

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 9, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Matt West
Assistant City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo is attached to report on the National Award of Merit recognition for the Garden Grove Housing Authority at the NAHRO Community Innovation Awards.

B. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

An affidavit of publication is attached for items to be heard at the October 23, 2025 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.

• **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.



Matt West
Assistant City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	National Award of Merit Recognition at the NAHRO Community Innovation Awards	Date:	October 9, 2025

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to report on the National Award of Merit recognition for the Garden Grove Housing Authority at the NAHRO Community Innovation Awards.

BACKGROUND

The Garden Grove Housing Authority was recognized as an award recipient for the Family Self-Sufficiency program at the 2025 Community Innovation Awards, presented by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

DISCUSSION

With more than 200 applications submitted from across the country, the program's selection places it among a distinguished group of agencies recognized for innovation, measurable outcomes, and replicable practices in addressing housing and community development needs.

As part of this honor, staff attended the 2025 NAHRO National Conference & Exhibition in Phoenix, Arizona, to formally accept the National Award of Merit. The national conference convenes housing and community development professionals from across the country and provides a platform for agencies to highlight their initiatives, share and review emerging trends and policy updates affecting the field.

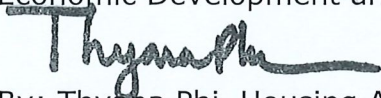


CONCLUSION

This recognition affirms the Garden Grove Housing Authority's efforts in developing effective solutions that strengthen local services, serving as models for other communities nationwide.



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



By: Thyana Phi, Housing Authority Manager

AFFP

157257 CUP-282 -Sebbo

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF ORANGE } SS

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

October 08, 2025

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

SIGNED:



Orange County News

Subscribed to and sworn by me this 8th day of October 2025.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COURTYARD CENTER, 12732 MAIN STREET, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE * INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION(S) DESCRIBED BELOW:

• THURSDAY, 9:00 A.M., OCTOBER 23, 2025

The City of Garden Grove Zoning Administrator will hold a Public Hearing in the Courtyard Center, to consider the request listed below. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-282-2025

A request to allow an existing movie theater to operate with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale Beer and Wine-Eating Place) License. The site is at 12111 Valley View Street in the Planned Unit Development No. PUD-104-73 (Revised 2018/Revised 2021) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-284-2025

A request to allow an existing convenience store to operate with a new State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "21" (Off-Sale, General) License. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-179-93, which previously allowed the operation of a restaurant with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is at 11911 Euclid Street in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on October 23, 2025 If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Zoning Administrator at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741 5312.

DATE: October 2, 2025
PUBLISH: October 8, 2025
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P.O. BOX 3070
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

WEEKLY MEMO 10-09-2025

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

October 2, 2025 - October 8, 2025

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

Included in this Report

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Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/8/2025 4:40 pm PDT

 Are you looking for an opportunity to jump-start your career in **#GardenGrove?** There are current openings across various...

FULL-TIME

Associate Planner:
Application Deadline: October 9
Clerical Series:
Application Deadline: October 13
Administrative Aide:
Application Deadline: October 16
Senior Engineering Technician/ Engineering Technician:
Application Deadline: October 27

APPLY AT [GGCITY.ORG/JOBS](https://ggcity.org/jobs)



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22,026





Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 10/6/2025 5:33 pm PDT

 Get ready for a fang-tastic time at  '       ! Enjoy a gourd time with eerie-sistible activities like train rides...

Jack O'Lantern Jamboree | City of ...



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER

TICKET SALES BEGIN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
NO TICKET SALES AT DOOR.



[GGCITY.ORG/JOJ](https://ggcity.org/joj)

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Mon 10/6/2025 12:01 pm PDT

 Recently, the Garden Grove City Council celebrated the groundbreaking of Brandywine Homes' newest residential...



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Wed 10/8/2025 4:40 pm PDT

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Mon 10/6/2025 5:33 pm PDT

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Thu 10/2/2025 4:43 pm PDT

[UPDATE - 10/2/25] **#GGAlert** Repairs are ongoing at Lampson Ave & Knott St. Final work is scheduled for tomorrow morning,...



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Mon 10/6/2025 2:50 pm PDT

🎲 🐕 Feeling lucky, **#GardenGrove?**

Join us for a casino night this Saturday,...



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Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 10/7/2025 5:52 pm PDT

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



Reach

1,462



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 10/6/2025 9:00 am PDT

!?! **#DYK** you could be eligible for up to \$3,000 to help protect your home from earthquake damage....



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1,103



Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 10/2/2025 3:51 pm PDT

🚒 Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., stop by OCFA's Fire Station Open Houses. Meet yo...



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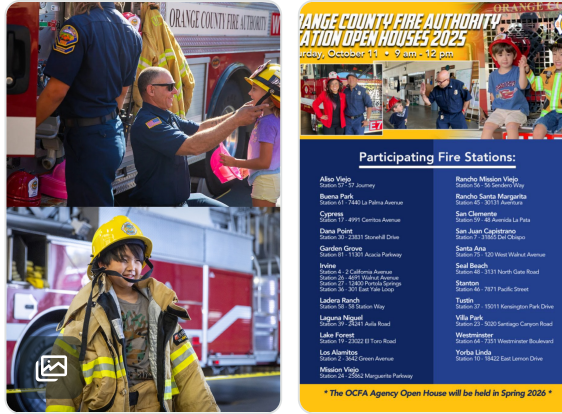
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Thu 10/2/2025 3:51 pm PDT

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Thu 10/2/2025 4:16 pm PDT

[UPDATE - 10/2/25] #GGAlert Repairs are ongoing at Lampson Ave & Knott St. Final work is scheduled for tomorrow morning,...



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Mon 10/6/2025 3:17 pm PDT





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**Garden Grove City Hall**
Mon 10/6/2025 8:25 am PDT





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**gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 10/2/2025 4:05 pm PDT

 Unlock your future at Homebuyer Day this Saturday, October 4!





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Tue 10/7/2025 5:52 pm PDT

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Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/8/2025 12:14 pm PDT



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Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 10/6/2025 2:50 pm PDT


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N/A





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Wed 10/8/2025 4:40 pm PDT



 Check out all available positions and apply today at ggcity.org/jobs.

#GG1956 #nowhiring

#jobopportunity #jobopening

#jobsearch #governmentjobs



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N/A





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Tue 10/7/2025 5:59 pm PDT



bit.ly/NeighborhoodMo...



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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 10/7/2025 5:59 pm PDT



Thời gian dự kiến từ Thứ Tư, ngày 8 tháng Mười đến Thứ Sáu, ngày 10 tháng Mười, trong khoảng từ nửa đêm đến 5:00 giờ sáng.

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



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@CityGardenGrove

Tue 10/7/2025 5:58 pm PDT

gây ra như West Nile virus.

Việc phun thuốc sẽ được thực hiện trong vài khu vực giới hạn trên đường Chapman Avenue, Haster Street, Westminster Avenue, Cypress Street và Dale Street.



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N/A





@CityGardenGrove

Tue 10/7/2025 5:58 pm PDT


Trung Tâm Kiểm Soát Muỗi và Côn Trùng Quận Cam sẽ tiến hành phun thuốc diệt muỗi thể tích siêu thấp (Ultra-Low Volume - ULV) tại một số khu vực thuộc Garden Grove và Anaheim nhằm giúp giảm lượng muỗi sinh sản và ngăn ngừa các bệnh truyền nhiễm do muỗi



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Tue 10/7/2025 5:58 pm PDT


The OCMVD will be conducting Ultra-Low Volume treatments in areas of Garden Grove and Anaheim....




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Mon 10/6/2025 5:33 pm PDT





Sat, 10/25 | 1PM-4PM



Atlantis Play Center | 13630 Atlantis Way



Tickets go on sale tomorrow, 10/7, until quantities run out. To purchase tickets, visit ggcity.org/register or buy in person at Garden Grove City Hall.

#GG1956 #GardenGrove #JOJ

#communityevent



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Mon 10/6/2025 5:33 pm PDT





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@CityGardenGrove

Mon 10/6/2025 2:50 pm PDT





Join us for Casino Night this Saturday, October 11, from 6 PM - 10 PM at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center...



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Mon 10/6/2025 9:21 am PDT

!#DYK you could be eligible for up to \$3,000 to help protect your home from earthquake damage....



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Thu 10/2/2025 4:31 pm PDT

- Làn đường hướng Tây trên Lampson: Làn rẽ trái bị đóng; các làn đường còn lại mở

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@CityGardenGrove

Thu 10/2/2025 4:31 pm PDT

- Làn đường hướng Nam trên Knott: Làn rẽ trái bị đóng; các làn đường còn lại mở
- Làn đường hướng Đông trên Lampson: Bị thu hẹp lại, ảnh hưởng đến tất cả các hướng nhưng vẫn cho phép giao thông đi lại

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N/A



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Thu 10/2/2025 4:30 pm PDT

Xin tiếp tục cẩn thận khi di chuyển trong khu vực và dành thêm thời gian cho việc đi lại.

Ảnh hưởng hiện tại đến các làn đường:

- Làn đường hướng Bắc trên Knott: Giảm còn một làn

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 @CityGardenGrove

Thu 10/2/2025 4:30 pm PDT

CẬP NHẬT 2/10/25

#GardenGrove xin lưu ý,

Việc sửa chữa tại giao lộ Lampson Ave. & Knott St. vẫn đang được tiến hành, dự kiến sẽ hoàn tất vào sáng ngày mai, và các làn đường sẽ mở lại vào chiều mai.

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 @CityGardenGrove

Thu 10/2/2025 4:29 pm PDT

Lampson en dirección este reducido, lo que afecta todas direcciones, pero permite el paso de tráfico

Lampson en dirrección oeste cerrado; todos los demas carriles abiertos

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@CityGardenGrove

Thu 10/2/2025 4:29 pm PDT



Por favor, continúe con precaución en la zona y calcule tiempo adicional para su viaje.



Impactos actuales en los carriles:

Knott en la dirección norte reducido a un carril

Knott en la dirección sur cerrado; todos los demás carriles abiertos



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N/A





@CityGardenGrove

Thu 10/2/2025 4:29 pm PDT

[ACTUALIZACIÓN DE ESTADO – 10/2/25]

#GGAlerta Continúan las reparaciones en Lampson Ave. y Knott St. Los trabajos finales están programados para mañana por la mañana, y se espera que las calles vuelvan a abrir por completo para mañana por la tarde.



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Thu 10/2/2025 4:28 pm PDT



Current lane impacts:

• Northbound Knott reduced to one lane

• Southbound Knott left-turn pocket closed; all other lanes open

• Eastbound Lampson reduced, impacting all directions but allowing through traffic

• Westbound Lampson left-turn pocket closed; all other lanes open



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N/A



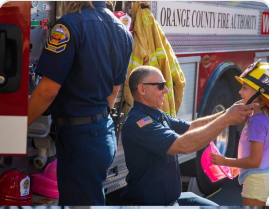


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Thu 10/2/2025 4:26 pm PDT



[UPDATE - 10/2/25] **#GGA**lert Repairs are ongoing at Lampson Ave & Knott St. Final work is scheduled for tomorrow morning,...





Participating Fire Stations:

Aliso Viejo Station 17 - 31 Journey Station 61 - 7481 La Palma Avenue	Rancho Mission Viejo Station 50 - 51 Garden Way
Buena Park Station 11 - 7481 La Palma Avenue	Rancho Santa Margarita Station 60 - 30111 Avenida
Cypress Station 11 - 4991 Centuria Avenue	San Clemente Station 19 - 48 Avenida La Palis
Dana Point Station 30 - 21831 Donnell Drive	San Juan Capistrano Station 7 - 31842 Del Chaparral
Garden Grove Station 01 - 11101 Avenida Parkway	Santa Ana Station 01 - 15101 West Walnut Avenue
Irving Station 4 - 2 California Avenue	Seal Beach Station 01 - 3131 North Gate Road
La Habra Station 17 - 12401 Pacifica Springs	Stanton Station 01 - 7011 Pacific Street
Ladera Ranch Station 01 - 10111 Kensington Park Drive	Tustin Station 01 - 10111 Kensington Park Drive
Laguna Niguel Station 19 - 10111 Avenida Parkway	Villa Park Station 01 - 30111 Kensington Park Drive
Lake Forest Station 19 - 10111 Avenida Parkway	Westminster Station 01 - 10111 Kensington Park Drive
Los Alamitos Station 01 - 10111 Kensington Park Drive	Yorba Linda Station 01 - 10111 Kensington Park Drive
Mission Viejo Station 01 - 10111 Kensington Park Drive	

* The OCFA Agency Open House will be held in Spring 2026 *

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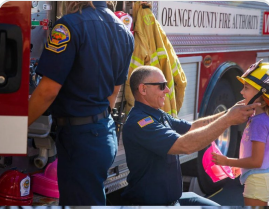


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Thu 10/2/2025 3:52 pm PDT



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October 2, 2025 - October 8, 2025

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 Garden Grove Police Department





Garden Grove Police De...

Wed 10/8/2025 1:23 pm PDT

Orange County Sheriff's Department, CA Class 266 honored our **#FallenHero**, Officer Donald Reed, by dedicating their...



Impressions	806
Reach	806
Engagements	209
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	25.9%





Garden Grove Police De...

Tue 10/7/2025 3:14 pm PDT

Do you have what it takes to make a differen

Join a team where courage, courtesy, and co



Video Views	0
Impressions	0
Reach	0
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



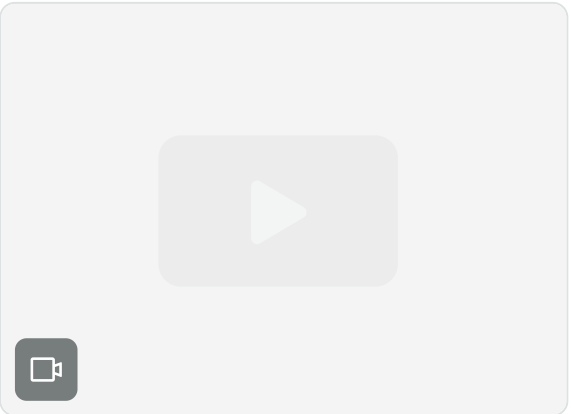


Garden Grove Police De...

Tue 10/7/2025 3:12 pm PDT

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Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—





Garden Grove Police De...

Mon 10/6/2025 8:00 am PDT

In Memory of Sergeant Myron L. Trapp. End of Watch, October 6, 1959.

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Video Views	0
Impressions	0
Reach	0
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%





Garden Grove Police De...

Fri 10/3/2025 10:53 am PDT

October is **#DomesticViolenceAwarenessMonth**, and **#GardenGrovePD** is proud to be...



Impressions	4,719
Reach	4,478
Engagements	496
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	10.5%

WEEKLY MEMO 10-09-2025

NEWS ARTICLES



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Van Vu
CERT Facilitator
(714) 741-5239 / vanv@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, September 29, 2025



CITY LAUNCHES FALL CERT ACADEMY, OCTOBER 22 - 25

The City of Garden Grove's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), in partnership with the Garden Grove Police Department, will host its next basic academy from Wednesday, October 22, to Saturday, October 25, 2025. The free academy teaches community members how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, and how to provide support to first responders when professional resources are stretched.

Classes take place Wednesday through Friday, October 22 to October 24, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Apply online by Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at <https://ggcity.typeform.com/ggcert>.

The curriculum covers disaster preparedness, fire safety, medical operations, light search and rescue, the Incident Command System (ICS), disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness. Participants must be at least 18 years old and must live or work in Garden Grove.

Learn more about the CERT program at <https://ggcity.org/cert>.

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SIGN UP FOR CERT



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The City of Garden Grove **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** is comprised of volunteer citizens trained in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. As a CERT member, these skills will help you take care of yourself, as well as assist your family, friends and community during and following a disaster.

2025 CERT Academy

Our upcoming CERT Academy is scheduled for **October 22th, 23th, 24th and 25th**. To register, visit <https://ggcity.typeform.com/ggcert> or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to submit your application. Attendance at all classes is required for successful completion and certification. The Academy is open to individuals 18+years, living or working in the City of Garden Grove.



For more information and to become a Garden Grove CERT member visit us at www.ggcity.org/cert or contact us at 714-741-5239.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT:

Deanna Chumacero
Community Services Department
(714) 741-5360/deanac@ggcity.org

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Monday, September 29, 2025



CITY HOSTS ANNUAL JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE COMMUNITY EVENT

The community is invited to attend the City of Garden Grove's Halloween-themed community event, Jack O' Lantern Jamboree, on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Atlantis Play Center, located in Garden Grove Park, at 13630 Atlantis Way.

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

Children, ages 2-10, will have the opportunity to select a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch and decorate it in the craft area. All attendees will have access to event activities and Halloween candy. C&M Ohana will be on-site selling kettle corn, lemonade, shaved ice, and ice cream.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and go on sale Tuesday, October 7, until quantities run out.

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

To purchase tickets, visit ggcity.org/register or visit the Community Services Counter, located on the 1st floor of Garden Grove City Hall, at 11222 Acacia Parkway.

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

JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
1:00-4:00 PM

13630 ATLANTIS WAY, GARDEN GROVE, 92844

PUMPKIN PATCH • REPTILE SHOW • CRAFTS
OBSTACLE COURSES • FACE PAINTING AND MORE!

TICKET PRICES

AGES 0-1: FREE | AGES 2 - 10: \$12
AGES 11 - ADULT: \$3

Ticket sales begin Tuesday, October 7.
NO TICKET SALES AT DOOR.



To purchase tickets, visit ggcity.org/register
or pay in-person at Garden Grove City Hall.
Call (714) 741-5200 for more information.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sgt. Chuck Starnes
Garden Grove Police Department
(714) 741-5704 / charless@ggcity.org

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Wednesday, October 1, 2025



Vanguard Avenue to Close for Community Event

On Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Vanguard Avenue, between Winton Street and St. Mark Street, will close for the Chili Cook-Off and Car Show community event. Motorists are asked to plan accordingly to avoid delays.

The Chili Cook-Off and Car Show will be held at Eastgate Park, at 12001 St. Mark Street, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Residents in the area should expect an increase of pedestrian traffic during event hours.

The Garden Grove Police Department's Traffic Unit will be onsite during closure times to direct traffic and suggest alternate routes. For more information on the street closure, contact the Garden Grove Police Department at (714) 741-5704.

The event is hosted by Kathy Ladd in sponsorship of the Pacifica High School Girls' Soccer Team. For event information, email kathyladd@remax-gardengrove.com or call (714) 328-6342.

Save the
Date!

KATHY LADD'S GARDEN GROVE
CHILI COOKOFF
AND CAR SHOW



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
October 9, 2025

1. Calendar of Events
2. Meeting minutes for the September 18, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Notice of cancellation of the October 16, 2025 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
4. Notice of cancellation of the October 9, 2025 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from September 26, 2025 to October 9, 2025.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 9, 2025 – November 11, 2025

Thursday	October 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	October 9	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, CMC
Tuesday	October 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 16		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Friday	October 17		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	October 23	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Saturday	October 25	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree 13630 Atlantis Way
Tuesday	October 28	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 30	11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Halloween Luncheon – Fairy Tales & Fables CMC, AB Room
Friday	October 31		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 4	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	November 6		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Thursday	November 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 18, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Flanders

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lindsay.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

August 21, 2025 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Cueva

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

Noes: (0)

Absent: (1) Flanders

Abstain: (1) Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-162-2025

Applicant: WILLIAM JAGER

Date: September 18, 2025

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

the request, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6123-25 was approved.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Ashland

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

Noes: (1) Laricchia

Absent: (1) Flanders

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - PRESENTATION ON THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT: Staff gave a presentation and discussion on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Commissioner Lindsay mentioned concerns with AB 130 Infill Exemption and prior site uses. Staff stated that AB 130 projects must prepare a Phase 1 environmental assessment, and if potential hazard exist, a Preliminary Environmental Assessment, including soils testing, must be prepared. If results identify reasonable probability to cause harm, the soil must be remediated to the approval of the Department of Toxic Sustenance Control (DTSC) and the Orange County Health Department before pulling permits. AB 130 also requires Native Tribe notification.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

The new Planner, Christian Farmer, was introduced to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Lindsay stated concerns about how Harbinger is transporting chassis across Knott Street. Staff stated that they will look into it.

Commissioner Laricchia requested an update on the project at 9th Street and Stanford Avenue, and mentioned the lots maintenance. Staff indicated that they will follow-up with code enforcement.

Commissioner Lindsay also requested project updates for the next meeting.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff provided an update of the housing units permitted during the current RHNA cycle, and indicated that JADUs count towards RHNA. Staff gave a brief description of the upcoming items for the October 2, 2025 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:07 p.m.

Carol Sebbo
Recording Secretary



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
OCTOBER 16, 2025
REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: October 9, 2025

JOHN RAMIREZ
CHAIR



NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
OF THE
GARDEN GROVE
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: October 2, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'David Dent', written in a cursive style.

DAVID DENT
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



What cities need to know about the federal government shutdown

Oct 1, 2025

By Caroline Grinder, legislative advocate (federal liaison)

The federal government shut down today after Congress failed to reach an agreement to fund the government before the Sept. 30 deadline. This is the first time that the government has shut down since 2019.

Shutdowns often have ripple effects that strain city budgets, delaying federal funding and disrupting vital services.

“A federal shutdown has real impacts on communities, putting at risk the delivery of services that residents rely upon and increasing economic uncertainty,” said Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. “We strongly urge Congress to find consensus and end the shutdown — for the good of California and the nation.”

Federal government shutdowns occur when spending bills stall in Congress. In a shutdown, federal agencies must discontinue all non-essential discretionary functions until funding legislation is signed into law. While essential services and mandatory spending programs continue to function, these shutdowns can adversely affect local governments of all sizes.

Essential programs — such as Social Security, Medicare, veterans’ benefits, the military, law enforcement, immigration enforcement, customs and border patrol, and air traffic control — will continue operating. However, service members and air traffic controllers are among those now working without pay.

Additionally, the Office of Management and Budget [instructed federal agencies](#) last week to prepare reduction-in-force plans in preparation for a shutdown, targeting non-essential government functions.

Many other federal services and programs will be disrupted. For example, national parks are expected to close, federal grant reimbursements and applications may be delayed, and federal staff who provide oversight or technical assistance could be unavailable.

What can my city do?

Depending on the duration of the shutdown, the effects can multiply quickly. However, local leaders can take steps to prepare their communities and reassure residents. The National League of Cities has created a [checklist](#) to help local leaders navigate a shutdown. Cal Cities will monitor the situation closely and provide updates and resources as more information becomes available.



Sessions online for the Municipal Finance Institute!

Oct 1, 2025

Earn professional credits, get the latest on legislative changes, and cultivate a culture of "creative resilience"

By Cal Cities Education Staff

[Dr. Caroline Brookfield](#), a veterinarian and author, will share how cognitive biases and ingrained habits can cause leaders to cling to outdated models or reject innovative ideas at this year's Municipal Finance Institute.

Held in December, the institute helps fiscal officers of all tenures respond to emerging challenges and conduct routine business. Certified public accountants can also earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) during eligible sessions.

The Institute kicks off at 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 10 with a look at developments in municipal finance law and policy. Other sessions include recommendations for incident response and crisis management, an update on CalPERS' Asset Liability Management process, how fiscal officers can use AI, and more!

To view the full schedule and session descriptions, visit the [Municipal Finance Institute webpage](#).

[Registration and hotel information](#)

Registration for the full conference starts at \$500 for city officials from any Cal Cities member city. Registration includes admission to all educational sessions, institute meals, and admission to the evening reception. The deadline to register online is Wednesday, Dec. 3. After that, officials may register on-site if space is available.

The 2025 Municipal Finance Institute will be at the Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for conference attendees who register before Tuesday, Nov. 18. Discounted hotel rooms often sell out early, so advance registration is encouraged.

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

In advance of the seminar, [please review](#) Cal Cities' event and meeting policies. For more information, including registration details, visit the [Municipal Finance Institute webpage](#).



Zone zero regulations close to the finish line

Oct 1, 2025

By Jolena Voorhis, legislative advocate (public safety)

The Board of Forestry and Fire Protection recently held hearings on its proposed [Zone Zero regulation](#). The defensible space rules focus on the five feet around a home or structure that, if cleared of combustible materials, could prevent it from burning during an urban conflagration. At the [direction of Gov. Gavin Newsom](#), the board published the draft regulations and held eight public workshops. The intention was to adopt Zone Zero by June 2025. But the number of public comments and concerns raised by property owners, including survivors from the Eaton and Palisades fires, delayed this effort.

Regulators now hope to adopt Zone Zero by the beginning of 2026. The new regulations would only impact communities in Very High Fire Severity Zones. They would apply immediately to new construction and in three years to existing structures.

The draft regulations would prohibit the following in the surrounding five feet:

- Outbuildings, such as a detached shed
- Wooden fences and gates
- Vegetation
- Tree branches near the roof and the side of the house. There are exceptions for protected trees.
- Landscaping materials that are likely to ignite. Potted plants would be allowed if they are not directly next to the structure.

During [a hearing in Altadena](#) on Sept. 18, the board heard concerns over Zone Zero's impact on trees, vegetation, biodiversity, shade, and neighborhood aesthetics. There were also disagreements about the science behind the proposed rules. Some residents asked the board to wait for more studies on how an urban conflagration affects plants and vegetation, arguing that some native species can help prevent the spread of the wildfires.

Several local council members also raised concerns about how Zone Zero would impact properties with small lot sizes. They argued that cities should be able to make the final call or that the state should allow for a regional approach.

The board also provided an [overview](#) of the draft regulations on Sept. 22 in Sacramento.

Property owners there also raised some concerns, but many provided robust support for Zone Zero.

Cal Cities has been monitoring the workshops, alongside fire chiefs and other local government partners. Cal Cities' policy is focused on defensible space, wildfire mitigation, and the impact the regulations would have on local inspections.

At the most recent workshop, the board noted it would revise the draft regulations in October and hold another workshop to receive public comments on the changes. If your city has concerns over these new draft regulations, send your comments to the Board of Forestry and participate in upcoming workshops.

For more information, please refer to the [Board of Forestry's FAQ](#).



Get team-building tips, legislative updates, and more at the Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar!

Oct 1, 2025

Hear from a former U.S. Navy nuclear submarine officer on high-pressure leadership skills

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Former U.S. Navy nuclear submarine officer [Marc Koehler](#) will kick off the Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar on Dec. 10 with a keynote address grounded in simplicity, agility, and tangibility. Koehler will share how fire professionals can use the 5-step framework he used to lead his team to confidently steer through high-pressure challenges and emerge stronger than ever before.

The two-day seminar helps fire prevention professionals respond to emerging challenges and conduct routine business. Breakout sessions will cover a range of topics, including local funding measures, employee safety and preventable liability, mental health, and data and storytelling. Attendees will also get legislative updates on planning, preparedness, and funding for wildfire prevention, as well as the latest news on wildfire response, recovery, and insurance.

To view the full schedule and session descriptions, visit the [Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar webpage](#).

[Registration and hotel information](#)

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The 2025 Fire Chiefs Seminar will be at the Renaissance Palm Springs. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for conference attendees who register before Tuesday, Nov. 18. Discounted hotel rooms often sell out early, so advance registration is encouraged.

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Cal Cities secures major changes to Advanced Clean Fleet rule for cities

Oct 1, 2025

By Damon Conklin, legislative advocate (transportation)

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) last Thursday unanimously adopted a [resolution](#) that would significantly alter the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation. Verbal and [written city testimony](#) made in response to Cal Cities' [call to action](#) proved critical to securing the changes.

Specifically, the amendments would:

- Allow small fleets (under 10 vehicles) and those in [low-population counties](#) to wait until 2030 before buying *any* ZEVs.
- Extend the current 50% zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) purchase requirements to 2030 for all other cities. In 2030, the 100% ZEV purchase requirement will kick in for all cities.
- Create more flexibility for the [Milestone Option](#), which allows agencies to grow their ZEVs by percentage of the fleet according to a published schedule.
- Direct CARB staff to continue working with stakeholders to improve the exemption pathways available to public fleets, including mutual aid, ZEV purchases, and daily usage exemptions.

CARB also deleted elements of the regulation applicable to High-Priority, Federal, and Drayage Fleets that were challenged in court or repealed by Congress and the federal administration.

Additionally, CARB adopted a modest change to its [Low Carbon Fuel Standard](#) regulation, modifying the crediting system for medium- and light-duty hydrogen refueling infrastructure (HRI) to improve incentives and accelerate HRI. The changes will allow public stations to receive credits for 100% of their [nameplate capacity](#) and private stations for 50% of their capacity.

The Office of Administrative Law must review the language before it goes into effect, which should happen before January 2027. Cal Cities will continue to work with CARB to provide additional exemptions, extensions, and other pathways for compliance.

CARB opened up the regulations in response to [legislation passed](#) over concerns that emergency responders and local utilities could not find enough ZEVs to replace older specialty vehicles. The new amendments go beyond that to include all public fleets.

While the rules are changing, ZEV truck sales in California are continuing to grow.

Recently, [CARB announced](#) ZEV truck sales for 2024 accounted for about 23% of total truck sales, an increase from nearly 16% the year prior.

For more information, please read [CARB's press release](#) on the changes.



Eleven cities receive Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for outstanding programs

Oct 9, 2025

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sacramento — The League of California Cities announced the 11 winning cities of the esteemed Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for 2025. Each city was chosen for its outstanding efforts and innovative programs to improve the quality of life and delivery of services in their communities. The winning cities are listed below with a link to a video featuring their initiatives:

- **City of Baldwin Park, Housing Programs and Innovations**
Baldwin Park's Homeless Reduction Initiative features two "tiny home" facilities: Esperanza Villa for adults needing immediate shelter and Serenity Homes, the region's first family-focused bridge housing project.
- **City of Burbank, Health and Wellness Programs**
Burbank's Adaptive Sports Expo (BASE) celebrates inclusion with adaptive sports and activities, fostering awareness, accessibility, and community through growing partnerships and participation.
- **City of Downey, Community Services and Economic Development**
City of STEM, LA's official science festival, unites 200+ organizations for a month-long celebration of STEM and creativity, engaging diverse communities with rich learning resources and activities.
- **City of Hayward, Intergovernmental Collaboration**
Learn to Earn and Hire Hayward funds training for 300+ residents, creating \$1.2M in salaries and connecting residents with skilled, high-wage jobs through strong partnerships.
- **City of Lake Elsinore, Planning and Environmental Quality**
Lake Elsinore's 2022 Lake Management Plan addressed long-standing water quality challenges worsened by heat and flooding, restoring the city's historic crown jewel and revitalizing a once-celebrated destination.
- **City of Moreno Valley, Partners Award for Excellence in City-Business Relations**
Moreno Valley's Apprenticeship Hub connects residents to in-demand careers through apprenticeships, expos, and training, while providing employers with a skilled talent pipeline and boosting regional prosperity.
- **City of Moreno Valley, Ruth Vreeland Award for Engaging Youth in City Government**
MoVaLEARNS supports second-year students with a stipend, mentorship, and

career resources, reducing financial stress, boosting GPAs, and helping students stay in school.

- **City of Needles, Public Works, Infrastructure, Transportation**

Bob Belt Marina Beach Project turned an unsafe riverfront into a climate-resilient park with shaded areas, hydration stations, ADA access, and restrooms, providing refuge from extreme heat and boosting community health and pride.

- **City of Norwalk, Public Safety**

Norwalk's Teen Alliance Program empowers ages 13-18 through community service, leadership, and skill-building, offering volunteer hours, monthly meetings, and community projects that enhance skills while benefiting the community.

- **City of Pacifica, Internal Administration**

Pacifica's AI assistant Ask Rose handles thousands of resident questions with a 92% success rate, improving access, equity, and efficiency in city services.

- **City of Santa Paula, Enhancing Public Trust, Ethics, and Community Involvement**

Santa Paula's civic Future Leaders Academy, bilingual newsletter, ZenCity feedback, inclusive workshops, and business roundtables help build trust, ethical governance, and community involvement.

- **City of Watsonville, Economic Development Through the Arts**

Watsonville Brillante transformed the Civic Plaza Parking Garage into a 12,500-square-foot mosaic mural, celebrating the city's agricultural roots and cultural diversity.

Established in 1982 by the League of California Cities, the [Helen Putnam Award for Excellence](#), given annually in 12 categories, recognizes outstanding achievements made by California's 483 cities. These winning cities have made unique contributions to community residents and businesses, which have resulted in lower costs or more effective delivery of services. The purpose of the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program is to promote innovative solutions by city governments.

The 2025 winners were chosen from 202 submissions.

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.

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Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry honored with the prestigious League of California Cities Lifetime Achievement Award

Oct 8, 2025

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sacramento — The League of California Cities Past Presidents Council today announced Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry as the recipient of the 2025 Past Presidents' Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I am deeply honored to accept this Lifetime Achievement Award. This recognition is especially meaningful because my journey started at the local level," said Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. "From my time as a planning commissioner, city councilmember, and eventually the first female mayor of my hometown of Winters, I learned the power of local government to deliver real change that helps our communities. It shaped my values and continues to motivate me in my work in the assembly. Thank you for this incredible honor. I share it with every local leader committed to building a better California — from Winters to every corner of our great state."

Aguiar-Curry's decades of service span her time as a planning commissioner, council member, and the first woman mayor of Winters, to nearly 10 years of legislative leadership in the California State Assembly. As chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee, she became a trusted ally of cities, leading efforts to remove barriers to funding critical local services.

"Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry embodies what it means to never forget your local government roots," said League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman. "In the Legislature, Cecilia has been an unwavering champion for cities. Her dedication and service will have a lasting impact on California cities and their residents for generations to come."

Beyond her legislative achievements, Aguiar-Curry has focused on issues that improve quality of life for Californians — from expanding broadband access in rural areas, to advancing childcare and protections for survivors of domestic violence, to championing diversity and equity as chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus. A lifelong Yolo County resident, she continues to run her family's walnut orchard while dedicating her career to strengthening communities throughout the state.

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

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Cal Cities Honors Three Lawmakers with Legislative Leadership Award

Oct 9, 2025

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sacramento — The League of California Cities today honored Senator Ben Allen (D – Santa Monica), Assembly Member Laurie Davies (R – Laguna Niguel), and Assembly Member Diane Papan (D – San Mateo) for their support and dedication to local communities with its Distinguished Legislative Leadership Award during the Cal Cities’ Annual Conference and Expo.

“These three lawmakers recognize the value of local government and introduced legislation to ensure cities have the resources and tools they need to meet the needs of California residents,” said **Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman**. “Cal Cities deeply appreciates their steadfast leadership, collaborative relationships, and voice for cities.”

Senator Allen is a well-recognized climate leader who successfully aligns environmental stewardship with local government roles and responsibilities in the waste, recycling, and environmental planning sectors. In 2024, he authored the \$10 billion Prop. 4 Climate Bond, which Cal Cities supported and voters approved last November. This funding will help cities be better prepared when the next drought, flood, wildfire, and extreme heat disasters occurs.

“Government is most effective when we’re able to collaborate across its various levels to align services, resources, and policies that meet the needs of local communities,” said **Senator Ben Allen**. “I have been proud to work directly with local cities to address mounting challenges that threaten our critical infrastructure, public health, and environmental sustainability for current and future generations. Thank you for this tremendous honor today that recognizes the work we’ve been able to accomplish together.”

Assembly Member Davies has been a strong champion of Cal Cities’ efforts to increase state oversight of recovery housing facilities. She has authored two Cal Cities–sponsored bills on this issue: AB 2081, signed into law last year, and AB 424, which has advanced all the way to the Governor for consideration this year. Asm Davies’ support for Cal Cities extends beyond the Capitol building. She stood with Cal Cities during a recovery housing press conference in Santa Ana earlier this year and co-authored an op-ed on recovery housing reform with former La Palma Mayor Marshall Goodman.

“I’m truly honored to be a recipient of the Distinguished Legislative Leadership Award from the League of California Cities,” said **Assembly Member Laurie Davies**. “Cal Cities continues to be the premier voice fighting to preserve the agency of local governments in our state, and I’m proud to stand alongside them in that mission. Together, we’ve worked hard to bring greater oversight and transparency to recovery housing facilities, an issue that hits close to home for many in our communities. I’m grateful for the strong partnership we’ve built, and I’m committed to continuing this important work alongside Cal Cities to ensure local governments have the authority and support they need to effectively serve the people of California.”

Assembly Member Papan regularly collaborates with Cal Cities on legislation. This year, she teamed up with Cal Cities and authored AB 650, which would significantly improve the housing element review process and provide much-needed clarity to the law. As the bill moved through the legislative process, Assembly Member Papan fought for her bill and repeatedly resisted amendments that would have watered it down. AB 650 is currently on the Governor’s desk.

“State mandates on cities are frequent and often difficult to manage,” said **Assembly Member Diane Papan**. “As a former mayor and councilmember, I know firsthand how critical it is for the Legislature to work with local governments—providing not just requirements, but also the tools and flexibility they need to succeed in serving their communities.”

The lawmakers will receive their awards at Cal Cities events later this year.

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