

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 15, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City
Council Members

FROM: Lisa Kim
City Manager

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

A memo is attached to provide information on the Garden Grove Housing Authority's participation in a community outreach event to assist residents with the Grove Park Apartments Project-Based Voucher waiting list application process.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Lisa L. Kim	From:	Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Economic Development and Housing
Subject:	Housing Authority Participation in Project-Based Voucher Application Assistance Event	Date:	October 15, 2026

OBJECTIVE

To inform the City Manager of the Garden Grove Housing Authority's (GGHA) participation in a community outreach event held in partnership with Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen's Office to assist residents with the Grove Park Apartments Project-Based Voucher (PBV) waiting-list application process.

BACKGROUND

The Project-Based Voucher (PBV) program provides rental assistance to eligible low-income households in designated housing units. Unlike tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers, which may be used at qualifying rental properties, PBV assistance is tied to specific apartments. Grove Park Apartments has 52 PBV-assisted units under an agreement with GGHA. To maintain a pool of interested applicants for future vacancies, GGHA opened a dedicated waiting list for the property on October 5, 2026.

On October 14, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., GGHA participated in an application assistance event at Freedom Hall in Mile Square Park, 16801 Euclid Street, Fountain Valley. The event provided residents with in-person support in registering for the Grove Park Apartments PBV waiting list. Registration does not guarantee rental assistance or a housing unit.

DISCUSSION

Held in partnership with Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen's Office, the event brought together County and City officials, Housing Authority staff, and community partners to connect residents with affordable housing opportunities. Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein, Councilmember Cindy Tran, and Assistant City Manager Matt West were also in attendance, demonstrating the City's support for community outreach efforts and improved access to affordable housing resources. More than 150 residents attended the event, reflecting strong community interest in affordable housing opportunities.

GGHA staff provided direct assistance in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, helping residents navigate the online registration system, understand the PBV program and waiting-list process, complete registrations, and receive answers to their questions. This multilingual, in-person support helped address language and technology barriers and improve access to the application process. The event also provided an opportunity to connect residents with information about existing rental assistance resources while strengthening coordination between the City and County on affordable housing outreach.

GGHA's participation supports the City Council's priority of improving access to affordable housing for lower-income residents. The strong turnout and availability of assistance in three languages highlight the value of accessible, coordinated community outreach.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ursula Luna-Reynosa".

for
Ursula Luna-Reynosa
Economic Development and Housing Department Director

By: Thyana Phi, Housing Authority Manager

WEEKLY MEMO 10-15-2026

NEWS ARTICLES

The Tribune

October 14, 2026

Departing city manager honored

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON OCTOBER 14, 2026 • ([LEAVE A COMMENT](#))



LISA KIM honored by the Garden Grove City Council (Tribune photo).

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

Lisa Kim's tenure as Garden Grove's city manager will soon end, but the accolades are just beginning.

At Tuesday's meeting of the city council, she heard city leaders describe her 10 years of service to the City of Youth and Ambition in glowing terms.

Assistant City Manager Matt West – who will assume Kim's current post in November, called her —“a dedicated leader” who “provided guidance to the city,” first as community development director for seven years, then three as city manager.

Mayor Stephanie Klopfenstein said that Kim – the city's first female city manager and its first Asian American top appointed official – has “left a lasting impression on Garden Grove.”

Kim is credited with playing a key role in attracting the Steelcraft urban eatery to the city, shaping the city's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing the new Public Safety (police) building to completion and other accomplishments.

“When I first came to Garden Grove,” said Kim, “I didn't know what to expect. I found a family and friends.”

Her last day in City Hall will be Nov. 2.

The Tribune

October 9, 2026

Extension asked for planned six-story apartment complex

BY OC TRIBUNE STAFF ON OCTOBER 9, 2026 • (1 COMMENT)



GARDEN GROVE City Hall (Orange County Tribune photo).

A request for a one-year time extension for what would be the tallest apartment project in the city goes before the Garden Grove Planning Commission when it meets on Thursday, Oct. 15.

The developer, Investel Garden Resorts, wants one more year to build a project that calls for the consolidation of four parcels into one for a six-story, 53-unit complex at 12233-12239 Choisser Road, east of Harbor Boulevard.

Also at that meeting is a proposed site plan to build three single family homes on a 36,155-square foot parcel facing 11861 Loara St. to be served by a private road.

That is a unique district notable for several mansion-sized homes. It's located north of Chapman Avenue and is adjacent to Mark Twain school.

The planners will meet in the council chambers at 11300 Stanford Ave. at 7 p.m.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Community Services Department
(714) 741-5360/deannac@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Wednesday, October 14, 2026



BOUTIQUE CRAFTERS WANTED FOR WINTER IN THE GROVE HOLIDAY EVENT

The City of Garden Grove is seeking boutique crafters for the Winter in the Grove community event on Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in Village Green Park, located at 12732 Main Street. Interested crafters must apply by Friday, November 6, 2026, at ggcity.org/winterinthegrove.

Examples of preferred boutique craft items for sale include artwork, ceramics, floral decorations, handbags, wreaths, soaps, oils, lotions, 3D-printed items, and more.

Booth fees are:

- Garden Grove residents: \$60
- Non-Garden Grove residents: \$85
- Commercial vendors: \$150

Crafters may register for a maximum of two booths. There is an additional cost for rental chairs, tables, and electrical equipment.

Refund requests for booth spaces and/or rental equipment must be made by Monday, November 23, 2026.

The annual Winter in the Grove event features a variety of activities and entertainment, attracting over 5,000 attendees.

For more information and to apply, visit ggcity.org/winterinthegrove or call (714) 741-5360.

BOUTIQUE CRAFTERS WANTED



Saturday, December 5, 2026
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Village Green Park, 12732 Main St. Garden Grove

- ❄ Handmade Items
- ❄ Jewelry
- ❄ Floral Decorations
- ❄ Wreaths
- ❄ Ceramics/Pottery
- ❄ Purses/Handbags
- ❄ Soaps/Oils/Lotions
- ❄ Candles and more!



Applications will be accepted now until
Friday, November 6, 2026



For more information and to inquire about the application, policy, and waivers, please visit ggcity.org/crafters and/or call **714-741-5360**.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: CSO Kristina Hernandez
Garden Grove Police Department
(714) 741-5761/ khernandez@ggcity.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Tuesday, October 13, 2026



GARDEN GROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

The Garden Grove Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will offer the public a safe way to dispose of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., helping prevent abuse and theft.

Anyone can bring unwanted pills for disposal to the Garden Grove Police Department, located at 11201 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Garden Grove Police personnel will be stationed at the entrance of the police lobby with collection bins and information. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. Please note the DEA cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, ONLY pills or patches.

In April 2026, Americans turned in 321 tons (over 642,410 pounds) of prescription drugs at over 4,417 sites operated by the DEA, in partnership with state and local law enforcement agencies.

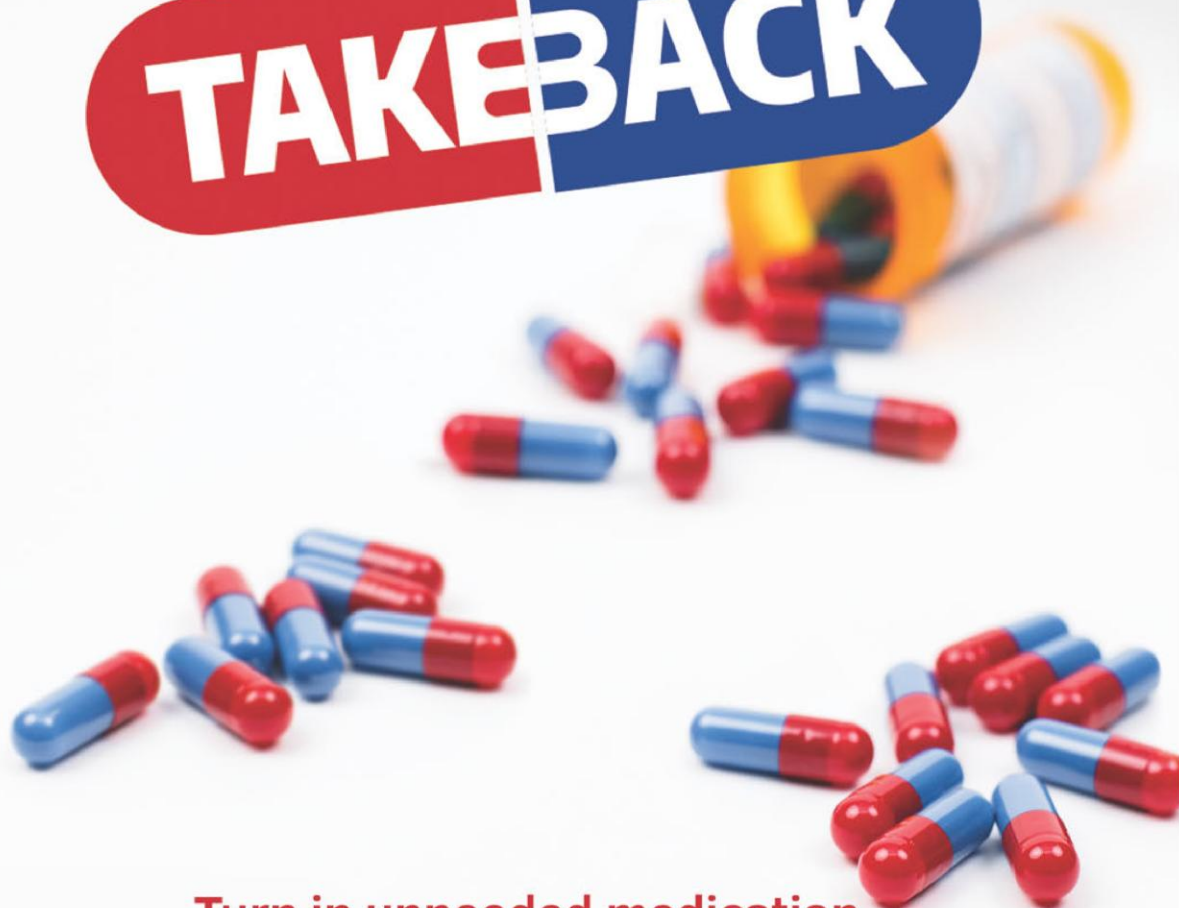
This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies have shown that most abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

GARDEN GROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE
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In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the October 24 Take Back Day event, visit ggcity.org/events/takeback-oct-2026.

DEA NATIONAL ^{Rx} **TAKEBACK**



**Turn in unneeded medication
for safe disposal.**

**Saturday, October 24
10 a.m.–2 p.m.**

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

Visit DEATakeBack.com for a collection site near you.

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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

October 8, 2026 – October 15, 2026

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

Included in this Report

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Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 10/13/2026 2:10 pm PDT

GRAB YOUR JACK O' LANTERN JAMBOREE
TICKETS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE !!

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Views

18,767

Boosted





gardengrovecityhall

Mon 10/12/2026 8:48 pm PDT

GKN Claims Update - October 12, 2026 ⚠️

Today, GKN announced that their claims program...



Views

8,689





Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 10/9/2026 6:11 pm PDT

Heads up, Garden Grove! 🌧️

There's a chance of rain this weekend, starting...



Views

7,622



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Wed 10/14/2026 12:48 pm PDT

✨ Make the holiday season magical as a boutique crafter at this year's *Winter in the Grove!*

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Views

5,762



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Fri 10/9/2026 8:34 am PDT

#FlashbackFriday to when Garden Grove City hosted a welcome reception for the new Public Works Director Samuel Kim! 🎉...



Views

4,240

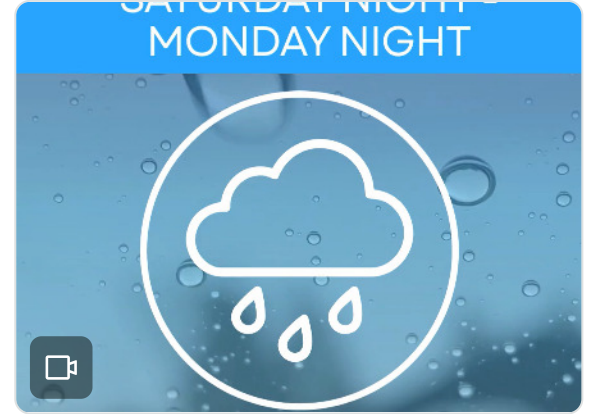


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Views

3,284



Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 10/12/2026 8:47 pm PDT

GKN Claims Update - October 12, 2026 ⚠️

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Views

2,633



Garden Grove City Hall
Wed 10/14/2026 12:47 pm PDT

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Views

2,270



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Mon 10/12/2026 10:56 am PDT

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



Views

1,992



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Fri 10/9/2026 1:09 pm PDT



Views

1,121



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Wed 10/14/2026 3:09 pm PDT

It's time to clean out your medicine cabinets,
#GardenGrove! 💊

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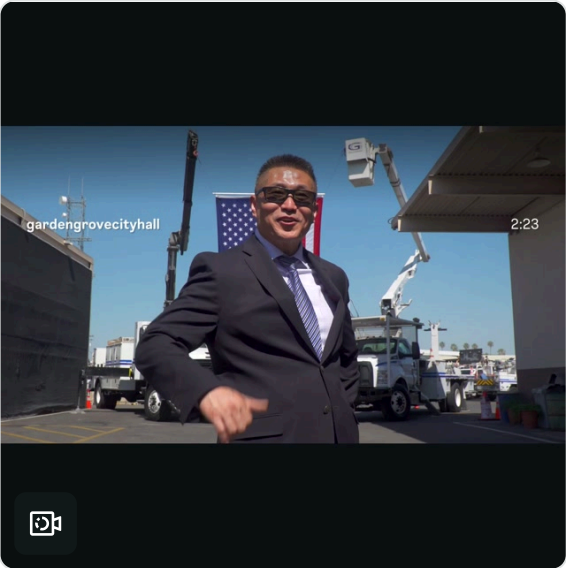
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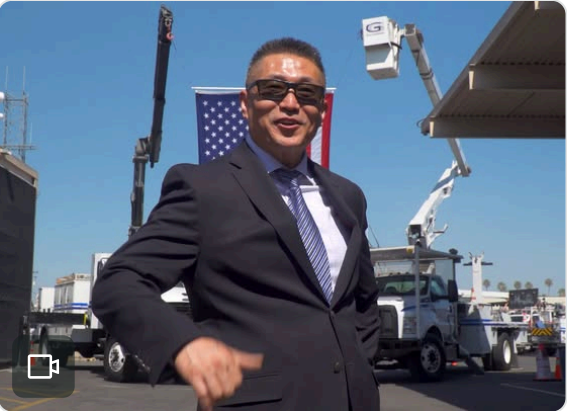
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Garden Grove City Hall

Fri 10/9/2026 8:31 am PDT

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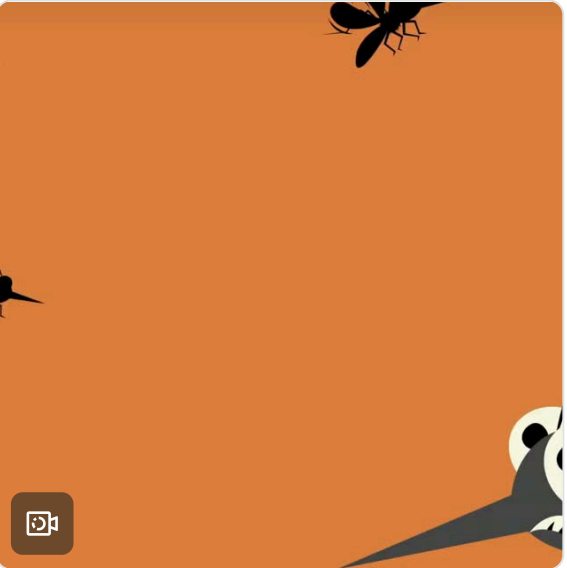
Views

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Mon 10/12/2026 11:02 am PDT



Views

863





Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 10/12/2026 10:57 am PDT

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



Views

477





Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/14/2026 3:09 pm PDT

It's time to clean out your medicine cabinets,
#GardenGrove!

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Views

453





@CityGardenGrove

Mon 10/12/2026 8:47 pm PDT

GKN announced the claims program for evacuees will be opening in the coming days. They will also hold a community event on 10/27 for the...



Impressions

332




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Thu 10/15/2026 9:01 am PDT



Views

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Tue 10/13/2026 2:11 pm PDT

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Impressions

157




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Impressions

95



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Impressions

92



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 10/13/2026 2:11 pm PDT

Tickets are now on sale, until quantities run out!
Purchase your tickets at <https://t.co/yrYIYZGhfn>
or in person at Garden Grove City Hall, 11222...



Impressions

51



@CityGardenGrove

Wed 10/14/2026 3:09 pm PDT

17 Next Saturday, October 24 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
📍 Garden Grove Police Department, 11201 Acacia Parkway
<https://t.co/O7ov15MNxy>

#GG1956 #GGPD32
#NationalTakeBackDay #SafeAndSecure
#TakeBackDay



Impressions

29



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 @CityGardenGrove

Wed 10/14/2026 12:48 pm PDT

The application deadline is Friday, November 6!

Booth fees are:...



Impressions

27



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 Garden Grove City Hall

Thu 10/15/2026 9:00 am PDT

The U.S. National Weather Service has declared a Heat and Wind Advisory beginning on October 15 at 10:00 a.m. through October 17 at 8:00 p.m. 🌡️ ...



Views

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 Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/14/2026 1:01pm PDT

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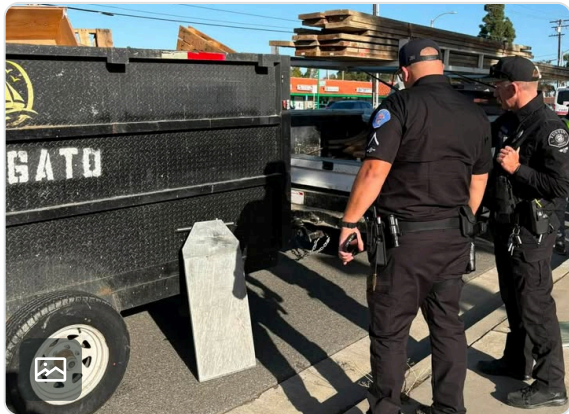
 Garden Grove Police Department



Garden Grove Police Department

Tue 10/13/2026 2:47 pm PDT

This morning, GGPD conducted a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Checkpoint focused on keeping our roads safe and ensuring compliance...



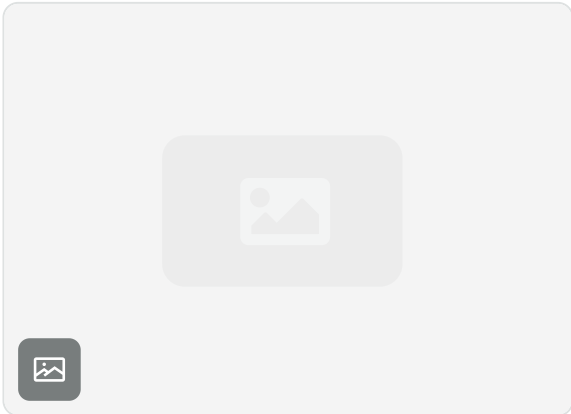
Engagements	14,369
Views	154,679
Average Reach per Post	92,663
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.3%



Garden Grove Police Department

Fri 10/9/2026 8:42 am PDT

SILVER ALERT
Missing Person (MP) THAO THI NGUYEN, is a 76-year-old female....



Engagements	0
Views	—
Average Reach per Post	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove Police Department

Fri 10/9/2026 7:47 am PDT

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
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Engagements	226
Views	5,787
Average Reach per Post	3,968
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.9%

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
October 15, 2026

1. Calendar of Events
2. League of California Cities articles from October 9, 2026 to October 15, 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 15, 2026 – November 12, 2026

Thursday	October 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	October 16		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	October 22		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Thursday	October 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC
Saturday	October 24	1:00 p.m.	Jack O' Lantern Jamboree 2026, 13630 Atlantis Way
Tuesday	October 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority Meeting, CMC Sanitary District Meeting, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC ** Cancelled **
Wednesday	October 28	6:00 p.m.	Administrative Board of Appeals Meeting, CMC ** Pending **
Thursday	October 29	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Halloween Luncheon, CMC
Friday	October 30		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	November 5		\$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	November 3	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	November 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Saturday	November 7	9:00 a.m.	Community Cleanup Day, Public Works, 13802 Newhope Street
Tuesday	November 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Wednesday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veterans Day
Thursday	November 12	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administration Meeting, CMC



Build a healthier, more resilient workplace through Cal Cities' free workforce health program

Oct 14, 2026

Applications are due Oct. 30

By Mike Egan, senior manager, sponsorship and corporate development, and Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

Cal Cities is accepting [applications](#) for its revamped [Cities for Workforce Health Consulting program](#). The no-cost, members-only program helps cities strengthen employee well-being, improve engagement, and support workforce retention. Offered in partnership with Kaiser Permanente and Keenan & Associates, the program brings together human resources and well-being leaders to explore practical strategies, share real-world experiences, and learn from peers facing similar workforce challenges. Through four interactive virtual sessions, participants will gain actionable tools and insights to help advance workforce health initiatives within their organizations.

In 2027, the cohort will meet virtually on Feb. 24, April 28, June 23, and Aug. 25. Attendees will leave with actionable ideas that can be implemented within their organizations.

The deadline to apply is Oct. 30, 2026. The [application](#) takes approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete. (A [Word document version](#) of the application is available for reference.)

Selected participants will be notified in November via email from Cal Cities. For questions, email egan@calcities.org.



Help Cal Cities provide equity-related resources and training by sharing your experiences

Oct 14, 2026

By Meghan McKelvey, senior member services manager

The survey closes Oct. 30

The Cal Cities' Advancing Equity Advisory Committee is [surveying city officials](#) to better understand how cities across California are serving diverse communities, what approaches are working, and where additional support may be helpful.

The goal is to give Cal Cities a clearer picture of the work already happening in cities and identify where shared resources, examples, training, or technical assistance could be most useful.

The survey will help Cal Cities:

- Establish a baseline understanding of equity-related efforts across cities.
- Identify successful programs, tools, and approaches that may be helpful to other cities.
- Better understand common challenges, gaps, and resource needs.
- Inform the development of practical resources and technical assistance for cities.

Equity-related efforts may include programs, services, policies, or outreach designed to better serve specific community groups, such as seniors, youth, veterans, non-English speakers, small businesses, or other underserved or underrepresented populations.

Wherever your city is in this work, your perspective is valuable. Please respond based on your own experience and knowledge. Individual responses will be kept confidential and reported only in aggregate. If you are unsure of an answer, you may skip the question. Multiple representatives from the same city are encouraged to participate.

The survey should take 15-20 minutes to complete.