN

Water Services has an emergency water shutdown affecting Trask Avenue between Magnolia Street and Newland Street.

Repair crews are on site attempting to restore water service.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience.

#GG1956

Impressions 716

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Fri 9/25/2026 11:17 am PDT




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Fri 9/25/2026 11:23 am PDT




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Thu 9/24/2026 12:03 pm PDT



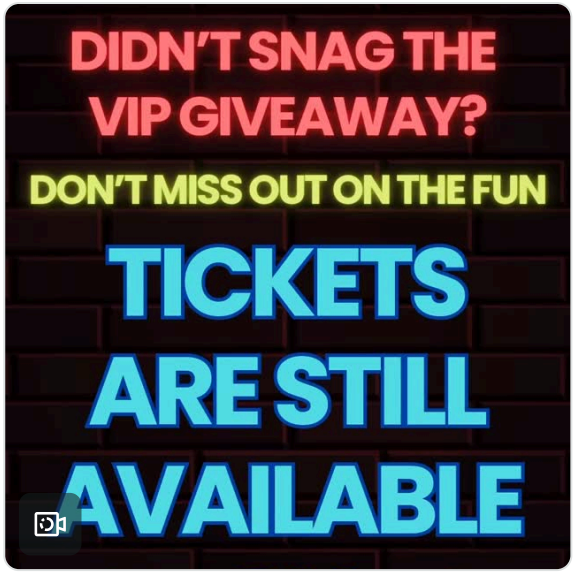

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Mon 9/28/2026 4:41 pm PDT



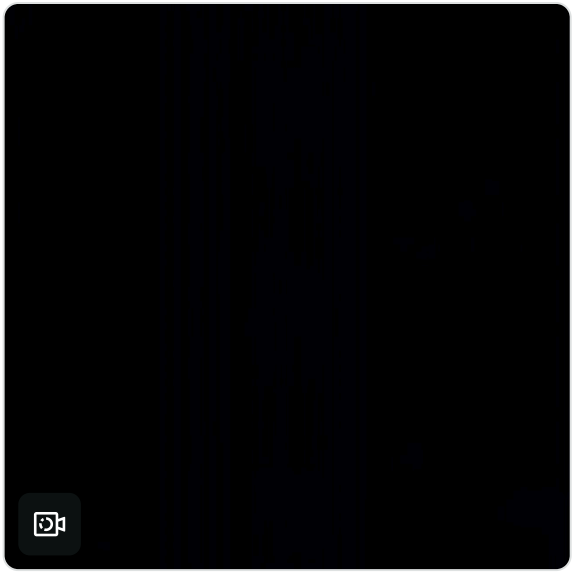
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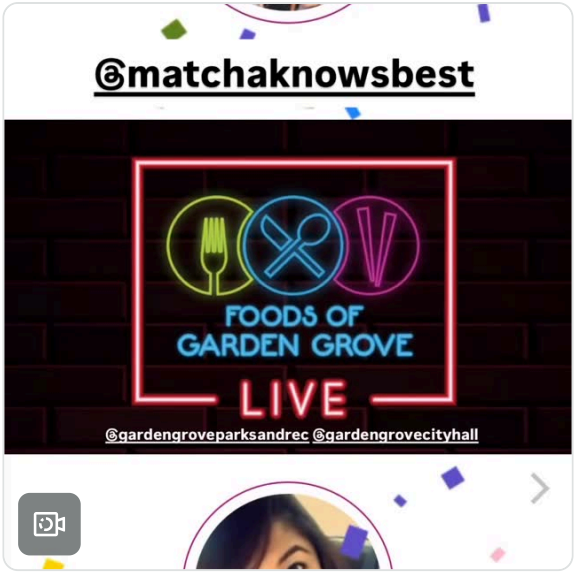

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Fri 9/25/2026 11:27 am PDT




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Thu 9/24/2026 12:00 pm PDT

See you at



Views 555

Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 9/28/2026 3:12 pm PDT




Views 440

@CityGardenGrove
Mon 9/28/2026 4:05 pm PDT

🎃 Jack O' Lantern Jamboree returns this year with fang-tastic fun for the whole family!

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Impressions 301

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 9/29/2026 4:35 pm PDT

JOIN US FOR HOMEBUYER DAY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026! 🏡

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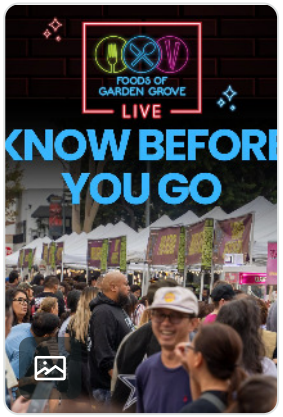



Impressions 232

@CityGardenGrove
Fri 9/25/2026 10:53 am PDT

Tonight is Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🍴🎶🥰

Immerse yourself in Garden Grove's diverse food...





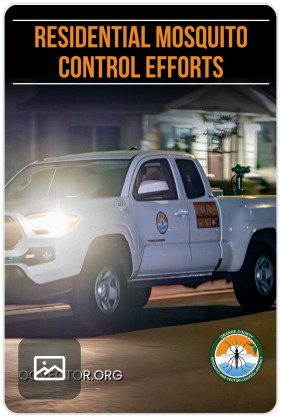


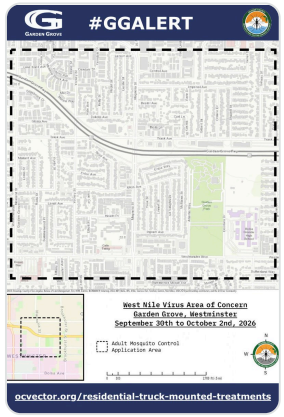



Impressions 223

@CityGardenGrove
Sun 9/27/2026 12:10 pm PDT

@ocvectorcontrol will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments to help reduce mosquito populations & prevent mosquito-borne illnesses...




Impressions 217

@CityGardenGrove
Wed 9/30/2026 4:50 pm PDT

WE'RE HIRING!

Our Public Works Department is currently...



Impressions 140

@CityGardenGrove
Wed 9/30/2026 6:00 pm PDT

The @NWS has declared an Extreme Heat Watch, the Cooling Center will open Friday, October 2 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at 13641 Deodara Dr....







Impressions 133

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 9/29/2026 4:36 pm PDT

You'll also have the chance to connect with mortgage lenders, real estate professionals, and community housing organizations....



Impressions 75

@CityGardenGrove
Fri 9/25/2026 1:00 pm PDT

Ticket booths open at 4:30 p.m. Come hungry, bring your friends and enjoy a night of food, music and art! 🌐...










Impressions 70

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 9/29/2026 4:36 pm PDT

📅This Saturday, October 3 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

📍 Garden Grove Community Meeting Center |...




Impressions 55

@CityGardenGrove
Wed 9/30/2026 4:50 pm PDT

📋 Public Works Foreman - Custodial Maintenance (Deadline: Oct. 12)
⚡ Sewer Pump Station Electrician (Deadline: Oct...




Impressions 37

Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 10/1/2026 9:11 am PDT

**The U.S. National Weather Service has declared an Extreme Heat Watch beginning on Friday, October 2 and continuing until Wednesday, October 7. 🌡️...**




Views —

gardengrovecityhall
Thu 10/1/2026 9:10 am PDT

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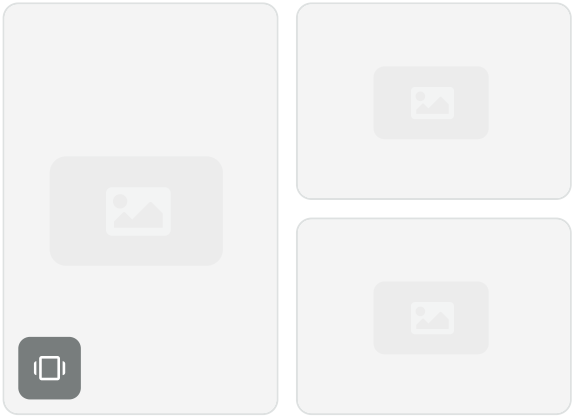



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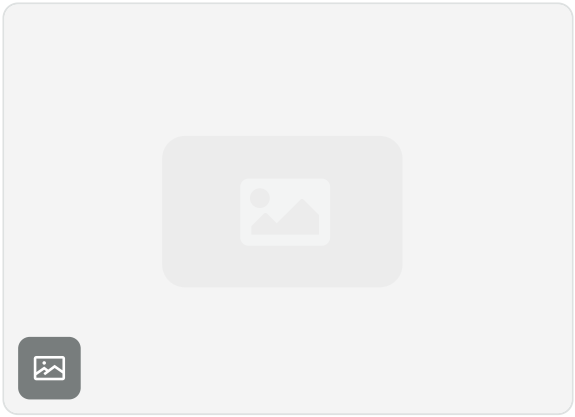


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Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 9/30/2026 6:00 pm PDT

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Views —



# Post Performance

September 24, 2026 – October 1, 2026

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

## Included in this Report

Garden Grove Police Department

**Garden Grove Police Department**
Tue 9/29/2026 8:10 pm PDT

SUBJECT: Fatal Traffic Collision
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 10900 Block of Chapman Avenue, City of Garden Grove...




| | |
|---|---|
| **Engagements** | **1,494** |
| Views | 23,244 |
| Average Reach per Post | 12,933 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 6.4% |

**Garden Grove Police Department**
Mon 9/28/2026 1:24 pm PDT

Join members of the Garden Grove Police Department for coffee, conversation, and a chance to get to know the people behind the badge....




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|---|---|
| **Engagements** | **112** |
| Views | 6,405 |
| Average Reach per Post | 4,640 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.7% |

**Garden Grove Police Department**
Sat 9/26/2026 9:03 am PDT

SUBJECT: Fatal Traffic Collision
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 12800 Block of Knott St, City of Garden Grove...




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|---|---|
| **Engagements** | **1,571** |
| Views | 22,894 |
| Average Reach per Post | 12,776 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 6.9% |

**Garden Grove Police Department**

Fri 9/25/2026 8:56 am PDT

It's National Forensic Science Week! 🕵️

Behind every piece of evidence is science, skill,...




| | |
|---|---|
| **Engagements** | **69** |
| Views | 4,855 |
| Average Reach per Post | 3,607 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.4% |



# Post Performance

October 1, 2026 – October 8, 2026

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

## Included in this Report

@CityGardenGrove

Garden Grove City Hall

gardengrovecityhall

Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 10/1/2026 9:11 am PDT

**The U.S. National Weather Service has declared an Extreme Heat Watch beginning on Friday, October 2 and continuing until Wednesday, October 7. 🌡️...**




Views 14,431

gardengrovecityhall
With @gardengroveparksandrec
Thu 10/1/2026 9:10 am PDT

**The U.S. National Weather Service has declared an Extreme Heat Warning beginning on Friday, October 2 and continuing until Wednesday,...**










Views 11,048

gardengrovecityhall
Tue 10/6/2026 10:30 am PDT

**JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE TICKETS NOW ON SALE ‼️**

**...**








Views 6,101

gardengrovecityhall
Mon 10/5/2026 4:31 pm PDT

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




Views 5,649

gardengrovecityhall
Mon 10/5/2026 9:18 am PDT

The Cooling Center has been extended through Thursday, October 8.❄️

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Views 5,339

Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 10/6/2026 10:15 am PDT

**JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE TICKETS NOW ON SALE ‼️**

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Views 4,686

**Garden Grove City Hall**
Tue 10/6/2026 6:16 pm PDT

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Foods of Garden Grove Live! 🍴😋
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**Views** 3,434

**Garden Grove City Hall**
Mon 10/5/2026 4:31 pm PDT

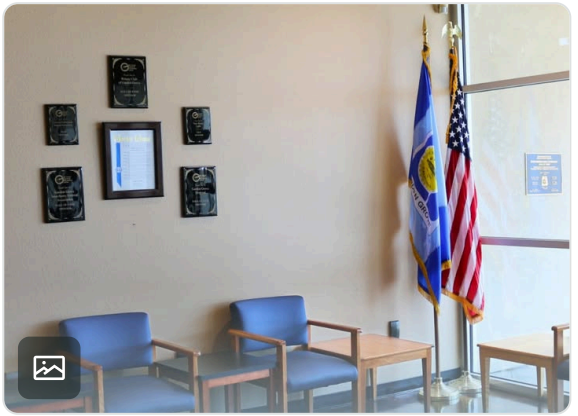
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**Views** 2,869

**Garden Grove City Hall**
Mon 10/5/2026 9:17 am PDT

The Cooling Center has been extended through Thursday, October 8.❄️
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**Views** 2,426

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Tue 10/6/2026 6:16 pm PDT

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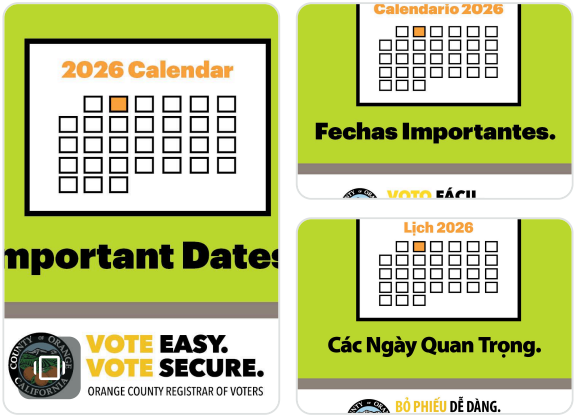


Views 1,412

gardengrovecityhall

Tue 10/6/2026 4:08 pm PDT

🗳️ The 2026 General Election is officially underway, and ballots are now being accepted! Have you made your voting plan, **#GardenGrov**...




Views 1,080

gardengrovecityhall

Thu 10/1/2026 3:40 pm PDT




Views 940

gardengrovecityhall
Mon 10/5/2026 12:26 pm PDT




Views 719

gardengrovecityhall
Tue 10/6/2026 10:19 am PDT




Views 703

gardengrovecityhall
Tue 10/6/2026 10:20 am PDT




Views 621

gardengrovecityhall
Mon 10/5/2026 12:26 pm PDT




Views 599

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Tue 10/6/2026 10:40 am PDT

🎃 JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!! 🚨



Views 596

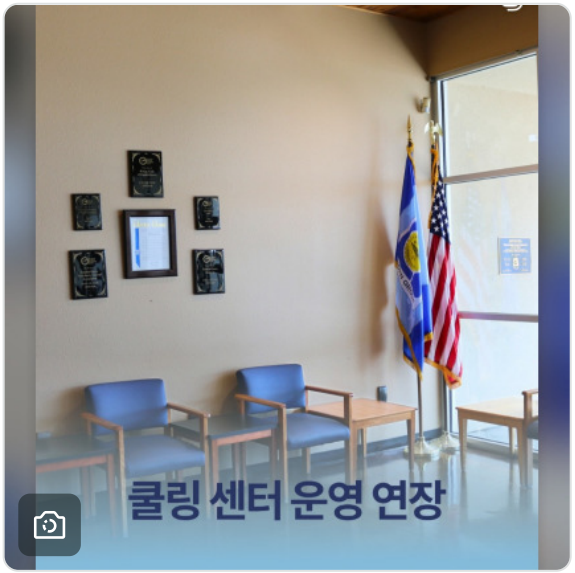
Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 10/6/2026 4:08 pm PDT

🗓️ The 2026 General Election is officially underway, and ballots are now being accepted! Have you made your voting plan, **#GardenGrov**...




Views 564

gardengrovecityhall
Mon 10/5/2026 12:26 pm PDT




Views 559

gardengrovecityhall
Mon 10/5/2026 12:26 pm PDT




Views 550

@CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/5/2026 9:18 am PDT

The Cooling Center has been extended through 10/08/2026

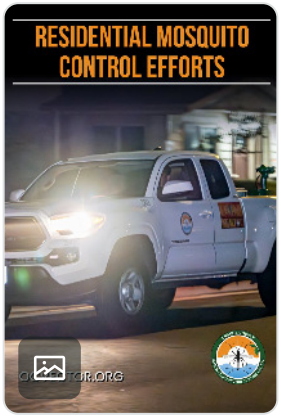
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Impressions 310

@CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/5/2026 4:31 pm PDT

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





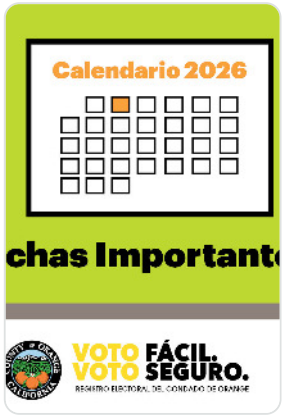


Impressions 196

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/6/2026 4:08 pm PDT

The 2026 General Election is officially underway, and ballots are now being accepted! Have you made your voting plan, #GardenGrov...




Impressions 172

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/6/2026 10:15 am PDT

JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE TICKETS NOW ON SALE ‼️

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Impressions 152

@CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/5/2026 9:21 am PDT

Trung tâm tránh nóng kéo dài thời gian hoạt động đến hết Thứ Năm, ngày 8 Tháng Mười ❄️

🕛 11:00 sáng – 5:00 chiều
📍 Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center
13641 Deodara Dr.

ℹ️ Để biết thêm thông tin, vui lòng truy cập https://t.co/ELU7vKpsDK

Impressions 82

@CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/5/2026 9:19 am PDT

El centro de refrescamiento permanecerá abierto hasta el Jueves 8 de Octubre. ❄️

📍 Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, 13641 Deodara Dr.
🕛 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

ℹ️ Para más información, visita https://t.co/ELU7vKpsDK

Impressions 65

@CityGardenGrove
Mon 10/5/2026 9:20 am PDT

쿨링 센터 운영이 10월 8일 목요일까지 연장되었습니다 ❄️

🕛 오전 11:00 – 오후 5:00
📍 가든그로브 스포츠 및 레크리에이션 센터, 13641 Deodara Dr.

ℹ️ 자세한 내용은 https://t.co/ELU7vKpsDK

또는 프로필의 링크를 확인해 주세요.

Impressions 60

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/6/2026 4:08 pm PDT

10/19: Last day to register to vote
10/24: Select Vote Centers open from 10AM - 6PM
10/31 through 11/2: ALL Vote Centers open from...




Impressions 51

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/6/2026 10:15 am PDT

**Tickets are now on sale, until quantities run out**! To purchase tickets, visit https://t.co/yrYlYZGhfn or buy in person at Garden Grove City Hall, 📍 1122...



Impressions 44

@CityGardenGrove
Tue 10/6/2026 10:15 am PDT

Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume and ***sink your fangs*** into carnival games, inflatable obstacle courses, a pumpkin patch, Trick-or-Treat...



Impressions 40

@CityGardenGrove

Tue 10/6/2026 10:15 am PDT

📅 Saturday, October 24 | 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

📍 Atlantis Play Center | 13630 Atlantis Way

ℹ️ Learn more at **https://t.co/mpNddTIuUZ**...




| Impressions | 36 |
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# Post Performance

October 1, 2026 – October 8, 2026

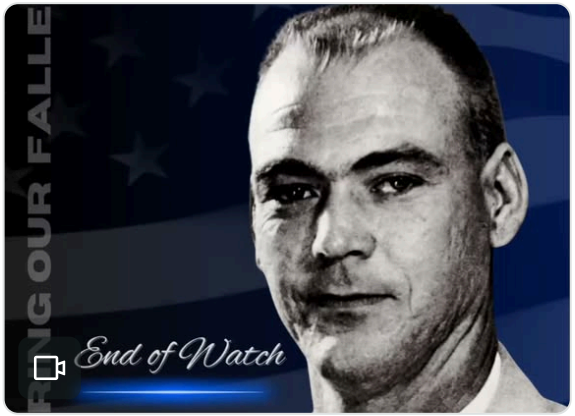
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## Included in this Report

Garden Grove Police Department

**Garden Grove Police Department**
Tue 10/6/2026 9:07 am PDT

In Memory of Sergeant Myron L. Trapp. End of Watch, October 6, 1959.
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| Engagements | 102 |
|---|---|
| Views | 1,189 |
| Average Reach per Post | 982 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 8.6% |
| Video Views | 453 |

**Garden Grove Police Department**
Mon 10/5/2026 3:08 pm PDT

Join the Garden Grove Police Department for a FREE craft event at Woodbury Park! Bring the family and enjoy an afternoon of crafts, communit...




| Engagements | 114 |
|---|---|
| Views | 5,585 |
| Average Reach per Post | 4,074 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 2% |

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**
**October 8, 2026**

1. Calendar of Events

2. Agenda for the October 15, 2026 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.

3. Notice of Cancellation of the October 1, 2026 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.

4. League of California Cities articles from September 23, 2026 to October 8, 2026

GARDEN GROVE

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 8, 2026 – November 7, 2026

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|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday | October 8 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC<br>****Cancelled**** |
| Thursday | October 8 | 6:00 p.m. | Parks Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC |
| Tuesday | October 13 | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC<br>Successor Agency Meeting, CMC<br>City Council Meeting, CMC |
| Thursday | October 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC |
| Friday | October 16 | | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure |
| Thursday | October 22 | | $2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day |
| Thursday | October 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC |
| Saturday | October 24 | 1:00 p.m. | Jack O' Lantern Jamboree 2026, 13630 Atlantis Way |
| Tuesday | October 27 | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC<br>Housing Authority Meeting, CMC<br>Sanitary District Meeting, CMC<br>Successor Agency Meeting, CMC<br>City Council Meeting, CMC<br>** ***Cancelled***** |
| Thursday | October 29 | 11:30 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m. | Halloween Luncheon, CMC |
| Friday | October 30 | | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure |
| Thursday | November 5 | | $2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day |
| Thursday | November 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC |
| Saturday | November 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Community Cleanup Day, Public Works, 13802 Newhope Street |

# AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

OCTOBER 15, 2026 – 7:00 pm

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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**Meeting Assistance:** Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Community Development Department at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 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 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 – September 3, 2026

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

C.1 SITE PLAN NO. SP-178-2026
TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2025-119

APPLICANT: THINH NGUYEN
LOCATION: 11861 LOARA STREET

REQUEST: A request to subdivide an existing property, and construct three (3) new single-family residences on the resulting parcels. The specific land use entitlement approvals requested include a Site Plan for the construction of three (3) single-family residences and associated site improvements, and a Tentative Parcel Map to subdivide the existing 36,155 square-foot property into three (3) parcels, and a private road. Also, a front yard determination request to designate the private street frontage of Lot 3 as the front yard and Loara Street frontage as the street side yard. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Resolution approving Site Plan No. SP-178-2026 and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2025-119 pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.2 SITE PLAN NO. SP-120-2023 (TE1)
VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2021-2026 (TE1)

APPLICANT: INVESTEL GARDEN RESORTS, LLC
LOCATION: 12233, 12235, 12337, 12239 CHOISSER ROAD

REQUEST: A request to approve a one-year time extension for the approved entitlements under Site Plan No. SP-120-2023 and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2021-206, to consolidate four (4) existing parcels into a single 28,793 square-foot (0.66 acre) parcel, and to construct a six-story, 53 unit, residential apartment complex. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determination is not required as the project was previously exempted.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of a one-year time extension for Site Plan No. SP-120-2023 (TE1) and Vesting Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2021-2026 (TE1).

D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

E. MATTERS FROM STAFF

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Beard.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

August 20, 2026 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Laricchia

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| Ayes: | (4) | Ashland, Beard, Laricchia, Ramirez |
| Noes: | (0) | |
| Absent: | (3) | Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay |
| Abstain: | (0) | |

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION – ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION NO. IFC-004-2026

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
Date: September 3, 2026

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

Action: Resolution No. 6151-26 was approved.

Motion: Ramirez Second: Beard

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| Ayes: | (3) | Beard, Laricchia, Ramirez |
| Noes: | (1) | Ashland |
| Absent: | (3) | Cueva, Flanders, Lindsay |

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Beard thanked Commissioner Ashland for his experience and perspective on matters.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Interim Director David Dent presented a project update to the Commission. Staff gave a brief description of the September 17th meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:09 p.m.

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Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE

# NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

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# GARDEN GROVE

# ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

# REGULAR MEETING

# OCTOBER 8, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: October 1, 2026

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

# Former Cal Cities President Jim Madaffer honored with the prestigious League of California Cities Lifetime Achievement Award

*Sep 23, 2026*

**Contact:** Karina Rodriguez, (916) 658-8223, krodriguez@calcities.org

**Anaheim** — The League of California Cities Past Presidents Council today announced former Cal Cities President Jim Madaffer as the recipient of the 2026 Past Presidents' Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I am deeply honored to receive this recognition from an organization that has played such an important role in my public service journey," said Jim Madaffer. "Throughout my career I've always believed that strong cities are the foundation of a strong state. This award reflects the work of countless local leaders, colleagues, and community members who have shared that commitment to improving the lives of the people we serve."

Madaffer's commitment to public service spans more than four decades. A successful entrepreneur who launched his first manufacturing business at age 20, he began his public service career in the mid-1980s and went on to serve two terms on the **San Diego City Council**, including as Council President Pro Tem. During his tenure, he helped advance major community investments, including Petco Park, transportation improvements, expanded library services, the renovation of Torrey Pines Golf Course, and the preservation of Mission Trails Regional Park.

His leadership extended beyond San Diego through service as chair of the San Diego Association of Governments Transportation Committee and as a member of the California Transportation Commission, where he led the Road Charge Task Force focused on the future of transportation funding. He also served eight years on the Cal Cities Board of Directors and as Cal Cities president from 2007–08, helping strengthen the organization's role as the unified voice for cities statewide.

"Jim's career is defined by a remarkable commitment to public service and a deep belief in the power of local government," said League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "From city halls and regional agencies to statewide leadership roles, he has consistently brought people together to solve challenges and build stronger communities. His contributions have left a lasting mark on California cities and the residents they serve."

Following his time in elected office, Madaffer founded Madaffer Enterprises, Inc., a public policy and government affairs firm that advises municipalities, public agencies, and private-sector clients throughout California. He continues his public service today through leadership roles focused on transportation, water policy, and regional

infrastructure, including service on the Colorado River Board of California and the Wynola Water District, as well as his work as a member of the California Transportation Commission's Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee.

The Cal Cities Past Presidents' Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 1996 and is given annually.

*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. Cal Cities' mission is to expand and protect local control for cities through education and advocacy to enhance the quality of life for all Californians.*

# Cal Cities and local government groups respond to Gov. Newsom's veto of AB 1383

*Sep 21, 2026*

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**Sacramento, CA —** On Sunday, Gov. Newsom vetoed AB 1383 (McKinnor), which would have upended some of the critical reforms put in place in 2013 by the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) and undermined core principles of that law.

The following statement can be attributed to the California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities, California Special Districts Association, Rural County Representatives of California and Urban Counties of California:

*At a time of severe fiscal uncertainty and growing demand for services, it is more important than ever for state leaders to help control costs.*
*The pension reforms established just over a decade ago through PEPRA have been instrumental in stabilizing budgets for local agencies: cities, counties, schools, and special districts. This bill would have undone some of those vital reforms, adding billions in new costs and liabilities statewide over the next few decades.*
*We appreciate Governor Newsom for vetoing the bill.*

**Background/Context:**

- Governor's veto statement
- Coalition AB 1383 veto request letter
- CalPERS cost analysis of AB 1383

# Mayors and frontline workers rally to oppose Prop. 43

*Oct 7, 2026*

*By Kristine Guerrero, senior director of public affairs, and Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie and Oakland Mayor Barbara Lee today spoke at a rally in opposition to Proposition 43. The November statewide ballot measure requires all local special taxes to receive two-thirds voter approval — not just those proposed by local governments. This could limit voters' ability to raise revenues for local government services.

"Prop. 43 undermines democracy by upending majority rule, making it harder for communities across California to support first responders, parks, libraries, and affordable housing," said Lurie.

Cal Cities opposes Prop. 43, along with the California State Association of Counties, California Special Districts Association, Association of California Water Agencies, and the California Park and Recreation Society.

"Oakland voters know what local measures can do," Lee said. "They have helped us build affordable homes, fund our firefighters, and move our unhoused neighbors into housing."

Lurie and Lee were joined by over 100 other elected officials, as well as local firefighters, nurses, labor, and affordable housing leaders. "Firefighters are sounding the alarm about the dangers of Prop 43 because voters' ability to fund life-saving local emergency services is on the line," said Darrell Roberts, president of California Professional Firefighters.

The group said the proposed constitutional amendment could make it harder for communities to fund local priorities. "Bay Area communities want to see more affordable housing for working people, seniors, and veterans," said Amie Fishman, executive director of the Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern California.

A recent survey by the Public Policy Institute of California found that just 43% of likely voters would vote yes on the measure. The ballot measure's author also opposes it.

Business groups and anti-tax advocates have tried to place some version of Prop. 43 on the ballot for nearly a decade. They finally succeeded this year, after striking a last-minute deal that removed a different version of the measure and a separate constitutional amendment dealing with voter thresholds from the ballot.

For information about Prop. 43, contact your regional public affairs manager.

# Cities scored big legislative wins this year

*Oct 7, 2026*

*By Cal Cities Staff*

Cal Cities notched some major wins in the final days of the session, when state leaders blocked key pension and wildfire liability bills, as well as a notable local revenue diversion. However, many of those same fights will resurface next year under a new set of lawmakers and, of course, a new governor.

That said, the end of session did include some much more durable wins for cities. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed six of Cal Cities' seven remaining sponsored measures. Among other things, these bills will improve the housing element process, protect local revenues, and reduce the illicit use of nitrous oxide. Cal Cities also helped get a package of e-bike safety bills across the finish line and secured a key Brown Act modification.

As always — but especially this year — member advocacy was key to Cal Cities' success. To learn which of the hundreds of new laws that take effect soon are the most important for cities, keep reading.

*- Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

## Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

Gov. Gavin Newsom delivered several significant wins for cities, particularly on pension reform, artificial intelligence, public records, and Brown Act implementation. But by far the biggest win was his veto of AB 1383 (McKinnor), a measure that would have rolled back key provisions of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act.

Cal Cities organized a fierce, member-informed opposition campaign to AB 1383 with other local government groups, warning it could increase pension costs for cities and taxpayers. In his veto message, Newsom echoed many of those concerns, stating that the bill would significantly increase state and local government costs and risk undoing reforms enacted to address fiscal challenges. By rejecting the measure, the Governor preserved reforms that have helped local governments manage retirement liabilities while protecting municipal budgets.

The Governor also vetoed AB 2656 (Petrie-Norris), a proposal that would have required local agencies to provide unions with advance notice before developing, purchasing, or implementing certain generative AI technologies. Cal Cities and a broad coalition argued the bill would create unnecessary procedural hurdles and slow local agencies' ability to evaluate tools that could improve efficiency and service delivery.

The Governor also signed two Cal Cities-supported measures aimed at addressing implementation challenges while preserving public access to government. AB 1821 (Pacheco), co-sponsored by Cal Cities, changes Public Records Act response timelines from calendar days to business days. This common-sense clarification will help cities conduct thorough searches as requests grow in volume and complexity. SB 1187 (Durazo) removes new agenda translation and language access requirements for public meetings that proved costly and difficult for many local agencies to administer. The changes provide cities with greater flexibility while preserving their ability to offer those same services.

The debates surrounding pension reform, AI in the workplace, public records administration, and Brown Act implementation are far from settled. These issues will likely remain active topics in the Legislature next year.

*- Johnnie Piña, legislative advocate*

## Environmental Quality

Assembly leadership took a high-profile wildfire liability compromise bill, SB 492 (Becker), off the table after utilities, builders, and electrical workers argued it didn't fully address the financial liability risks that utilities face when their equipment causes wildfires. In a major win for cities — and thanks to strong member advocacy — SB 492 did not include any limits on public agency recovery. Cal Cities mobilized over 200 local government and public sector stakeholders to oppose the original proposal, which sought to dramatically limit how much money cities can recover from utility companies that cause wildfires.

Unfortunately, all signs point to this issue being a key priority for the Legislature next year. Assembly leadership pledged to hold hearings on the topic this fall, which have yet to be scheduled. Gov. Gavin Newsom, the proposal's original architect, said he believes this should be a priority for the next Governor, but also that he is "here until January" — raising the specter of a fall special session.

Two key wildfire bills Cal Cities supported were signed by the Governor. AB 1642 (Harabedian) creates science-based standards for wildfire clean-up and re-occupancy at sites contaminated with lead, asbestos, and other hazardous chemicals. SB 1370 (Stern) streamlines the environmental state permitting review and CEQA process for wildfire vegetation management projects, which cities can use to expedite fuel reduction and wildfire prevention projects.

Other priority bills include:

- AB 1577 (Bauer-Kahan): Data centers: reporting
  Cal Cities Request: Sign (Status: Signed)
- AB 1761 (Rogers) Electricity: calculation methodology: data disclosure
  Cal Cities Request: Sign (Status: Vetoed)
- AB 762 (Irwin) Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition
  Cal Cities Request: Sign (Status: Signed)
- AB 1881 (Ramos): California Indian Freedom Act of 2026
  Cal Cities Request: Veto (Status: Vetoed)
- AB 2218 (Kalra): Water policy: California Native American tribes
  Cal Cities Request: Veto (Status: Vetoed)
- AB 2469 (Papan): Data centers: water use disclosures
  Cal Cities Request: Veto (Status: Signed)
- AB 2667 (Hadwick) Vape products: household hazardous waste: advertising
  Cal Cities Request: Sign (Status: Signed)
- AB 2739 (Soria) Water: affordability and system stabilization
  Cal Cities Request: Sign (Status: Vetoed)

*- Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative advocate*

## Housing, Community, and Economic Development

As anticipated, the Governor signed almost every housing bill that made it to his desk, continuing the trend of making housing a key focus of his administration. This includes AB 2296 (Papan), a two-year effort by Cal Cities to improve the housing element review process.

The new law requires regional planning entities or councils of government (COGs) to provide local jurisdictions with their final Regional Housing Needs Allocation six months earlier than existing law. The measure gives cities an extra six months to complete their housing elements and get them approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Due to implementation issues and at the request of several COGs, cities with a housing element deadline in the 2027, 2028, and 2029 calendar years will not qualify for the extra time until the next housing cycle.

Gov. Newsom also signed AB 1751 (Quirk-Silva), which requires cities to automatically approve townhome development projects that are less than three stories tall in multifamily residential zones and vacant single-family lots. A townhome project could qualify even if the site is planned

for higher density in a city's certified housing element, forcing cities to find new housing sites to maintain compliance with state housing element law. Cal Cities opposed the measure.
Finally, the Governor signed SB 1117 (Cervantes), a measure that dramatically limits the impact fees cities can collect for up to two accessory dwelling units larger than 750 square feet on a residential lot. Cal Cities opposed the bill, as this change will frequently reduce local government funding for infrastructure and public services that support livable, equitable, and thriving communities.
Other priority bills include:

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

*- Brady Guertin, legislative advocate*

**Transportation, Communications, and Public Works**

Cal Cities' member-informed advocacy helped advance a package of e-bike bills in a year dominated by concerns over unsafe behavior and deceptive marketing. Four Cal Cities-supported measures — SB 1167 (Blakespear), AB 2346 (Wilson), AB 1569 (Davies), and AB 1614 (Dixon) — were signed into law. Together, the measures strengthen e-bike labeling and advertising requirements, clarify classifications, improve consumer disclosures, and help ensure higher-powered vehicles are appropriately regulated. The package reflects Cal Cities' work to translate city priorities and experience into meaningful statewide reform.
In the final days of session, Cal Cities mobilized support for SB 795 (Archuleta). The bill removes a key barrier to making E15 gasoline, a lower-cost ethanol blend, available in California. This could lower costs for municipal fleets, including public works vehicles and equipment. Cal Cities' late-session advocacy helped advance the measure to the Governor, who signed it into law.
Cal Cities successfully blocked Gov. Newsom's proposal to create a Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) tax credit of up to $300 million annually. The proposal, which the administration has pushed since last fall, would have redirected revenues intended for local transportation projects to subsidize SAF production despite uncertain climate benefits. Its exclusion protects critical funding for local streets, roads, and other transportation infrastructure.
Other signed priority bills include:

- SB 222 (Wiener): Permitting HVAC & Water Heaters
  Cal Cities Position: Veto (Status: Signed)
- SB 342 (Umberg): Contractors Licenses
  Cal Cities Position: Veto (Status: Signed)
- SB 935 (Choi): DB Delivery Methods
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)
- SB 1246 (Cortese): Autonomous Vehicles
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)
- AB 1198 (Haney): Public Works Wages
  Cal Cities Position: Veto (Status: Signed)
- AB 1786 (Harabedian): Best Value contracts
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)

*- Damon Conklin, legislative advocate*

**Public Safety**

The Governor signed two public safety measures co-sponsored by Cal Cities. AB 1941 (González, M) adds new penalties for organized metal theft; SB 758 (Umberg) prohibits the sale

of nitrous oxide or laughing gas by smoke shops and convenience stores. The two measures address significant public safety issues raised by Cal Cities members.
Gov. Newsom also signed most of the major wildfire mitigation and fire insurance measures supported by Cal Cities. This includes AB 1934 (Bennett), which establishes a certification program for home hardening, and SB 1301 (Allen), which requires insurance companies to provide notice 90 days prior to cancellation.
Other priority bills include:

- AB 1588 (Stefani) Vehicles: Sideshow Accountability and Community Safety Act
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)
- AB 2076 (Lowenthal) The Parent's Accountability and Child Protection Act: online marketplaces: nitrous oxide
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)
- AB 2724 (Bauer-Kahan) Insurance: distressed areas
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)
- SB 747 (Wiener) Civil rights: deprivation of federal constitutional rights, privileges, and immunities
  Cal Cities Position: Veto (Status: Signed)
- SB 877 (Pérez) Residential property insurance: loss estimate transparency
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Vetoed)
- SB 936 (Blakespear) Nitrous Oxide: sales
  Cal Cities Position: Sign (Status: Signed)

*- Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate*

**Community Services**

Cal Cities spent much of the early part of this year advocating for homelessness funding, which resulted in $900 million for the state's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant program. Cal Cities also sponsored AB 1708 (Solache) to expand access to state homelessness funding for small and mid-sized cities, and opposed SB 866 (Blakespear), which sought to impose extensive new homelessness reporting requirements in city housing elements. Both bills were ultimately held in appropriations.
However, the Cal Cities-sponsored SB 329 (Blakespear) did make it to the Governor's desk. The measure establishes clear timelines for the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to assign and complete investigations into complaints regarding licensed alcohol and drug treatment facilities and requires annual public reporting on investigation timelines and outcomes. SB 329 takes effect on Jan. 1, 2027.
"I thank the Governor for signing SB 329, which ensures the state will investigate complaints about sober living homes methodically and expeditiously," said Sen. Blakespear in a recent press release. "Prompt investigations of alcohol and drug treatment facilities is essential to safeguard the health and safety of patients and surrounding communities."
Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed Cal Cities' other sponsored recovery housing bill, SB 490 (Umberg). This measure would have strengthened state enforcement of unlicensed sober living homes by establishing investigation timelines, requiring follow-up site visits, and allowing counties to partner with DHCS to respond to violations.
This was the third time Cal Cities has sponsored a bill with Sen. Umberg that allows the state to leverage local capacity to respond swiftly to violations, and the first time the legislation has made it all the way to the Governor. During the legislative process, DHCS requested amendments that would have removed key components of the proposal. Cal Cities ultimately decided not to accept the changes, which is likely why the measure was vetoed.

The Governor also signed a key homelessness prevention bill supported by Cal Cities. AB 1924 (Gabriel) directs the state to develop California's first comprehensive homelessness prevention strategy, including model best practices for local agencies. This represents a policy shift from responding to homelessness to preventing it in the first place.
Other priority bills include:

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

*- Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate*

### Revenue and Taxation

The Governor signed all four of Cal Cities' remaining priority revenue and taxation bills, most notably SB 922 (Laird). Sponsored by Cal Cities, the measure clarifies that cities can continue to recoup, via public service fees, the damage caused to roads by certain heavy-hauling vehicles, such as garbage and waste trucks, when providing those public services.
AB 2640 (Hadwick) will prevent the state from clawing back reimbursement funds from a city while still owing that same city money for other state-mandated costs. This common-sense fix will protect local budgets and give cities more flexibility over how state reimbursement disputes are resolved.
Newsom also approved SB 1005 (Caballero), a measure that provides guidance for local agencies impacted by the end of penny production, and SB 1172 (Hurtado), which places guardrails around consultant compensation in tax-sharing agreements.
*- Ben Triffo, legislative advocate*

### Next steps

Barring an unlikely but still probable special session on wildfire liability, lawmakers are effectively on break for the rest of the year. To learn more about which bills your city needs to prepare for, keep an eye out for Cal Cities' 2026 Legislative Report — which looks at every new bill that will impact cities — as well as Cal Cities' new law briefing, tentatively scheduled for early December.

# Cal Cities seeking proposals for marquee advocacy event, City Leaders Summit

*Oct 7, 2026*

*By Cal Cities Education Staff*
Cal Cities is accepting proposals for the City Leaders Summit. Taking place April 21-23 in Sacramento, the summit allows city officials to influence state policy decisions and gain top-notch leadership skills.
During the event, city leaders will spend a full day meeting with legislators to discuss the most pressing issues facing their cities. The summit also includes two days of in-depth educational sessions on local solutions to statewide problems.

Cal Cities is looking for thorough, thoughtful, and complete proposals that tell how your session can help elected city officials improve their communities, leadership abilities, and policy knowledge. Submissions from any individual, group, business, or organization on any topic are welcome.

The summit offers panel discussions, speed sessions, facilitated discussions, and opportunities for keynote speakers. Sessions may not include sales, commercialism, or product promotion of any kind. Proposals must be submitted online through the session proposal form by Monday, Nov. 9.
Members have indicated an interest in a range of topics, including:

- Artificial intelligence
- Media training and communication with constituents
- The impacts of federal regulations on local operations
- Housing element issues and housing development barriers
- The state budget
- Dealing with controversial projects
- Workforce development
- Other emerging issues and cutting-edge solutions for the top challenges facing cities.

Member-driven and member-led programming is a cornerstone of Cal Cities' educational activities. More than 95% of all programming comes directly from Cal Cities' open calls for proposals. For more information, contact Event Program Manager Kayla Boutros.

# City manager award nominations due Nov. 20

*Oct 7, 2026*

*By Melissa Tualla, member services associate*

The Cal Cities City Managers Department is accepting nominations for three awards until Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. The awards will be presented at the 2027 City Managers Conference.

The John H. Nail Award recognizes one outstanding municipal assistant (regardless of position title) and one city manager who contributed significantly to their city government and the advancement of their community during the previous 12 months.

The Wes McClure Award of Distinction honors one city manager's outstanding service, leadership, ethics, expertise, and innovation. Nominations for this award must be submitted by one of Cal Cities' city manager area groups.

The Award for the Advancement of Diverse Communities recognizes a city manager or assistant city manager's successful efforts to advance diversity within their community and workplace by developing and implementing effective programs, policies, and/or practices. Nominations for this award may be submitted by elected or appointed city officials.

Scholarship opportunities for graduate students who want to attend the 2027 City Managers conference are also available. Scholarship applications are due Friday, Nov. 20.