

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 10, 2024

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS LOG

A copy of the Public Records requests for the month of September 2024 is provided by the City Clerk for your information.

II. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS

A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

SCE's Notice of Filing: Applications for approval under public utilities code section 851 for the sale of hydroelectric power plants to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (Application A.24-08-012) and Fontana Union Water Company (Application A.24-09-008)

B. ORANGE COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Public Notice: Observation Schedule for November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election

III. OTHER ITEMS

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.


Lisa Kim
City Manager

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INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Lisa L. Kim
From: Teresa Pomeroy
Dept: City Manager
Dept: City Clerk
Subject: RECORDS REQUESTS
Date: October 10, 2024

OBJECTIVE

To provide the month of September 2024 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 2024. 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.

Teresa Pomeroy
City Clerk

Diana Serrato

By Diana Serrato
Records Coordinator

Attachment

Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
9502	08/31/24	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings August 2024 Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	09/13/24	09/03/24
9503	09/03/24	Request Code: 13632679 Date: 08/31/24 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Finance	09/13/24	09/03/24
9504	09/03/24	Request Code: 13684560 Date: 09/03/24 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Finance	09/13/24	09/03/24
9505	09/03/24	Request Code: 13650042 Date: 09/03/24 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Finance	09/13/24	09/03/24
9506	09/03/24	New Business listings August 2024	Finance City Manager	09/13/24	09/03/24
9507	09/03/24	can i get the listing for new businesses for the month of August in Excel, thank you.	City Manager	09/13/24	09/03/24
9508	09/03/24	Please provide a copy of the current Professional Service Agreement with terms and prices for investment advisory services for the City of Garden Grove's investment portfolio.	City Manager	09/13/24	09/03/24
9509	09/03/24	I hope this message finds you well. My name is Iakovos Makropoulos, and I am a postdoctoral researcher working on the VAWUS project, which examines responses to violence against women mayors in the United States. I am reaching out to inquire abou...	Human Resources	09/13/24	09/04/24
9510	09/03/24	Please provide copy of invoices from Meeder Investment Management billed to City of Garden Grove from June 2023 through August 2024.	Finance	09/16/24	09/05/24
9511	09/04/24	Please produce the following in reference to a multifamily property called Arroyo Vista Apartments located at 12242-12352 Haster Street: • copy of all conditions of approval, if applicable (site plan review/approval, conditional/special use permi...	Community Development	09/16/24	09/10/24
9512	09/04/24	Please produce the following in reference to a multifamily property called Arbor Glen Apartments located at 12622 Buaro Street: • copy of all conditions of approval, if applicable (site plan review/approval, conditional/special use permit, varian...	Community Development	09/16/24	09/12/24
9513	09/04/24	Hello, I am looking for a record of any open building, zoning or health code violations at the following property. I am also looking for a record of the prior use history of the property. By prior use, i mean what the property was used as b...	Community Development	09/16/24	09/16/24

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9514	09/05/24	Hello, Can you tell me if you have a record of any open building, zoning or health code violations at the following property? Can you tell me if you have a record of the prior use history of the property? By prior use, I mean what the prop...	Community Development	09/16/24	09/13/24
9515	09/05/24	Hello, My name is Olivia Martin and I am a graduate student at Stanford studying the impact of virtual meetings on public participation in local government. Would you mind answering the following three questions for me if you are able to? ...	City Manager	09/16/24	09/10/24
9516	09/05/24	Atten: Niel in finance, I am looking to become a vendor for The City of Garde Grove to do your credit card processing for all locations. Can you please send me the most recent credit card statements. Anjanette.Lester@goepsg.com	Finance	09/16/24	09/10/24
9517	09/05/24	can you send the listing for new businesses for the previous month of August in Excel format, thanks		09/16/24	09/05/24
9518	09/05/24	Hello, I am working on behalf of SoCal Gas Company to obtain a copy of the certificate of liability insurance for the contractor E-DAN CONSTRUCTION INC (Contractor License #295058 / Dan Wentz - owner), that covers the date 11/18/2021. It is my ...	Finance	09/16/24	09/09/24
9519	09/08/24	I would like to request all building records/permits and code enforcement files/records for the following property from the past 15 years: 11712 West St Garden Grove, CA	Community Development	09/19/24	09/19/24
9520	09/09/24	Architectural plans of my home on file		09/19/24	09/09/24
9521	09/10/24	Signature September 10, 2024 When replying, please refer to case #20-2400190414 City Of Garden Grove 11222 Acacia Pkwy Fl2 City Clerks Confer Garden Grove, CA 92840-5208 ...	Public Works City Manager	09/23/24	09/16/24
9522	09/11/24	Request Code: 13684560 Date: 09/11/24 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Finance Economic Development	09/23/24	09/11/24
9523	09/11/24	Permit documents, including permit plans for tenant improvement of a lease space located at 7051 Garden Grove Bl., permit ID PC-2022-757		09/23/24	09/11/24
9524	09/11/24	I like to request all site plan and floor plans and all available blueprints on file within the last 10 years and specifically C.U.P. -163-2019 for property at 12332 Brookhurst St. Garden Grove, CA 92840 APN 089-362-02		09/23/24	09/11/24
9525	09/11/24	We would like to get information about the RFP No. S-1304. We would like to request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all the RFPs submitted (not including ours, Mariposa Landscapes, Inc). • Copies of all the grading sheets used to evaluate each RFP. • Copy of the... 	Finance	09/23/24	09/16/24

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9526	09/11/24	Please provide me a copy of the plan for permit# 22-5700	Community Development	09/23/24	09/23/24
9527	09/12/24	Case(urgent) My name is Anton Krivoshchekov. On August 31, 2024, at about 18:00, I was involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of Orange Wood and West streets (photos are attached).A car crashed into me from behind while I was waiting ...		09/23/24	09/12/24
9528	09/12/24	I am requesting a copy of the deed to my house		09/23/24	09/12/24
9529	09/12/24	Request Code: 13650042 Date: 09/12/24 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	Finance	09/23/24	09/12/24
9530	09/12/24	Hello, My name is Yusra Farzan and I am a reporter at KPCC/LAist. This is a request under the Public Records Act for the following: All receipts, invoices and contracts related to the Central Cities Navigation Center on 13871 West Street,...	Finance City Manager	10/07/24	10/07/24
9531	09/12/24	Good morning, The City of Orange is working on a resolution for a crossing guard program and I understand your city has a similar program. I wanted to request if it was possible to obtain a copy of the crossing guard resolution for your city t...	City Manager	09/23/24	09/12/24
9532	09/12/24	Can I pickup a copy of the deed to my house the same day I order it? Or can I order it in person and pick it up?	City Manager	09/23/24	09/12/24
9533	09/12/24	Any fire related incident reports/records for 13345 Euclid Street, Garden Grove, 92843		09/23/24	09/12/24
9534	09/12/24	Good afternoon, My name is Cameron Scherer. I am a Visual Journalism student at Chapman University, enrolled in an Advanced Digital Journalism Workshop class. For the class, I am creating a graphic that displays voting districts of different...	City Manager	09/23/24	09/12/24
9535	09/12/24	Good evening, To improve the safety of drivers and pedestrians, I wanted to request the installation of a stoplight and crosswalk on Euclid St between the streets of Orangewood and Katella. The distance between Orangewood and Katella is approxim...		09/23/24	09/13/24
9536	09/13/24	ID G24052591 I'm inquiring about outcome of the injured cat given to Animal control on 9/11 with the above ID number.	Public Works	10/07/24	09/23/24
9537	09/13/24	Any and all information related to Notice of Violation for property address 6881 Acacia Ave., Garden Grove, CA 92845, dated September 10, 2024, including information pertaining to the original complaint. Information should include date, time, and...	Community Development	09/23/24	09/23/24
9538	09/14/24	Hello, I am a records research engineer for CHC Consulting, a contractor for AT&T. We are currently planning a fiber cable installation project in Garden Grove, CA 92843, USA and I'm hoping you can provide some information. Our project is se...	Public Works	09/26/24	09/16/24

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9539	09/16/24	Good morning, This is Cameron Scherer. I reached out to you a few days ago asking about a map file of Garden Grove divided by its subdistricts for a project. I was specifically looking for a GeoJSON or JSON file, or a file that can be conver...	Information Technology	09/26/24	09/16/24
9540	09/16/24	September 16, 2024 When replying, please refer to case #20-2400118230 City of Garden Grove City Clerk 11222 Acacia Pkwy Fl2 City Clerks Confer Garden Grove, CA 92840-5208 Proje...	City Manager Public Works	09/26/24	09/17/24
9541	09/16/24	Entire case File CUP 585-02	Community Development	09/26/24	09/16/24
9542	09/16/24	Attention Building Department: regarding 12361 Monarch Street, Garden Grove see attachment		09/26/24	09/16/24
9543	09/16/24	Attention Fire Department Regarding: 12361 Monarch Street, Garden Grove		09/26/24	09/16/24
9544	09/16/24	Attention Fire Department Regarding: 12361 Monarch Street, Garden Grove	Public Works	09/26/24	09/25/24
9547	09/18/24	Requesting copies of original blueprints if available		09/30/24	09/18/24
9548	09/19/24	Hello, Please provide and any all traffic camera footage at the intersection of Trask Avenue and Magnolia from 4:10 p.m to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Thank you, Cody		09/30/24	09/19/24
9549	09/19/24	I'm currently looking for any: 1. Historic building or plumbing codes prior to 1990 2. Historic ordinances relating to plumbing codes prior to 1990 a. For example, in year 1975, Ordinance 65-4 states that the city of Garden Grove adopted the Un...	City Manager	09/30/24	09/27/24
9550	09/20/24	Please include all records including but not limited to inspections reports, inspector notes, citations, complaints, notice to comply, and any other document related to the address: (8915 Mays Ave , Garden Grove, CA 92844)	Community Development	10/03/24	10/03/24
9551	09/20/24	Type of Request: PHOTOS Date: 7/17/2024 Report# 23041242 Location:9112 INGRAM AVE Insured Party: SARAH NGUYEN Lexis Nexis Ref# 2424480463		10/03/24	09/26/24
9555	09/23/24	12231 Movius Dr. Garden Grove, CA 92840		10/03/24	09/26/24

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9556	09/24/24	requesting video surveillance at Lampson St & Valley View St on Sept 9, 2024 at approximately 8pm, regarding a traffic collision involving a Jeep Wrangler Sport and another vehicle.		10/04/24	09/24/24
9557	09/24/24	Dear FOIA Officer, I am writing to request access to and copies of records under the California Public Records Act (California Government Code §§ [callto:6250-6276.48 6250-6276.48]). We are looking for existing, already maintained elect...	Finance Human Resources	10/07/24	10/07/24
9558	09/24/24	Traffic camera video footage for cameras located at intersection of Fairview St and the 22 East Off Ramp between 7:30pm to 9:00pm on August 31 2024. Most recent public works traffic signal schematics/blueprint/ plan for traffic signal locat...	Public Works Police	10/07/24	09/24/24
9559	09/24/24	Requesting the approved plan set by the city for permit 17-2674	Community Development	10/07/24	10/03/24
9560	09/24/24	Ordinance related to franchise fees for electricity and gas, i.e., agreement with Southern CA Edison or So Cal Gas. Specifically, looking for info on franchise fee charged: is it 2% for use of utility and 1% for sale of utility for both electric...	City Manager	10/07/24	09/25/24
9562	09/25/24	THE DATE THE COLLISION OCCURRED WAS ON 3/10/2024 AT APPROX. 6:35 PM. THE COLLISION OCCURRED ON WESTMINSTER BLVD. AT THE INTERSECTION OF BUSHARD ST. WE ARE REQUESTING A COPY OF THE SIGNAL PHASING REPORT.	Public Works	10/07/24	09/30/24
9564	09/26/24	Storm drain, sewer, water, traffic signal, street improvement and atlas sheets	Public Works	10/07/24	09/26/24
9565	09/27/24	Dear Planning Division, Ms. Wetzel, and Ms. Pomeroy, Attached please find a CEQA Land Use Notice Request on behalf of the Supporters Alliance for Environmental Responsibility and its members living in the City of Garden Grove ("SAFER"). Please ...	Community Development	10/07/24	10/01/24
9566	09/28/24	Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the City's unclaimed property or open records laws, I would like to request a list of all the uncashed (stale-dated) checks or warrants for all outstanding dollar amounts that are older than 6 ...	Finance	10/10/24	10/09/24
9567	09/28/24	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings September 2024 Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	10/10/24	10/02/24
9568	09/29/24	Building records for home with as much utilities shown as is available. 5231 Marietta Ave, Garden Grove, CA 92845	City Manager	10/10/24	09/30/24
9569	09/30/24	Request Code: 13698764 Date: 09/29/24 On behalf of our customers who are contractors & suppliers, we request updated plan-holder, bid tabulation and contract award information AS IT IS AVAILABLE on the following solicitation. Please correct ...	City Manager	10/10/24	09/30/24
9570	09/30/24	Requesting for all plans and documents for the address: 7171 Patterson Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841.		10/10/24	09/30/24
9571	09/30/24	Requesting for all plans and documents for the address: 7151 Patterson Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92841.	Community Development	10/10/24	10/03/24

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
9572	09/30/24	I am writing to formally request access to all pending building permit records under the California Public Records Act (CPRA), Government Code Section 6250 et seq. Specifically, I am requesting the following information for each permit: Full ad...		10/10/24	09/30/24



Claire Keane
Senior Attorney
Claire.Keane@sce.com

RE
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September 24, 2024

Re: Southern California Edison Company's Notice of Filing:
Applications for Approval under Public Utilities Code
Section 851 for the Sale of Hydroelectric Power Plants to
San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District
(Application A.24-08-012) and Fontana Union Water
Company (Application A.24-09-008)

To Whom It May Concern:

On August 28, 2024, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed an application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting approval of the sale of seven small hydroelectric plants to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District. On September 17, 2024, SCE filed an application for the sale of two small hydroelectric plants to Fontana Union Water Company.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in every county within SCE's service territory and will be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing on SCE's website at www.sce.com/applications: Click the "View and Search All CPUC Documents" green bar and filter by the "Proceeding # column." Alternatively, sort by the "Created" column and filter by the most recently filed applications.

You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

Claire Keane

Claire Keane

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Enclosure

Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, descargar esta notificación en español en el sitio Web de SCE www.sce.com/avisos

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

Southern California Edison Company's Requests to Increase Electric Rates for Hydroelectric Plant Sales APPLICATION A.24-08-012 and APPLICATION A.24-09-008

Why am I receiving this notice?

1. On August 28, 2024, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its application for approval to sell certain hydroelectric power plants to San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) (A.24-08-012) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In the application, SCE seeks to increase its revenue by approximately \$60.2M. SCE has forecasted that the sales to SBVMWD will save customers approximately \$26.6M when compared to the costs of continued operation and/or decommissioning.
2. On September 17, 2024, SCE filed its application for approval to sell certain hydroelectric power plants to Fontana Union Water Company (FUWC) (A.24-09-008) with the CPUC. In the application, SCE seeks to increase its revenue by approximately \$9.40M. SCE has forecasted that the sales to FUWC will save customers approximately \$10M when compared to the costs of continued operation and/or decommissioning.

If the CPUC approves these applications, SCE will recover forecasted costs in electric rates over a one (1) year period beginning upon the closing of each transaction. This will impact your monthly bill.

Why is SCE requesting these rate increases?

- SCE is seeking approval for the sales of (a) its Mill Creek 1, Mill Creek 3, Ontario 1, Ontario 2, Santa Ana River 1 & 3, and Sierra hydroelectric projects to SBVMWD and (b) its Lytle Creek and Fontana hydroelectric projects to FUWC.
- SCE will be paying SBVMWD and FUWC transfer payments upon closing as compensation for each buyer assuming the operation, maintenance and eventual decommissioning of the projects and other project liabilities.
- These sales are the lowest cost options for SCE's customers when compared to the forecasted costs of the alternatives of (a) continuing to operate the projects and/or (b) decommissioning the projects.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If SCE's rate request in A.24-08-012 is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$0.65 or 0.4% per month for one year following the close of the transactions. SCE has requested CPUC approval by March 2025.

CUSTOMER BILL IMPACT TABLE – A.24-08-012

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)					
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Change	Proposed Rates	% Change	
Residential	33.2	0.12	33.4	0.4%	
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	29.5	0.12	29.6	0.4%	
Large Power	20.1	0.10	20.2	0.5%	
Agricultural and Pumping	23.6	0.10	23.7	0.4%	
Street and Area Lighting	36.4	0.07	36.4	0.2%	
Standby	16.6	0.10	16.6	0.6%	
Total	28.0	0.11	28.1	0.4%	

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)						
Description	Current	Proposed Change	Proposed	% Change		
Non-CARE residential bill	\$ 177.50	\$ 0.65	\$ 178.15	0.4%		
CARE residential bill	\$ 120.16	\$ 0.44	\$ 120.60	0.4%		

If SCE’s rate request in A.24-09-008 is approved by the CPUC, the average residential monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$0.10 or 0.1% per month for one year following the close of the transaction. SCE has requested CPUC approval by April 2025.

CUSTOMER BILL IMPACT TABLE – A.24-09-008

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)					
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Change	Proposed Rates	% Change	
Residential	33.2	0.02	33.3	0.1%	
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	29.5	0.02	29.5	0.1%	
Large Power	20.1	0.01	20.1	0.1%	
Agricultural and Pumping	23.6	0.02	23.6	0.1%	
Street and Area Lighting	36.4	0.01	36.4	0.0%	
Standby	16.6	0.01	16.6	0.1%	
Total	28.0	0.02	28.0	0.1%	

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)						
Description	Current	Proposed Change	Proposed	% Change		
Non-CARE residential bill	\$ 177.50	\$ 0.10	\$ 177.60	0.1%		
CARE residential bill	\$ 120.16	\$ 0.07	\$ 120.23	0.1%		

The projected rate increases described in this notice are forecasts and are likely to slightly change depending on the month and year in which the sales of the hydroelectric projects close.

How does the rest of the process work?

Each application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE’s application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review SCE's applications, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call 1-415-703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov

Where can I get more information?

If you would like more information on SCE's request or applications, they can be reached through the following methods:

Contact SCE:

Email: case.admin@sce.com
Phone: (626) 302-0449
mail at:

Southern California Edison Company
Attn: Case Administrator
A.24-08-012 Small Hydro (Valley District)
Application
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

Southern California Edison Company
Attn: Case Administrator
A.24-09-008 Small Hydro (Fontana)
Application
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

Copies of the Applications and any related documents may also be reviewed at
www.sce.com/applications.

Contact the CPUC:

Please visit (a) apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2408012 to submit a comment about the A.24-08-012 proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card or (b) apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2409008 to submit a comment about the A.24-09-008 proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. You can also view documents and other public comments related to each proceeding at those sites.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's requests can help the CPUC make informed decisions. If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Phone: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free)
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference Application A.24-08-012 or Application A.24-09-008 in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding these matters.

BOB PAGE
Registrar of Voters

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 11298
Santa Ana, California 92711



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Observation Schedule for November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election

SANTA ANA, CA – August 28, 2024 – The public is invited to observe as the Orange County Registrar of Voters conducts the November 5, 2024 Presidential General Election. All ballot processing, counting, testing and audits will take place at the Orange County Registrar of Voters Office 1300 S. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705. Observers are also welcome to visit Vote Center and ballot drop box locations throughout the county to observe daily operations.

The start dates for significant election activities are listed below. Daily election activities are posted and updated on an observation calendar on the Registrar of Voters website – ocvote.gov/observe.

Start Date/Time	Observable Election Activity
October 7, 2024 8 a.m.	<u>Voting</u> U.S. Postal Service will start to deliver ballots to all active registered voters in Orange County. Voters may also visit the Registrar of Voters to be issued and vote a ballot.
October 8, 2024 10 a.m.	<u>Pre-Election Logic and Accuracy Test</u> Accuracy testing of Orange County's voting system will start with the preparation of test ballots and will continue until all devices to be used in this election have been included in the test. It is expected that scanning of the test ballots will commence on Thursday, October 10.
October 8, 2024 1 p.m.	<u>Processing of Mail Ballots</u> Mail ballot processing includes sorting, signature verification, collection and return operations, and duplication of the official ballots.
October 14, 2024 10 a.m.	<u>Counting of Mail Ballots</u> Mail ballots accepted for counting are scanned. The votes on the scanned ballots may not be tabulated by the voting system, accessed by Registrar of Voters staff, or released until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5.

<p>October 26, 2024 8 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Vote Centers Open</u> 38 Vote Centers open throughout the county to serve voters daily. An additional 146 Vote Centers will open Saturday, November 2. All 184 Vote Centers will be open through 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5. Processing of Conditional Voter Registrations and provisional ballots can begin.</p>
<p>November 5, 2024 After 8 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tabulation of Ballots</u> The votes from mail ballots processed and scanned by this day and in-person ballots cast at Vote Centers will be tabulated by the voting system. Unofficial Election Results Reports will be posted at 8:05 p.m., 9:30 p.m., and every half hour thereafter until all Vote Center ballots are tabulated.</p>
<p>November 6, 2024 10 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Official Canvass</u> During the Official Canvass, the Registrar of Voters continues to process mail ballots; accounts for all ballots that were issued, voted, and those that were not used; and completes audits. The canvass must be completed no later than Thursday, December 5.</p>
<p>November 7, 2024 11 a.m.</p>	<p><u>One Percent Manual Tally</u> At least 1% of all precincts will be randomly selected at this time. It is expected that the hand counting of all ballots from those precincts to verify the votes tabulated by the voting system software will commence on Friday, November 15.</p>
<p>November 8, 2024 11 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Risk Limiting Audit</u> Election contests to be included in the Risk Limiting Audit as well as the randomly selected seed number of at least 20 digits to select ballots will be determined at this time. It is expected that the hand counting of those ballots to verify the votes tabulated by the voting system software will commence on Monday, November 18.</p>
<p>November 15, 2024 8 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Post-Election Logic and Accuracy Test</u> The scanning of test ballots on all voting system devices will commence to confirm that the system is still tabulating votes accurately.</p>

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WEEKLY MEMO 10-10-2024

SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

October 3, 2024 - October 9, 2024

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

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X @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

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Fri 10/4/2024 1:13 pm PDT

Get ready to feast! Foods of Garden Grove Live is only hours away, and Garden Grove TV3 Reporter Breanna Greenup is...



Reach

4,105



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/9/2024 4:08 pm PDT

Gather your family for a ghoulishly good time at Jack O' Lantern Jamboree on Saturday, October 26, 2024! 🕒 1:00 p.m...



Reach

2,972



gardengrovecityhall

Mon 10/7/2024 1:25 pm PDT

Are you interested in growing your career in finance while serving the community? The #GardenGrove...



Reach


1,648

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Wed 10/9/2024 4:08 pm PDT


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Reach **1,639**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Mon 10/7/2024 1:25 pm PDT


📌 Are you interested in growing your career in finance while serving the community? The #GardenGrove...




Reach **1,458**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Thu 10/3/2024 5:31 pm PDT


You're invited to Homebuyer Day! Visit our **FREE** resource fair and meet with mortgage lenders, community housing...



Reach **1,414**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Mon 10/7/2024 8:55 am PDT

Gather your bulky items for the Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, November 9, 2024! Learn more at...



**BULKY ITEM
DROP-OFF SITE**

November 9, 2024
 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Municipal Service Center
 2100 Newhope Street

Reach **1,238**

 **gardengrovecityhall**
 Thu 10/3/2024 5:31 pm PDT


You're invited to Homebuyer Day! Visit our **FREE** resource fair and meet with mortgage lenders, community housing...




Saturday, Oct. 5 at 10 AM - 2 PM
 Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
 11300 Stanford Avenue
WALK-INS WELCOME

Meet with mortgage lenders, community housing organizations and real estate agents and learn more about how you can also qualify for the down payment assistance program

Reach **1,010**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
 Tue 10/8/2024 11:15 am PDT

!? #DYK you don't have to wait until November 5 to cast your ballot in the 2024 Presidential General Election. Ballot drop...



**Drop Boxes
Are Available 24/7**

**VOTE EASY.
VOTE SECURE**

Reach **973**



gardengrovecityhall

Tue 10/8/2024 11:15 am PDT

! #DYK you don't have to wait until November 5 to cast your ballot in the 2024 Presidential General Election. Ballot drop...



BALLOT DROP BOX LOCATIONS IN GARDEN GROVE

Chapman Branch Library
9182 Chapman Avenue

SD Assessment and Registration Center
13611 Clinton Street

GGUSD Education Center
10331 Stanford Avenue

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center
11402 Magnolia Street

West Grove Park
5372 Cerulean Avenue

Reach

775



gardengrovecityhall

Fri 10/4/2024 1:17 pm PDT

@foodsofgardengrove @gardenampoc @breannagreenup Come tonight!



Reach

707



gardengrovecityhall


Fri 10/4/2024 2:41 pm PDT

Buy your tickets for tomorrow night!! @paws4students




Reach


494

 **gardengrovecityhall**
Thu 10/3/2024 11:51 am PDT


This Friday!




Reach **446**

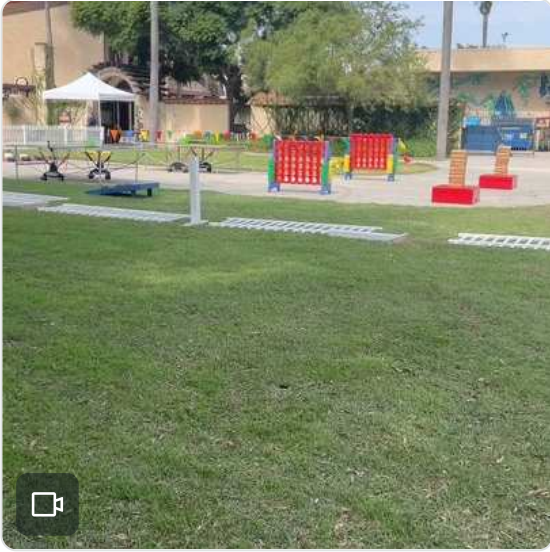
 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Fri 10/4/2024 1:29 pm PDT

📺 Get ready to feast! Foods of Garden Grove Live is only hours away, and @Garden Grove TV3 Reporter Breanna...



Reach **84**

 **Garden Grove City Hall**
Fri 10/4/2024 1:38 pm PDT




Reach **0**

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Wed 10/9/2024 4:08 pm PDT


👪 Gather your family for a ghoulishly good time at Jack O' Lantern Jamboree on Saturday, October 26, 2024! 🕒 1:00 p.m...




Reach **N/A**

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Wed 10/9/2024 10:40 am PDT

EMERGENCY WATER OUTAGE
 Water Services has an emergency outage on Roxbury Road and Strathmore Drive. The water is expected to remain off for at least an hour. We apologize for the inconvenience. [#GG1956](#)



Reach **N/A**

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Tue 10/8/2024 11:15 am PDT

i For more information and a complete list of ballot drop boxes and vote centers in [#OrangeCounty](#), visit...

IN GARDEN GROVE


Chapman Branch Library
9182 Chapman Avenue

GGUSD Assessment and Registration Center
13611 Clinton Street


GGUSD Education Center
10331 Stanford Avenue

Magnolia Park Family Resource Center
11402 Magnolia Street


West Grove Park




Reach **N/A**

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Tue 10/8/2024 11:15 am PDT


!# #DYK you don't have to wait until November 5 to cast your ballot in the 2024 Presidential General Election. Ballot drop...




Reach N/A

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Mon 10/7/2024 1:25 pm PDT


Are you interested in growing your career in finance while serving the community? The #GardenGrove...



Reach N/A

 **@CityGardenGrove**
 Thu 10/3/2024 5:35 pm PDT

Visit our **FREE** resource fair while also learning more about the down payment assistance program in #GardenGrove! ...



Reach N/A




Post Performance

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 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Wed 10/9/2024 5:48 pm PDT

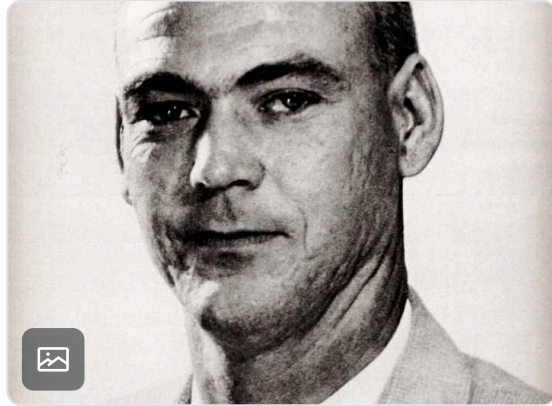
UPDATE: The Missing Person has been located and reunited with his family. Thank you for your help. 🚨CRITICAL MISSING🚨...




Impressions	7,594
Reach	7,508
Engagements	998
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.1%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Sun 10/6/2024 10:42 am PDT


In Memory of Sergeant Myron L. Trapp, #EOW October 6, 1959. Sergeant Trapp and other officers responded to a call of ...



Impressions	2,627
Reach	2,504
Engagements	179
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.8%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Sat 10/5/2024 11:43 am PDT

At 1:18 this morning, #GardenGrovePD officers responded to the 12500 block of Haster St. reference a victim who was...



Impressions	8,437
Reach	8,157
Engagements	2,104
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	24.9%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 10/4/2024 6:30 pm PDT

Earlier this week, #GardenGrovePD Officers met with community members at our National #CoffeeWithACop Event. W...



Impressions	4,195
Reach	4,061
Engagements	564
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	13.4%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Fri 10/4/2024 3:55 pm PDT

UPDATE (10/4/24, 4:45 PM): Missing person has been LOCATED and will be reunited with his family. Thank you for...



Impressions	12,910
Reach	12,791
Engagements	930
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 10/3/2024 4:09 pm PDT

Over the last seven months, #GardenGrovePD Detectives had been investigating a series of peeping/indecen...



Impressions	4,684
Reach	4,674
Engagements	680
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	14.5%



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Thu 10/3/2024 10:24 am PDT



Impressions	9,233
Reach	7,682
Engagements	910
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.9%

WEEKLY MEMO 10-10-2024

NEWS ARTICLES

15-unit complex is approved

October 9, 2024



A final tract map for a housing development was approved at Tuesday’s meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

The council accepted the map for the construction of a 15-unit multiple family residential unit at 12828 Newhope St., north of Garden Grove Boulevard on a 6-0 vote, with Mayor Pro Tem Cindy Tran absent.

The applicant-developer is Olson-Garden Grove 6, LLC.

Also approved was an amendment to a cooperative agreement with the City of Stanton for the rehabilitation of Fern Street at a cost of \$64,000.

Additionally, the city council:

- adopted a proclamation recognizing Red Ribbon Week from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31;
- held a Community Spotlight in recognition of Garden Grove TV3 for its recent achievements at the 2024 Star Awards which recognizes excellence in government video programming in California.

GG, HB are among safest cities

October 8, 2024



Garden Grove and Huntington Beach are among the safest cities in the United States, according to a ranking by the WalletHub website.

Of the 29 cities studied, the top five safest cities in the United States were South Burlington, Vermont; Casper, Wyoming; Warwick, Rhode Island; Burlington, Vermont; Boise, Idaho.

But Irvine had a score of 11, Garden Grove of 35 and Huntington Beach of 36. Orange County cities scoring lower were Santa Ana (75) and Anaheim (83). Last place was occupied by Riverside (99).

Chip Lupo, analyst for Wallethub, a financial services firm, said “When people think about safety in a city, their minds go immediately to things like the crime rate, auto fatality rate or risk of natural disasters.

“The safest cities in America protects residents from these threats of bodily harm and property damage, but on top of that, they also help secure people’s financial safety.

“Financial safety includes things like minimizing the risk of fraud and keeping the population employed and insured, and combatting homelessness.”

Housing tract on the agenda

October 5, 2024



GARDEN GROVE City Hall (Orange County Tribune photo).

Approval of a final tract map for a housing development tops the agenda of Tuesday's meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

The council will be asked to accept the map for the construction of a 15-unit multiple family residential unit at 12828 Newhope St., north of Garden Grove Boulevard.

The applicant-developer is Olson-Garden Grove 6, LLC.

Also on the agenda is an amendment to a cooperative agreement with the City of Stanton for the rehabilitation of Fern Street at a cost of \$64,000.

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

Major projects are approved

October 5, 2024



Approval was given to two major projects – one of which would involve a local landmark – by the Garden Grove Planning Commission when it met on Thursday night.

On a 5-0 vote, the commission voted in favor of a site plan and lot line adjustment for the construction of a seven-story, 98-unit multiple-family apartment complex on a 1.35-acre site on the north side of Garden Grove Boulevard between Galway Street and Brookhurst Way.

Long-time residents and those who regularly travel along Garden Grove Boulevard might recognize that as the site of the now-closed Vodie's Brakes with its giant neon-lighted bear sign.

The new building will combine two parcels and include 10 affordable housing units for "very-low income" residents.

The applicant, William Jager, noted that an attempt would be made to relocate the sign to a "neon" park in another city.

Also at that meeting the commissioners voted 5-0 in favor of a site plan, conditional use permit and other permissions to develop a six-story mixed-use development on a 0.94-acre lot consisting of an 80-unit senior apartment complex and an 82-unit "residential care facility for the elderly."

It will include four affordable housing units for four "very low income" residents.

The site is at the southeast corner of Stanford Avenue and 9th Street at 11432 and 11462 Stanford Ave.

The applicant is also William Jager.

NGUOI-VIET DAILY NEWS

Hàng ngàn người đến nếm thử thức ăn địa phương ở Garden Grove

October 7, 2024

Có khoảng 24 gian hàng được giới thiệu với nhiều món ngon đặc biệt của nhiều sắc dân như Hispanic, Mỹ, Ý, Việt Nam, Chile,... Tất cả đua nhau giới thiệu món ăn với hương vị đặc sắc của riêng mình.

Cô Kristy Thái, nhân viên liên lạc cộng đồng Garden Grove, cho biết đây là một sự kiện đặc biệt do thành phố lần đầu tiên tổ chức, và cũng là lần đầu tiên các nhà hàng địa phương mang những món ăn đặc sắc giới thiệu đến cộng đồng, để mọi người có thể nếm thử những gì được tuyển chọn và giới thiệu đến khách hàng đến thưởng thức tại chỗ với những hương vị đậm đà khó quên.

Cô nói thêm: "Chương trình này do thành phố mở ra để giúp mọi người có thể nếm thử các hương vị của món ăn để quảng bá nền ẩm thực đa văn hóa của thành phố, với mong muốn mọi người biết đến những nhà hàng mới mở tại địa phương."

Tại gian hàng Pho Redbo, ông bà James Bùi và Quyên Tôn Nữ, đồng chủ nhân, cho biết có nhiều tiệm phở cùng tên tại Garden Grove, Westminster, và hai nơi khác nữa.



Ông nói: “Chúng tôi muốn mang phở, món ăn truyền thống của người Việt, giới thiệu đến mọi người, nhất là người bản xứ ở đây. Họ rất thích món phở này nhiều năm qua. Hôm nay chúng tôi giới thiệu hai món lạ miệng là cơm chiên và phở, cũng mong là sẽ được ủng hộ nhiều để được về sớm.”

Tại gian hàng Bake & Che, cô chủ Loan Nguyễn cùng một nữ nhân viên liền tay múc chè và các món bánh mời khách đang xếp hàng dài chờ tới lượt mình.

Cô cho biết rất vui vì thành phố Garden Grove tổ chức sự kiện thể này rất tốt cho người bán hàng, để họ có thể giới thiệu sản phẩm của mình trực tiếp đến mọi người, đủ cả mọi sắc dân đến tham dự.

“Về ẩm thực của người Việt thì món phở cả thế giới ai cũng biết, riêng chúng em muốn giới thiệu thêm những món khác, như chè là món tráng miệng nhưng cũng có nét độc đáo riêng. Hôm nay, chúng em giới thiệu các món bánh gồm bánh bò nướng, bánh đậu xanh, bánh khoai mì, bánh da lợn, thạch rau câu, bánh khoai môn, và món chè Thái, tất cả nguyên liệu đều đều tinh khiết tươi ngon, nấu tại bếp nhà hàng,” cô Loan chia sẻ.

Cô thêm: “Thật ra chúng em đem ra hơn 2,000 ly chè mẫu mà vẫn thiếu, mọi người vẫn chờ để được thưởng thức. Xin hứa là sang năm chúng em sẽ mang đến những hương vị độc đáo hơn nữa, để giới thiệu đến các cộng đồng bạn có thể thưởng thức món Việt. Hy vọng năm sau có một chương trình lớn mạnh hơn nữa để nhiều người biết đến món Việt nhiều hơn.”

Tại gian hàng cà phê Da Vien Coffee (tên Việt là Đá Viên), có hai tiệm tại Garden Grove và Westminster, cô quản lý Trâm Lưu chia sẻ: “Khách hàng sau khi đến thưởng thức, họ thấy rất thích với hương vị cà phê Việt Nam. Riêng người bản xứ này giờ đến thử, ai cũng khen là lạ đối với họ khi dùng cà phê sữa, cà phê đen, hoặc dùng chung với ‘oatmilk’ hoặc sữa tươi đều ngon. Hôm nay chúng em chỉ giới thiệu hai món chính là cà phê và trà đào.”

Vợ chồng anh chị Trọng Bạch và Chi Nguyễn, cư dân Garden Grove, cho hay tất nhiên là các món ẩm thực Việt đều ngon, "vì người mình ăn ăn rau củ quả nhiều hơn thịt động vật, nên có tính cách là 'thực phẩm lành mạnh' nhiều"

Cô Chi cho biết: "Khi đọc tin giới thiệu sự kiện này trên nhật báo Người Việt, tới nơi nhìn bảng tên các gian hàng hơi thất vọng vì người Việt mình có ít gian hàng quá, em có ý nghĩ là phải ăn hết tất cả món của người Việt, sau đó mới đến các gian hàng khác, đơn giản là vì hợp khẩu vị hơn."

Dĩ nhiên, những món ăn được "trình diện" trong chương trình sẽ là những món được tuyển chọn kỹ lưỡng, nghĩa là một khi thực khách đã nếm thử một lần thì sẽ phải tìm đến tiệm để thưởng thức kỹ lưỡng.

Trong những năm gần đây, Garden Grove luôn tìm cách hỗ trợ nhà hàng và các doanh nghiệp địa phương, từ việc trợ cấp đến cho vay không tiền lãi đến tổ chức chương trình giới thiệu cho cộng đồng cũng như du khách.

Trong nỗ lực phát triển Garden Grove, thành phố đang trong giai đoạn 2 xây dựng khu Brookhurst Place, ở góc đường Brookhurst và đường Garden Grove, một khu "hỗn hợp" gồm khu thương mại, chung cư, công viên, và khách sạn lớn nhất tại Garden Grove. Chắc chắn nơi đây cũng sẽ có nhiều nhà hàng với những món ăn đặc sắc.

Hội Chợ Tết Sinh Viên quay lại Garden Grove sau 11 năm

October 5, 2024

Tổng Hội Sinh Viên Việt Nam Nam California (UVSA) sẽ tổ chức Hội Chợ Tết 2025 ở Garden Grove sau khi được Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove chấp thuận vào tối Thứ Ba, 24 Tháng Chín.

Theo báo Orange County Tribune, các dân cử của Garden Grove bỏ phiếu với kết quả 6-0, Nghị Viên Joe Đỗ Vinh bỏ phiếu trắng, để ký thỏa thuận cho phép UVSA tổ chức Hội Chợ Tết tại thành phố.

Theo thỏa thuận, UVSA sẽ tổ chức hội chợ tại công viên Garden Grove từ ngày 31 Tháng Giêng đến 2 Tháng Hai, 2025.

Đa số các dân cử đều hào hứng với việc Hội Chợ Tết quay lại Garden Grove vì từng được tổ chức ở đây từ năm 2001 đến 2013, sau đó chuyển qua Costa Mesa. Nghị Viên George Brietigam cho biết ông và gia đình rất thích đi hội chợ này khi còn tổ chức ở Garden Grove.

Tuy nhiên, Nghị Viên Joe Đỗ Vinh nhắc đến chuyện UVSA sa thải hai lãnh đạo là chủ tịch và thủ quỹ vào năm 2015 vì nghi ngờ hai người đó biển thủ tiền của hội chợ năm 2013.

Các phát ngôn viên của UVSA tại phiên họp nói với Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove rằng họ hoàn toàn minh bạch trong năm nay, và những vụ lùm xùm trong quá khứ sẽ không xảy ra nữa.

Ông Joe Đỗ Vinh sau đó hỏi các ủy viên của UVSA có mặt tại phiên họp hay không. Họ là những người chịu trách nhiệm giám sát mọi hoạt động của UVSA và tổ chức hội chợ.

Rồi ông điểm danh từng người và không ai có mặt tại phiên họp.

Nghị Viên John O'Neill cho biết các ủy viên của UVSA làm việc ở khắp miền Nam California nên không chắc họ có thể đến Garden Grove để dự phiên họp Hội Đồng Thành Phố.



Nhà truyền thông Quốc Thái tranh chức thị trưởng Garden Grove

October 5, 2024

Ông Thomas Quốc Thái Nguyễn, một nhà truyền thông nổi tiếng trong cộng đồng người Việt ở Little Saigon, sẽ tranh cử chức thị trưởng Garden Grove, thành phố lớn nhất trong vùng có cộng đồng người Việt lớn nhất hải ngoại.

“Trước hết, tôi sẽ ngồi lại làm việc với tất cả các thành viên trong Hội Đồng Thành Phố để tìm một giải pháp tốt hơn cho thành phố,” ông Thái nói với nhật báo Người Việt trong ngày ông tuyên bố tranh cử.

Ông tiếp: “Garden Grove là một thành phố đẹp, đông dân, năng động, nhưng tất nhiên chúng ta có thể làm tốt đẹp hơn. Tại sao tôi nói vậy? Vì thành phố vẫn còn tình trạng vô gia cư, phát triển thương mại, và lo sức khỏe cho người dân. Và trên hết, làm sao cho mọi người thông cảm làm việc với nhau.”

“Thành phố có lợi thế là có nhiều doanh nghiệp lớn, ví dụ như Costco, Home Depot,...có nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô nổi tiếng thế giới, lại giáp Disneyland, khu giải trí đẳng cấp thế giới. Phải làm sao để mọi người biết đến Garden Grove nhiều hơn nữa,” ông Thái chia sẻ.

Ông đưa thêm ví dụ về kinh doanh từ bản thân.

Ông nói: “Hiện nay, tôi đang quản trị QT Golden Market Place and Food Court trên đại lộ Garden Grove rất ổn định, nhưng tôi vẫn muốn phát triển nơi này hơn nữa, để đóng góp vào thành công của thành phố. Tôi nhận được rất nhiều ý kiến đóng góp của cư dân.”

“Garden Grove là nhà của tôi và, giống như quý vị, tôi muốn điều tốt nhất cho thành phố,” ông nói tiếp.

Ông Thomas Quốc Thái Nguyễn, mà nhiều người còn gọi là nghệ sĩ Quốc Thái, làm truyền thông hơn 30 năm, trong lĩnh vực phát thanh và truyền hình, và là một MC nổi tiếng trong cộng đồng. Ông là đồng sáng lập đài Sài Gòn Radio Hải Ngoại 106.3 FM ở Westminster, phát thanh ở vùng Nam California, San Jose, và Houston. Ngoài ra, ông cũng là người hoạt động trong lĩnh vực văn nghệ và từng tổ chức nhiều cuộc thi hoa hậu.

Theo thống kê dân số năm 2020, Garden Grove có 171,863 cư dân, nhưng đến năm 2024, chỉ có 167,024 người, giảm 2.82%. Đây là thành phố có đa số cư dân gốc Châu Á, 41.66%, đứng hàng thứ bảy trong tổng số 10 thành phố có trên 100,000 cư dân mà có đa số dân là gốc Á. Trong số dân gốc Á này, người Mỹ gốc Việt là nhóm lớn nhất, 27.7% của toàn cư dân Garden Grove.

Nhiệm kỳ của thị trưởng là hai năm, và chỉ được làm tối đa là tám năm liên tiếp.



Ông Thomas Quốc Thái Nguyễn trong ngày tuyên bố tranh cử thị trưởng Garden Grove. (Hình: Đỗ Dzũng/Người Việt)

Cựu chiến binh Trí Lâm ứng cử nghị viên Garden Grove

October 4, 2024

GARDEN GROVE, California – Ông Trí Lâm tham gia ứng cử nghị viên Garden Grove, Địa Hạt 6, và đây cũng là lần đầu ông ra tranh cử góp phần làm cho “bức tranh” bầu cử vùng Little Saigon thêm màu sắc.



Ông Trí Lâm ứng cử nghị viên thành phố Garden Grove, Địa Hạt 6. (Hình: Đỗ Dzũng/Người Việt)

Ông Trí là một cựu quân nhân, phục vụ trong quân đội Hoa Kỳ tám năm, và từng chiến đấu ở Iraq cuối năm 2009. Hiện ông là giám sát viên về kỹ thuật y tế cho bệnh viện St. Joseph, Orange.

“Tôi qua Mỹ năm 24 tuổi và đã ở vùng Orange County hơn 20 năm. Lúc mới qua, tôi làm thử mọi nghề để kiếm sống và cũng học thêm tiếng Anh. Sau đó tôi quyết định đi lính để phục vụ và trả ơn cho nước Mỹ,” ông Trí bộc bạch.

Ông có ba bằng cử nhân trong các ngành điện, điện tử, và kỹ thuật sinh hóa.

Ông Trí quyết định tranh cử kỳ này vì nhận thấy dân cử gốc Việt đang dần mất uy tín.

“Tôi mong muốn khôi phục lại uy tín của người Việt và tạo một làn sóng mới, một tư tưởng mới. Tôi sẽ mang kinh nghiệm tích lũy để tranh đấu cho tự do,” ông cho hay.

Ông cho biết nếu đắc cử ông sẽ ưu tiên làm việc với cảnh sát Garden Grove để cùng giải quyết vấn đề vô gia cư và bạo động ở thành phố.

Ông tiếp: “Tôi sẽ ủng hộ việc thêm ngân sách cho giới công lực, nhất là muốn thêm nhân viên song ngữ để phục vụ cộng đồng gốc Việt. Tôi cũng sẽ làm việc với các thương gia để tạo nên một đội bảo vệ an ninh ở các trung tâm thương mại để bảo đảm an toàn cho người dân.”

“Tôi sẽ trở thành một nhà lãnh đạo mà tất cả người dân có thể tin tưởng,” ông nói.

Địa Hạt 6 nằm về phía Đông và Đông Nam Garden Grove, phía Bắc giáp Anaheim, phía Đông giáp Orange, và phía Nam giáp Santa Ana. Đặc biệt, trong địa hạt này có nhà thờ Chính Tòa Chúa Kitô (Christ Cathedral) và Văn Phòng Giáo Phận Orange.

Năm nay, Garden Grove bầu lại hai ghế trong sáu ghế của Hội Đồng Thành Phố. Đó là ghế đại diện hai địa hạt 2 và 6. Tại Địa Hạt 6, ông Trí Lâm sẽ tranh cử với bà Ariana Arestegui. Ghế của Địa Hạt 6 do Nghị Viên Kim Bernice Nguyễn-Penalosa để trống vì không thể tái ứng cử do giới hạn nhiệm kỳ theo luật định. [đ.d.]

Phillip Nguyễn, cựu chủ tịch Phòng Thương Mại Westminster, tranh cử nghị viên Garden Grove

October 3, 2024

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Ông Phillip Nguyễn, cư dân Garden Grove, nhưng từng là chủ tịch Phòng Thương Mại Westminster, sẽ tranh cử chức nghị viên Địa Hạt 2 của Garden Grove vào ngày 5 Tháng Mười Một tới đây.

“Trước đây, tôi hoạt động nhiều qua các chương trình TV và các tổ chức cộng đồng, ví dụ như Liên Trường Qui Nhơn và Hội Tây Sơn Bình Định. Tôi cũng từng là chủ tịch Phòng Thương Mại Westminster từ năm 2018 đến năm 2021. Hiện tôi chỉ làm cố vấn và là thành viên Phòng Thương Mại Garden Grove,” ông Phillip Nguyễn giới thiệu bản thân với nhật báo Người Việt.

Ông chia sẻ lý do ra tranh cử: “Lúc trước mình chỉ làm việc ở ‘vòng ngoài,’ nhưng khi vào ‘vòng trong’ thì mới khám phá khi có tiếng nói của mình thì mới phục vụ cộng đồng hữu hiệu hơn. Ví dụ, khi quận hạt đưa ngân quỹ xuống các thành phố cho người dân, cộng đồng Việt Nam không được hưởng lợi gì cả. Và tôi khám phá là cộng đồng chúng ta không hề biết gì về phòng thương mại.”

“Vì thế, theo tôi, ngân quỹ này cũng cần được phân phối cho các doanh nghiệp Việt Nam cần giúp đỡ. Tôi thấy cần phải có người tranh đấu cho việc này,” ông Phillip Nguyễn nói thêm.

Ông cho biết Garden Grove là thành phố cần có thêm đại diện của cộng đồng Việt Nam.

Ông giải thích: “Garden Grove là một thành phố tốt. Nếu cộng đồng Việt Nam có thêm đại diện thì sẽ có tiếng nói mạnh hơn, hữu hiệu hơn, trong chính quyền. Đó là kinh nghiệm tôi có được khi làm việc bên phòng thương mại. Và đó là lý do tôi ra ứng cử lần này.”

Ông Phillip Nguyễn cho biết thêm, với vai trò dân cử, ông cũng sẽ làm việc để phát triển thêm doanh nghiệp, bảo vệ an toàn cho cư dân, để có thể thu hút thêm khách du lịch. “Tôi cũng muốn làm cho môi trường thành phố thân thiện hơn với doanh nghiệp, qua việc thu ngắn thời gian cấp giấy phép kinh doanh,” vị cựu chủ tịch Phòng Thương Mại Westminster nói thêm. “Gia cư phải có giá phải chăng, làm cho cư dân cảm thấy thoải mái. Tôi cũng ủng hộ cho xây thêm nhà phụ ADU vì bây giờ nhiều người chọn cư ngụ ở Garden Grove, thành phố quá tốt, nên cần giải quyết càng sớm càng tốt.”

Ông kết luận: “Sau hết, tôi muốn tiếp tục duy trì tình trạng tài chính của thành phố sạch sẽ. Dù chưa ứng cử bao giờ, tôi tin tưởng và hy vọng người dân Địa Hạt 2 sẽ bầu cho tôi. Khi tôi đi tranh cử, đi gõ cửa từng nhà, bất cứ ai, Việt, Mỹ, Hispanic, đều vui vẻ chụp hình với tôi. Tôi cảm thấy vô cùng khích lệ.”

Ông Phillip Nguyễn đến Mỹ năm 1975, cư ngụ ở Orlando, Florida, được ba năm trước khi định cư tại California cho đến nay. Ông tốt nghiệp đại học Santa Ana College và có học tại đại học Cal State Long Beach, trong lúc vừa làm vừa học.

Năm 1984 ông làm việc cho Allen Bradley Co. Năm 1992, Rockwell International mua lại công ty này và ông làm kỹ sư cho hãng cho tới khi bộ phận ông làm đóng cửa. Sau đó, ông học thêm kế toán và mở công ty khai thuế NP Phillip Co. trong 26 năm qua.

Trong sinh hoạt cộng đồng, ông hiện là phó chủ tịch thường trực Tổng Hội Phát Triển Võ Thuật Thế Giới. Ông cũng là chủ bút Tạp Chí Thế Giới Văn Học và Võ Thuật trong 15 năm qua.

Tính đến năm 2023, Địa Hạt 2 có khoảng 16,000 cư dân, bao gồm chừng 7,600 nam và 7,900 nữ. Trong địa hạt có 5,367 cử tri Cộng Hòa và 5,980 cử tri Dân Chủ. Địa hạt có 6,190 người gốc Việt, 4,500 người gốc da trắng, và 3,675 người gốc Hispanic.



Ông Phillip Nguyễn, ứng cử chức nghị viên Địa Hạt 2 của Garden Grove. (Hình: Đỗ Dzũng/Người Việt)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
October 10, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Meeting Minutes for the September 5, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Agenda for the October 17, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting
4. Agenda and meeting minutes for the October 10, 2024 Zoning Administrator Meeting.
5. League of California Cities articles from October 4, 2024 to October 10, 2024.
6. Orange County LAFCO, The Pulse Newsletter, Fall 2024



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 10, 2024 – November 15, 2024

Thursday	October 10	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Thursday	October 17		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 17	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 18		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	October 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	October 24	6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Special Meeting, CMC
Saturday	October 26	1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.	Jack O’Lantern Jamboree, Atlantis Play Center
Thursday	October 31	11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Halloween Luncheon, CMC, AB Room “Classic Horror & Villains”
Friday	November 1		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 5	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	November 7	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	November 12	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	November 14		\$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Thursday	November 14	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC Downtown Commission, CMC
Friday	November 15		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Laricchia

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

August 15, 2024 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Laricchia Second: Cueva

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

Noes: (0)

Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-142-2024 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF JEFFERSON STREET, SOUTH OF LARSON STREET, AT 13171 JEFFERSON STREET.

Applicant: JEFFREY AND TINA MULLEN

Date: September 5, 2024

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct eight (8) multiple-family rental units and associated site improvements on an approximately 0.23-acre lot. The proposal includes one (1) affordable housing unit for “very-low income” households. The inclusion of one (1) “very-low income” unit qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking, pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law. The site is in

the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6096-24 was approved. One letter of opposition was submitted by Joyce P. McFadden.

Motion: Beard Second: Paredes

Ayes: (6) Beard, Cueva, Laricchia, Lindsay, Ramirez, Paredes
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (1) Cunningham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Ramirez commented that he is uncomfortable with affordable projects brought before the Planning Commission when Commissioners have no ability to condition affordable projects due to density bonus provisions, which in turn, gives the public a false impression that their input can be taken into account in matters of discretion over land use, when it cannot. In addition, the public hearing process extends the developer’s entitlement process and utilizes staff resources unnecessarily, especially if the goal is to expedite affordable housing. He added that there are other options to let the public know about affordable projects rather than bring them before the Commission, though if projects have compelling reasons to be heard before the Commission, and the Commission has discretion to condition them, they should be heard.

Chair Lindsay asked for updates on several projects in the City. Staff stated that Site C is in the plan check process and Nickelodeon is moving forward with their environmental with a focused EIR. Staff is working with Cottage Industries to move forward with Phase 2 (Art Block), however, with a change in the original approved design, Phase 2 would come back to the Planning Commission. Work is also being done on the Main Street parking lot to move forward with the utilities phase, and the Choisser project behind Nickelodeon is in plan check.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated the September 19th meeting would be cancelled and gave a brief description of the agenda items for the October 3rd meeting. Commissioner Beard stated he would be absent from the October 3rd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:37 p.m.

Rosemarie Jacot

Rosemarie Jacot
Recording Secretary



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

OCTOBER 17, 2024 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, 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 (1) 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: CHAIR LINDSAY, VICE CHAIR RAMIREZ
COMMISSIONERS BEARD, CUEVA, CUNNINGHAM, LARICCHIA,
PAREDES

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. [APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2024](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
 - C.1. [SITE PLAN NO. SP-146-2024](#)
[TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2023-191](#)

APPLICANT: LPA, INC.

LOCATION: WEST SIDE OF HASTER STREET, BETWEEN LAMPSON AVENUE AND GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, AT 12681 HASTER STREET

REQUEST: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a seventy-six (76) unit, four-story residential apartment building and associated site improvements on an approximately 1.58-acre lot. The proposal includes eight (8) affordable housing units for "very low-income" households. Inclusion of the eight (8) "very low-income" units qualifies the project for a density bonus, concessions, waivers, and reduced parking pursuant to the State Density Bonus Law. Also, A Tentative Parcel Map to split the existing 3.8-acre property into two (2) separate lots of approximately 2.2 acres, and approximately 1.6 acres to facilitate the development of the residential apartment complex. The site is in the R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the requests, the Planning Commission will consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-146-2024 and Tentative Parcel Map No. PM-2023-191, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, October 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

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.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, 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).

All revised or additional documents and writings related to any items on the agenda, which are distributed to the Zoning Administrator within 72 hours of a meeting, shall be available for public inspection (1) at the Planning Services Division during normal business hours; and (2) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator 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.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. [LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-032-2024](#)

APPLICANT: Serge Melikyan
LOCATION: 13402 Lucille Street

REQUEST: A request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) parcels into one (1) parcel to facilitate the construction of

an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on a property currently developed with a single-family dwelling. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) 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).

2. NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

a. [ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION NO. IFC-001-2024](#)

APPLICANT: Bahadar Lakha
LOCATION: 11911 Euclid Street

REQUEST: A request for determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (AC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License in connection with Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-179-93. The site is 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).

3. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

4. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-032-2024

Applicant: SERGE MELIKYAN
Location: 13402 Lucille Street
Date: October 10, 2024

Request: A request for Lot Line Adjustment approval to remove an existing lot line for the purpose of consolidating two (2) parcels into one (1) parcel to facilitate the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on a property currently developed with a single-family dwelling. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Serge Melikyan, the applicant, and Robert Garza, who cited parking concerns.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1855-24.

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEM – ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION NO. IFC-001-2024

Applicant: BAHADAR LAKHA
Location: 11911 Euclid Street

Request: A request for determination of Public Convenience or Necessity for a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (AC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License in connection with Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-179-93. The site is in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) zone.

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1856-24.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



Seven tips for a great annual conference experience

Oct 9, 2024

By Cal Cities Education Staff

Are you ready for one of the largest Cal Cities Annual Conference and Expos of the last decade? To help ensure you get the most out of your time in Long Beach, we've compiled a few tips for first-timers and conference veterans alike.

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

The annual conference is packed with educational sessions and opportunities to connect with colleagues. Take time to review the [full schedule](#) with your team before attending. If you're going as a group, divide the educational sessions up to maximize the conference's benefits. Remember to bring a stack of business cards! You never know who you might meet. If this is your first time attending the conference — or if you need a refresher — join Cal Cities staff for an attendee orientation at 12:45 p.m. on **Oct 16**.

2. Set up your mobile app in advance!

The Cal Cities mobile app has everything you need to know about the conference. You can view the full program, build a custom schedule, import events into your calendar, view exhibitor information, and more. Find the Cal Cities mobile app by searching "League of California Cities" or "Cal Cities" in the [Apple App Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

Already have the app? Make sure to download the conference guide! Just select "Find Guides" on the bottom right of your screen and search for "2024 Annual Conference and Expo." With the guide, you can start building your personal conference schedule.

3. Make sure your city is ready for Friday's General Assembly

Each year, members can propose new Cal Cities policies through the [annual resolution process](#). Cal Cities received [one resolution](#) this year, which voting delegates will consider during the General Assembly on Fri., Oct. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

All [voting delegates](#) must check in at the voting delegate desk before the General Assembly. The desk will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

4. Earn your continuing education credits or complete ethics training

The annual conference officially starts with the Opening General Session at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. However, there are plenty of pre-conference activities for those who arrive beforehand, including opportunities for education credits. Arrive early for AB 1234 Ethics Training or earn CMC/MMC Advanced Education Points at the City Clerks Workshop.

City attorneys can also earn education credits [throughout the conference](#).

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

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

City clerks, city managers, public works officers, and fiscal officers will meet on Oct. 16. City attorneys, employee relations managers, and mayors and council members will meet on Oct. 17. Fire Chiefs will meet on Oct. 18.

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

6. Find exhibitors and Cal Cities Partners in the expo

Don't forget about the second half of the conference — [the expo floor](#)! With over 275 exhibitors, this year's expo floor will be brimming with opportunities to discover city-focused services and organizations for a wide range of mundane and unusual city challenges.

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

7. Pack the essentials!

Last, but most importantly: The annual conference includes a lot of walking and conference room temperatures may vary! Pack comfortable shoes, chargers for mobile devices, and a jacket as conference rooms may be cold to some. Be sure to allow for extra time to pick up your conference badge before arriving at your first event. Don't forget: Wear your badge at all times during the conference.

Please note, **online registration is closed!** Registration is available on-site, pending availability. See the registration desk upon arrival for more information.

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



City leaders rally for three key ballot initiatives

Oct 9, 2024

By Kristine Guerrero, director of public affairs

Cal Cities and local leaders throughout the state are voicing their support for anti-crime, climate, and affordable housing measures on the November 2024 ballot.

In [Fresno](#), [Los Angeles](#), [Sacramento](#), and [elsewhere](#), local leaders held press conferences in support of Proposition 36. “Our cities are at a breaking point,” Daniel Parra, Cal Cities president and Fowler mayor said in Fresno. “We are facing an escalating retail theft and shoplifting crisis, and a deadly fentanyl epidemic. Prop. 36 offers a balanced, practical approach to tackling these urgent challenges head-on.”

If approved by voters, [Prop. 36](#) could deter repeat retail theft by reclassifying some drug and theft crimes. It could also redirect some people towards treatment rather than incarceration. Most Californians support the measure, according to polling from the [Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies](#), [Public Policy Institute of California](#), and [others](#).

Cal Cities earlier this year released a sample resolution for members and side-by-side comparison of the measure and the retail theft package signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Cal Cities also released [several educational resources](#) about Prop. 4 for members, including a funding guide and sample city resolution. The \$10 billion climate bond could help cities respond and prepare for wildfires, floods, droughts, extreme heat, and other climate-related events. This Tuesday, Cal Cities hosted a webinar for members outlining the bond’s various funding proposals.

Another Cal Cities-supported ballot initiative, [Prop. 5](#), would lower the voter threshold to 55% for bonds used for affordable housing, permanent supportive housing, or public infrastructure — the same threshold used for school construction, rehabilitation, and replacement.

Cal Cities is supporting Prop. 5 with member training. Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry are highly engaged in mobilization efforts.

With less than a month until election day, it’s critical that city leaders and their constituents know about the potential impacts of these measures. For more information, trainings, or sample resolutions please [contact your regional public affairs manager](#).



CalPERS votes to leave discount rate unchanged

Oct 9, 2024

By Johnnie Pina, legislative affairs lobbyist

At the [urging of Cal Cities](#), the California Public Employees' Retirement System voted last month to not lower the fund's discount rate and expected rate of return. Lowering both would have increased employer liabilities and contributions.

CalPERS' investment returns for the fiscal year [outpaced its discount rate](#), triggering an automatic review of the benchmark. The discount rate is comparable to an assumed rate of return and serves as a policy marker for the CalPERS Board of Administration. Under the [CalPERS Funding Risk Mitigation Policy](#), the Board had the option of reducing the discount rate and the expected investment return by 0.05%. The Board will review the discount rate next year as part of the scheduled Asset Liability Management process.

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

For more information, please review the [CalPERS' Funding Risk Mitigation Event agenda item](#), [Funding Risk Mitigation Policy](#), and [Funding Risk Mitigation Event Slideshow](#), [CalPERS Board Meeting recording](#).



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

Oct 9, 2024

By Cal Cities Staff

Cal Cities is seeking proposals for its marquee advocacy event. Taking place April 23-25 in Sacramento, the [City Leaders Summit](#) enables 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 pertinent issues affecting 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 Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Members have indicated an interest in a range of topics, including:

- Building mental health and substance use treatment facilities.
- Water policy and the future of water availability.
- PFAS.
- Attracting and retaining senior management.
- New trends in economic development.
- Improving low voter turnout.
- Workforce development and providing jobs for residents.
- Code enforcement.
- Working with counties or school boards.
- Energy issues.
- Grant funding.
- City finances.
- 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 Associate Manager, Event Program, [Kayla Boutros](#).



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The OC LAFCO air is filled with the completion of many projects and activities during the previous fiscal cycle and a quick jump start with three months of fiscal year 2024-25 already behind us. Read on to a message from the OC LAFCO Chairman and his introduction to the highlights of this edition of The Pulse.



Welcome and Reflections from Chairman Wagner



Don P. Wagner

As OC LAFCO Chairman, I welcome you to the Fall Edition of The Pulse. Whether you are a first-time reader of this publication or have been keeping up with our activities through previous editions, we thank you for your interest in OC LAFCO.

I was appointed to serve as Chairman in January of this year, and over this time, the Commission and staff have continued to work as a team to accomplish the goals of the agency's three-year strategic plan and enhance resources that facilitate the carrying out OC LAFCO's legislative

authority and mandates. During fiscal year 2023-24, the Commission welcomed new members, experienced changes in staff, and saw a decrease in filed applications. However, even with these changes, the activity at OC LAFCO remained busy and much was done. To highlight a few, the Commission completed an overhaul of the agency website and resources, conducted several municipal service reviews, proactively monitored and adopted positions on legislation of LAFCO-interest, and improved internal policies and procedures. Each of these areas represent OC LAFCO's effort to fulfill our legislative mandates and be responsive to Orange County's local agencies and communities.

As we enter the last year of the Commission's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, as Chairman, I will continue to provide leadership that facilitates the

completion of our remaining goals and adoption of the next multi-year plan. To learn more about OC LAFCO activities, I invite you to continue reading or stop by one of our monthly meetings and don't forget to take the OC LAFCO Pop Quiz at the end of your read.



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The Rear-View Mirror

In August, the Commission received a year-end report on the accomplishments of the OC LAFCO 2022-25 Strategic Plan through fiscal year 2023-24. With two-thirds of the Plan in our rear view, this section of *The Pulse* highlights goals and objectives completed over the past year.

Goal One: Staff Development, Retention, and Recruitment



The Commission continues to keep the maintaining of quality staff talent as a priority. Much like other local governments and employers, retaining quality staff and external interruptions experienced by OC LAFCO have been a challenge. To address these situations, over the past year, OC LAFCO focused on developing and maintaining current personnel through cross-training opportunities, benefit enhancements, and the annual funding of professional development and training activities. With the average tenure of OC LAFCO employees currently at nearly 11 years, the Commission recognizes the importance of fostering employment continuity. Additionally, OC LAFCO acknowledges the significant role that the recruitment process plays in attracting strong talent. With that in mind and for the first time, OC LAFCO joined up with our partner to the south, San Diego LAFCO to establish a pool of candidates for future LAFCO analysts. The effort resulted in the receipt of over 50 applicants, an increase from past recruitments, and yielded savings in administrative costs and other resources.

Additionally, the effort brought forward a new team member to the OC LAFCO team. As you read further, you will become acquainted with our new Analyst, Aimee Diaz.

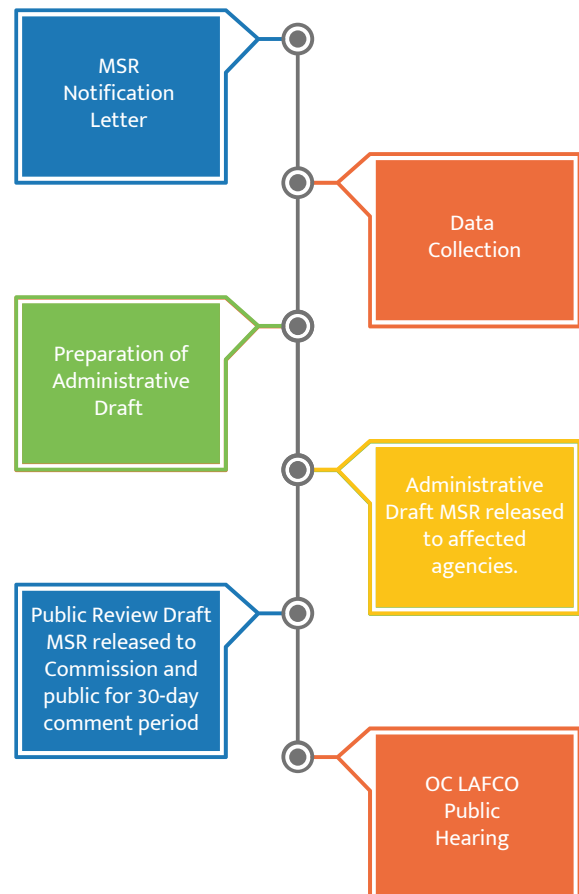
Goal Two: Improve Municipal Service Review (MSR) Process for Future MSRs



The Commission's fourth round of MSRs has been underway for four years, and there was progress in completing a review of all cities and special districts during the past fiscal cycle. MSRs were completed for a portion of South Orange County and agencies located in the western region of the county. With more than half of the fourth cycle MSRs complete, OC LAFCO has reached a significant milestone for this goal, and the effort has catapulted into a new fiscal year with the Orange County Water District MSR approaching the release date of the "Public Draft," and the Central Region draft MSR following closely behind. If you are interested in additional details on the MSR regions and schedule, visit the MSR webpage at the OC LAFCO website.

An MSR Process Crash Course

Has it been some time since your agency participated in the MSR process, or perhaps you are new to the city or special district? Whatever the situation, you may be unfamiliar with MSRs, and we wanted to introduce you to the "cliff notes" version of the process.



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Generally, the preparation of an MSR from beginning to end (consideration by the Commission) involves a one to two year process. As noted in the graphic on page 2, the process includes multiple milestones that are established within a schedule prepared by OC LAFCO staff. Through the conducting of multiple cycles of MSRs, OC LAFCO staff notes that the gathering and analyzing of the data required for the MSR process can take up to six months and sometimes longer. However, with the data being the most critical component of MSRs, a significant part of an MSR schedule is assigned to data collection.

Another key part of the process is release of the Public Review Draft MSR and consideration of the MSR at a public hearing conducted by the Commission. Both of these key milestones represent an opportunity for local agencies and other interested parties to seek answers and provide comments on the report.

Finally, upon approval by the Commission, the final MSR is made available to the affected agencies and on our website, and surveys are sent to agencies for you to share your thoughts on the process. Many think the OC LAFCO website is the final resting place for our MSRs, but it is not. Over the years, we have received requests for MSRs from many stakeholders to include, other government agencies, field representatives of stated elected officials, local media, OC Grand Jury, and representative from academia.

Goal Three: Promote Legislative Engagement

The past year’s activity involving legislation of LAFCO interest was generally quiet. This session brought minor clean-up of the law that governs LAFCOs (“CKH Act”) and other bills involving failing wastewater systems, property tax exchange for district formation proposals, and requiring indemnification from LAFCO applicants. At adjournment of the session, the Commission ended its monitoring with the adoption of positions on four bills. For more information on those bills, click the following link https://oclafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/6c_Leg-report-October.pdf to access the Commission’s most recent legislative report.

Goal Four: Optimize External Communication

The Commission uses various vehicles and tools to remain connected with local agencies and external organizations. OC LAFCO continues to facilitate this connection through the agency’s newly designed website and “The Pulse.” The agency’s news publication not only allows OC LAFCO to keep agencies connected to the Commission’s activities but also provides an opportunity for OC LAFCO to spotlight the activities of cities and special districts.

With November quickly approaching, Commission staff has already begun bundling the OC LAFCO media kits to be sent to continuing and newly elected OC legislators. Kits will include an OC LAFCO brochure, the recent edition of The Pulse, the latest legislative report, and other informational items. Additionally, staff will be opening up their calendars to schedule visits with the legislators or their local field representatives, who will have the opportunity to receive the LAFCO 101 presentation in-person or virtually.

Finally, the OC LAFCO team looks forward to visiting with the staff of cities, special districts and the County at the various agency hosted regular and quarterly meeting and other opportunities.



Mile Square Regional Park, Fountain Valley

Commissioner Activity

Reappointments

LAFCO commissioners, in accordance with state law, serve four-year terms with no term limits. For OC LAFCO, the average tenure of Commissioners has been relatively static, and over the past year, processes for three seats with expiring terms were conducted. This year, Commissioners Wendy Bucknum, James Fisler, and Carol Moore were reappointed by their respective appointing authorities and were sworn in on July 10 to begin their new terms. If you want to learn more about the appointment processes and current terms for OC LAFCO members, click here https://oclafco.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/09_Terms-of-Office_NewlyElected_August2024.pdf.



Regional and State Appointments

On the regional and statewide fronts, Commissioner Derek J. McGregor continued a two-year term on the California Association of LAFCOs (CALAFCO) Board of Directors and was appointed to the CALAFCO Legislative Committee earlier this year. Additionally, Commissioner McGregor was appointed to serve as Chair of the CALAFCO Southern Region. The region is comprised of six LAFCOs (Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego). Fondly referred to as the “Big Six,” the group meets quarterly to discuss the affairs of CALAFCO, matters affecting the region, and partnership opportunities.



Derek J. McGregor
Public Member

Getting Acquainted with OC LAFCO Team Members

“Eight Years in the Making” - Meet Senior Policy Analyst, Gavin Centeno



With the typical eagerness of a Master of Public Administration graduate, Gavin joined the OC LAFCO team in 2016 and went right to work on many of the Commission’s prime-time projects. While his plate included many routine annexations and reorganizations, his leadership was and remains key in managing components of the Commission’s first communication plan. In this effort, Gavin has provided lead on the redesign of the OC LAFCO website, not once but twice, to ensure that interested parties have a good virtual experience when visiting the site. Other accomplishments of Gavin since his arrival at OC LAFCO include processing multiple island annexations (notably the Hamer Island annexation to Placentia) and boundary reorganizations involving the Cities of Orange and Tustin, conducting various municipal service reviews, contributing to improvements to the fiscal indicators web-based program, and development of the OC LAFCO Media Kit and outreach program for OC legislators. He also keeps OC LAFCO connected to our local agencies by regularly attending meetings of the independent special districts and other committees of the Orange County Business Council and the Center for Demographic Research. Gavin takes his Commission experience beyond OC LAFCO walls as he can be seen often participating on statewide conference and workshop panels to highlight the efforts of the Commission and our local agencies.

Gavin Fun Fact: Gavin’s childhood originated in the Philippines, where he remembers having to hand-pump water from a well for potable use. He stated that the work he now does with OC LAFCO resonates with him as a child growing up with limited and basic municipal services like a running faucet. Gavin says with pride that he is now part of an agency whose mission includes ensuring residents receive the most efficient and effective municipal services.

“The One Out of 50” - Meet Policy Analyst, Aimee Diaz



Becoming part of a small team with big desks can be daunting for some. But Aimee Diaz was willing to give it her best effort and submitted her qualifications through the OC LAFCO recruitment process. With over 50 applications received, Aimee’s professional and educational experiences stood out and pushed her to be a finalist in the process, and ultimately selected to join the Commission’s team in August. Quickly adapting to the OC LAFCO work culture, these days you will find her learning the ropes involving boundary changes, updating the County island profiles, navigating the agency’s GIS maps and resources, gearing up news kits to introduce OC LAFCO Commissioners and staff to legislators following the November election, and ushering in new ideas and thoughts. Prior to joining OC LAFCO, Aimee worked with the City of Lake Forest as an intern and recently concluded her graduate work at UC Irvine, receiving a Master of Public Policy.

Aimee Fun Fact: Outside of the office, Aimee loves to cook family recipes, incorporating the traditional flavors and techniques of her hometown (El Paso, Texas) and Northern Mexico.



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LAFCOs and JPAs: Who's in Charge?



Scott Smith

LAFCOs lack direct authority over Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs). However, State law does provide for LAFCO analysis of JPAs as providers of municipal services for their members.

LAFCOs have jurisdiction to form or alter the jurisdiction of cities and special districts that are formed by statute (Gov't Code § 56036) but not over JPAs, which are formed contractually between two or more participating agencies.

This is not to say that JPAs fall completely outside LAFCO's purview. Since 2017, State law has required that JPAs formed to provide municipal services file a copy of their founding agreement and any amendments to the respective county's LAFCO (Gov't Code § 6503.8). Failure to submit those materials results in a prohibition on that agency's issuing bonds or incurring indebtedness of any kind until the requirement is met.

Furthermore, JPAs are legitimately subject to study in Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs). The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act requires LAFCOs to "initiate and make studies of existing governmental agencies. Those studies shall include, but shall not be limited to, inventorying those agencies and determining their maximum service area and service capacities. In conducting those studies, the commission may request . . . joint powers agreements, and plans of . . . joint powers authorities." (Gov't Code § 56378. Emphasis added.) Through the MSR analysis, LAFCOs can legitimately review a JPA member's delivery of services under the auspices of its JPA partnerships and can consider and weigh alternatives to that joint delivery of services.

Again, because JPAs aren't cities or districts, LAFCO can't create, dissolve, or alter them, but can exert some influence over them as LAFCO reviews the delivery of services of their members. In doing this, LAFCO should focus its analysis and study on the delivery of services by the member agency through the JPA vehicle, not the efficacy of the JPA per se.

This article was written by Scott Smith and Gregory Mikhanjian. Scott is a partner at Best Best & Krieger who has served as part of the Orange County LAFCO General Counsel team since 1994. Greg is a law student at Chapman University who will join Best Best & Krieger in 2025.



Gregory Mikhanjian

Agency Spotlight: Los Alamitos

It appeared to be cooling off and somewhat resembling a fall afternoon when Executive Officer Carolyn Emery “zoomed” in to speak with City Manager Chet Simmons to hear all about the origin of the city’s name and scoop on some of their upcoming premiere events.

The City is known for its distinguished and award-winning schools and beautiful parks. What are some other things or events the City will be hosting that we should know about?

Chet: Los Alamitos is a small town, but given our location, our activities and events extend beyond our 12,000 residents and are often attended by the neighboring community of Rossmoor and the cities of Cypress, Seal Beach, and Long Beach. Each year the city hosts 25 public events. We are successful in this through a partnership with our non-profit organizations and the effort coined as “Serve Los Al.” Key activities include serving youth shelters, recognition of our military, and a July 4th celebration. Another popular annual event is the “Taste of Los Al” where our residents and neighboring communities can experience the delicious variety of our town’s restaurants. These events attract up to 7,000 people each year and bring lots of positive impacts to our neighborhoods and others outside of our city’s boundaries.

What are some key accomplishments of the City over the last year?

Chet: Over the past few years and through the leadership of the city council and commitment of the city team, we’ve focused on charting a sustainable future that has resulted in a variety of benefits to our residents. An important directive set by the council was putting our financial affairs in order, and this was accomplished through the implementation of a fiscal sustainability plan and a structurally balanced budget. Additionally, we recognized that some forward-thinking was necessary, and we did quite a bit of outreach to our residents. Through this collaboration, the city is allocating considerable funds to repair our roads, pay down pension liabilities over the next 10 years, and revitalize the city’s main square with an active transportation plan and encouraging new businesses and development within our town.

The City’s logo embodies creativity and goes beyond the literal boundaries of the city, county and country. Can you share the history behind the logo?

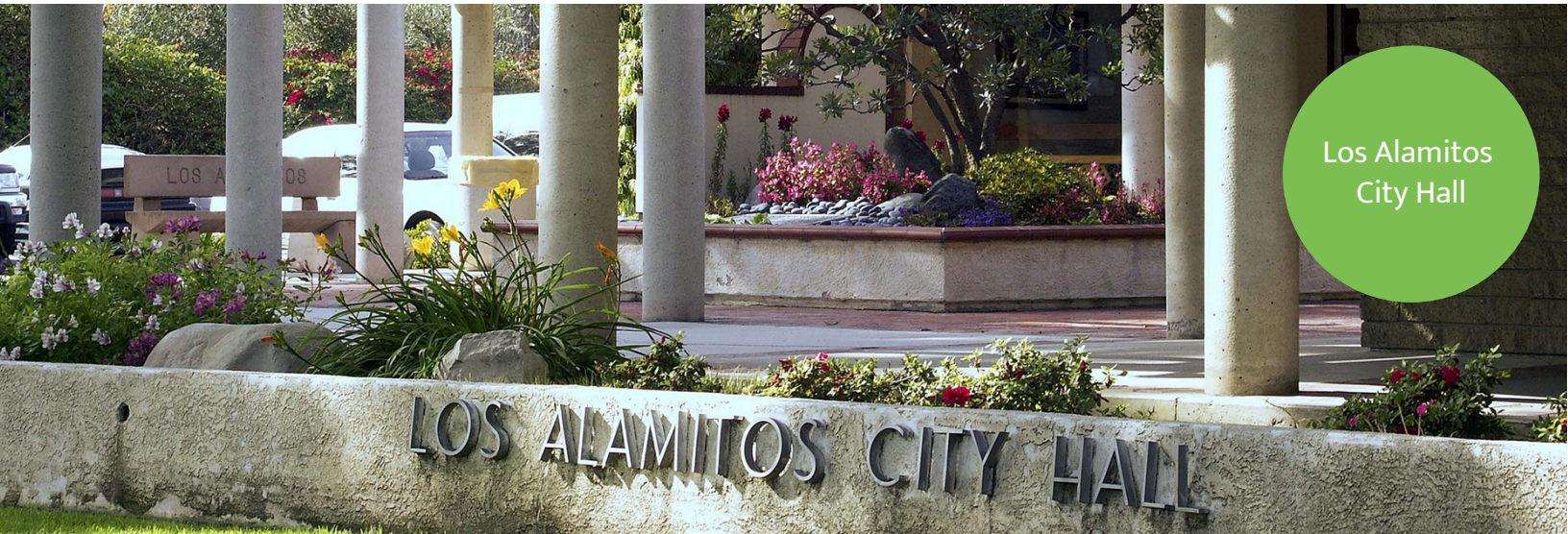
Chet: With including three countries (United States, Mexico and Spain) in the city’s logo design, there was a desire by city council and staff to reflect our respect for the presences of the military base and the various cultures that settled within Los Al’s current boundaries prior to the establishment of Orange County and our cityhood. The logo also incorporates cottonwood trees which is Los Alamitos’ namesake.



In what you hear out and about in the community, what are the most important quality of life characteristics that residents are seeking when calling the City of Los Alamitos their hometown?

Chet: Residents have communicated to the city council and staff that their quality of life includes addressing the needs of our seniors, public safety and ensuring the city’s charter supports the planning needs of the community. In response to that, the council has adopted a Senior Master Plan to address the needs of our residents in age range of 50 to 100 years. Additionally, we are improving areas of public safety by collaborating more with our school districts. Lastly, amendments to the city’s charter that support modernization projects will be on the fall ballot for consideration by our residents. We learned a lot during the pandemic by getting out and meeting with residents. A theme that I’ve embraced is “build the arc before the rain.”

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Los Alamitos
City Hall

Can the City deliver on what residents are seeking and has the pandemic impacted the City’s ability to do so?

Chet: Yes, we can. As a small city, the pandemic forced us to reevaluate the ways services were being delivered. During that time, we also went out into our neighborhoods to hear their thoughts and adapted to new ways of doing business, including embracing the option of virtual meetings and delivering city council meetings directly to their homes. Los Al’s neighborhoods include tight-knit communities, and being a small city allows us to stay connected to them. A lesson we’ve learned is that to stay connected to our neighborhoods, the city must modernize its infrastructure to meet our residents where they are today.

Your professional career includes executive positions with cities with a population of approximately 12,000 and 90,000 residents. What are the stark differences, if any, in providing leadership to staff of cities with distinct differences in staff?

Chet: For me, the work is the same. In my role with Los Al, I’ve experienced responsive leadership from the city council, and the biggest thing for me is to ensure that our staff have the resources needed to carry out responsibilities. At Los Al, staff have the flexibility to collaborate across departments to support one another and not do things in a vacuum. At Los Al, there is a presence of gaining something from someone else, and we believe in one city, one team. These things may be harder to do on a larger scale.

For your tenure as a public servant, in particular with Los Alamitos, what are you most proud of?

Chet: I am very proud of the dedicated and creative team we have at the city. We have committed department heads and members of the police department that are out there with the community. There is an authenticity and comradery that exist among our entire staff.



Chet Simmons

Chet Simmons was appointed the City Manager of Los Alamitos in 2020 where he leads implementation of city-council adopted policies and the city’s executive team. Chet arrived at Los Alamitos by way of the City of Westminster where he served in numerous capacities for 13 years.

With an area of 4.1 square miles, the City of Los Alamitos is located along the western boundary of Orange County, adjacent to the cities of Cypress, Seal Beach and Long Beach. The City is home to approximately 12,000 residents and is known for its majestic parks and California Distinguished and Blue Ribbon schools.

How Well Do You Know OC LAFCO?



The newly added feature to *The Pulse* is where our readers may sharpen or express their knowledge about LAFCO. A big thank you to Chet Simmons for hanging around after his interview to be the very first to show his knowledge on LAFCO.

OC LAFCO POP QUIZ

#1: Is the “O” in acronym for LAFCO appropriately lower (LAFCo) or upper case (LAFCO)?

Chet’s Answer: The “O” should be capitalized. When all letters in the acronym are capitalized, it lets people know you are a big deal.

#2: How many Commissioners serve on OC LAFCO?

Chet’s Answer: Is it 15?

#3: What year were LAFCOs established?

Chet’s Answer: 1900s, I think.

#4: What is the name of the statewide organization that represents 56 LAFCOs?

Chet’s Answer: Is it CSDA?

With a few lifelines thrown his way, Chet passed our pop quiz with a near-perfect score! To see how well you scored, check out the answers at the bottom of this page.



City of
Cypress

Quiz Answers:

① Upper case “O,” according to OC LAFCO.

② 11.

③ 1963.

④ CALAFCO.