

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**March 30, 2023**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

- A. Notice of support on AB 1708 (Muratsuchi) Theft.
- B. Notice of opposition to AB 742 (Jackson) Law Enforcement: Police Canines.

• **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

**Steve Jones**

Mayor

**George S. Brietigam**

Mayor Pro Tem - District 1

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Council Member - District 5

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Council Member - District 6

March 23, 2023

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer  
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
1020 N Street, Room 111  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1708 (Muratsuchi) Theft.**  
**Notice of SUPPORT** (*As Amended 3/9/23*)

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer,

The City of Garden Grove is pleased to support AB 1708 (Muratsuchi). This measure would increase accountability for repeat theft offenders and offer pathways for pre-plea diversion programming. If passed, the bill would send the issue to the voters for approval at the next statewide general election.

This strategy is one of many supported by cities to address crime and its underlying causes. We remain committed to improving California's carceral systems, interrupting and ending cycles of recidivism, and building a community-based system of care that appropriately meets the needs of all community members.

Proposition 47 of 2014 made promises of safe neighborhoods, but the unintended consequences that followed have provided anything but. According to a February 2023 study conducted by the Public Policy Institute of California, a strong majority of Californians worry they or a family member will be a victim of a crime (21% very, 44% somewhat). This is the sentiment being felt by residents of cities throughout the state.

Our communities deserve better, and cities are more than ready to find solutions that fix Proposition 47.

The City of Garden Grove is keenly interested in exploring additional strategies to address the impacts of crime in our communities. This includes resources to improve community safety through prevention and early intervention programming, as well as improved re-entry service provision for our formerly incarcerated community members. While these provisions have historically been the responsibility of state and county departments, cities are interested in increased collaboration to meet these urgent needs.

**AB 1708 (Muratsuchi) Theft.**

**Notice of SUPPORT** *(As Amended 3/9/23)*

March 23, 2023

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For these reasons, the City of Garden Grove requests your support on AB 1708.

Sincerely,



Steve Jones  
Mayor

c: The Honorable Al Muratsuchi, 66th District, ([assemblymember.muratsuchi@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.muratsuchi@assembly.ca.gov))  
Senator Tom Umberg, 34th District, ([Marlena.Truong@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Marlena.Truong@sen.ca.gov))  
Senator Janet Nguyen, 36<sup>th</sup> District, ([Jenny.Tran@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Jenny.Tran@sen.ca.gov))  
Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70th District, ([Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov))  
Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, ([ESasse@calcities.org](mailto:ESasse@calcities.org))  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, ([cityletters@calcities.org](mailto:cityletters@calcities.org))  
Lauren Kline, ACCOC, ([lkline@accoc.org](mailto:lkline@accoc.org))

## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

March 29, 2023

The Honorable Chris Holden  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Steve Jones**  
Mayor

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Council Member - District 6

**Re: AB 742 (Jackson) Law Enforcement: Police Canines.**  
**Notice of OPPOSITION**

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

The City of Garden Grove must respectfully oppose AB 742 (Jackson). This measure would provide that a peace officer shall not use an unleashed police canine to arrest or apprehend a person; for crowd control at any assembly, protest, or demonstration; and that a police canine shall not be used in any circumstance to bite.

Canines are meant to be utilized as non-lethal options in circumstances that call for a more robust law enforcement response. We remain concerned, however, with the overly broad restrictions that do not consider the highly dynamic and sometimes unruly nature of some public demonstrations and calls for service. While we recognize that this is not the typical experience, we also maintain that these tools were not intended for every situation.

It should be considered that an arbitrary ban on the use of canines may not increase public safety but further limit a peace officer's ability to enforce the law. Garden Grove has experienced incidents resulting from demonstrations that have involved violence or risks to infrastructure that have resulted in significant damage. As drafted, this measure would leave our law enforcement officers with limited options for prevention or intervention.

The City of Garden Grove supports accountability on the part of law enforcement agencies concerning police tools and policies, as well as related oversight by local governing bodies. However, we do not support policies that restrict law enforcement agencies from utilizing tools that would otherwise enhance their ability to prevent criminal activity in the communities they serve. For these reasons, Garden Grove opposes AB 742.

**AB 742 (Jackson) Law Enforcement: Police Canines.  
Notice of OPPOSITION**

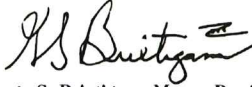
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Sincerely,



Steve Jones, Mayor



George S. Brietigam, Mayor Pro Tem  
District 1



John R. O'Neill, Council Member  
District 2



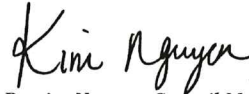
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c: Senator Tom Umberg, 34th District, ([Marlena.Truong@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Marlena.Truong@sen.ca.gov))

Senator Janet Nguyen, 36th District, ([Jenny.Tran@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Jenny.Tran@sen.ca.gov))

Assembly Member Tri Ta, 70th District, ([Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Hauwie.Tieu@asm.ca.gov))

Erin Sasse, League of California Cities, ([ESasse@calcities.org](mailto:ESasse@calcities.org))

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Lauren Kline, ACCOC, ([lkline@accoc.org](mailto:lkline@accoc.org))

**WEEKLY MEMO 3-30-2023**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

March 23, 2023 - March 29, 2023

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

**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department





**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Wed 3/29/2023 12:00 pm PDT

Please #SaveTheDate and join us for our upcoming #CoffeeWithACop Event on April 22nd, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, at Phuc...



Impressions	<b>4,334</b>
Reach	<b>4,334</b>
Engagements	<b>268</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>6.2%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Mon 3/27/2023 2:33 pm PDT

On Sunday, March 26, 2023 at approximately 10:27 PM, #GardenGrovePD Officers responded to the 10300 block of...



Impressions	<b>6,522</b>
Reach	<b>6,522</b>
Engagements	<b>938</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>14.4%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 3/24/2023 6:00 pm PDT

Over the last week, #GardenGrovePD Community Impact Unit (CIU) Officers had been searching to apprehend an armed...



Video Views	<b>3,016</b>
Impressions	<b>4,446</b>
Reach	<b>3,941</b>
Engagements	<b>812</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>18.3%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 3/24/2023 12:00 pm PDT

A reminder to join us this Saturday, March 25th from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM at Atlantis Park (13630 Atlantis Way) for the Autism...



Impressions	<b>1,355</b>
Reach	<b>1,262</b>
Engagements	<b>38</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.8%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Thu 3/23/2023 12:00 pm PDT

We continue to celebrate the past and present women of #GardenGrovePD. Civilians, sworn and volunteers; they all...



Impressions	<b>3,046</b>
Reach	<b>2,892</b>
Engagements	<b>615</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>20.2%</b>



# Post Performance

March 23, 2023 - March 29, 2023

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

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 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

 gardengrovecityhall



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 3/29/2023 4:54 pm PDT

The community let their inner artist come out and play at the 5th annual Art in the Park! Comment and tag if you see...

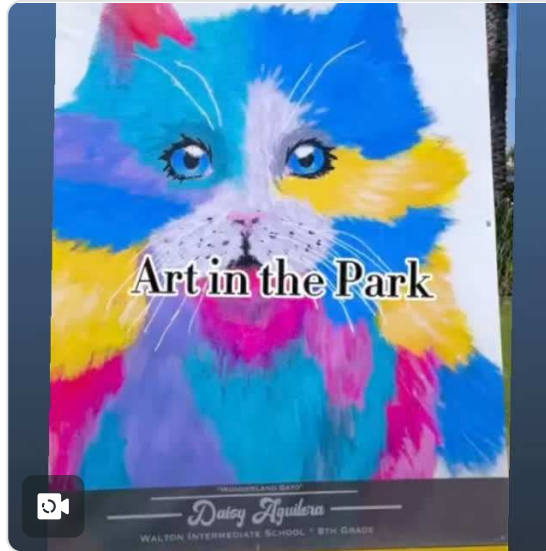


Video Views	—
Impressions	—
Reach	—
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 3/29/2023 4:42 pm PDT



Impressions	<b>297</b>
Reach	<b>296</b>
Comments	<b>0</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>35</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Wed 3/29/2023 1:08 pm PDT

Warm greetings to #GardenGrove's new City Manager! Last night, members of the Garden Grove City Council, elected...



Impressions	<b>221</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,652</b>
Engagements	<b>12</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>5.4%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 3/29/2023 1:00 pm PDT

🌸 Warm greetings to #GardenGrove's new City Manager! Last night, members of the Garden Grove City Council, elected...



Impressions	<b>1,113</b>
Reach	<b>896</b>
Engagements	<b>55</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.9%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 3/29/2023 1:00 pm PDT

🌸 Warm greetings to #GardenGrove's new City Manager! Last night, members of the Garden Grove City Council, elected...



Impressions	<b>1,114</b>
Reach	<b>1,079</b>
Engagements	<b>246</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>22.1%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Wed 3/29/2023 12:08 pm PDT

**EMERGENCY CLOSURES!**  
Northbound and Southbound I-405/SR-22/I-605/7th Street Connectors Closed:  
[conta.cc/3TSkhbc](https://conta.cc/3TSkhbc) **#gg1956**



Post Link Clicks	<b>20</b>
Impressions	<b>199</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,692</b>
Engagements	<b>41</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>20.6%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 3/29/2023 9:08 am PDT



Impressions	<b>584</b>
Reach	<b>564</b>
Comments	<b>0</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>5</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Wed 3/29/2023 8:29 am PDT

Today is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day! ❤️ We encourage you to support our small business community b...



Impressions	<b>745</b>
Reach	<b>683</b>
Engagements	<b>29</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.9%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Wed 3/29/2023 8:22 am PDT

Today is National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day! ❤️ We encourage you to support our small business community b...



Impressions	<b>2,582</b>
Reach	<b>2,494</b>
Engagements	<b>127</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.9%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 3/28/2023 5:04 pm PDT

FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE DEADLINE EXTENDED, CHANCE TO WIN \$100 GIFT CARD 🗣️Calli...



Impressions	789
Reach	706
Engagements	11
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Tue 3/28/2023 5:01 pm PDT

FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE DEADLINE EXTENDED, CHANCE TO WIN \$100 GIFT CARD 🗣️Calli...



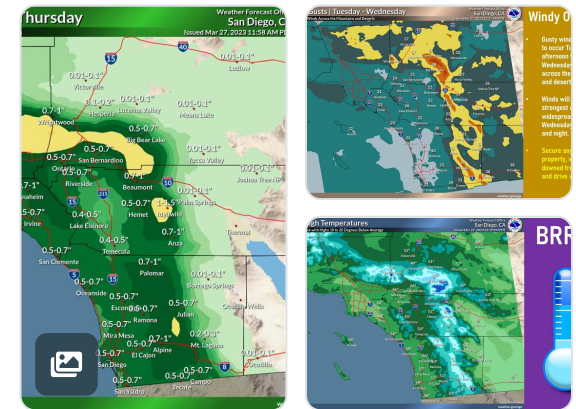
Impressions	2,083
Reach	2,044
Engagements	99
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.8%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Tue 3/28/2023 11:30 am PDT

After a few warm and sunny days, we're going to experience 🌧️rain and 🌬️wind by tonight through Thursday, March 30. 🚗...



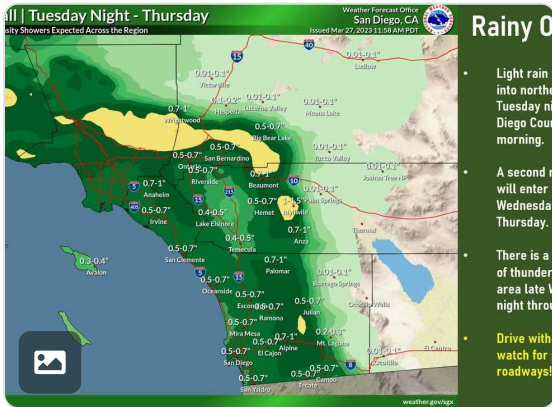
Impressions	2,291
Reach	1,782
Engagements	73
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.2%





**Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 3/28/2023 11:27 am PDT

After a few warm and sunny days, we're going to experience 🌧️rain and 🌬️wind by tonight through Thursday, March 30. 🚗...



Impressions	540
Reach	500
Engagements	29
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.4%



**gardengrovecityhall**  
Mon 3/27/2023 4:28 pm PDT

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR INSTRUCTOR GUARD (\$17.50/HR) AND LIFEGUARD (\$16/HR) 📢It's not too late t...



Impressions	479
Reach	479
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	11



**@CityGardenGrove**  
Mon 3/27/2023 3:12 pm PDT

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR INSTRUCTOR GUARD (\$17.50/HR) & LIFEGUARD (\$16/HR) 📢It's not too late t...



Impressions	259
Potential Reach	4,652
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 3/27/2023 3:09 pm PDT

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR INSTRUCTOR GUARD (\$17.50/HR) AND LIFEGUARD (\$16/HR) 🏖️It's not too late t...



Impressions	<b>1,228</b>
Reach	<b>1,131</b>
Engagements	<b>24</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 3/27/2023 3:06 pm PDT

APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR INSTRUCTOR GUARD (\$17.50/HR) AND LIFEGUARD (\$16/HR) 🏖️It's not too late t...

**Recreation Jobs | City of Garden ...**



Post Link Clicks	<b>311</b>
Impressions	<b>44,598</b>
Reach	<b>36,428</b>
Engagements	<b>832</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.9%</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 3/27/2023 11:11 am PDT



Impressions	<b>513</b>
Reach	<b>512</b>
Comments	<b>0</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>6</b>



**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 3/27/2023 11:06 am PDT

REMINDER! The free Compost Giveaway event is this Saturday! 🌱Receive up to 60 gallons of nutrient-rich compost for free ...



Impressions	<b>1,054</b>
Reach	<b>1,010</b>
Engagements	<b>28</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.7%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 3/27/2023 11:04 am PDT

REMINDER! The free Compost Giveaway event is this Saturday! 🌱Receive up to 60 gallons of nutrient-rich compost for free ...



Impressions	<b>351</b>
Reach	<b>338</b>
Engagements	<b>16</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.6%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Sun 3/26/2023 9:33 am PDT

Deadline approaching !! Today, take the time to update your resume & apply for the positions of recreation leader,...



Impressions	<b>218</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,654</b>
Engagements	<b>5</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.3%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Sun 3/26/2023 9:32 am PDT

Deadline approaching !! Today, take the time to update your resume and apply for the positions of recreation leader,...



Impressions	6,356
Reach	6,261
Engagements	214
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	3.4%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Fri 3/24/2023 4:45 am PDT

⚠ Chapman Ave Rehabilitation Project to Begin Monday - Chapman Ave, from Springdale St to Western Ave, will under...



Impressions	295
Potential Reach	13,576
Engagements	4
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.4%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Fri 3/24/2023 4:39 am PDT

⚠ Chapman Avenue Rehabilitation Project to Begin Monday Chapman Avenue, from Springdale Street to Western Avenue, wil...



Impressions	1,654
Reach	1,448
Engagements	32
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 3/24/2023 4:36 am PDT

⚠️ Chapman Avenue Rehabilitation Project to Begin Monday Chapman Avenue, from Springdale Street to Western Avenue, wil...



Impressions	444
Reach	433
Engagements	13
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.9%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 3/23/2023 3:51 pm PDT

Free Bulky Item Drop-Off Site this Saturday!



Impressions	547
Reach	540
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	4



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 3/23/2023 3:49 pm PDT

No mess, no stress! Gather your unwanted and unused items and bring them to Saturday's community cleanup day! 📅...



Impressions	2,184
Reach	1,980
Engagements	59
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.7%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 3/23/2023 3:46 pm PDT

No mess, no stress! Gather your unwanted and unused items and bring them to Saturday's community cleanup day! 🗓️...



Impressions	542
Reach	524
Engagements	46
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.5%



**@CityGardenGrove**

Thu 3/23/2023 12:32 pm PDT

!?! #DYI the Community Services Department offers recreational classes for youth, adults and seniors? 🔄Swipe to se...



Impressions	176
Potential Reach	4,654
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	4.5%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 3/23/2023 12:31 pm PDT

!?! #dyk the Community Services Department offers recreational classes for youth, adults and seniors? 🔄Swipe to se...



Impressions	1,047
Reach	754
Engagements	20
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.9%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 3/23/2023 12:27 pm PDT



Impressions	40,470
Reach	17,312
Engagements	2,496
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.2%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 3/23/2023 12:27 pm PDT



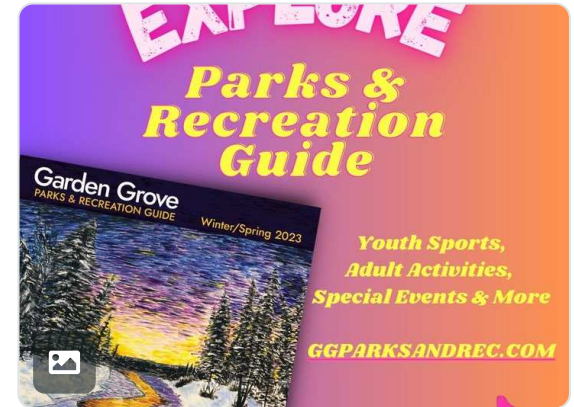
Impressions	40,470
Reach	17,312
Engagements	2,496
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.2%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 3/23/2023 12:27 pm PDT

! #dyk the Community Services Department offers recreational classes for youth, adults and seniors? Swipe to see...



Impressions	78,360
Reach	24,546
Engagements	3,960
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.1%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 3/23/2023 7:47 am PDT

✨ The 45th Annual First Impressions Student Art Awards program empowers our youth to explore their uniqueness,...



Impressions	<b>2,575</b>
Reach	<b>2,563</b>
Engagements	<b>284</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>11%</b>



**WEEKLY MEMO 3-30-2023**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

Contact: Lisa Kim (714) 741-5140  
Assistant City Manager /  
Community & Economic Development Director

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Thursday, February 9, 2023



## **COMMUNITY INVITED TO ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT WORKSHOP**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting a free in-person Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Workshop to provide information on the City's upcoming ADU program. The workshop takes place on Wednesday, February 22, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue.

ADUs are independent living units attached or detached to a single-family home. The workshop will be an introduction to ADUs. Topics to be discussed are: different types of ADUs, the benefits of building ADUs, the development process, and the City's pre-approved ADU plans.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/planning/adu](http://ggcity.org/planning/adu) or contact Shawn Park, Senior Administrative Analyst at (714) 741-5371 or [shawnp@ggcity.org](mailto:shawnp@ggcity.org).

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**We invite you to an in-person workshop to learn about the City of Garden Grove's upcoming Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program.**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023  
6 - 8 pm**

Location

**Garden Grove Community Meeting Center**  
11300 Stanford Ave  
Garden Grove, CA 92840

For more information visit  
[ggcity.org/planning/adu](http://ggcity.org/planning/adu)



Garden Grove Planning Services Division  
(714) 741-5312





CONTACT: Dana Saucedo  
Community Services Department  
(714) 741-5242/[danam@ggcity.org](mailto:danam@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media



Thursday, February 9, 2023

**WIN FREE CLASS SESSION DURING CITY'S  
PARKS AND RECREATION GUIDE INSTAGRAM GIVEAWAY**

The City of Garden Grove is hosting an Instagram giveaway for a free contract class session offered through the City's Winter/Spring 2023 Parks and Recreation Guide. The giveaway takes place from Monday, February 13 through Friday, February 17, from followers of the City's Instagram page, [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall). Contract classes include soccer and basketball skills and drills; line dancing; martial arts; and volleyball.

The Parks and Recreation Guide offers a multitude of programs, classes, and activities for residents and visitors. The guide provides a listing of youth sports and creative arts; adult activities and fitness; special events and more. Explore the guide at [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com), and sign up for the winter/spring session by April 2023.

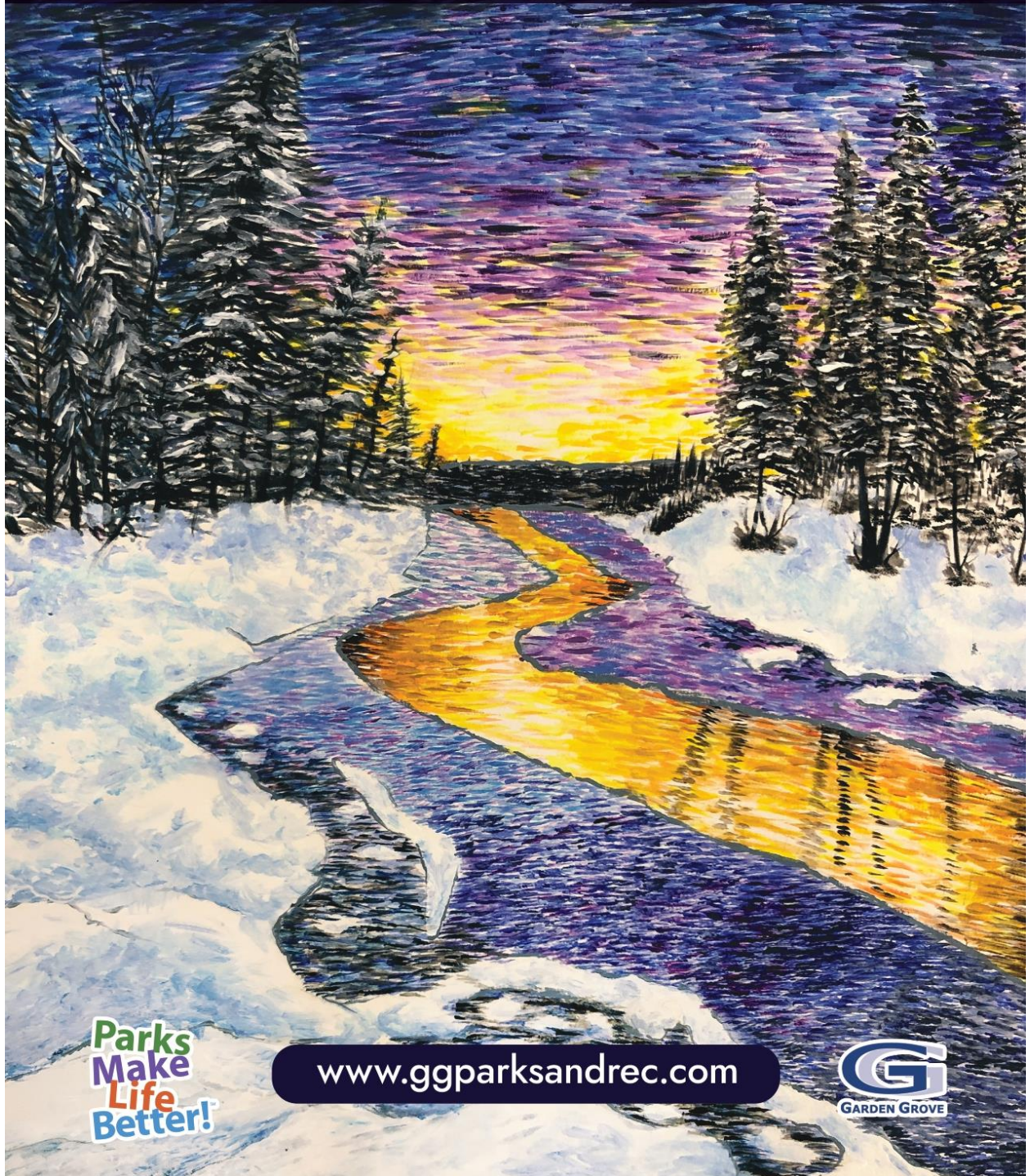
Users are invited to follow [@gardengrovecityhall](https://www.instagram.com/gardengrovecityhall) to participate in the giveaway. One participant will be chosen from the City's Instagram page. Instagram followers will have opportunities to win more prizes through other upcoming social media giveaways and more.

For more information, visit [ggparksandrec.com](http://ggparksandrec.com) or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 741-5200.

# Garden Grove

PARKS & RECREATION GUIDE

Winter/Spring 2023



Parks  
Make  
Life  
Better!

[www.ggparksandrec.com](http://www.ggparksandrec.com)





Contact: Ana Pulido (714) 741-5280  
Public Information Officer  
[anap@ggcity.org](mailto:anap@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, February 13, 2023



## **CITY SEEKING SPONSORS FOR 2023 GARDEN GROVE COLLEGE GRADUATES' RECEPTION**

Local businesses and organizations that are interested in supporting higher education in the community are encouraged to become a sponsor for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception in May 2023. Sponsorships begin at \$300.

Last year, thanks to the support of generous sponsors, the City of Garden Grove recognized nearly 40 local graduates during the reception and awarded over \$5,000 in cash and prizes. This year's event invites sponsoring businesses and organizations to honor Garden Grove residents for their accomplishments in higher education and encourage them to build their professional careers here in Garden Grove.

Sponsorship benefits include an invitation to attend the 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception, mentions in various marketing outlets, including City publications, website, and social media.

Sponsorship levels include a Master's Sponsorship of \$1,000+; Bachelor's Sponsorship of \$500+; and an Associates' Sponsorship of \$300+. In-kind donations are also welcomed. Visit [ggcity.org/grads](http://ggcity.org/grads) to fill out a sponsorship form.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at [communityrelations@ggcity.org](mailto:communityrelations@ggcity.org) or (714) 741-5280.



*Recognize the Value*

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## EDUCATED WORKFORCE

Join local businesses as a corporate sponsor of the

# 2023 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception



Sponsorships begin at \$300.  
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# College Graduates' Reception Sponsorship

## MAY 2023

The City of Garden Grove is offering a unique opportunity for businesses and organizations to honor local college graduates while gaining valuable exposure. All sponsors are invited to the event.

*Master's Sponsorship* \$1,000+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases and social media
- Recognition at event
- Logo on promotional flyer
- Logo on invitation

*Bachelor's Sponsorship* \$500+

- Logo on City website (linked)
- Name in City press releases
- Logo on promotional flyer

*Associates Sponsorship* \$300+

- Logo on City website
- Logo on promotional flyer

Company or Organization:

Representative:

Phone Number:

Email:

Address:

Social Media Handle(s):

Please complete and email form to [communityrelations@ggcity.org](mailto:communityrelations@ggcity.org) or call (714) 741-5280. Sponsors must provide logo of at least 300 dpi quality. Electronic form is available at [ggcity.org/grads](http://ggcity.org/grads).

### Payment:

Make checks payable to the Garden Grove Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Mail or deliver payment by Monday, March 20, 2023 to:

City of Garden Grove  
Attn: Office of Community Relations  
11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840







CONTACT:  
Lisa Kim, Assistant City Manager  
Community & Economic Development  
(714) 741-5121/[lisak@ggcity.org](mailto:lisak@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media



Tuesday, February 14, 2023

**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN  
FOODS OF GARDEN GROVE SOCIAL CHALLENGE**

The City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Unified School District invite local high school students, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, aimed at supporting local small businesses. Students are invited to create a 30- to 60-second "foodie" video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café of their choice, and submit their original work online, at [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove](http://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove), by Thursday, March 23, 2023.

Submissions will be showcased on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok, @foodsofgardengrove. All participants will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Three winners will be chosen at random.

Videos must be the original work of the student and feature one of the Foods of Garden Grove businesses. Videos must be uploaded without music or voice over. Choice of music and voice over can be indicated in the submission form.

The social challenge is part of the City's Foods of Garden Grove program showcasing the city's vibrant food culture through a prominent list of 150 select eateries. Through the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, students can create a unique "foodie" experience featuring their favorite meals and beverages.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove](http://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove) or email [foodies@ggcity.org](mailto:foodies@ggcity.org).



FOODS OF  
GARDEN GROVE

# SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGE

## ARE YOU A FOODIE?

Create a 30- to 60-second foodie video at your favorite Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café for a chance to win a \$100 gift card.

Participants must be Garden Grove Unified School District high school students, 10th -12th grades.

Videos submitted may be used on the Foods of Garden Grove Instagram and TikTok platforms.

Learn more at [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove](http://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove).

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 23, 2023**

 @foodsofgardengrove

 @foodsofgardengrove



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OC Tribune  
March 29, 2023

## “Foodie” deadline is May 28



**THE DEADLINE** for submitting a “Foodie” video has been extended (City of Garden Grove graphic).

The submission deadline to participate in the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge has been extended to Sunday, May 28, 2023. Garden Grove Unified School District high school students, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades, are invited to create a 30- to 60- second foodie video at a Foods of Garden Grove eatery or café of their choice. From all of the nominations, three will be selected at random to receive \$100 gift cards. There is no cost to participate. To submit a video, visit the Foods of Garden Grove website at [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove/social-challenge](https://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove/social-challenge).

Videos must be the original work of the student and feature one of the Foods of Garden Grove businesses. Submissions will be showcased on the Foods of Garden Grove social platforms. Gift card winners will be announced on the Foods of Garden Grove website and social platforms on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

The social media challenge is part of the city’s Foods of Garden Grove program, showcasing the city’s vibrant food culture through a prominent list of 150 select eateries. Through the Foods of Garden Grove Social Media Challenge, students can create a unique foodie experience, while supporting local small businesses.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove](https://ggcity.org/foodsofgardengrove).

OC Tribune  
March 29, 2023

# Distracted driving is dangerous



GARDEN GROVE police will be on the lookout for distracted drivers in April (Shutterstock).

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and the Garden Grove Police Department will be actively looking for drivers throughout the month who are in violation of the state's hands-free cell phone law.

"Holding your phone and using it while driving is not only dangerous, but also illegal," Chief Amir El-Farra said. "Before starting the car, silence your phone or put it in the glove box, trunk, or back seat. Anywhere you can't reach."

According to the 2022 California Statewide Public Opinion Survey, nearly 72% of drivers surveyed said that distracted driving because of texting was their biggest safety concern. In 2021, the California Highway Patrol issued nearly 56,000 citations for distracted driving.

Under current law, drivers are not allowed to hold a phone or electronic communications device while operating a vehicle. This includes talking, texting, or using an app. Using a handheld cell phone while driving is punishable by a fine.

Violating the hands-free law for a second time within 36 months of a prior conviction for the same offense will result in a point being added to a driver's record.

If you have an important phone call, text, email, or in a situation with other distractions, pull over to a safe parking spot. Other distractions can be eating, grooming, reaching for something that fell on the floor, putting on or taking off clothing, talking with passengers, or children in the back seat.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.





Contact: Dana Saucedo (714) 741-5242  
Community Services Department  
[danam@ggcity.org](mailto:danam@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, March 27, 2023



## **SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME FOR A CHANCE TO WIN HOME DEPOT GIFT CARD**

The City of Garden Grove reminds homeowners to start sprucing up their home's front yards for Garden Grove Gems, a home beautification program that recognizes residents for their outstanding curb appeal efforts. Residents can self-nominate their homes online from Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 28. From all of the nominations received, four will be selected at random to receive \$100 Home Depot gift cards. Winning homes will receive citywide recognition with homeowners invited to an awards reception hosted by the Garden Grove City Council.

Online voting will take place from Monday, May 8 to Sunday, May 21. The home that receives the highest number of votes, along with a second-place runner up, will be determined for each district. All winners will be announced during the week of May 29, 2023 through the City's website, social media platforms, and local media.

For more information and program guidelines, visit [ggcity.org/gems](http://ggcity.org/gems) or call (714) 741-5200.



## Save the Date

Garden Grove Gems is a virtual home beautification program recognizing Garden Grove residents for their amazing homes.

*Nominate your home  
online to participate!*



### *Nominations*

**MONDAY, APRIL 10 –  
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023**

Participating residents will  
nominate themselves.

### *Voting*

**MONDAY, MAY 8 –  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

Community will vote online  
for one home per District.

visit [ggcity.org/gems](http://ggcity.org/gems) for more details.



## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**March 30, 2023**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the April 6, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities articles from March 17, 2023 to March 23, 2023.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 30, 2023 – May 18, 2023

Thursday	April 6	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 7		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	April 13	9:00 a.m.  6:00 p.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC  Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	April 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 25	11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	2023 State of the City Hyatt Regency Orange County, 11999 Harbor Blvd  Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 27		\$2 Casual Dress Day  9:00 a.m. Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 4	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	May 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	May 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 18	7:00 p.m.  5:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC  36 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Call to Duty" Police Memorial Garden Grove Police Dept., 11301 Acacia Pkwy



## A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

April 6, 2023

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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6:45 P.M.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS  
BY THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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**COVID-19 Information:** Masks are not required, however, please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or have other flu-like symptoms.

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

**Agenda Item Descriptions:** Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

**Documents/Writings:** Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

**Public Comments:** Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [public-comment@ggcity.org](mailto:public-comment@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: ARBGAST, CUNNINGHAM, LINDSAY, MONTANO, PAREDES, PEREZ,  
RAMIREZ

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

A. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

B. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [March 2, 2023](#)

D. ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

D.1. Planning Commission Orientation - Presentation on, and general discussion of, the role and jurisdiction of the Planning Commission and laws generally applicable to Planning Commission meetings and decisions, including the Brown Act and the Political Reform Act; state housing laws; and overview of the general plan, zoning code and municipal code.

D.2. Review of the [Code of Ethics](#)

E. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

F. MATTERS FROM STAFF

G. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 2, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Ramirez  
Vice Chair Lindsay  
Commissioner Arestegui  
Commissioner Cunningham  
Commissioner Lehman  
Commissioner Perez

Absent: Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Perez

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

February 16, 2023 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.  
Motion: Lindsay Second: Lehman  
Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-121-2023 AND VARIANCE NO. V-039-2023 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND PARTRIDGE STREET AT 12692 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD.

Applicant: ANHTHU NGUYEN (ASPIRE ASSOCIATES, LLC)  
Date: March 2, 2023

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to construct a new 6,694 square foot one-story office building on the vacant and unimproved portion of a 1.09-acre property, along with associated site improvements. The existing 4,600 square foot, one-story commercial building on the property's southwest corner will remain unchanged. In conjunction with the request, the applicant requests a Variance

approval to deviate from the minimum lot size requirement of the Harbor Corridor Special Plan-Office Professional (HCSP-OP) zone, to develop the site with a new commercial building. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6056-23 was approved

Motion: Lindsay Second: Arestegui

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-123-2023 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NELSON STREET AND STANFORD AVENUE AT 10855 STANFORD AVENUE.

Applicant: ST. COLUMBAN SCHOOL

Date: March 2, 2023

Request: A request for Site Plan approval to demolish an existing lunch shelter and storage containers to construct a new 3,606 square foot lunch shelter and a new 1,640 square foot six-car garage/storage structure at a church site currently improved with a school, St. Columban School. Additional site improvements consist of new wrought-iron rolling gates and reconfiguration of parking stalls to accommodate the new structures. The site is in the CCSP-PR12 (Civic Center Specific Plan - Peripheral Residential (PR) District Area 12) zone. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Sections 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction and 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6059-23 was approved. One letter was submitted by Mary Campbell, with concerns of homeless and street vending in the area.

Motion: Lehman Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE 2022 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND HOUSING ELEMENT

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lehman Second: Lindsay

Ayes: (5) Arestegui, Lehman, Lindsay, Perez, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (1) Cunningham

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Several Commissioners expressed that their service on the Planning Commission was an honor and thanked Staff for their support.

Vice Chair Lindsay stated that with the new housing standards introduced by the State, the existing infrastructures for increased density and capacity, such as with trash receptacles, electrical amps, water service, sewer output, gas meters, and fire access, need to be upgraded to support the new and existing development. Staff responded that though the concerns affect multi-departments, discussions with Southern California Edison are currently taking place, and staff will conduct more research and will provide an update to the Commission at a future meeting. Additionally, Vice Chair Lindsay announced a Chili Cook Off event to be held at East Gate Park this Saturday.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted that the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting would be cancelled, and the April 6<sup>th</sup> meeting include the Code of Ethics review.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:50 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary

**City of Garden Grove  
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Planning Commission

**From:** Craig Beck

**Dept:**

**Dept:** Community & Economic  
Development

**Subject:** REVIEW OF CODE OF ETHICS

**Date:** April 6, 2023

Chapter 2.02 of the Municipal Code comprises the City's Code of Ethics. Pursuant to that Chapter, the Planning Commission has a duty to review the Code of Ethics annually during their first meeting in the month of April; however, if the first meeting is cancelled, the review shall be re-scheduled to the next regular meeting.

Accordingly, the Code of Ethics is scheduled for your formal review at the Commission meeting of April 6, 2023. There is no resolution required; rather, your action will be documented in the minutes of the meeting.



CRAIG BECK

Interim Community and Economic Development Director

Attachment: Municipal Code Chapter 2.02

Title 2 ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

**Chapter 2.02 CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

2.02.005 Code Review

2.02.010 Declaration of Policy

2.02.020 Responsibilities of Public Office

2.02.030 Dedicated Service

2.02.040 Fair and Equal Treatment

2.02.050 Use of Public Property

2.02.060 Obligations to Citizens

2.02.070 Disclosure of Interest and Disqualification

2.02.080 Compliance with State Law

2.02.090 Violations—Actions

2.02.100 State Laws—Control

2.02.110 Violations—Penalty

**2.02.005 Code Review**

All official boards, commissions, and committees of the City are to formally review the following Code of Ethics provided in this chapter with their members annually during their first meeting in the month of April. New members are to be provided a copy of the Code of Ethics for their review when they are appointed or elected to each board, commission, or committee. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1437 § 1, 1975)

**2.02.010 Declaration of Policy**



The proper operation of municipal government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that governmental decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; and that public office not be used for personal gain. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.020 Responsibilities of Public Office**

Public officials are all elective officials of the City and the members of all official boards, commissions, and committees of the City. Public officials and employees are bound to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State and to carry out the laws of the nation, state, and municipality. Public officials and employees are bound to observe in their official acts the highest standards of morality and to discharge faithfully the duties of their offices, regardless of personal considerations; recognizing that the public interest must be their primary concern, and that conduct in both their official and private affairs should be above reproach. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.030 Dedicated Service**

Public officials and employees should not exceed their authority or breach the law or ask others to do so, and they should work in full cooperation with other public officials and employees unless prohibited from so doing by law or the officially recognized confidentiality of their work. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.040 Fair and Equal Treatment**

Preferential consideration of the request or petition of any individual citizen or group of citizens shall not be given. No person shall receive special advantages beyond that which are available to any other citizen. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.050 Use of Public Property**

No public official or employee shall request or permit the use of City-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as municipal policy for the use of such public official or employee in the conduct of official business. No public official or employee shall use the time of any City employee during working hours for personal convenience or profit. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.060 Obligations to Citizens**

A. CONFLICT WITH PROPER DISCHARGE OF DUTIES. No public official or employee, while serving as such, shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or engage in any business or transaction or professional activity, or incur any obligation of any nature that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties in the public interest and of his or her responsibilities as prescribed by law.

B. **INCOMPATIBLE EMPLOYMENT.** No public official or employee shall accept other employment that he or she has reason to believe will either impair his or her independence of judgment as to his or her official duties or require him or her or induce him or her to disclose confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of and by reason of his or her official duties.

C. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.** No public official or employee shall willfully and knowingly disclose for pecuniary gain to any other person confidential information acquired by him or her in the course of and by reason of his or her official duties nor shall any public official or employee use any such information for the purpose of pecuniary gain.

D. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST.** A conflict of interest exists in a matter before a public official for consideration or determination if:

1. The public official has a substantial financial or substantial personal interest in the outcome or as owner, member, partner, officer, employee, or stockholder of any corporation or other professional enterprise that will be affected by the outcome, and such interest is or may be adverse to the public interest in the proper performance of governmental duties by the public official;

2. The public official has reason to believe or expect that he or she will derive direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of his or her official activity;

3. The public official, because of bias, prejudice, or because he or she has prejudged a matter set for public hearing, is incapable because of such bias, prejudice or prejudgment of granting to the matter before him or her a fair and impartial hearing.

4. Personal interest as distinguished from financial interest is defined as including, among other matters, an interest arising from blood or marriage relationships, or close business association. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.070 Disclosure of Interest and Disqualification**

A. Any Councilmember who has a conflict of interest as defined herein, in any matter before the City Council, shall disclose such fact on the record of the City Council and refrain from participating in any discussion of voting thereon, provided that such exceptions shall be observed as are required by law.

B. Any member of any official board, commission, or committee who has a conflict of interest as defined herein in any matter before the board, commission, or committee of which he or she is a member, shall disclose such fact on the record of such board, commission, or committee and refrain from participating in any discussion or voting thereon, provided that such exceptions shall be observed as are required by law.

C. Any employee who has a financial or other special interest in a matter before the City Council or any board, commission, or committee and who participates in discussion with, or gives an official opinion to the City Council, or to such board, commission, or committee relating to such matter, shall disclose on the record of the City Council or such board, commission, or committee, as the case may be, the nature and extent of such interest. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.080 Compliance with State Law**

Public officials and employees of the City shall comply with applicable provisions of state law relative to conflicts of interest and generally regulating the conduct of public officials and employees. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.090 Violations—Actions**

The violation of any provision of this chapter shall be:

- A. As to all City employees, grounds for dismissal from City employment;
- B. As to any appointed position on any board, commission, or committee, grounds for removal from any such board, commission, or committee;
- C. As to any prosecution of any elected public official, the City Council shall make findings of fact by at least a vote of three City Councilmembers that an elected public official has, in fact, violated this chapter as a prerequisite to prosecution. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.100 State Laws—Control**

This chapter and its application are intended to be supplemental to and consistent with all applicable state laws. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

## **2.02.110 Violations—Penalty**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, is punishable as provided in Section [1.04.010](#) of this Code. (2813 § 1, 2012; 1301 § 1, 1972)

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### **Contact:**

City Clerk: 714-741-5040

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## State Water Board issues largest change in sanitary sewer system regulations since 2006; action required by June 2023

Mar 29, 2023

### *The updated order requires four actions*

The State Water Resources Control Board, which regulates sanitary sewer systems through the statewide Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order, issued updated requirements that impact several sanitary sewer agencies. All public sewer systems greater than one mile in length must apply for regulatory coverage under the order and comply with corresponding system management and spill reporting requirements.

The State Water Board reissued the updated statewide [Order 2022-0103-DWQ](#) on Dec. 6, 2022, with an effective date of June 5, 2023. The reissuance is the largest change in sanitary sewer system regulations since its first adoption in 2006.

All existing sanitary sewer agencies currently enrolled in the 2006 order must re-enroll in the reissued order by June 4, 2023. Beginning April 5, the Legally Responsible Official of the sanitary sewer agency can re-enroll through the online California Integrated Water Quality System ([CIWQS](#)) Sanitary Sewer System database.

To maintain regulatory compliance, complete the following [four actions](#) by June 4, 2023:

- Certify continuation of coverage.
- Designate a Legally Responsible Official that meets the updated qualifications in the reissued order.
- Update your Spill Emergency Response Plan.
- Upload your existing Sewer System Management Plan.

The State Water Resources Control Board will send important, time-sensitive notifications to the Legally Responsible Officials and Data Submitters that are currently listed in CIWQS. The League of California Cities encourages all existing sewer agencies to take a few moments to ensure that the correct agency staff are identified for these roles in CIWQS. You can look up your facility [online](#) and can [sign up for updates](#) from the State Water Resources Control Board.

The following resources are available to help educate members about the requirements in the reissued Order:

- [State Water Resources Control Board – Sanitary Sewer Systems General Order](#)
- [California Water Environment Association](#)
- [California Association of Sanitary Agencies](#)

For more information, please contact Cal Cities Legislative Affairs Lobbyist [Nick Romo](#).



## Housing and homelessness top issues at federal lobby meetings

*Mar 29, 2023*

Cal Cities leadership met with federal lawmakers on Capitol Hill earlier this week to lobby for greater federal support for a range of top city priorities, including affordable housing, homelessness, public safety, climate change, and fiscal sustainability.



The meetings were organized by Cal Cities to take advantage of the annual [Congressional City Conference](#) and advocacy day organized by the National League of Cities. League of California Cities President and Artesia Council Member Ali Sajjad Taj, Second Vice President and Palm Springs Council Member Lisa Middleton, Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman, and a delegation of 150 other California city officials attended the conference.

Cal Cities officers met with Sen. Alex Padilla, Representatives Adam Schiff, Ken Calvert, Kevin Mullin, and Robert Garcia, as well as staff from Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Rep. Barbara Lee, and Rep. Kevin McCarthy's offices.

Top of the agenda was California's housing affordability and homelessness crisis. Cal Cities urged lawmakers to support the Housing for All Act of 2022 ([S. 3788/ H.R. 6989](#)), which would allocate nearly \$532 billion nationwide to reduce homelessness and increase affordable housing. The Cal Cities-supported Fighting Homelessness Through Housing and Services Act ([S. 24/ H.R. 516](#)) would provide \$5 billion in grants to help local governments reduce homelessness.

Cal Cities also advocated for continued public safety investments, particularly the [Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\) program](#). Historic police retention and [recruitment challenges](#) are exacerbating California's high crime issues. The COPS program directed over \$12 million in hiring grants to California local governments in 2022, resulting in the hiring of nearly 100 officers.

Staffing challenges are also hindering cities' ability to respond to the statewide substance use crisis. Reducing the number of opioid-related overdoses requires a strong partnership between all levels of government. Cal Cities called on lawmakers to provide law enforcement and local governments with additional assistance and to reduce the illegal trafficking of fentanyl.

Disaster preparedness was a top focus as well. Wildfires, droughts, and historic winter storms have created a vicious cycle that has devastated communities and put them in uncharted territory. The federal government owns about 45% of the land in California, making interagency partnerships a must.



Bills like Senators Feinstein and Padilla's [S. 188](#), a multipronged approach to wildfire mitigation and recovery, are critical to California's efforts to prepare for and fight wildfires. Similarly, more collaboration between states and the federal government, as well as federal funding, is needed to resolve the state's drought conditions.

Last, but not certainly least, was fiscal sustainability. The federal government's fiscal health directly affects cities' ability to keep their communities healthy, safe, and vibrant. Lawmakers must reach a bipartisan agreement on the debt ceiling. A federal default on financial markets and borrowing costs could impact city operations, as municipalities vie to make their debt offerings more attractive in the marketplace.

Cal Cities also applauded federal lawmakers for the expanding eligible uses of American Rescue Plan Act funding and cautioned against cutting domestic discretionary spending, which would force service cuts when many communities are still recovering from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



# State Bills in Brief: March 29-April 5

Mar 29, 2023

*A weekly primer on the bills and committee hearings that have a direct impact on cities*

The legislative cycle is defined by sprints and this week is no different. Spring recess starts on March 30, with the Legislature reconvening on April 10. Lawmakers and lobbyists are racing through the last few days of March and the first week back from recess will be equally frenetic.

Lawmakers will debate a few high-profile bills in the waning days of March and one of the League of California Cities' top 2023 legislative priorities — Proposition 47 reform — will be discussed on April 11. More concerning is what's not on the legislative docket: Assembly Public Safety Committee Chair Reggie Jones-Sawyer is holding all fentanyl-related public safety legislation, including [AB 367 \(Maienschein\)](#). The bill is sponsored by the city of San Diego and supported by Cal Cities.

Citing the nearly two dozen illegal fentanyl bills, Jones-Sawyer [stated](#), "The fentanyl issue requires comprehensive input from a variety of experts and stakeholders in order to establish a united approach to solving the matter. ... Moving forward, I intend to work on this issue by bringing those who understand the causation, prevention, and treatment components together with policymakers to ensure we have a tactical solution in hand."

In a joint statement, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and Asm. Maienschein said, "While we are unhappy with this decision, we're committed to the fight for legislation that holds those involved in the illicit fentanyl trade accountable and intend to continue pursuing action." So is Cal Cities.

To learn more about bills scheduled for policy committee meetings through April 5, keep reading. To learn what each section means — or to access a previous State Bills in Brief — visit the [archive page](#).

## Bills to act on

Two Cal Cities-sponsored measures are in the hot seat: [AB 1708 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) and [SB 706 \(Caballero\)](#).

### **AB 1708 would create much-needed changes to Prop. 47**

- **Doesn't this require voter approval?** [AB 1708 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) would increase accountability for repeat theft offenders and offer pathways for pre-plea diversion programming. If passed, the bill would send the issue to the voters for approval at the next statewide general election.
- **Why it matters.** Prop. 47 promised safe neighborhoods, but the unintended consequences that followed have undermined that promise. According to a



February 2023 study by the [Public Policy Institute of California](#), a strong majority of Californians worry they or a family member will be a victim of a crime.

- **When will it be heard?** The Assembly Public Safety Committee will hear the bill on April 11. *A sample letter of support is available in the [Take Action Center](#).*

### **Cal Cities-sponsored bill makes it easier to build public projects on time and on budget**

- **How? SB 706 (Caballero)** would allow cities to use the progressive design-build process for all public projects over \$5 million. The process reduces delays, mitigates risks early, and keeps costs low. *Cal Cities supports this measure.*
- **Progressive what?** Often referred to as PDB, the process encourages greater collaboration between cities, designers, and contractors at the earliest stages of project development. Current law restricts the process to water projects over \$5 million in cost.
- **What time is the hearing?** The bill will be heard on March 29 in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee, which starts at 9:30 a.m.

### [Other bills with major impacts](#)

Electric vehicles are a major focus this year for legislators, a trend driven by the state's plan to transition to 100% new zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035.

### **Another potential landmark, manufacturer-funded waste overhaul**

- **What changes are being proposed?** [SB 615 \(Allen\)](#), among other things, would require all electric vehicle traction batteries to be recovered and reused, repurposed, remanufactured, or recycled at the end of their useful life.
- **What is Cal Cities' position?** *Cal Cities supports SB 615 in concept.* Notably, manufacturers, dealers, and dismantlers would be responsible for end-of-life management.
- **When are the hearings scheduled?** SB 615 will be heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on March 29 at 9 a.m.

### [Bills to follow](#)

Lawmakers are still hammering out the exact details of various pieces of legislation. Cal Cities does not yet have a position on the bills below but will likely issue one later in the year.

### **AB 84 would provide a tax exemption for affordable housing**

- **Doesn't this already exist?** Sort of. Existing law allows an exemption if certain qualifying criteria are met, which is Capitol-speak for "lots of extremely complicated or specific conditions." This bill is an expansion of the "welfare exemption" for property used exclusively for religious, hospital, scientific, or charitable purposes and that is owned or operated by certain types of nonprofit entities.
- **When will the bill be heard?** The Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee heard [AB 84 \(Ward\)](#) early on March 29.

### **Container redemption program could be expanded**

- **What new items are included?** [SB 353 \(Dodd\)](#) would expand the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act to include any size container of 100% fruit juice. The bill also makes some changes to how payments are processed.
- **Why it matters.** The state-funded program cannot keep up with tumultuous scrap prices.
- **What time is the hearing?** The Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee heard the bill during a March 29 hearing.

### **Potential solar energy permitting mandate on the horizon**

- **What changes are being discussed?** Current law prescribes and limits permit fees for residential and commercial solar energy systems, which expire on Jan. 1, 2025. [AB 1132 \(Freidman\)](#) would extend that repeal date to Jan. 1, 2034.
- **When is the hearing?** The bill will be heard on March 29 in the Assembly Local Government Committee, which starts at 1:30 p.m.

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## Legislative Analyst's Office urges the state to withhold funding for organic waste recycling grants

Mar 29, 2023

The League of California Cities — along with a broad group of coalition partners — [sent a letter](#) today calling on the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom to honor the \$345 million allocated for organic waste recycling grants in recent state budgets. Securing that funding was a major priority for Cal Cities in 2021 and 2022. Earlier this year, the California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) warned that although the Governor's January [budget revenue estimates](#) were reasonable, they were "[likely a bit too high.](#)" The LAO proposed several budget cuts to cover the greater-than-anticipated budget shortfall, [including by reducing SB 1383 \(Lara, 2016\)](#) implementation grants and organic waste infrastructure grants. The proposed clawback comes amid stagnating state revenues, stubbornly high inflation, and a high-profile bank run in Silicon Valley. Local governments are essential to the strength of California's economy. Cal Cities opposes any action that would reduce or eliminate funding for cities or divert essential local revenue sources.

The proposed cuts would hinder cities' ability to meet their SB 1383 requirements. SB 1383 calls for a dramatic reduction in the amount of food, yard, and other organic waste that is thrown away to reduce methane, a climate super polluter.

Implementing these regulations requires a significant transformation to how organic waste is managed and processed in the state. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) estimates that implementation will cost local governments \$20 billion to implement over 10 years.

This law needs state funding to succeed. Historically, state-level investment in CalRecycle's organic waste recycling program has been severely underfunded and oversubscribed, despite it becoming a cost-effective cornerstone of the state's climate change mitigation strategy.

If properly funded, SB 1383 would reduce methane emissions, improve air quality, and cut greenhouse gas emissions by 4 million tons annually. It would also create \$17 billion in economic benefits and 11,700 permanent new jobs.

According to a CalRecycle estimate, California needs 50-100 new and upgraded organic waste recycling facilities to manage and recycle the organic waste expected under SB 1383. Without this funding, local governments and ratepayers will bear the brunt of these costs, and the state risks losing several projects already in the development pipeline.

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