

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 25, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Scott Stiles, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. POLICE DEPARTMENT CALEA REACCREDITATION

Chief Elgin informs you of the onsite review performed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) as part of the department's reaccreditation process.

B. STRATEGIC PLAN FY 2015-16

Progress updates to the FY 2015-16 Strategic Plan are attached for your information and are marked in red.

C. YOUTH COMMISSION AND A YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY

Kim Huy provides some background information on a Youth Commission and a Youth in Government Day. After more research, it will be discussed at the March 22nd Council meeting.

D. INVESTMENT REPORT

Kingsley Okereke provides the January, 2016 Investment Report.


• OTHER ITEMS

– **NEWSPAPER ARTICLES**

Copies of the local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES
City Manager



GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT INTRA-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: All Personnel

Date: February 12, 2016

From: Todd D. Elgin
Chief of Police

Subject: Police Department CALEA Reaccreditation
March 29 to April 1, 2016

Our police department has been part of a national accreditation program, Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), since 1988. National accreditation is a voluntary process and the award is a highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence for a period of four years. A team of assessors from CALEA will arrive on March 29, 2016, to examine all aspects of the police department's policies and procedures, management, operations and support services. The assessors from CALEA are Chief Daniel Boring, Ret'd, Culpeper, Virginia Police Department and Lieutenant Darrin Abbink of the Colorado Springs Police Department.

A major part of their on-site review includes a tour of our facilities, an observation of our activities, ride-alongs with our officers and interviews with members of our department, city hall management, local community members, judges, attorneys, local media, and city council members.

The reassessment period of 2013 through 2015 will be the focus of their visit and they will highly scrutinize our CALEA staff's efforts to document the Department's adherence to the applicable 484 CALEA standards. During the three year reassessment period, our agency has submitted annual reports attesting to continued compliance with mandated standards and our ability to maintain up-to-date policies with respect to current laws.

Once the Commission's assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the Commission, which will then determine if our police department is to be granted reaccredited status until the year 2020. I fully expect to be reaccredited based on the efforts put forth by the police department's CALEA staff members involved in this endeavor and because of the constant professionalism exuded by all members of our police department.

Sincerely,

Todd D. Elgin
Chief of Police

FY 2015-16 STRATEGIC PLAN
(City Council Priorities)

Goal	Action	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
1. Hire Fire Chief, City Manager, complete labor negotiations & fill vacancies w/in budget constraints	a. Hire Fire Chief	HR CMO FIRE	Complete Complete Complete
b. Hire City Manager	Conduct recruitment Select finalist Conduct background Announce appointment Start employment	HR COUNCIL CPS CMO CMO	Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete
c. Complete Labor Negotiations	Conduct labor negotiations w/Police Association, Fire Union, Employee Association and League City Council adopt MOU	HR HR HR	In Progress Complete TBD
d. Fill Vacancies within Budget Constraints	Ongoing as approved by City Manager	HR	Ongoing
2. Implement Web/technology improvements that make doing business with the City more user friendly	a. Transparency Policy	CMO, IT CMO, IT CMO, IT	Complete Complete Complete
b. Implement New Website	Finalize site design Launch YouTube streaming Focus Group/Council Study Session Official Go Live	IT, CR IT IT,CS IT,CS	Complete Complete Complete Complete
c. Implement Open Government Software	Explore options for transparency solution	FIN, IT	Complete

FY 2015-16 STRATEGIC PLAN (City Council Priorities)

Goal	Action	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select OpenGov/Export initial data Site preview of annual report Validate site's Chart of Accounts Complete reports, training, go Live 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIN, IT FIN, IT FIN FIN, IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete Complete
d. Implement Police CAD/RMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select Vendor (Spillman) Install server, connect GIS, and approve data migration plan Begin Training, Data Migration, Create Workflows Complete Data Migration, Training Go live 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PD,IT IT PD,IT IT, PD PD,IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete Complete Complete
e. Web Access for Public Records Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Kickoff Alpha release (internal only) Beta release (internal only) Production (release to website) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT, CMO IT, CMO IT, CMO IT, CMO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete Complete
f. Automate Building Permit Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online building permit lookup/inspection scheduling Automated permit card printing Plan check status input - Building Services Change procedures/automate inspections for Engineering, Environmental Services, Water & FD (RMS) <i>*Dates depend on departments (FD, PW) changing manual procedures so that they can be automated</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT, CD IT CD,IT FD,IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete March-16 Complete TBD*
g. Implement New Agenda Management System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install Novus Agenda for free 3 month evaluation IT / City Clerk evaluation of Novus Agenda All other departments evaluate Novus Agenda Go Production or begin search for another solution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT, CMO IT, CMO IT, CMO IT, CMO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete Complete
3. Promote positive communication with the community to enhance the City's image and restore trust			
a. Communication Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Communication Strategy COOP and Central Management review Share with City Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CS, CMO CS, CMO CS, CMO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Complete Complete

**FY 2015-16 STRATEGIC PLAN
(City Council Priorities)**

Goal	Action	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
4. Implement Re:Imagine Downtown - Phase II (next steps)	Complete implementation plan & present to Council Begin next steps implementation	CD CD	Complete Complete
a. Civic Center Adaptive Reuse	Disposition Agreement Property sale/lease/transfer Conceptual Plan & Programming Commence Implementation	CD CD CD	In Progress In Progress March-16
b. Summer Movie Nights	Complete planning for summer (2 movies)	CD/CS	Complete
c. Classic Film Night	GEM Theater	CD/CS	Cancelled
d. Enhance Farmers Market (Main St.)	Study and Evaluate Present Recommendations	CD/CS CD/CS	May-16 May-16
e. Open Streets	Plan Event Conduct Event	CD, CS, PW CD, Multi	Complete Complete
f. Complete Cal Poly Pomona Mobility Plan	Work with 606 Studio graduate students to complete plan	CD	Complete
g. Earthday Environmental Art Installation	Install Art Exhibit at Civic Center Park	CS/CD	Complete
h. Retain Consultant for Downtown Parking Mgmt Plan	Parking structures in the Civic Center area - RFP In Progress	CD	April-16
5. Economic Development to Grow Revenues			
a. Brookhurst Triangle (New Age Brookhurst Triangle, LLC)	Closing of Phase I Phase I Ground Breaking Opening of Phase I Lofts Closing on Phase II Phase II Ground Breaking Opening of Phase II Lofts	FIN FIN FIN FIN FIN FIN	Complete Complete July-17 March-17 April-17 September-18

**FY 2015-16 STRATEGIC PLAN
(City Council Priorities)**

Goal	Action	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
b. Galleria (complete or demolish)	Progress report to City Council	CD	Ongoing
c. Grove District Hotel Projects	Conduct City Council Study Session	FIN	Complete
i. Water Park (Great Wolf Lodge SoCal)	Grand Opening	FIN	Complete
	Issue Bonds	FIN	March-16
ii. Site C (Land & Design Inc.)	Compensation Agreements	FIN	Complete
	Clear Site (cost est. \$3M)	FIN	June 2016
	Hotel Franchisee Confirmed	FIN	June 2016
	Financing in Place	FIN	Fall-16
	Transfer Property	FIN	Fall-16
	Ground Breaking	FIN	Fall-16
	Grand Opening	FIN	Fall-16
	<i>*Schedule tolls with completion of compensation agreements</i>		
iii. Site B2 (Kam Sang Companies)	Submit Financial Plan	FIN	Complete
	Implement City Council Direction	FIN	June-16
d. Identify Citywide Economic Development Opportunities	Hire Consultant for City SWOT Analysis *	FIN	FY 16-17 TBD
	Present Analysis to Central Management*	FIN	FY 16-17 TBD
	Present Analysis to City Council *	FIN	FY 16-17 TBD
	Develop and Implement Approved Strategy (ongoing)*	FIN	FY 16-17 TBD
	<i>*Deferred pending hiring of new Director</i>		
e. Marketing Campaign -- GGUSD component	Refine Marketing Plan	CS	May-16
	City Council Adopt Plan	CS	June-16
	Implement Plan	CS	July-16
f. Development & Economic Collaboration with Santa Ana (e.g. Willowick, streetcar, transit oriented development)	Set and Conduct Meeting with Santa Ana	CMO, CD, FIN	Complete
	<i>-Initial meeting complete</i>		

FY 2015-16 STRATEGIC PLAN (City Council Priorities)

Goal	Action	Lead Dept.	Estimated Completion Date
6. Develop 5-Year Fiscal Plan & Organizational Message	a. 5-Year Fiscal Plan	Develop Plan City Council Adopt Plan	FIN, CMO FIN April-16 June-16
	b. Organizational Message	Develop Message Share Message with Organization	FIN, CMO FIN, CMO April-16 April-16
7. Bicycle Master Plan/More Walkable Community	a. Bicycle Master Plan	Complete Plan <i>(delayed due to SCAG funding)</i>	CD, PW Fall 2016
	b. More Walkable Community (Pedestrian Friendly)	Submit application for ATP grant for construction of PE ROW (i.e., urban trail: landscaping, streetscape, lighting) <i>(Funding received for soil testing)</i>	CD, PW Complete
8. Neighborhood Beautification	Eastgate Park Improvements	CS, PW Complete	Complete
	Neighborhood Meeting	CS, PW Complete	Complete
	City Council Approval of Improvement Contract	CS, PW Complete	Complete
	Installation of Exercise Equipment	CS, PW July-16	Complete
	Installation of Trail <i>(deferred due to extension of grant func)</i>	CS, PW December-16	Complete
	<i>Installation of Play Equipment</i>	CS, PW	December-16
9. Public Safety Infrastructure	District 163 (Bayport/Laguna) Graffiti Clean-up	NIC Complete	Complete
	District 163 (Bayport/Laguna) Community Clean-up event	PD, NIC Complete	Complete
	Fire Station 6 Replacement Financing	FIRE, FIN, PW FIN December-17	Complete
10. Legislative Advocacy	Complete Plans for Police Lobby Expansion	PD June-16	Complete
	Complete Police Lobby/ <i>Communications</i> Remodel	TBD January-17	Complete
	Develop Legislative Advocacy Program	CMO Complete	Complete
	Present Program to City Council for Adoption	CMO Complete	Complete

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott C. Stiles
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: INFORMATION REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
YOUTH COMMISSION AND A
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY

From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: Community Services
Date: February 25, 2016

OBJECTIVE

Pursuant to a request from the City Council, the Community Services Department is researching the possibility of establishing both a Youth Commission and a Youth in Government Day in concert with the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD).

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

In 1971 the City Council established a Youth Commission made up of GGUSD High School students; the Commission was charged with exploring issues that were of primary importance to the youth of the city. In 1978, the Youth Commission provided a presentation of the Commission's goals recommending the establishment of a Youth in Government Day, which had its first designated day approved by the City Council as February 27, 1978. Fifteen years later, in August 1993, due to lack of student participation, the Youth Commission was disbanded, which ended Youth in Government Day events.

DISCUSSION

Staff has been conducting a survey of surrounding Orange County cities to determine which cities have active Youth Commissions and which hold Youth in Government Day events. Additionally, of those that have one or both, what are the objectives of the Commission and the Youth in Government Day program.

Our initial finding indicates that the primary responsibilities of established Orange County Youth Commissions appears to be the review of applications from students interested in participating in Youth in Government Day events. All of the events appear to have similar programs and goals, and offer students an opportunity to spend one day shadowing the City's executive team and later taking part in a City Council meeting.

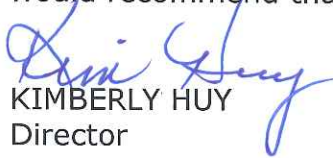
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Staff is analyzing both the need and the cost of creating a Youth Commission, versus the establishment of a Youth Committee that would work in conjunction with the Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission when needed. Staff is also meeting with the School District regarding their interest in establishing a Youth in Government Day and how that might work with their school schedule.

Staff is anticipating returning to the City Council at their meeting of March 22 with a recommendation regarding both of these issues. If the City Council recommends that staff pursue the creation of a Youth in Government Day, staff would recommend that it take place in the fall of 2016.


KIMBERLY HUY
Director

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Scott Stiles
Dept: City Manager
Subject: INVESTMENT REPORT
FOR JAN 2016

From: Kingsley Okereke
Dept: Finance
Date: Feb 18, 2016

Enclosed is the January 2016 Investment Report which shows the financial institutions, types of investment instruments, monthly transactions, current month interest received, and the par and fair market value of investments held. The month-end cash in the bank and petty cash balances are also listed on the Cash and Investment Report. The pie chart reflects the investment instruments as a percentage of the total portfolio.

This investment portfolio meets State guidelines and adheres to the City investment policy. As of January 2016, the City invested 20.257% of its total portfolio in treasury securities and 50.641% in federally backed securities. 19.246% of the portfolio or \$40.855 million is invested in the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) managed by the California State Treasurer. A portion of the investment portfolio is restricted as they are funds held and invested by an outside fiscal agent. The restrictions were set forth in the related bond indentures. As of January 2016, 9.856% of the portfolio is restricted. Please see chart on attachment A.

In summary, the investment portfolio is secured and the City has the necessary cash to pay its bills for six months in a timely manner.

Please call me at extension #5060 if you have any questions.



KINGSLEY OKEREKE
Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

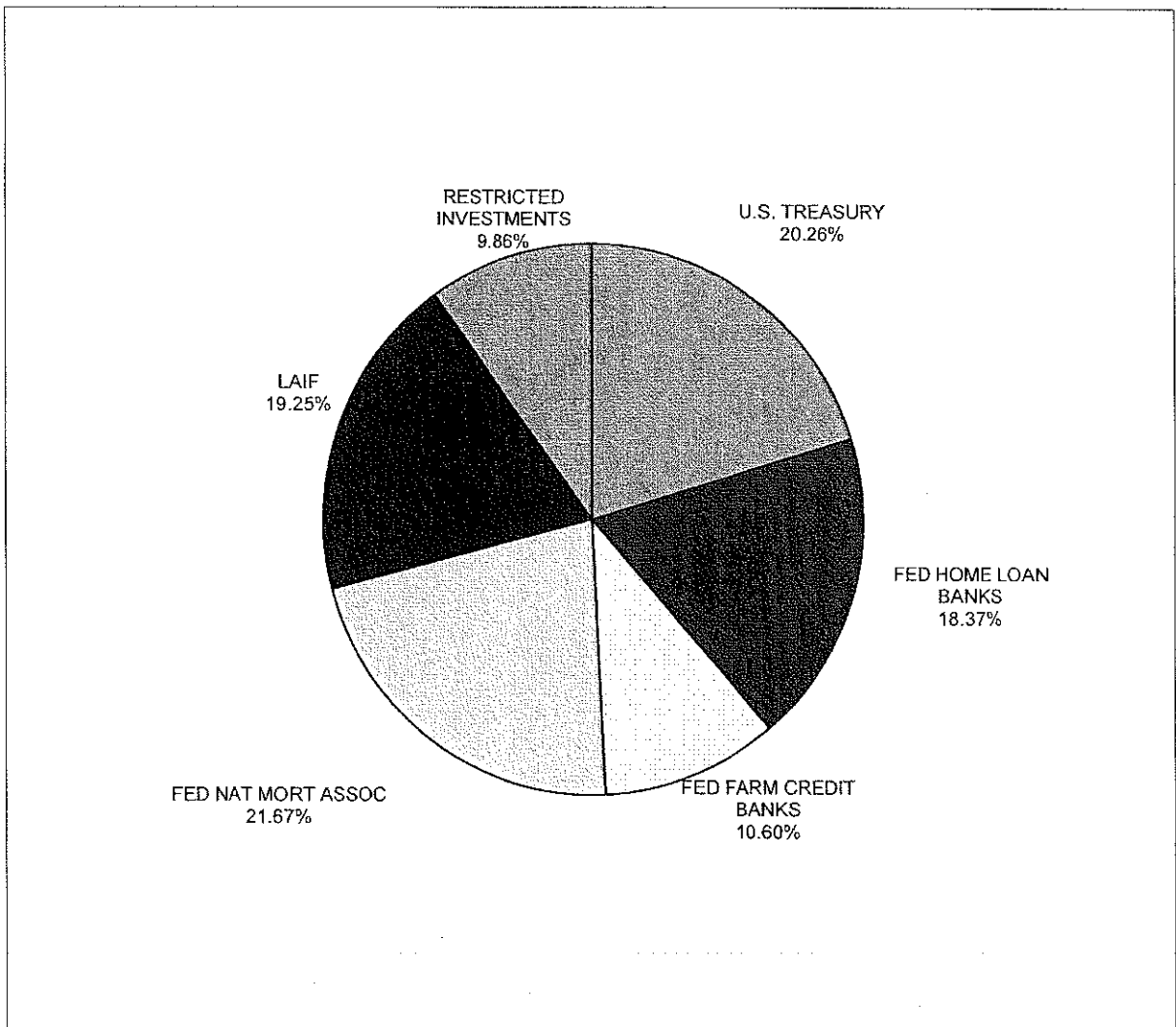
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Attachments
cc: Monica Neely

ATTACHMENT A

INVESTMENT SUMMARY January 2016

<u>TYPE OF INVESTMENT / FIN INSTITUTION</u>		<u>END. INV</u>	<u>% OF INV.</u>
U.S. TREASURY	\$	43,000,000	20.257%
FED HOME LOAN BANKS		39,000,000	18.372%
FED FARM CREDIT BANKS		22,500,000	10.599%
FED NAT MORT ASSOC		46,000,000	21.670%
LAIF		40,855,341	19.246%
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS		20,921,807	9.856%
TOTAL OF INVESTMENTS	\$	212,277,148	100.000%



CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2016

TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
LAIF	0.500		33,823,902.48		10,531,438.56		31,438.56			01/15/16
			33,823,902.48		10,531,438.56		31,438.56			
			SHARES/ UNITS HELD							
U.S. TREASURY	2.125	02/09/12	3,000,000.00			02/29/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,930.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	1,000,000.00			06/30/16	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	4,016,760.00	12/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	08/15/13	3,000,000.00			08/30/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	01/11/13	3,000,000.00			07/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,014,670.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00			08/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,015,300.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00			08/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	04/25/13	3,000,000.00			10/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,017,820.00	11/02/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.000	05/09/13	3,000,000.00			10/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	03/27/14	3,000,000.00			06/30/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,035,210.00	12/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	06/05/14	3,000,000.00			07/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,035,060.00	07/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.500	04/02/14	3,000,000.00			09/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,045,610.00	08/31/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.250	06/04/14	3,000,000.00			10/31/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,024,150.00	11/02/15
U.S. TREASURY	1.625	01/08/15	3,000,000.00			03/31/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,054,720.00	09/30/15
U.S. TREASURY	0.875			01/05/16	3,000,000.00		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	2,975,730.00	
U.S. TREASURY	1.375	11/05/15	3,000,000.00			03/31/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,015,980.00	
			40,000,000.00		3,000,000.00		43,000,000.00	43,000,000.00	43,257,870.00	
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS										
FHLB	2.125	12/01/11	2,000,000.00			06/10/16	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,012,000.00	12/10/15
FHLB	1.360	09/06/11	4,000,000.00			09/06/16	4,000,000.00	4,026,640.00	4,026,640.00	09/08/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00			11/30/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	6,941,640.00	11/30/15
FHLB	1.300	12/02/11	3,000,000.00			11/30/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00		
FHLB	1.000	06/25/13	3,000,000.00			06/09/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	12/09/15
FHLB	1.125	07/23/13	3,000,000.00			07/28/17	3,000,000.00	3,019,410.00	3,019,410.00	07/28/15
FHLB	2.250	12/17/13	3,000,000.00			09/08/17	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,065,750.00	09/08/15
FHLB	0.875	01/09/15	3,000,000.00			03/13/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,004,710.00	09/10/15
FHLB	1.500	03/13/15	3,000,000.00			09/13/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,014,280.00	08/14/15
FHLB	2.000	05/07/15	3,000,000.00			06/14/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,085,320.00	09/14/15
FHLB	1.625	06/03/15	3,000,000.00			06/14/19	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,042,750.00	12/14/15
FHLB	1.750	06/30/15	3,000,000.00			06/12/20	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,052,740.00	12/14/15
FHLB	2.000	12/23/15	3,000,000.00			09/14/16	3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	3,077,340.00	
			38,000,000.00				39,000,000.00	39,000,000.00	39,452,970.00	

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TYPE INVESTMENT/ FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT RECD DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
FEDERAL FARM CREDIT BANKS												
FFCB	0.400	02/01/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	02/01/16		3,000,000.00	3,000,000.00	08/03/15
FFCB	1.050	03/28/12	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	03/28/16		3,000,000.00	3,000,510.00	09/28/15
FFCB	1.000	05/16/12	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	05/16/17		3,000,000.00	3,013,230.00	11/16/15
FFCB	1.160	01/23/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	10/23/17		3,000,000.00	3,017,570.00	04/23/15
FFCB	1.460	06/05/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	11/21/18		3,000,000.00	3,020,380.00	11/23/15
FFCB	1.990	10/01/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	10/01/18		3,000,000.00	3,045,300.00	10/01/15
FFCB	2.080	07/29/15	1,500,000.00				1,500,000.00	08/01/19		1,500,000.00	1,543,290.00	08/03/15
FFCB	1.500	08/11/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	08/05/19		3,000,000.00	3,021,810.00	
			22,500,000.00				22,500,000.00			22,500,000.00	22,665,390.00	
FED NAT MORT ASSOC												
FNMA	2.200	11/17/11	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	03/24/16		3,000,000.00	3,008,130.00	09/24/15
FNMA	2.170	11/17/11	2,000,000.00				2,000,000.00	09/15/16		2,000,000.00	2,019,620.00	09/15/15
FNMA	5.375	05/09/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	07/15/16	80,625.00	3,000,000.00	3,086,390.00	07/15/15
FNMA	0.875	09/13/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	10/26/17		3,000,000.00	3,003,720.00	10/26/15
FNMA	1.000	10/01/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	09/28/16		3,000,000.00	3,008,700.00	09/21/15
FNMA	1.625	12/18/13	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	11/27/18		3,000,000.00	3,052,080.00	11/27/15
FNMA	0.875	01/16/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	08/28/17		3,000,000.00	3,004,280.00	08/28/15
FNMA	0.875	06/05/14	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	02/08/18		3,000,000.00	3,007,530.00	08/10/15
FNMA	0.875	02/27/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	05/21/18		3,000,000.00	2,996,010.00	11/23/15
FNMA	1.375	02/27/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	02/27/19		3,000,000.00	3,002,100.00	08/27/15
FNMA	1.750	05/07/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	11/27/19		3,000,000.00	3,055,230.00	11/27/15
FNMA	1.625	05/27/15	2,000,000.00				2,000,000.00	10/22/19		2,000,000.00	2,009,330.00	10/22/15
FNMA	1.320	05/03/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	06/30/20		3,000,000.00	3,022,420.00	10/22/15
FNMA	1.800	06/30/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	08/18/19		3,000,000.00	3,022,320.00	12/30/15
FNMA	1.500	07/15/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	11/30/20		3,000,000.00	3,030,330.00	09/18/15
FNMA	1.500	12/23/15	3,000,000.00				3,000,000.00	11/30/20		3,000,000.00	3,010,660.00	09/18/15
			46,000,000.00				46,000,000.00		80,625.00	46,000,000.00	46,294,950.00	
			181,323,902.48		13,531,438.56	3,500,000.00	191,355,341.04		128,838.56	150,500,000.00	151,671,080.00	
SUBTOTAL												

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT
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TYPE INVESTMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	BEGINNING INVESTMENT PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH PURCHASES		CURRENT MONTH MATURITIES		ENDING INVESTMENT MATURITIES		PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				

CASH WITH FISCAL AGENTS

TYPE INVESTMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	PERIOD INTEREST RECEIVED	PAR VALUE	MARKET VALUE	LAST INT REC'D DATE
RESTRICTED INVESTMENTS													
UNION BANK - 2008 Katella Cottages (VanKampen)		01/31/16	175,517.17	-	-	01/31/16	175,517.17						
US BANK - 2006 SEWER		01/31/16	1,505,508.87	-	-	01/31/16	1,505,508.87						
US BANK - 2010 WATER		01/31/16	696,387.83	-	-	01/31/16	696,387.83						
US BANK - 2014 TAR B		01/31/16	8,742,714.40	-	-	01/31/16	8,742,714.40						
US BANK - 2015 Refunding		01/31/16	8,078.54	-	-	01/31/16	8,078.54						
US BANK - 2015A COP		01/31/16	9,793,620.29	-	-	01/31/16	9,793,620.29						
			<u>20,921,806.90</u>				<u>20,921,806.90</u>						
SUBTOTAL			<u>20,921,806.90</u>				<u>20,921,806.90</u>						
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			<u>13,551,435.56</u>		<u>3,500,000.00</u>		<u>212,277,147.94</u>						

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	RATE %	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE	AMOUNT	DATE				
CASH IN BANK			Ending Cash Balance									
COMMERCIAL BANK-Willowick		01/31/16	128,137.10				128,137.10					
WELLS FARGO BANK - Civic Center Housing		01/31/16	122,328.64				122,328.64					
UNION BANK OF CALIFORNIA												
Charge Back Account		01/31/16	17,141.77	2042201638			17,141.77					
General Account		01/31/16	1,778,057.78	2042860020			1,778,057.78					
Home		01/31/16	216.22	2042438354			216.22					
Housing Authority (Accounting)		01/31/16		2042114021								
Housing Authority Escrow		01/31/16	88,083.43	2042439436			88,083.43					
Liability		01/31/16	25,567.61	2042205671			25,567.61					
Workers Comp		01/31/16	229,766.68	2042237764			229,766.68					
Successor Agency		01/31/16	189,836.94	2740032316			189,836.94					
SUBTOTAL			2,579,136.37				2,579,136.37					
PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS												
Change Fund		01/31/16	3,680.00				3,680.00					
Finance		01/31/16	3,000.00				3,000.00					
Departments		01/31/16	3,550.00				3,550.00					
Police Dept-SIU		01/31/16	30,000.00				30,000.00					
Police Dept-Drug		01/31/16	3,500.00				3,500.00					
Police Dept-Reg		01/31/16	200.00				200.00					
SUBTOTAL			43,930.00				43,930.00					
GRAND TOTAL INVESTMENTS			13,531,435.55				13,531,435.55					
			204,868,775.75				204,868,775.75					
			3,500,000.00				3,500,000.00					
			214,900,214.31				214,900,214.31					
			150,500,000.00				150,500,000.00					
			151,671,060.00				151,671,060.00					

WEIGHTED AVERAGE MATURITIES
January 2016

Investment	Yield (Rate)	UBOC Held	Amount	Date of Maturity	No. Days to Mat 1/31/2016	Weighted Investment Amt	Weighted # of Days
			(a)		(b)	(a / total a = c)	(b x c)
TREASURY							
U S TREASURY	2.250	*	3,000,000	02/29/16	29	1.56776%	0.455
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	4,000,000	06/30/16	151	2.09035%	3.156
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	07/31/16	182	1.56776%	2.853
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	08/31/16	213	3.13553%	6.679
U S TREASURY	1.000	*	6,000,000	10/31/16	274	3.13553%	8.591
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	06/30/18	881	1.56776%	13.812
U S TREASURY	1.500	*	3,000,000	06/31/18	943	1.56776%	14.784
U S TREASURY	1.250	*	3,000,000	10/31/18	1,004	1.56776%	15.740
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	07/31/18	912	1.56776%	14.298
U S TREASURY	1.625	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,155	1.56776%	18.108
U S TREASURY	1.375	*	3,000,000	03/31/19	1,155	1.56776%	18.108
U S TREASURY	0.088	*	3,000,000	07/31/19	1,277	1.56776%	20.020
CITY							
FHLB	1.360	*	4,000,000	09/06/16	219	2.09035%	4.578
FHLB	2.125	*	2,000,000	06/10/16	131	1.04518%	1.369
FHLB	1.300	*	6,000,000	11/30/16	304	3.13553%	9.532
FHLB	1.000	*	3,000,000	06/09/17	495	1.56776%	7.760
FHLB	1.125	*	3,000,000	07/28/17	544	1.56776%	8.529
FHLB	2.250	*	3,000,000	09/08/17	586	1.56776%	9.187
FHLB	0.875	*	3,000,000	03/10/17	404	1.56776%	6.334
FHLB	1.500	*	3,000,000	03/13/19	1,137	1.56776%	17.825
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/13/19	1,321	1.56776%	20.710
FHLB	1.625	*	3,000,000	06/14/19	1,230	1.56776%	19.283
FHLB	1.750	*	3,000,000	06/12/20	1,594	1.56776%	24.990
FHLB	2.000	*	3,000,000	09/14/18	957	1.56776%	15.004
FFCB	0.400	*	3,000,000	02/01/16	1	1.56776%	0.016
FFCB	1.050	*	3,000,000	03/28/16	57	1.56776%	0.894
FFCB	1.000	*	3,000,000	05/16/17	471	1.56776%	7.384
FFCB	1.160	*	3,000,000	10/23/17	631	1.56776%	9.893
FFCB	1.460	*	3,000,000	11/21/18	1,025	1.56776%	16.070
FFCB	1.590	*	3,000,000	10/01/18	974	1.56776%	15.270
FFCB	2.060	*	1,500,000	08/01/19	1,278	0.78388%	10.018
FFCB	1.500	*	3,000,000	06/05/19	1,282	1.56776%	20.099
FNMA	2.170	*	2,000,000	09/15/16	228	1.04518%	2.383
FNMA	2.200	*	3,000,000	03/24/16	53	1.56776%	0.831
FNMA	5.375	*	3,000,000	07/15/16	166	1.56776%	2.602
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	10/26/17	634	1.56776%	9.940
FNMA	1.000	*	3,000,000	09/28/18	971	1.56776%	15.223
FNMA	1.325	*	3,000,000	11/27/18	1,031	1.56776%	16.164
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	08/28/17	575	1.56776%	9.015
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	02/08/18	739	1.56776%	11.586
FNMA	0.875	*	3,000,000	05/21/18	841	1.56776%	13.185
FNMA	1.375	*	3,000,000	02/27/19	1,123	1.56776%	17.606
FNMA	1.750	*	3,000,000	11/26/19	1,395	1.56776%	21.870
FNMA	1.625	*	3,000,000	11/27/19	1,396	1.56776%	21.886
FNMA	1.320	*	2,000,000	10/22/19	1,360	1.04518%	14.214
FNMA	1.800	*	3,000,000	06/30/20	1,512	1.56776%	25.272
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	09/18/19	1,326	1.56776%	20.789
FNMA	1.500	*	3,000,000	11/30/20	1,765	1.56776%	27.671
LAIF/REPO/COMMERCIAL PAPER							
LAIF	0.500		40,855,341	01/31/16	-	21.35051%	0.000
			191,355,341		38,032	100.00000%	592
							Wtd. Avg. Mat.
RESTRICTED							
UNION BANK -2008 Katella Cottages			175,517	01/31/16	-	0.83892%	0.000
US BANK -2006 SEWER			1,505,509	01/31/16	-	7.19588%	0.000
US BANK -2010 WATER			696,368	01/31/16	-	3.32843%	0.000
US BANK -2014 TARB			8,742,714	01/31/16	-	41.78757%	0.000
US BANK -2015 REFUNDING			8,079	01/31/16	-	0.03861%	0.000
US BANK -2015A COP			9,793,620	01/31/16	-	46.81059%	0.000
			20,921,807		-	100.00000%	-
Investment Total			212,277,148			TOT WAM	533

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Garden Grove withheld deal from public, D.A. says

But the city won't be charged over how it handled dispute with former fire chief.

By CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • City officials in 2014 “manipulated” a California law regulating meetings to quietly settle a dispute with a former fire chief without informing the public, the Orange County District Attorney’s Office said in a report released Wednesday.

But the District Attorney’s Office will not file charges because there is not enough evidence to prove that the city violated the Brown Act, which requires city councils and other agencies to conduct most business in public and disclose closed-session decisions.

In the 10-page report, the two assistant district attorneys who led the investigation wrote that Garden Grove “violated the spirit and intent of the Brown Act,” and recommended that the city record and save for two years all closed-session meetings.

“I disagree with their inference,” said Councilman Kris Beard, who voted to settle the dispute. “There was no intent on my part to deceive the public. I think we made the right business decision.”

In August 2014, then-Fire Chief David Barlag, mired in allegations of nepotism over the hiring of then-Mayor Bruce Broadwater’s son Jeremy Broadwater, threatened to sue

Woman, 81, identified as pedestrian killed by Garden Grove trash truck

By ALYSSA DURANTY
and ALMA FAUSTO
STAFF WRITERS

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GARDEN GROVE • An 81-year-old woman was identified Wednesday as the pedestrian who was struck and killed by a garbage truck a day earlier, officials said.

Esther Lee of Glenview, Ill., was killed around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday when she fell off a sidewalk and into the path of a garbage truck reversing down a condo complex driveway on Pinehurst Court.

Lee was pronounced dead at the scene. The Republic Services truck driver stopped after the incident and was not cited.

It’s unclear why Lee fell, but police said she may have been having a “medical episode,” Garden Grove police Lt. Bob Bogue said.



Barlag

Garden Grove if the city got rid of him. Further, Garden Grove firefighters gave him a “no confidence” vote.

In August and September of that year, the City Council met in closed session several times to discuss Barlag’s threat. On Sept. 30, Barlag signed a settlement agreement with the city requiring him to resign as fire chief, a position he had held since 2012, in exchange for Garden Grove creating a new position for him.

Barlag began receiving his \$226,380 salary, nearly identical to his fire chief salary, immediately.

Typically, decisions made be-

“There was no intent on my part to deceive the public.”

COUNCILMAN
KRIS BEARD

hind closed doors must be reported to the public.

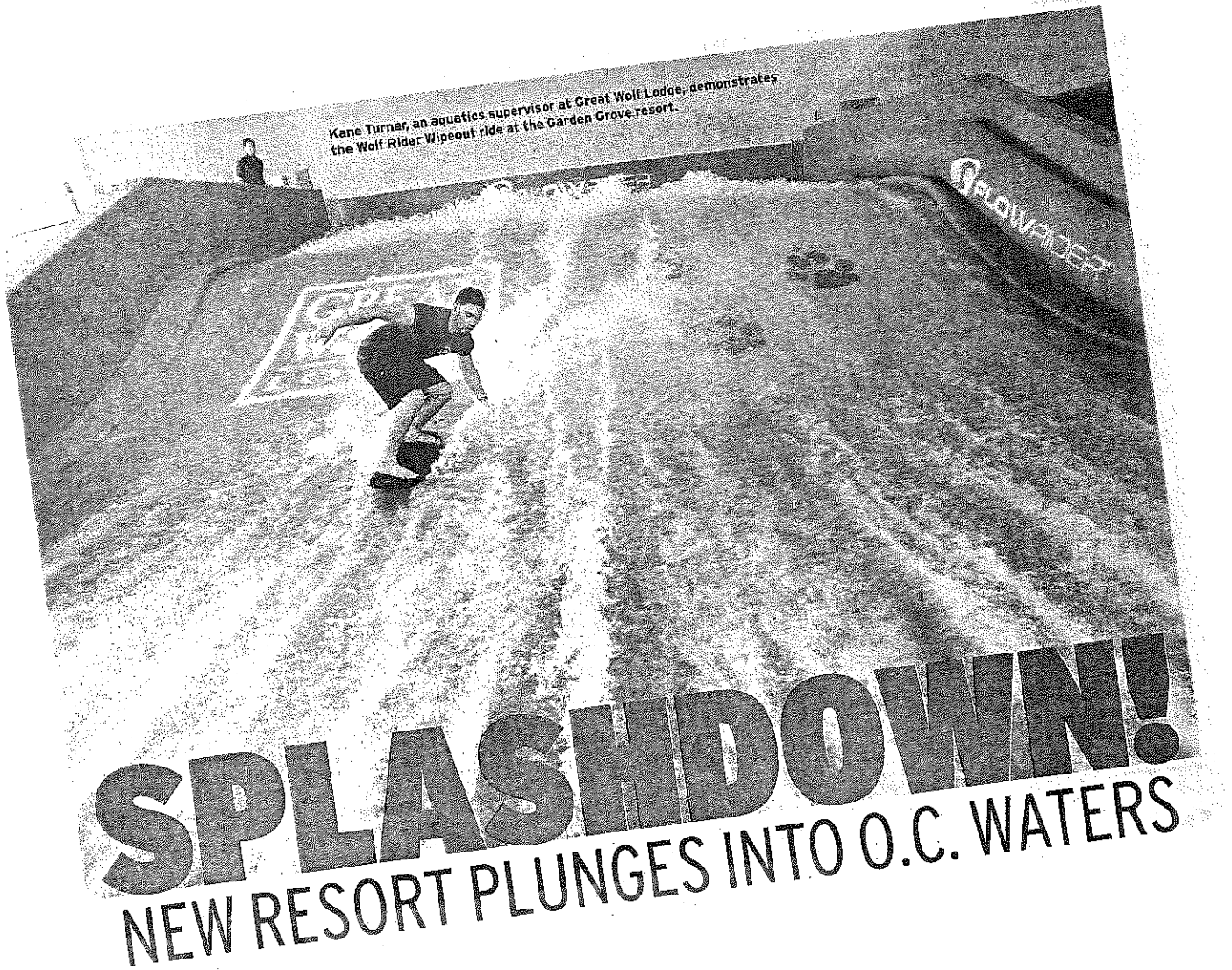
However, the City Council did not publicly disclose the new position until Nov. 25, 2014, after receiving public-record requests from residents and at least two media outlets. The District Attorney’s Office began investigating about two weeks later.

“It is our opinion,” the report says, “that there is a reasonable inference that the City Council simply used the pending litiga-

tion exception as a ruse or a pretext to get around the disclosure requirements of the Brown Act.”

But in order for the District Attorney’s Office to file criminal charges against the city, it would need to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that each council member intended “to deprive the public of information” when it met in closed session, the report says.

Barlag, who will be the city’s public safety administrative officer until Dec. 31, when he retires, declined to comment when reached at City Hall. Then-City Manager Matt Fernalt also declined to comment. Then-City Attorney Tom Nixon and former Mayor Broadwater did not return calls for comment.



Water park hotel aims to lure Disney's vacationing families.

By **JOSEPH PIMENTEL** and **CHRIS HAIRE** • STAFF WRITERS

Can Wiley the Wolf survive in the land of Mickey Mouse, Harry Potter and Snoopy – not to mention Orange County's famed beaches and ritzy coastal resorts?

Great Wolf Lodge Southern California, a \$250 million indoor water park and 603-suite hotel, began to find out last week, when it welcomed its first swimwear-clad visitors.

The Wisconsin-based chain, with 14 resort properties nationwide and in Canada, is betting it can penetrate Southern California and put Garden Grove – perpetually in the shadow of Anaheim – on the map for vacationers.

Its entry into a highly competitive tourism market poses unique

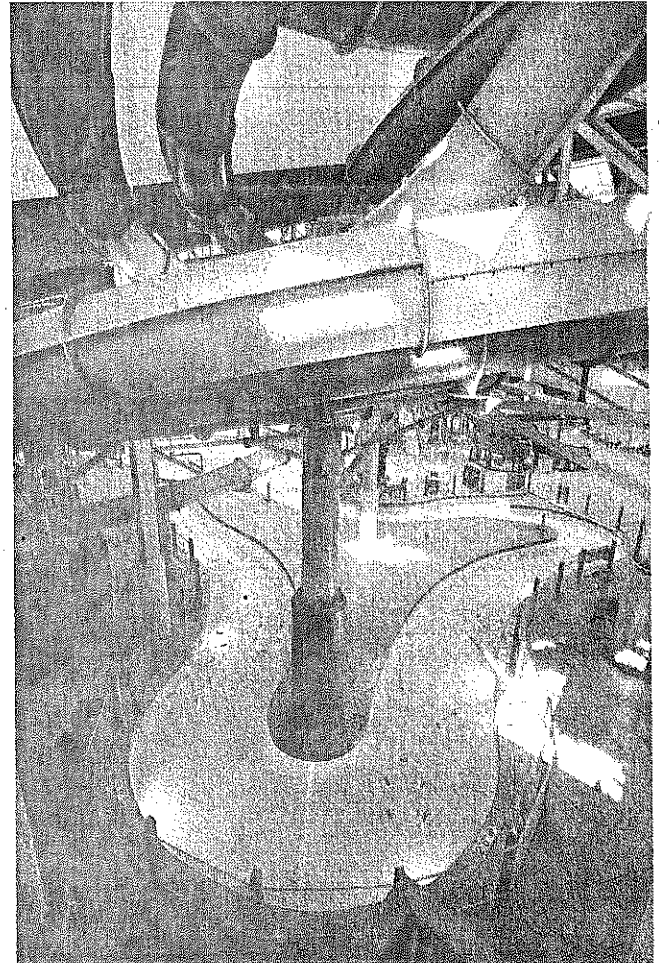
challenges for a business that has thrived elsewhere in the U.S., experts say.

"There's a reason why the Great Wolf does well in the Midwest and East Coast. When the weather is bad, it's nice to have that indoor

SEE LODGE •

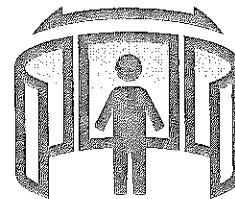


A view from above of part of the 13-acre Great Wolf Lodge on Harbor Boulevard.



PHOTOS: JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Crooked Creek, a lazy river ride, snakes under water ride tubes at Great Wolf Lodge.



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See a 360-degree virtual tour of the water park and KidCabin suites at ocregister.com/go/greatwolf.

LODGE

water park,” said Robert Niles, editor of **ThemeParkInsider.com**, which covers the theme park industry. “They lose a bit of that unique selling point here. ... You can go outdoors nine or 10 months out of the year.”

But others predict that the Garden Grove resort, which will be the largest Great Wolf property, is immune to roadblocks other resorts might face.

“We went to other Great Wolfs and studied what it is about this water park, this resort,” said Matt Fertal, a former Garden Grove city manager who worked to bring the resort to town. “We realized it didn’t matter where it was. Families are drawn to it.”

The first visitors to cross the resort’s threshold and meet its Wiley the Wolf mascot marked the end of a nearly decadelong effort to bring the attraction to Orange County.

Among the obstacles that Garden Grove and resort officials had to overcome: the \$250 million construction price tag, concerns about the drought and the economic sludge caused by the Great Recession.

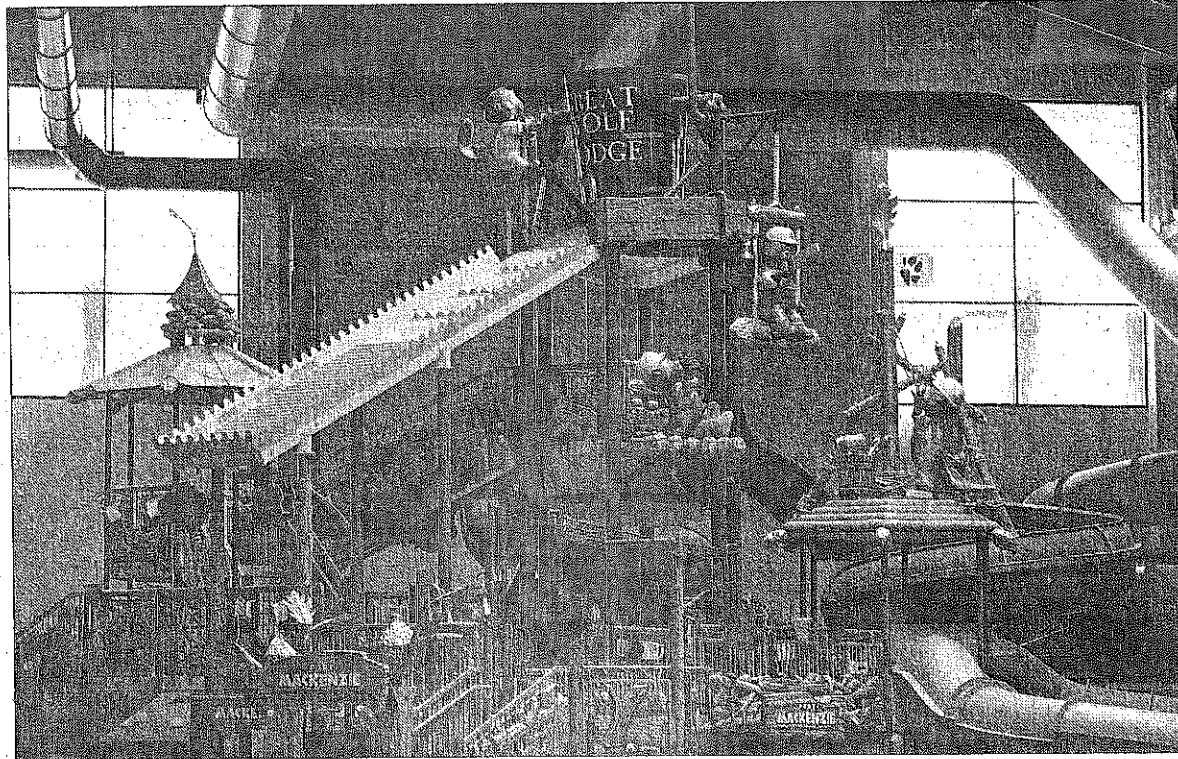
“Since day one, we have remained committed to opening here in Garden Grove,” said Tim Black, chief operating officer of Great Wolf Resorts. “At long last the resort is ... open, and we know that patience will pay off as families begin to experience our brand for the first time.”

The 105,000-square-foot indoor water park is exclusively for hotel guests; they can invite outside friends and relatives, for \$40 each, up to the room’s capacity.

Inside the dome, the temperature is set at 84 degrees, with water to stay steady at 82 degrees. Twisting water slides and rides jut out from the building and into a pool inside.

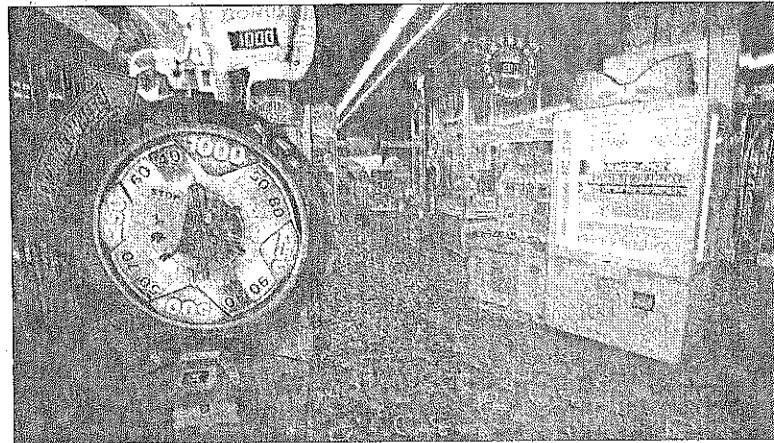
There’s a water-basketball pool, a place to bodyboard or surf and a lazy river. In the hotel are seven eateries, an arcade, a spa for girls and women, miniature golf and an interactive scavenger hunt for kids.

Rooms go for \$250-\$600 a night. The average daily hotel



PHOTOS: JEFF GRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fort Mackenzie play area in the water park at Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove. The 603-suite hotel and 105,000-square-foot water park is now open.



The Northern Lights Arcade at Great Wolf Lodge.

rate in the Anaheim-Garden Grove area is \$162.

City officials envision a Great Wolf that can draw more hotels, restaurants and shops to a stretch of Harbor Boulevard once considered blighted.

Greg Blodgett, Garden Grove’s economic development director, attended a developers conference in Los Angeles a couple of weeks ago at which Great Wolf was a popular topic.

“We were all the buzz,” Blodgett said. “People who saw me came up and asked about building other things on Harbor. The resort is important for growth of the entire area.”

The city already has a hotel and convention center lined up across the street, where the old Joe’s Italian Ice operated for years.

Gary Sherwin, CEO of Newport Beach and Co., the tourism and marketing agency for Newport Beach, sees Great Wolf as helping “solidify the Anaheim-Garden Grove area as a family-friendly destination. The Great Wolf gives people another reason to stay an extra day or two.”

A record 47.3 million people visited Orange County last year, a 2.6 percent uptick from 2014. Of that, Anaheim saw 22.5 million visitors, up 3.5 percent, according to resort district promoter Visit

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Anaheim.

"It's something unique to the area," said Jay Burress, CEO of Visit Anaheim. "This just adds to the attraction of the area. The stronger economy and the increasing tourism is something we've seen across the country."

Great Wolf arrives as the local theme park arms race is heating up.

The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, based on author J.K. Rowling's magical literary hero, opens at Universal Studios Hollywood in April. Knott's Berry Farm, with its Snoopy-theme kids park, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this summer by turning Ghost Town into an interactive experience - letting visitors play poker with the sheriff or arrest family members. The once-bumpy GhostRider wooden roller coaster is getting new tracks and sleek cars.

And, as always, there is Disneyland, which has seen record attendance and where construction just began on a "Star Wars" land. A new ride, Luigi's Rollickin' Roadsters, and a "Frozen"-inspired musical will debut soon at Disney California Adventure.

In addition, Legoland, Magic Mountain, Raging Waters and Knott's have water parks.

Also in the mix for a family that

can afford a stay at the Great Wolf are the swanky hotels that dot Orange County's coast.

"There is nothing around most of the other (Great Wolf) locations," said Susan Emery, Garden Grove's former community development director who now holds the same position in Irvine. "There is stuff here. (Staffers) did have those conversations. It went back and forth: Will it be successful? ...

"Hopefully, it's a shot in the arm for the city," she said.

Some entertainment experts predict Great Wolf will be a success.

"You'd be surprised how popular that place is with families with children," said Dennis Spiegel, president of International Theme Park Services, a leisure-industry consulting company that has tracked Great Wolf since it opened the Sandusky, Ohio, location 15 years ago.

"I think this is right where they want to be - in the thick of that market," Spiegel added. "Every kid loves to swim."

But there is debate over who will splash about in Great Wolf's water park: locals seeking mini-vacations or those out-of-town visitors?

Rick West, a writer for Rethink Leisure & Entertainment, said Great Wolf is aimed at families already aware of the brand - out-of-towners or transplants from areas with their own Great Wolfs.

"What they're going after is the resort guest who is going to spend \$300 or more per night near Disneyland anyway," West said. "Why not stay just minutes away from both Knott's and Disney, where you have exclusive use of a water attraction when it's time to relax away from the controlled chaos of the theme parks for an afternoon?"

McWhinney Enterprises CEO Chad McWhinney, the developer who helped bring Great Wolf to town, sees Garden Grove's new resort as offering more than that - namely, a variety of attractions that will lure locals and visitors alike.

"There is not another resort like this in California," he said.

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City betting big on Great Wolf lodge

Garden Grove's investment may take years to pay off.

By CHRIS HAIRE • STAFF WRITER

The Great Wolf Lodge Southern California opened last week with the help of a \$100 million-plus infusion of taxpayer funds, an investment that city leaders say should be recouped within a decade, in large part because of the hotel's projected generation of \$8 million in annual bed tax.

In addition, the 105,000-square-foot water park and 603-suite resort is expected to help spur growth along Harbor Boulevard and boost Garden Grove's appeal as an entertainment destination.

"The \$8 million is probably a conservative estimate because the market keeps getting better," said Greg Blodgett, the city's economic development director, referring to bed tax revenue. "Once we get these additional resources, it will definitely help (the budget). That's why we've been so aggressive with development."

Not everyone agrees with the strategy.

Handing over a large subsidy is un-

fair to taxpayers, especially when that money is going to a private company with no guarantee of a return on investment, said Carolyn Cavecche, a former Orange mayor and president of the Orange County Taxpayers Association.

"The taxpayers should not have to roll the dice," Cavecche said. "If they have to pay, they should be getting services. That's what taxpayer money is for, not to be used to invest in a business."

The resort's opening is the culmination of nearly a decade of negotiations among Garden Grove officials, developer McWhinney Enterprises and Great Wolf Resorts.

In 2009, Garden Grove and McWhinney inked a pact to bring a water park to Harbor Boulevard. The deal, amended many times, required the city to help the development financially.

Five years later, after McWhinney brought Great Wolf into the mix, Garden Grove gave the developer 13 free acres on Harbor, just south of Lampson Avenue.

At the time, the land was worth more than \$30 million, said Mike Hannah, a manager at the Orange County Assessor's Office, which appraised the property after McWhinney took control of it.

A few months later, when construction began, the city gave the developer \$5 million. McWhinney also required Garden Grove to invest in renovating Harbor Boulevard.

In 2015, the city finished a \$5.2 million renovation of Harbor, upgrading the run-down roadway and sidewalks, adding landscaping to the medians and putting up a traffic signal at the entrance to Great Wolf.

And within 30 days of Great Wolf opening, the city must give McWhinney \$42

GREAT WOLF

Taxpayer expenditures

\$42 million: Lump sum Garden Grove must give to the developer within 30 days of the park opening.

\$30 million: Assessed value of the land Garden Grove gave to the developer.

\$23 million: Estimated interest the city will have to pay by 2034 on bonds needed to pay the \$42 million to McWhinney.

\$5.2 million: To renovate Harbor Boulevard, as required by the development agreement.

\$5 million: Payment Garden Grove made to McWhinney when construction began.

\$1.9 million: Compensation Garden Grove needed to pay to 30 families living in a trailer park on land given to the developer.

\$107.1 million: Total taxpayer investment

Projected city revenue

\$84.5 million: Total bed tax revenue by 2024

\$8.5 million: Total sales tax revenue for Garden Grove by 2024

\$2.8 million: Annual property tax from the resort

Projected revenue divided by other public agencies

\$61.5 million: Sales tax by 2024

Source: City of Garden Grove

million. The city will raise that by issuing bonds. Over 18 years, interest will raise the cost by an estimated \$23 million. That \$65 million or so will come from property taxes in the area that includes the Great Wolf – money that otherwise would have gone to public agencies.

Some of that \$65 million will be paid off by Great Wolf itself, from the increased property tax from the resort because of the building improvements. Based on city and county projections, the resort will start off paying \$2.8 million annually in property tax.

"If you look nationally," said Chad McWhinney, the CEO of the developer, "really complex projects almost always involve public-private partnerships. Their goal is to recoup their investment."

Public-private partnerships "have to be beneficial for both parties," he said.

Over the years, some Garden Grove residents have voiced concerns about the aesthetics of the resort – a large funnel, part of a ride, is on the exterior of the park – the anticipated increased congestion on Harbor, the wisdom of opening a water park during a yearslong drought and whether it's the best use of taxpayer funds.

If Great Wolf does as well as city and resort officials predict, the city should see the hotel bed tax top \$10.5 million annually by 2024, according to estimates in city documents.

Guests pay the bed tax, also known as a transient occupancy tax, with the amount based on the room charge.

The city also could take in \$8.5 million in sales tax by 2024.

Garden Grove's coffers need help. In recent years, it has had to go into its savings to balance the general fund budget; it is taking an estimated \$6 million for the current fiscal year.

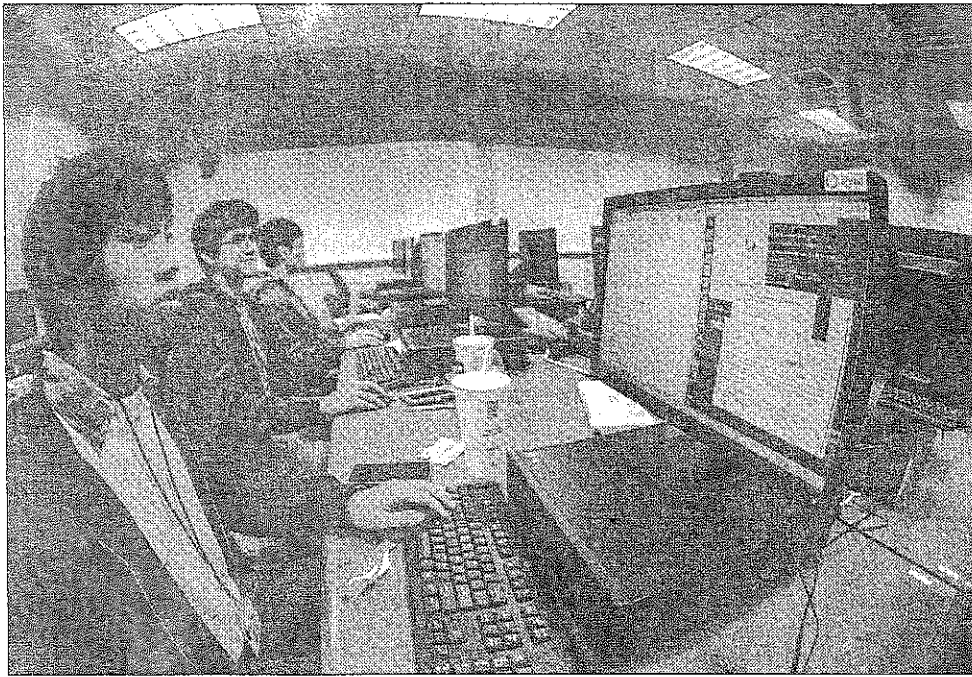
"Great Wolf presented an amazing opportunity," said Matt Fertal, Garden Grove's former city manager, who retired in December 2014 after spearheading the effort to bring in the resort. "For as long as I can remember, we've had the same (financial) struggle year after year."

With Great Wolf, Fertal said, "Maybe we can get over that hump once and for all. That's what made Great Wolf, from a financial aspect, different from anything else."

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Jimmy Bui, Emiliano Cortes and Andy Vu, all seniors at Santiago High in Garden Grove, compete in a state round of CyberPatriot for advancement to the regional level.

Local students compete at CyberPatriot event

STAFF REPORT

Hackers, beware. These techies will stop you in your tracks.

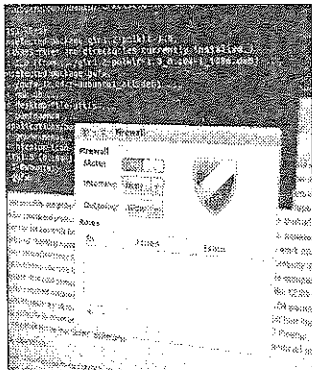
Fountain Valley-based Coastline Community College hosted a nationwide CyberPatriot cyber defense competition on its Garden Grove campus Jan. 30. More than 100 students from Orange County high schools and middle schools showed off their skills at securing Windows and Linux operating systems.

Teams were given a set of virtual images that represent operating systems and were

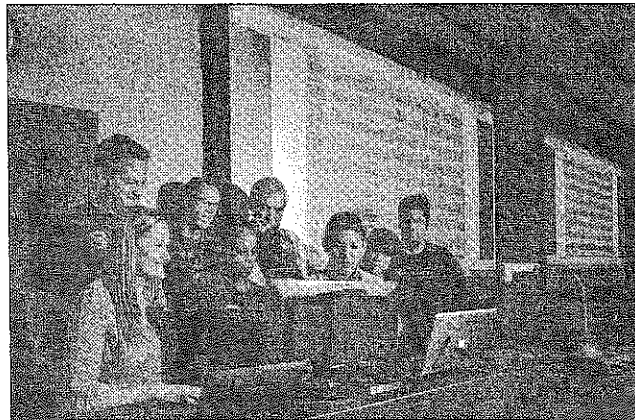
tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities within the images and guarding the system while maintaining critical services in a six-hour period.

CyberPatriot is a youth educational program sponsored by Northrop Grumman Foundation.

Coastline Community's cybersecurity program was designated last year as a "National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cybersecurity" by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.



Over 100 students from county middle and high schools gathered at Coastline Community College for the event.



Viewing national scores are team coaches Tobi West, Dwight Osborne, Linda Dewberry, Mark Smith, Irvin Lemus, Greg French, Jeanette Hogan and Robert Hays.

GARDEN GROVE

Blood donations: The American Red Cross will be in town on two days next month for people to donate blood: 1 to 7 p.m. on March 8 at Saint Columban Catholic Church, 10801 Stanford Ave.; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 10 at Southland Industries, 7421 Orangewood Ave. For appointments, call 800-733-2767 or go to redcrossblood.org.
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GARDEN GROVE

Historical Society: Jim Horn, who spent 25 years with top-secret clearance in diplomatic and intelligence services, is the keynote speaker for the Garden Grove Historical Society's next meeting, set for 1 p.m. on March 5 at the Stanley Ranch Museum, 12174 Euclid St. The meeting is free, open to the public and does not require registration.
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GARDEN GROVE

Transportation meeting: The Orange County Transportation Authority is having an open house to discuss the central Harbor Boulevard transit corridor study from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Garden Grove High School, 11271 Stanford Ave. During the public meeting, officials will take questions and listen to people's thoughts.
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GARDEN GROVE

Gala dinner: The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce's 110th annual Gala Dinner will be at the newly opened Great Wolf Lodge, 12681 Harbor Blvd. This year's gala theme is "Diamond Jubilee Celebration" for the city's 60th anniversary. The gala is 5:30 to 9 p.m. March 12. Tickets cost \$75. Information: 714-638-6672.
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GARDEN GROVE

Anniversary party: The city has scheduled its 60th anniversary celebration for 4 p.m. June 18 at Village Green Park, 12732 Main St. Students from the Garden Grove Unified School District, which is celebrating its 50th year, will perform, and there will be music, games and other activities. The celebration will end with a cake cutting. Information: 714-741-5200.
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Feb. 22, 2016

GARDEN GROVE

Jobs: The Community Services Department is looking for part-time seasonal employees to help at several city facilities, such as pool manager and day camp staff. The jobs, the city says, are ideal for those who enjoy working with children and being outdoors. The deadline to apply is March 9. 714-741-5200.
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Chamber announces man, woman of year

Steve Sanders and Sandy Thomas will be honored for their volunteerism

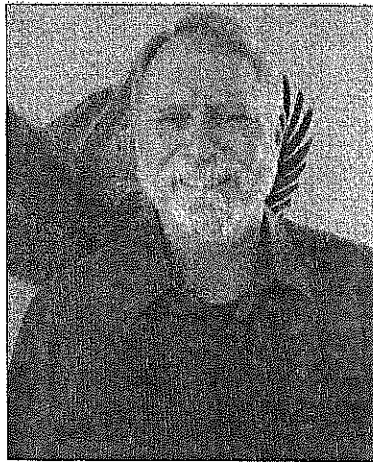
The Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce the 2016 Garden Grove Man and Woman of the Year.

This year's honorees are Steve Sanders and Sandy Thomas. They both have many years of volunteerism in the City of Garden Grove and Orange County.

Steve Sanders is a longtime resident of Garden Grove and a graduate of Santiago High School. He has served in the United States Air Force which led to a lifetime career in law enforcement. Steve retired from the Garden Grove Police Department as a lieutenant after 31 years. He has served as president and is a great leader for the Strawberry Festival Board as well as the Boys and Girls Club.

He is always willing to do whatever is needed to complete a project or develop a program for these organizations. Even though he is retired, Steve is a very busy member of the community. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Garden Grove Elks Lodge and, true to his career, serves as a fire-arms manager for Golden West College and as an assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Sandy Thomas is the vice president and relationship manager at Farmers and Merchant Bank in Garden Grove. She has been working there since 1976, progressing her career and engaging



Courtesy photos

Steve Sanders



Sandy Thomas

her community.

She is a longtime resident and a graduate of Bolsa Grande High School. She is involved in

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numerous organizations such as Acacia Adult Day Service, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Women's Division and Ronald McDonald House Charities Scholarship Reader. Sandy served as the chair of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce for three years (2009, 2010 and 2011). In 2010 she received the Woman of the Year Award from Senator Lou Correa, in 2012 she received the Americana Award from Cypress College, in 2014 she won the Community Leadership Award from the Korean American Chamber of Commerce Orange County and in March 2015 she received a unanimous vote to be-

come Acacia Adult Day Services board president.

Steve Sanders and Sandy Thomas will be honored at the annual Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce Gala Dinner and Awards on March 12.

If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, contact the chamber office at 714-638-7950 or visit the website at www.gardengrovechamber.com.

City manager, local business leaders brainstorm

At issue is how to make Historic Main Street a destination point

By Scott Weimer, Garden Grove Business Association treasurer and John Holm, association secretary

The Garden Grove Downtown Business Association's monthly meeting was held Feb. 11 at Azteca Restaurant on Main Street.

Guest speaker was City Manager Scott Stiles.

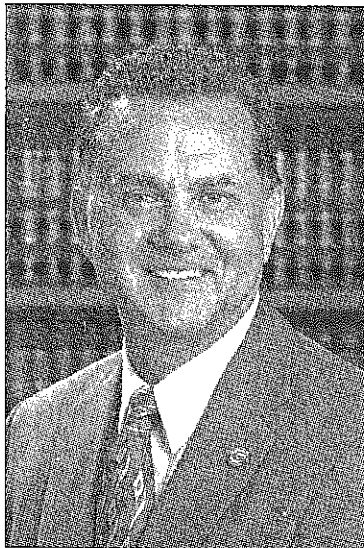
After attending the recent Open Street Event, Stiles expressed a fondness and appreciation for Historic Main Street, and said he believes Main Street has much untapped potential and with that in mind, Stiles asked for ideas for Main Street's global improvement during the meeting.

Association members asked for all members to submit three Main Street improvement ideas in advance of the meeting, so they could be compiled for discussion with Stiles during the meeting.

It was a packed meeting, with people weighing in on the important issues affecting the future of Historic Main Street.

Stiles had reviewed the ideas presented prior to the meeting and noted there has been a request for a definition of downtown Main Street as, and said he is willing to work with Main Street businesses on improvements such as lighting and other suggestions that are within the budget.

Back in December of 2015, Kaye's Kitchen suffered an electrical fire and has been closed and is waiting for the permits it needs to re-open. Stiles said he has asked that those permits be "fast-tracked" so the restaurant can open again soon.



Courtesy photo

City Manager Scott Stiles

Stiles also said he would like to see something done to link the Amphitheater and the Gem Theatre into Historic Main Street and there was discussion of a Wi-Fi option for Main Street and its businesses.

Zlaket's Market closed last year, after being on the street for 60 years. The family that owned Zlaket's retired. In the meeting, it was reported by Tony Nguyen and Elizabeth Dang that they will be opening a bakery and restaurant this spring in the former Zlaket's Market location.

Garden Grove Community Services Director Kim Huy said the city is accepting bids for a Village Green Event-Marque and city staff member Jennifer Nye mentioned she is working with the Historical Society for a possible car show and reported on

the 60th anniversary birthday of the city, which is set for Saturday, June 18, from 4 to 8 p.m.

The birthday celebration will include a rock-climbing wall, inflatable play areas, food trucks along Euclid Street and booster clubs selling snacks.

Other big celebrations within the city this year include the Garden Grove Unified School District's 50th anniversary and Christ Cathedral's 40th anniversary.

And, Historical Main Street continues to hold its weekly Sunday Farmers Market, which is under the direction of Lee Ostendorf, who has secured two new venues that include yogurt and an avocado oil business.

The association and its leadership team serve as representatives between businesses, local government, neighborhood associations, and the general public. Through activities and resources, the Downtown Business Association is able to promote and protect Historic Main Street's values, aesthetics and parking preservation, thus doing its best to maintain Garden Grove's Downtown as being an excellent place to work, shop and live.

The association has funded projects to enhance, improve and protect Historic Main Street, and welcomes new members to the cause of preserving "our street."

The next association meeting is set for Thursday, March 10, at 9 a.m., in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main St. in Garden Grove.

For more information, visit MainStreetGardenGrove.com or call 714-534-0992.

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1187

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Furnish all Materials and Labor for the Fabrication and Installation of an LED Monument Sign for the Gem Theater in the City of Garden Grove per the bid specifications. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Contractors interested in submitting a bid for this project are required to attend a MANDATORY pre-bid meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at the Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: February 17, 2016

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
City of Garden Grove
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Garden Grove, CA 92840

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City Manager

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Wednesday, February 24, 2016

CITY MANAGER NAMES NEW DIRECTOR

Today, Garden Grove City Manager Scott Stiles announced the appointment of Lisa L. Kim to serve as Garden Grove's new Community and Economic Development Director. Kim begins her official position on Monday, April 4, 2016. She currently serves as the Economic Development Manager for the City of Orange.

"I'm excited to have Lisa (Kim) join our Garden Grove team. She stood out among many highly-qualified candidates as the right person who has the comprehensive vision to successfully drive development throughout our community," said City Manager Scott Stiles.

Kim brings over two decades of experience in economic development, community development, and redevelopment, with an emphasis in business attraction, retention, and expansion.

Beginning her professional career in 1994 as a project coordinator with the City of Pomona, Kim moved to the City of West Covina as redevelopment project coordinator, then joined the City of Orange in 2000 as Economic Development Project Manager. In 2005, she was promoted to Senior Project Manager, and in 2012, ascended to Economic Development Manager.

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During her tenure with Orange, Kim led the transition of The Block at Orange to The Outlets at Orange; facilitated the redevelopment of The Village at Orange; attracted a significant number of new businesses by establishing one of Orange County's strongest commercial real estate broker outreach initiatives; and contributed to the success and transformation of Old Towne Orange.

The City's restructured Community and Economic Development Department includes four divisions: Economic Development, Building Services, Planning Services and Neighborhood Improvement/Code Enforcement. As director, Kim will be responsible for planning, directing, and overseeing the activities of the department, consisting of 34 full-time and three part-time staff, and a budget of over \$30 million.

"It's an honor to be joining the City of Garden Grove and I'm looking forward to being a part of the organization and community," Kim said. "It's a dynamic city and a great place to roll up my sleeves and work alongside the City's leadership and staff to further build on the success of its business initiatives and community engagement activities," she added.

Kim holds a master's degree in Public Administration from Brandman University, and a bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She maintains active membership with the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) and the Commercial Real Estate Women of Orange County (CREW-OC).

Kim is married and has two children.



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Community Services Department

Monday, February 22, 2016

CITY SEEKS PART-TIME SEASONAL STAFF

The City of Garden Grove Community Services Department is now accepting on-line applications for several part-time seasonal positions at a variety of city facilities. If you enjoy working with children, being outdoors, and have an enthusiastic and outgoing personality, this could be the job for you.

Job openings include: Community Services Coordinator (Pool Manager); Instructor Guard (Recreation Specialist III); Sports (Recreation Specialist I); Day Camps and Parks (Recreation Specialist I); and Lifeguard (Recreation Specialist II).

Applications and a detailed job description for each position can be found on the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/jobs. The deadline for submissions is March 9, 2016.

For further information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

Follow the City on Facebook and Twitter, and download the 'Garden Grove' mobile app to see the latest City news, announcements, events, and current job openings.

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Police Department

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Monday, February 22, 2016

**POLICE CHIEF TO HONOR 109 GOOD SAMARITANS,
RECIPIENTS OF MERIT COIN**

For five years, the Garden Grove Police Department has been awarding Good Samaritans in the community with a special "Chief's Coin for Merit." On Thursday, February 25, Police Chief Todd Elgin will host a recognition dinner honoring all 109 coin recipients for 2015. The dinner will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites, 11767 Harbor Blvd.

Each year, the 200-plus members of the Garden Grove Police Department are issued one coin, with instructions to award the coin to an individual demonstrating an exceptional act of kindness or heroism.

Over 500 coins to date have been awarded to community members that provide exceptional community support and/or have gone above and beyond to assist individuals and the police. The circumstances range from assisting a lost individual, giving first aid, and providing key evidence in an investigation plus numerous other acts of courage and selflessness.

Honorees for 2015 will include recipients who helped identify a suspect of a burglary; a passer-by who saved a 1-year-old boy from being run over in the street; and a citizen who helped assist a female trapped in a drainage ditch by calling 911, keeping her calm, and remaining on scene.

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POLICE CHIEF TO HONOR 109 GOOD SAMARITANS

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"It's an incredible opportunity to honor those who help, not only the Garden Grove Police Department, but their community, with their selfless acts and assistance," says Chief Elgin.

For more information, please contact Lieutenant Bob Bogue at (714) 741-5786.

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Thứ Ba, 23/2/2016

CHƯƠNG TRÌNH MỪNG LỄ PHỤC SINH TẠI ATLANTIS PLAY CENTER

Trung tâm Atlantis Play Center thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức chương trình để các em thiếu nhi vui chơi nhân dịp lễ Phục sinh. Chương trình "Eggs-Cavation" sẽ được tổ chức vào Thứ Bảy, ngày 26 tháng 3, 2016 từ 11:00 giờ đến 2:00 giờ trưa. Địa chỉ của Atlantis Play Center là 13630 Atlantis Way, phía sau Garden Grove Park.

Chương trình bao gồm những tiết mục như vẽ màu nước, sơn mặt, xổ số, và đương nhiên không thể thiếu trò chơi tìm kiếm quả trứng vàng. Các em sẽ được chia ra thành từng nhóm để vui chơi.

Giá vé để tham gia là \$2 cho người lớn, \$7 cho trẻ em từ 3 đến 10 tuổi. Vé sẽ được bắt đầu bán vào ngày Thứ Hai, 29 tháng 2, tại Recreation Center, thuộc lầu một của Tòa thị chính Garden Grove, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway. Chỉ nhận tiền mặt hoặc thẻ tín dụng (credit card).

Để biết thêm chi tiết hoặc gọi mua vé trước, vui lòng liên lạc ở số điện thoại (714) 741-5200.

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Ban Phục Vụ Công Cộng

Thứ Tư, 24/2/2016

GARDEN GROVE THÔNG BÁO TUYỂN NHÂN VIÊN LÀM VIỆC BÁN THỜI GIAN VÀ TẠM THỜI

Ban Phục Vụ Cộng đồng Thành phố Garden Grove (Community Services Department) hiện đang nhận đơn để tuyển dụng nhân viên bán thời gian (part-time) và nhân viên tạm thời (seasonal.) Nếu bạn thích làm việc với trẻ em, hoặc làm việc ngoài trời, với sự nhiệt tình và cởi mở, thì đây có thể là công việc cho bạn. Công việc thích hợp cho lẫn nam và nữ.

Các mô tả chi tiết cho từng công việc có thể được tìm thấy trên trang web của Thành phố tại www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/jobs. Hạn chót nhận hồ sơ là ngày 9 Tháng Ba, 2016.

Xin theo dõi Garden Grove City Hall trên trang Facebook và Instagram, cũng như tải ứng dụng di động Garden Grove Mobile App vào điện thoại để cập nhật những thông tin mới nhất từ Thành phố.

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Garden Grove Mời Dự Lễ Phục Sinh Tại Atlantis Play Center

24/02/2016 00:00:00



Trung tâm Atlantis Play Center thuộc Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức chương trình để các em thiếu nhi vui chơi nhân dịp lễ Phục sinh.

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Hình Lễ Phục Sinh do TP Garden Grove cung cấp.

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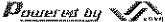
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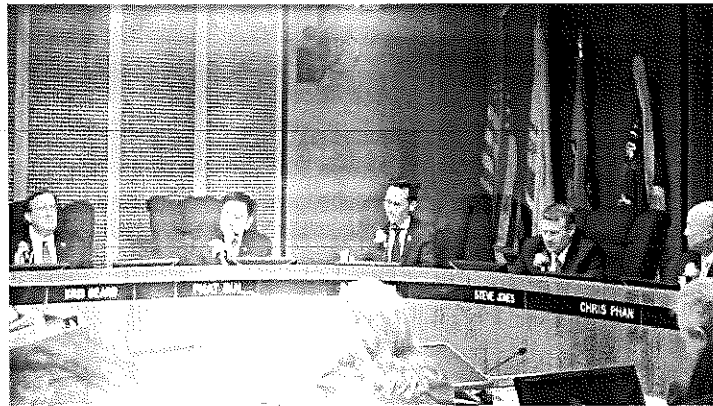
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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove họp lúc 6 giờ 30 tối Thứ Ba, 23 Tháng Hai, để bàn về các vấn đề của thành phố, trong đó có thư ủng hộ "Dự Án V" và hai tuyến đường xe bus miễn phí của Sở Giao Thông Orange County (OCTA) tại vùng Little Saigon.



Một buổi họp của Hội Đồng Thành Phố Garden Grove. (Hình minh họa: Facebook)

Ông Scott Stiles, tổng quản trị thành phố, tóm tắt nội dung về "Dự Án V," nhằm tạo một tuyến đường xe bus mới, miễn phí, chạy quanh Little Saigon, hợp tác với Westminster, để giảm thiểu tắc nghẽn giao thông, và hai thành phố tham gia xin ngân khoản tài trợ 10% tương xứng (matching fund), với ngân khoản cơ OCTA tài trợ cho dự án này.

Ông William Murray, giám đốc Sở Công Chánh Garden Grove, cũng cho biết một trong những điều kiện mà Garden Grove cần phải đạt được khi xin ngân khoản của OCTA là xe chạy quãng đường dài 4.1 dặm, mỗi 15 phút một chuyến, từ 10 giờ sáng đến 6 giờ chiều, bảy ngày một tuần.

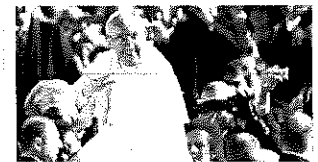
"Trong năm đầu hoạt động, trên mỗi xe bus mới mỗi giờ phải có sáu hành khách. Từ năm thứ hai đến năm thứ bảy, phải có 10 hành khách trên xe mỗi giờ," ông Murray nói.

Ngoài các điều kiện về hoạt động, Garden Grove còn phải đối diện với một số điều kiện hành chánh về thời gian.

"Sau khi tham khảo thư của Westminster ủng hộ dự án này, Garden Grove cần một lá thư tương tự để gửi cho OCTA vào Thứ Ba này là hạn chót. Sau đó, Hội Đồng Thành Phố sẽ phải thông qua một nghị quyết kh ủng hộ "Dự Án V," nhằm nhất là vào phiên họp tối Thứ Ba, 8 Tháng Ba tới," ông Scott Stiles nói tại buổi họp.

Phó Thị Trưởng Steve Jones và hai nghị viên Phát Hối và Chris Phan đồng nhân xét rằng "thời gian cấp bách" nhưng vẫn "đủ hội đồng miễn phí" thành phố, trình hội đồng vào phiên họp tới,

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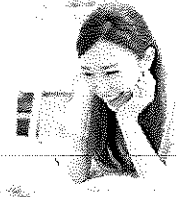
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- Nghị Viên Michele Martinez của Santa Ana sẽ ứng cử GSV Địa Hạt 1
Garden Grove thảo luận dự án xe bus trong khu Little Saigon
Gửi hàng từ Mỹ về VN: 'Đóng chấy' chưa ngừng nghỉ (Kỳ 1)
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Bắc Kinh qua mặt New York, trở thành 'thủ đô tỷ phú thế giới'

Donald Trump muốn chọn ông phó là người trong giới chính trị

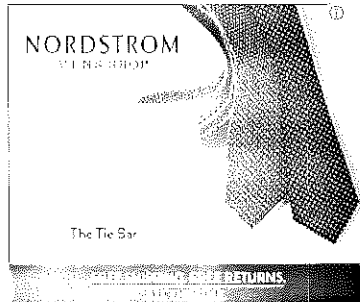
Thị Trường Bảo Nguyễn khẳng định: "Với trách nhiệm chi trả \$75,000 một năm, chúng ta cần cân trọng."

Theo Nghị Viên Phát Bùi, "cư dân muốn thấy tuyến đường xe bus mới sẽ được nối rộng từ đường Magnolia lên đường Garden Grove, trước khi xuống đường Brookhurst và trở lại đường Bolsa."

Ông nói tuyến đường "Magnolia-Westminster-Brookhurst-Bolsa" chỉ có lợi cho đa số các doanh nghiệp ở Westminster. Tuyến đường ông đề nghị là "Magnolia-Garden Grove-Brookhurst-Bolsa," nếu được, sẽ giúp thêm cho nhiều cơ sở thương mại trong thành phố Garden Grove.

Trong tuần trước, Giám Sát Viên Andrew Đỗ, Địa Hạt 1 Orange County, hợp báo trình bày sự tiến triển của "Dự Án V" về các tuyến đường xe bus "con thoi" mới, với chi phí \$1.31 triệu một năm của OCTA, áp dụng trên các trục lộ chính bao quanh khu vực Little Saigon, trong đó có Garden Grove và Westminster.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

February 25, 2016

1. Calendar of Events
2. Letter from the OCTA discussing the M2 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 FY 2016-17 Call for Projects which are due by April 15, 2016.
3. Cancellation notice for the March 3, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.
4. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated February 23, 2016.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 25, 2016 – March 10, 2016

Thursday	February 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		6:00 p.m.	"Chief's Coin for Merit" Banquet hosted by the Garden Grove Police Department Embassy Suites, 11767 Harbor Blvd.
Saturday	February 27	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Tuesday	March 1	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	March 2	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Community Meeting for Public Input on Voting District Maps Buena Clinton Youth & Family Resource Center 12661 Sunswep Ave.
Thursday	March 3	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center CANCELLED
Friday	March 4		City Hall Closed
Saturday	March 5	10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Community Meeting for Public Input on Voting District Maps, Courtyard Center
Monday	March 7	6:30 p.m.	Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
Tuesday	March 8	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center Activity Room Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	March 9	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Community Meeting for Public Input on Voting District Maps GGUSD Maintenance Center, 8211 Lampson Ave.
Thursday	March 10	9:00 a.m.	Main Street Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room



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February 16, 2016

Mr. Scott Stiles
City of Garden Grove
11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, CA 92840

Subject: M2 Environmental Cleanup Program Tier 1 Fiscal Year 2016-17
Call for Projects

Dear Mr. Stiles:

On February 8, 2016, the Orange County Transportation Authority's (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) authorized staff to issue the Measure M2 (M2) Environmental Cleanup Program (ECP), Tier 1 fiscal year 2016-17 call for projects. The M2 ECP Tier 1 Program funds projects that mitigate the more visible forms of pollutants, such as litter and debris that collect on roadways and in catch basins prior to being deposited in waterways.

Approximately \$2.8 million is available to Orange County cities and the County of Orange under this call for projects. The maximum grant amount is \$200,000 per project as well as a cap of \$500,000 that any applicant may receive in the funding period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

All the applicable materials are available at www.octa.net/ECPCall. Information must be submitted using the M2 ECP Tier 1 fiscal year 2016-17 application. An unbound original and two copies (total of three) and a CD or DVD with PDF versions of the completed application form and related exhibits are to be submitted to OCTA **no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016**. Applications are to be mailed to the attention of Dan Phu at OCTA, P.O. Box 14184, Orange, California 92868 or delivered to OCTA at 600 South Main Street, Orange. Submittals via e-mail will not be accepted. It is anticipated the Board will review and approve funding recommendations by late summer 2016. Successful Tier 1 grant recipients will be required to enter into an agreement with OCTA for expenditure of funds prior to project implementation.

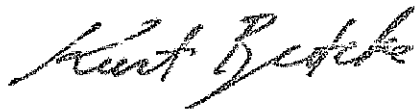
OCTA staff will be available to any local agency staff interested in an individual meeting to discuss the application process. We encourage agency participation at the individual meetings so OCTA staff can facilitate with the application process.

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If you have any questions regarding the call, please submit them via email at ECPCall@octa.net. If you require any other assistance, please contact Dan Phu, Environmental Programs Manager, at (714) 560-5907 or dphu@octa.net.

Sincerely,



Kurt Brotcke
Director, Strategic Planning

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c: Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee Members
Kia Mortazavi, OCTA
Marissa Espino, OCTA
Dan Phu, OCTA



GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

OF THE

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 3, 2016

REGULAR MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: February 25, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John O'Neill', written in a cursive style.

JOHN O'NEILL
CHAIR



Feb. 23, 2016
Issue #17

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Board of Equalization Acts to Reduce Variable Gas Tax Rate
League Urges BOE to Stabilize Gas Tax

The State Board of Equalization (BOE) today approved a 2.2 cent per gallon decrease, from 12 cents to 9.8 cents, in the state variable tax on gasoline for FY 2016-17. This action will result in yet another dramatic decrease in the variable gas tax revenues received by cities. The decrease is equivalent to the Department of Finance's projected 2.2 cent reduction. The decrease will take effect July 1, 2016. *For more, see Page 2.*



Application Period Opens for League Board of Directors At-Large Position and Second Vice President
Deadline is April 29, 2016

The League of California Cities® is now accepting nominations from elected officials interested in serving in one of six at-large board positions (two-year term), or as second vice president (one-year term). *For more, see Page 2.*



Biennial OPEB Survey Will Help League City Managers Department Assess Unfunded Liabilities
Survey Open until March 16

Unfunded Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) continues to loom as a long-term financial challenge for public agencies at both the state and local levels. Fortunately, many cities have minimal OPEB obligations and many others have taken aggressive steps toward addressing those future obligations. However, there remains little comprehensive information available on the scope of OPEB challenges facing municipalities in California and how cities are effectively managing those obligations. *For more, see Page 3.*

The variable gas tax rate has seen significant increases and decreases since the BOE adjustment process was implemented. The resulting instability has had a significant impact on state and local agency ability to plan for future projects. In response, the League of California Cities[®] joined other transportation stakeholders to provide testimony at the BOE meeting supporting an adjustment to the variable gas tax rate based on a five year forecast (four years back and the current fiscal year) — a process referred to as “smoothing.” Smoothing would have resulted in a 0.2 cent reduction rather than the approved 2.2 cent reduction.

Unfortunately, the BOE did not adopt the League’s recommendation and instead opted to call on the legislature to act. The BOE will also consider a regulatory process for future decisions so that the smoothing concept can be thoroughly reviewed for future years.

The state gas tax is made up of two portions: the base gas tax and a variable (price-base) gas tax. Currently, the base tax is 18 cents and the variable gas tax is 12 cents per gallon of gasoline. Cities receive a portion of both taxes in order to fund local roadway improvements, maintenance and projects.

Under the Gas Tax Swap of 2010, the state sales tax on gasoline was eliminated and replaced with the price-based excise tax. The deal also diverted tax revenues from the state’s transportation budget to fund other projects and required BOE to adjust the state excise tax every year.

BOE annually adjusts the variable gas tax to try and match what fuel tax revenues in the forecast year would have been had the swap not occurred under Proposition 42 (sales tax on gasoline). Later, when the actual amount of gallons sold and taxable sales are known for a year, BOE must “look back” and “true up” for any over or under collection of revenue compared to what the sales tax rate would have garnered. This true up is factored into the rate set in subsequent year(s). The result is that if taxable sales of gasoline (which are in turn a function of gas prices and gallons sold) fall more than BOE anticipated in its rate setting, then a downward true up will compound a downward trend in taxable sales in subsequent years. The reverse could also be true of course, but the current reality with automobile transportation fuels is both a slackening of demand and a downward trend in prices. The result is the dramatic downturn in the estimated allocations in FY 2016-17 from the prior year.

Cities can expect more information on this effort shortly. In addition, CaliforniaCityFinance.com is preparing to distribute updated city by city estimates of FY 2016-17 gas tax allocations that incorporate the BOE action.

'Nominations' Continued from Page 1...

All nominees for second vice president must currently be serving or have previously served on the board of directors.

Board Composition

The board of directors comprises the League’s officers — president, first vice president, second vice president, immediate past president and executive director — a representative from each of the League’s 16 divisions, and a representative from each of the League’s 11 functional departments, the mayors or designees (alternates) of the mayors of the 10 largest cities by population, and 12 at-large positions, with one reserved for a representative of a small city (under 12,000 population).

City officials serving on the National League of Cities (NLC) board of directors also serve on the League of California Cities board of directors for the duration of their term on the NLC board (two-year term).

The League board typically meets on a quarterly basis at locations throughout the state. Nominees are expected to make a commitment to attend all meetings. All travel-related expenses to attend League board meetings are reimbursed by the League.

Nomination Process

The 2016 Board Nominating Committee will meet on June 24, prior to the June 24-25 board meeting, to interview at-large finalists and all applicants for the position of second vice president.

The nominating committee members:

- Ana Maria Quintana (chair), mayor pro tem, Bell
- Ken Lane, vice mayor, Ceres
- Scott Nassif, mayor pro tem, Apple Valley
- Karina Cervantez, mayor pro tem, Watsonville
- Robert Combs, planning commissioner, Danville
- Scott Nelson, mayor, Placentia
- Mike Kasperzak, council member, Mountain View
- David Sander, mayor, Rancho Cordova
- Mark Kersey, council member, San Diego
- Michele Beal Bagneris, city attorney/prosecutor, Pasadena
- Suzanne Lee Chan, council member, Fremont

The committee will make recommendations to the board of directors at its June meeting. If the board approves the candidates, the recommended candidates will then be announced during the Opening Session of the League's 2016 Annual Conference in Long Beach, October 5-7, 2016. Following confirmation of the final candidates, the 2016-17 board of directors will be announced at the Closing Session of the Annual Conference on Oct. 7.

Submission Process

If you are interested in submitting your name for nomination to the League board of directors, please provide the information requested on the nomination application, along with a biography and letters of endorsement, to the League's Sacramento headquarters on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

The forms are available on the League website:

- [Second Vice President Nomination Form](#)
- [At-Large Director Nomination Form](#)

Nominations may be sent via email to msharpe@cacities.org

Or mail to:

Mimi Sharpe
Executive Assistant
League of California Cities
1400 K Street, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Board nominations packets can also be faxed to the attention of Mimi Sharpe at (916) 658-8240.

'OPEB' Continued from Page 1...

The League City Managers' Department OPEB, with input from both the Fiscal Officers and Employee Relations departments, has launched its biennial survey to help assess the scope and magnitude of OPEB liabilities across California cities, track progress being made by cities (individually and collectively) in addressing OPEB concerns, and help inform best practices and approaches to managing post-employment benefits.

The online survey should take no more than 15-20 minutes to complete. While the responses to the survey may be readily found in your agency's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), it may be easier to ask your finance director, or equivalent, to complete (or review) the survey responses.

League-Sponsored Bond Agency Issues \$25,663,000 in Tax-Exempt Bonds for the Delta View Apartments

Some of the most significant benefits of League membership for cities since 1988 have flowed from the League's co-sponsorship of the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA). This program provides a variety of public agencies and developers access to low-cost, tax-exempt financing and economic development tools. CSCDA recently issued \$25,663,000 in tax-exempt bonds for the Delta View Apartments in Antioch.

Antioch: Delta View Apartments

Delta View Apartments (Delta View) is an acquisition and rehabilitation of 205 multifamily affordable housing apartments by Delta View Family Apartments, LP. The project sponsor is ROEM Development Corporation (ROEM). Delta View will continue to be 100 percent affordable and provide two-bedroom apartments to low-income residents in Antioch, California.

CSCDA and ROEM partnered with Citibank to provide tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds for Delta View. The rehabilitation will include eleven additional fully accessible units, new unit flooring, countertops, cabinets, appliances, and plumbing fixtures. The building exteriors will have new roofs, HVAC systems, and siding. The site will have upgraded drainage, rubberized flooring for the playground, and parking will be restriped. The financing of Delta View will maintain the affordability of units for low-income tenants for 55 years.

Background

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities® and the California State Association of Counties. It was created by cities and counties for cities and counties. More than 500 cities, counties and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently finance locally-approved projects. CSCDA has issued more than \$50 billion in tax exempt bonds for projects that provide a public benefit by creating jobs, affordable housing, healthcare, infrastructure, schools and other fundamental services. Visit CSCDA's [website](#) for additional information on the ways in which CSCDA can help your city.
