

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**April 15, 2021**

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

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT**

A copy of the letter of support from Mayor Jones for Orange County Sanitation District is included for your information.

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

**A. News Releases from the County of Orange:**

- a. Access Secure Areas at John Wayne Airport with an "OC AirPASS" Post-Security Access Pass (April 12, 2021)
- b. County of Orange to Close Two COVID-19 Super Sites on April 30 (April 12, 2021)
- c. OC Health Care Agency Issues Statement on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine (April 13, 2021)
- d. Hot Glass/OC Art Exhibit Debuts at John Wayne Airport (April 14, 2021)
- e. Starting April 16, 2021: OC Landfills Now Accepting Treated Wood Waste at FRB & Prima Landfills (April 14, 2021)

**B. OC Streetcar Construction Alert for the week of April 12, 2021 and reminder for the full closure of Fairview Street.**

**• 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.



Scott C. Stiles  
City Manager



## CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

April 12, 2021

David John Shawver  
Board Chairman  
Orange County Sanitation District  
10844 Ellis Ave.  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

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Dear Board Chairman Shawver:

Please accept this letter of support from the City of Garden Grove to support the Orange County Sanitation District's (OC San) ongoing commitment to improve our region's environment and ensure safe and reliable wastewater treatment and water supply.

We understand that OC San is undertaking an ambitious construction project known as the Headworks Rehabilitation Project at Plant No. 1 in Fountain Valley. This project will ensure the long-term sustainability of critical public health and environmental services, including affordable wastewater services to disadvantaged communities within our city.

We understand that OC San is continually working to maintain and update its clean water infrastructure consistent with the Orange County Sanitation Districts Board of Director's Adopted Capital Improvement Program and within its current rate structure. As part of this effort, we have learned that you are seeking federal assistance to construct system upgrades, including the Headworks Rehabilitation Project at Plant No. 1. This project will increase efficiency, reduce possible odors and enhance reliability enabling OC San to continue with efficient wastewater treatment.

We wholeheartedly support this goal as it will deliver regional benefits to our community and an improved quality of life. If we can provide any additional information on our shared commitment to this project, please let us know. Please do not hesitate to contact Bill Murray, Director of Public Works at (714) 741-5379 or via email at [wem@ggcity.org](mailto:wem@ggcity.org) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steve Jones  
Mayor

For Immediate Release: April 12, 2021  
Contact: Jessica Good, Public Information Officer  
Email: HCAComm@ochca.com



# PRESS RELEASE

## **County of Orange to Close Two COVID-19 Testing Super Sites on April 30** *Convenient, No-Cost Testing Options Still Available and Encouraged*

(Santa Ana, CA) – The OC Health Care Agency (HCA) will close its COVID-19 testing Super Sites at the OC Fair & Event Center and the Anaheim Convention Center on April 30, 2021.

The HCA will continue to make testing more accessible at no-cost through designated neighborhood sites and continue to offer at-home options that may be ordered online.

“When COVID-19 testing was first developed more than one year ago, availability was limited and many residents had to wait to experience symptoms before qualifying. While we’re pleased that the County of Orange was able to stand up these Super Sites to meet initial community need, we have a robust network in place today that makes no-cost testing easily accessible. One of the many testing options is our at-home test kit,” said Dr. Clayton Chau, County Health Officer and Director of the HCA.

### **No-Cost COVID-19 Testing Options Still Available in OC**

At-home COVID-19 nostril and saliva test kits are available at no cost to those who live and work in OC. To place an order, please visit [ochealthinfo.com/covidtest](https://ochealthinfo.com/covidtest). Kits ordered online are delivered within 24-48 hours and return shipping is pre-paid. Results are available within 24-48 hours from receipt of the specimen. Visitors to the website can also find a list of neighborhood testing locations.

Despite the COVID-19 Super Site closures, County health officials are encouraging residents to seek testing if they become exposed to or experience symptoms from COVID-19 in order to support early detection and prevent the spread of the virus and its possible variants here in Southern California.

“Even as more industries re-open, we must continue to be vigilant and utilize testing and non-medical preventative measures to protect those who have yet to be vaccinated,” said Dr. Margaret Bredehoft, Deputy Agency Director of Public Health Services. “Let’s continue to wash our hands often, wear our face masks and practice physical distancing. If you are not vaccinated, please register for an appointment through [www.Othena.com](https://www.Othena.com). It’s as important as ever that we continue to do what we can to care for each other.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends waiting 3-7 days between potential exposure and testing. For more information about COVID-19, please visit [ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus](https://ochealthinfo.com/novelcoronavirus).

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# Access Secure Areas at John Wayne Airport with an “OC AirPASS” Post-Security Access Pass

April 12, 2021

**(SANTA ANA, CA)** – Guests without a boarding pass can access the secure areas of the John Wayne Airport Terminal with an OC AirPASS (post-security access pass) to shop, dine, watch planes, and greet friends and relatives when they arrive at the gate or accompany them before their flight.

“As more people take to the skies to travel, keeping our guests safe and secure is our top priority at John Wayne Airport,” said Barry Rondinella, Airport Director. “We are ready to welcome our passengers and OC AirPASS guests back to an environment that is cleaner, safer, and ready for business.”

Guests traveling through JWA can expect to experience several measures designed to keep guests safe and are encouraged to review the Airport’s [Healthy Travels](#) practices before arriving at the Terminal. Face masks are required in all U.S. airports under federal law.

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Obtaining an OC AirPASS:

- Check-in at the Information Booth in Terminal B (Lower Level, Baggage Claim) between 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and present a valid government-issued ID.
- OC AirPASS is non-transferrable and valid only on the date of issuance.

- After check-in, visitors will proceed to a TSA checkpoint (Upper Departure Level) for screening and inspection.
- Visitors are limited to (1) personal item (hand luggage not allowed) and must comply with the same TSA screening and inspection procedures as ticketed passengers. More information about what you can bring through security screening is available [here](#).
- An adult with a visitor pass must accompany minors under the age of 18 at all times.
- Visitors are responsible for all parking fees and must exit the Terminal by 11 p.m.
- Concession operating times vary. For a list of food and shopping options, visit [www.ocair.com/travelers/dine-shop-relax/](http://www.ocair.com/travelers/dine-shop-relax/).
- To learn more about the OC AirPASS program, please visit [www.ocair.com/travelers/services/oc-airpass/](http://www.ocair.com/travelers/services/oc-airpass/) or call Customer Relations at 949-252-5200.

To view a list of frequently asked questions regarding COVID-19 and current impacts at John Wayne Airport, visit [www.ocair.com/covid19](http://www.ocair.com/covid19).

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*John Wayne Airport (SNA) is owned by the County of Orange and is operated as a self-supporting enterprise that receives no general fund tax revenue. The Airport serves more than 10 million passengers annually and reaches more than 30 nonstop destinations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. More information can be found at [www.ocair.com](http://www.ocair.com). Like us on [facebook.com/johnwayneairport](https://facebook.com/johnwayneairport), or follow us on [Twitter @johnwayneair](https://twitter.com/johnwayneair) and [Instagram @johnwayneair](https://instagram.com/johnwayneair).*



# Hot Glass/OC Art Exhibit Debuts at John Wayne Airport

April 14, 2021

**(SANTA ANA, CA)** – An exhibition featuring the creative talents of professional Orange County artists specializing in the use of hot glass makes a luminous debut at John Wayne Airport in a new exhibit titled 'Hot Glass/OC' through October 2021. Guests who visit the Vi Smith Concourse Gallery in the Terminal can view multiple examples of colorful and innovative glass-related artwork.



Hot Glass/OC Art Exhibit in the Vi Smith Concourse Gallery

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As guest curator for the exhibit, Antoinette Sullivan's career spans more than 30 years, curating art for prominent Orange County restaurants including Bistango and Bayside and assisting artists in promoting and exhibiting their art in alternative spaces. Understanding the challenge that artists encounter in finding opportunities to showcase their work, Sullivan assembles 17 professional artists in this unique exhibit featuring molten glass artwork.

"Hot Glass is not a common medium of expression, and it requires remarkable creativity, patience, innovation, and passion," said Sullivan. "It is an honor to bring together a group of amazing artists and provide an opportunity for passengers to view vibrant artwork filled with color, shape, and imagination as they travel through the Terminal."

Artists featured in the Hot Glass/OC exhibit include:

Lawrence R. Armstrong

Jill Cooper

Leslie Davis

Craig French

Gavin Heath

Kent Kahlen

Gina Lunn

Jason and Nicole McQuaid

Jon Oakes

Siân Poeschl

Maggie Spencer

Siemon & Salazar

Mia Tavonatti

Hiromi Takizawa

David VanNoppen

Elijah Wooldridge

Hot glass art uses high temperatures that can reach up to 2,000° Fahrenheit. The viscous glass can be blown, sculpted, or cast molded to create sculptures, ornamental pieces, and more.

The exhibition is located on the Departure Level (post-security) across from Gates 2 through 5 in Terminal A, Gates 18 through 21 in Terminal C, and the free-standing display cases across from Gate 14.

For more information about John Wayne Airport's Art Programs, visit [www.ocair.com/travelers/dine-shop-relax/relax/arts-program/](http://www.ocair.com/travelers/dine-shop-relax/relax/arts-program/).

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To receive John Wayne Airport news releases automatically, go to [www.ocair.com](http://www.ocair.com) and click [Subscribe](#).

For Immediate Release: April 13, 2021  
Contact: Jessica Good, Public Information Officer  
Email: HCAComm@ochca.com



# PRESS RELEASE

## **OC Health Care Agency Issues Statement on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine**

(Santa Ana, CA) – Today, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending a pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine out of an abundance of caution. This recommendation comes after six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe blood clot type in individuals after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. This pause will be in place until the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completes a review of the reported cases.

In alignment with the CDC's recommendation and with safety as our top priority, the County of Orange has removed the Johnson & Johnson vaccine from all its vaccination Point of Distribution (POD) sites until further notice from the CDC. The County's vaccination PODs will continue to dispense the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to individuals with appointments.

Link to CDC Media Release: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0413-JJ-vaccine.html>

### **How many Johnson & Johnson vaccines has the County dispensed at its sites?**

The OC Health Care Agency dispensed approximately 27,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine between the week of March 8 and April 12, 2021.

### **How rare is this side effect?**

As of April 12, more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine have been administered in the U.S. The CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. There are reports that six women between the ages of 18 and 48 developed unusual types of blood clots 6 to 13 days after receiving the vaccine.

### **I received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. What should I do?**

People who received the vaccine in the last three weeks should look for any symptoms of these unusual clots, including severe headaches, abdominal or leg pain, and shortness of breath, and contact their medical provider if symptoms develop. People who don't have a medical provider can call 2-1-1 to connect with a healthcare provider.

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## CORRECTION

### PRESS RELEASE

April 14, 2021  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact:** Josh Farris  
[Joshua.Farris@ocwr.ocgov.com](mailto:Joshua.Farris@ocwr.ocgov.com)  
**Office:** (714) 834-8938  
**Mobile:** (949) 556-5496

The press release distributed this morning indicates TWW will be accepted by both Bowerman Landfill in Irvine and Prima Deshecha Landfill in San Juan Capistrano effective April 16.

**CORRECTION:** Only Bowerman Landfill will accept TWW beginning April 16. Prima Landfill will begin accepting at a later date, TBD.

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### Treated wood waste to be accepted at two Orange County Landfills beginning April 16, 2021

CORRECTION: Treated Wood Waste to be accepted at Bowerman Landfill only, beginning April 16.

OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) has been granted a six-month variance waiver to allow the disposal of Treated Wood Waste (TWW) at two landfill sites in Orange County, beginning April 16, 2021. This waiver comes after the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) banned disposal of TWW at California Landfills on January 1, 2021.



[Prima Deshecha](#) (San Juan Capistrano) and [Frank R. Bowerman](#) Landfill (Irvine) will accept TWW until September 18, 2021. This variance is eligible for a six-month extension if the County decides to apply for it. TWW will NOT be accepted at the Olinda Alpha Landfill (Brea). Please note that Frank R. Bowerman Landfill is only open to commercial/business customers. Prima Deshecha Landfill is open to the general public.

Please review this notice and guidelines carefully prior to visiting OC Landfills with treated wood waste.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW PRIOR TO DISPOSING TWW AT OC LANDFILLS:**

- You MUST obtain and bring to the landfill a variance through [DTSC](#).
- You MUST complete the OCWR hazardous waste manifest prior to unloading. For FRB, [click here](#). For Prima, [click here](#).
- Homeowners choosing to transport TWW yourself will need a variance. However, if you choose to hire a hauler securing the variance is the hauler's responsibility.

Do NOT mix TWW with other waste.

- Coated or painted TWW is NOT accepted for disposal.
- If attempting to dispose of TWW at Alpha Olinda you will be turned away.

**Advisory from the Department of Toxic Substances Control:**

This notice is to advise you that in order to transport a hazardous waste, you must either be a registered hazardous waste transporter or have received a variance from the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Further information on becoming a hazardous waste transporter or obtaining a variance can be found on DTSC's website at the following link: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/>.

**About OC Waste & Recycling:**

OCWR serves the County's solid waste disposal needs by providing waste management services through a municipal landfill system and resource recovery facilities, protecting the local environment, investing in renewable energy enterprises and promoting recycling in order to ensure a safe and healthy community for current and future generations. The department manages one of the nation's premier solid waste disposal systems, serving residents and businesses in the County's 34 cities and unincorporated areas. OCWR's three active landfills reflect environmental engineering at its best. Learn more by visiting the OCWR website at [www.OCLandfills.com](http://www.OCLandfills.com).

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**Fwd: OC Streetcar Construction Alert**

**From** :Scott Stiles <sstiles@ggcity.org>  
**Subject**: OC Streetcar Construction Alert  
**To** : Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

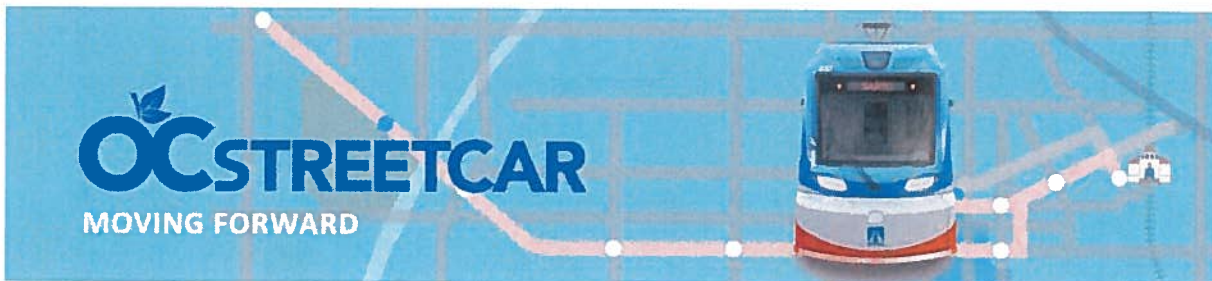
Mon, Apr 12, 2021 12:23 PM

Meena: for Mgr's memo. Thanks. Scott

**Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM**

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**From**: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net>  
**To**: "sstiles" <sstiles@ggcity.org>  
**Sent**: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:58:58 AM  
**Subject**: OC Streetcar Construction Alert

[Anuncio en Español](#)

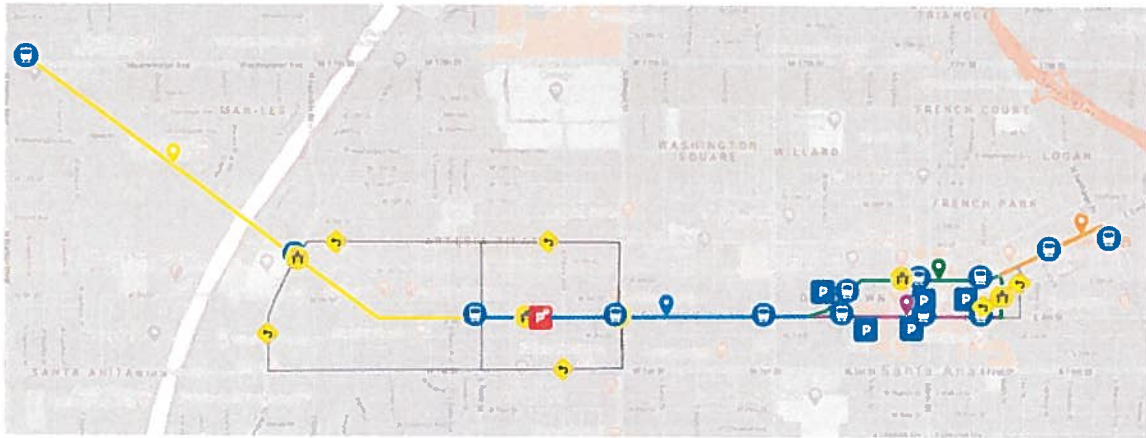
## Construction Alert Week of April 12, 2021

**Construction Highlights:**

- Fairview Crossing construction at Fairview Street and the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way. Work requires full lane closures. Follow detour signs.
- Track installation in Segment 2. New lane closures are in place on Santa Ana Boulevard from Raitt Street to Bristol Street for eastbound drivers. Raitt Street and Pacific Street are now open to traffic. Please follow detour signs and proceed carefully. [Click here](#) for more details.
- Track installation in Segment 3. Work requires full lane closures on Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street. A single lane is open for traffic.
- Track installation on Mortimer Street. Work requires full lane and parking closures on Mortimer Street from 4th Street to 6th Street. Follow detour signs.

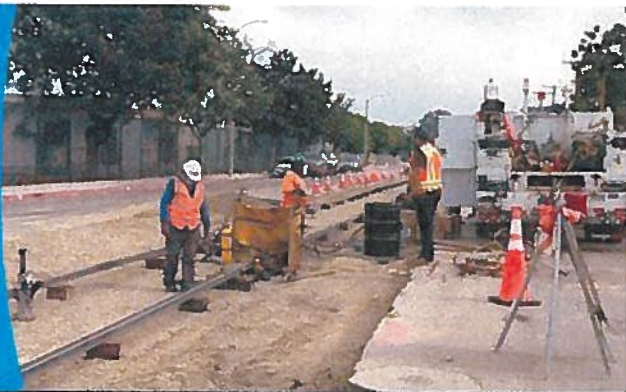
Access will be maintained for all residents and businesses. Construction activities are dependent on weather and resource availability.

**For specific work activities in your area, click on the map below.**






## OC Streetcar Track Installation Has Started!

Click to watch the video premiere  
of this exciting milestone



Join the OCTA Board of Directors, the City of Santa Ana and the project's community partners in celebrating this major OC Streetcar project milestone.

### EAT SHOP PLAY

DOWNTOWN SANTA ANA

OCTA's Eat Shop Play program supports businesses located along the future OC streetcar route. Benefits to customers include special deals, invitations to community events and free parking for the first 2 hours in nearby structures. Learn more at [octa.net/eatshopplay](http://octa.net/eatshopplay).

### About the Project

OC Streetcar is the first modern streetcar project to be built in Orange County and will serve Santa Ana's historic and thriving downtown, which includes federal, state and local courthouses, government offices, colleges, an artists' village and a thriving restaurant scene. It will operate along a 4.15-mile route that connects the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (SARTC) and a new transit hub at Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove.

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OC Streetcar | 550 S. Main Street , Orange, CA 92868

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Thu, Apr 15, 2021 01:42 PM

**Subject**: Fwd: Construction Alert Reminder - Fairview Street Closure**To** : Meena Yoo <meenay@ggcity.org>

Meena: for Mgr's memo. Thanks. Scott

**Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM**

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**From**: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net>**To**: sstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us**Sent**: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:36:06 PM**Subject**: Construction Alert Reminder - Fairview Street Closure[Anuncio en Español](#)**Reminder: Full Closure of Fairview Street**

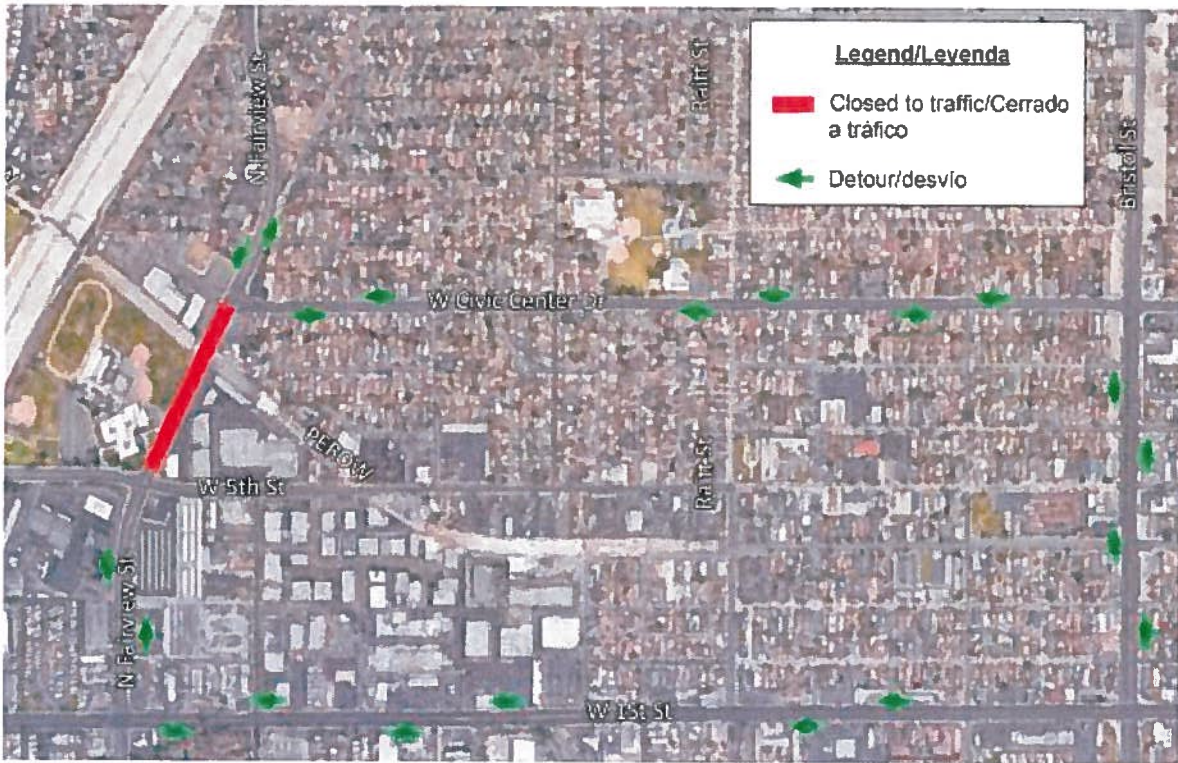
A full closure of Fairview Street, between 5th Street and Civic Center Drive, will be in place during the day and night on the following dates:

- Beginning as early as Friday, April 16, 7 a.m. through Monday, April 19, 7 a.m.

*Please note, construction schedules are subject to change.*

Detour routes will be in place, please follow detour signage to **Bristol Street** and plan for possible delays.

Access to businesses will be maintained.



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**WEEKLY MEMO 4-15-2021**

# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



## Post Performance

April 8, 2021 - April 14, 2021

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

**Included in this Report**

 @CityGardenGrove

 Garden Grove City Hall

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**G** Garden Grove City Hall  
Tue 4/13/2021 5:06 pm PDT

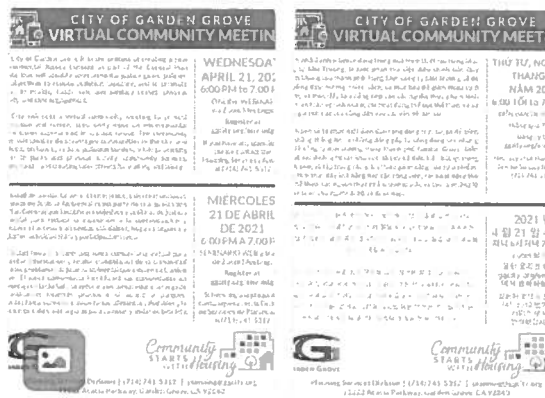
The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association wants to warn you about an individual(s) engaged in an illegal...



Impressions	977
Reach	964
Engagements	24
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.5%

**G** @CityGardenGrove  
Tue 4/13/2021 2:25 pm PDT

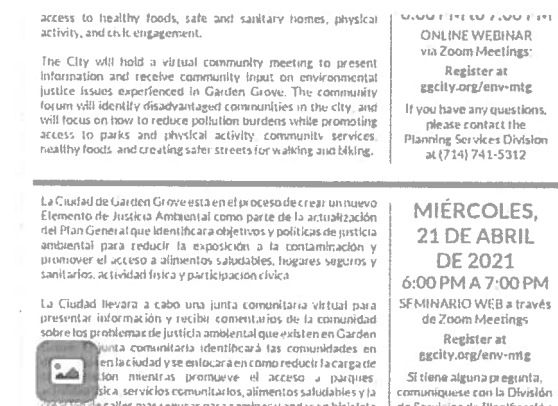
We're in the process of creating an Environmental Justice Element that will identify goals, policies & objectives to...





Impressions	368
Potential Reach	4,330
Engagements	19
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	5.2%

**G** Garden Grove City Hall  
Tue 4/13/2021 2:23 pm PDT

We're in the process of creating a new Environmental Justice Element that will identify goals, policies and objectives to...




Impressions	793
Reach	782
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.1%

  **gardengrovecityhall**  
Tue 4/13/2021 9:20 am PDT

🌸 In recognizing April as National Autism Awareness Month, we help empower autistic individuals and their families;...



Impressions	<b>1,065</b>
Reach	<b>1,023</b>
Engagements	<b>38</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>3.6%</b>

  **Garden Grove City Hall**  
Tue 4/13/2021 9:17 am PDT

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Impressions	<b>620</b>
Reach	<b>620</b>
Engagements	<b>9</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>1.5%</b>

  **@CityGardenGrove**  
Mon 4/12/2021 12:56 pm PDT

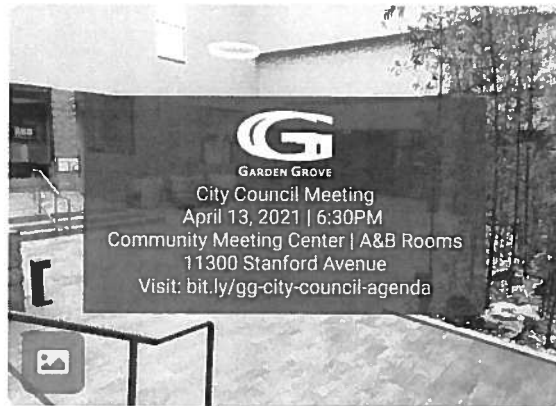
Tomorrow's Council meeting will take place in person, in the Community Meeting Center's A&B rooms. Members of the...



Impressions	<b>375</b>
Potential Reach	<b>4,333</b>
Engagements	<b>6</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>1.6%</b>

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 4/12/2021 12:53 pm PDT

Tomorrow's Garden Grove City Council meeting will take place in person, in the Garden Grove Community Meeting...



Impressions	1,202
Reach	1,196
Engagements	35
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2.9%

 **@CityGardenGrove**  
 Mon 4/12/2021 9:15 am PDT

Do you want to learn more about ADUs/JADUs? Attend this Thursday's (4/15) virtual ADU 101 Forum to discuss the recent zoning regulations & building code requirements. Pre-registration is required and must be made online at [ggcity.org/adu-101](http://ggcity.org/adu-101) #gg1956 [youtube.com/watch?v=wz6nUS...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wz6nUS...)

Post Link Clicks	2
Impressions	350
Potential Reach	4,334
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.4%

 **Garden Grove City Hall**  
 Mon 4/12/2021 9:08 am PDT

Do you want to learn more about ADUs and JADUs? Attend this Thursday's (4/15) virtual ADU 101 Forum to discuss the...



Video Views	187
Impressions	598
Reach	557
Engagements	37
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	6.2%



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 4/9/2021 9:49 am PDT

Last Saturday (4/3) was an EGGciting time for families who attended the 2021 Drive-Through Eggscavation on Atlantis...



Video Views	<b>518</b>
Impressions	<b>1,172</b>
Reach	<b>1,124</b>
Engagements	<b>66</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>5.6%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Fri 4/9/2021 9:49 am PDT

Last Saturday (4/3), was an EGGciting time for families who attended the 2021 Drive-Through Eggscavation on Atlantis...



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



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 4/8/2021 4:32 pm PDT

We can't help but be so proud of @gardengroveusd for being recognized among the best in the nation for music...



Impressions	<b>1,428</b>
Reach	<b>1,392</b>
Engagements	<b>48</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>3.4%</b>



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 4/8/2021 4:30 pm PDT

We can't help but be so proud of the Garden Grove Unified School District for being recognized among the best in the...



Impressions	1,384
Reach	1,339
Engagements	41
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3%



**gardengrovecityhall**

Thu 4/8/2021 12:11 pm PDT

**SILVER ALERT**  
**AT-RISK/MISSING PERSON**



**Name:** Felipe Ortiz  
**Age:** 74 Years Old  
**Height:** 5' 9"  
**Weight:** 170 Pounds  
**Hair:** Gray / Balding  
**Eyes:** Brown

THIS SILVER ALERT HAS BEEN ACTIVATED BY THE CHP ON BEHALF OF THE GARDEN GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FELIPE ORTIZ WAS LAST SEEN ON APRIL 7, 2021, AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS, IN GARDEN GROVE, ORANGE COUNTY. ORTIZ WAS LAST SEEN NEAR WESTMINSTER AVENUE AND DAWSON STREET IN GARDEN GROVE. IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT ORTIZ IS WEARING. ORTIZ SUFFERS FROM A MEDICAL CONDITION(S) AND MAY BECOME DISORIENTED.



**IF SEEN CALL 9-1-1**

Impressions	722
Reach	706
Comments	0
Story Taps Back	11



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 4/8/2021 12:06 pm PDT

! SILVER ALERT ! The Garden Grove Police Department is asking for the public's help with locating a missing person. Feli...



Impressions	3,493
Reach	3,418
Engagements	153
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.4%





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April 8, 2021 - April 14, 2021

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

**Included in this Report**

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**gardengrovepd**  
Wed 4/14/2021 6:00 pm PDT

On 4/12/2021 a cat burglary occurred at the 10240 block of Trask Ave.  
#GardenGrovePD officers were able to...



Impressions	<b>5,887</b>
Reach	<b>5,774</b>
Engagements	<b>437</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>7.4%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Wed 4/14/2021 6:00 pm PDT

On 4/12/2021 a cat burglary occurred at the 10240 block of Trask Ave.  
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Impressions	-
Reach	-
Engagements	-
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	-



**gardengrovepd**  
Mon 4/12/2021 6:00 pm PDT

Happy #NationalTelecommunicatorsWeek to the men and women who are the voices behind our badges, 24/7/365. You are...



Impressions	<b>4,903</b>
Reach	<b>4,714</b>
Engagements	<b>297</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>6.1%</b>



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Mon 4/12/2021 6:00 pm PDT

Happy  
**#NationalTelecommunicatorsWeek** to  
the men and women who are the voices...



Impressions	<b>2,629</b>
Reach	<b>2,580</b>
Engagements	<b>246</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>9.4%</b>



**ggpd9unit**  
Sat 4/10/2021 6:48 pm PDT

HE'S BACK!

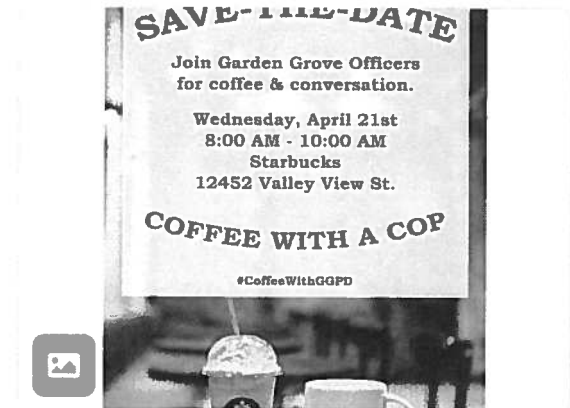


Impressions	<b>402</b>
Reach	<b>393</b>
Comments	<b>11</b>
Story Taps Back	<b>21</b>



**gardengrovepd**  
Fri 4/9/2021 12:00 pm PDT

Please Save-the-Date and join us for our  
upcoming **#CoffeeWithACop** Event on April  
21st from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at...



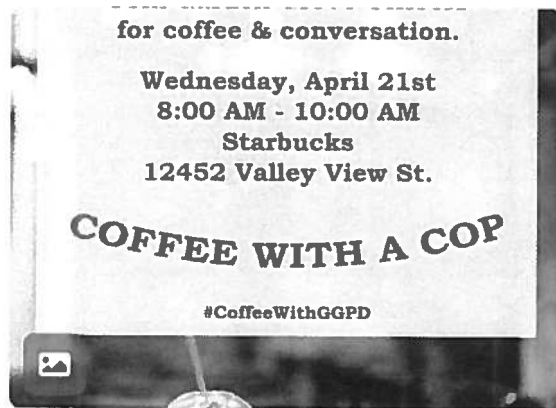
Impressions	<b>5,783</b>
Reach	<b>5,549</b>
Engagements	<b>263</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>4.5%</b>



**f Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 4/9/2021 12:00 pm PDT

Please Save-the-Date and join us for our upcoming **#CoffeeWithACop** Event on April 21st from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at...



Impressions	<b>5,966</b>
Reach	<b>5,908</b>
Engagements	<b>329</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	<b>5.5%</b>



**WEEKLY MEMO 4-15-2021**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

## Stimulus 2.0: With Orange County cities getting \$715 million, local leaders weigh how to spend their slices of the pie

Last year, the CARES Act didn't give money directly to O.C. cities. This round of pandemic funding is different.



Anaheim's budget depends heavily on tax revenue from tourism and entertainment venues, including Disneyland, Angel Stadium, and the Honda Center and the convention center, both of which the city owns. (Photo by Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG)

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Each of Orange County's 34 cities will receive a share of about \$715 million from the American Rescue Plan Act, and for some, the two-year aid bill corrects their exclusion from earlier rounds of federal assistance.

Since the coronavirus pandemic forced businesses to slow down, most cities in Orange County have lost tax revenue and borne unexpected expenses. In last year's CARES Act, the county itself got \$554 million, but that bill only allowed cities with populations of 500,000 or more to get money directly, so no OC city made the cut.

This round of federal aid "is going to go a long way in helping cities who have had a parallel track of issues happen," said Melanie Perron, the League of California Cities' deputy executive director of advocacy and public affairs. "By providing relief to cities, this is going to help our economy recover faster."

Some local city leaders are happily considering how to spend a windfall; others say their share won't even plug all their growing budget holes.

The \$1.9 trillion federal bill allocates \$130 billion for local governments, with half going to counties and the other half to cities and towns. Local government allocations are based in part on population, and Santa Ana, the county's second biggest city, is set to get the biggest share, \$143 million, while the county's least populous city, Villa Park, will get the smallest, \$1.1 million.

All the cities will get half the money sometime in May, and the other half a year later.

Getting aid for all cities, not just the biggest ones, in the latest bill was "a huge deal," said Congressman Mike Levin, D-San Juan Capistrano, whose 49th district stretches from south Orange County into northern San Diego County. He was part of a group of legislators who lobbied hard to get money for smaller cities.

Not only did the initial round of funding skip all but the biggest municipalities, it restricted spending to COVID-19 expenses. So Levin said he pushed for the American Rescue Plan Act to allow "latitude and flexibility for these cities to be able to use those funds in a way that will be most meaningful to them."

Broad guidelines for the new funding include some clear limits (for example, the money can't be used to pay down pension liability), but several city leaders said they're waiting for more detailed rules from the federal Department of the Treasury on what kinds of spending are allowed. Here's what some cities said about their plans for the money.

### **Anaheim**

"Anything we get in terms of federal assistance will go to address our budget deficit," Anaheim spokesman Mike Lyster said. In March, the City Council voted to borrow more than \$200 million to cover current and projected shortfalls, and Lyster said the \$107.5 Anaheim expects to receive in new relief "is not a windfall for us."

About 100 city workers accepted an "early separation" offer, but no one's been laid off, Lyster said. The federal aid will help backfill personnel costs for ongoing services, including police and fire, and community services workers who were dispatched away from shuttered park and library programs to staff COVID-19 testing and vaccination sites and food distribution.

### **Fullerton**

City Manager Ken Domer said the \$34.7 million coming to Fullerton could patch a number of budget holes, but the city is waiting for clearer rules on how to proceed. "So, instead of guessing, we are going to digest the guidance and then look at best use."

The pandemic has reduced Fullerton's tax revenue, forced staff layoffs, and slashed some city programs and services. "All of those will be a priority," Domer said.

Asked if the aid is the right amount at the right time, Domer added, "Better late than never!"

## **Garden Grove**

City leaders are looking at four areas where their share of the pot – \$50.6 million – might best be spent.

“Number one, certainly, is trying to get ourselves out of this COVID recovery and continuing to have a balanced budget, protect our reserve funds – the long term financial picture of the city is critical,” City Manager Scott Stiles said during the March 23 meeting of the Garden Grove City Council.

The other three areas are infrastructure, public safety and quality of life issues, including parking and homelessness.

“This money is going to be a godsend,” Stiles said, referring to restored budget cuts and 22 de-funded city jobs.

Because the pandemic forced the closure of Disneyland and other theme parks, Garden Grove hotels have tumbled. The city is down \$25.7 million in hotel tax revenue since March 2020, according to a city staff report.

## **Irvine**

The money coming to Irvine, \$53.2 million, is a one-time infusion of cash. Because of that, Interim City Manager Marianna Marysheva said it probably won't be used to cover ongoing expenses.

Plus, she added, the City Council adjusted spending early in the pandemic so “we kind of balanced our budget on our own.”

But Irvine does have infrastructure needs, including aging roads, parks and other facilities that could benefit from the federal dollars. Another possibility is to improve sanitation at parks and playgrounds and air filtration in city buildings. Marysheva expects to present spending options to the council later this month.

## **Lake Forest**

While city leaders say they won't know the full impact of the pandemic until it's over, they are hopeful the \$12.8 million in assistance will start to make a difference.

City revenues from retail sales are down around 25%, while transient occupancy taxes from the hotels are down about 50%.

At the start of the pandemic, the city acted quickly to cut costs. Some facilities were closed, including the just-opened \$80 million Civic Center. But officials sought to keep services going, partnering with the Red Cross and nonprofits to hold blood drives and food distributions there.

Lake Forest entered the pandemic debt-free, city officials said, so they were able to continue park renovations and annual street maintenance programs.

## **Newport Beach**

While city officials say Newport Beach tax revenues might not recover to pre-pandemic levels for several years, they expect the projected \$9.3 million in federal aid to help make up the difference.

The City Council was forced to stall capital projects, freeze non-essential hiring, and eliminate vehicle and equipment purchases.

“It’s nice to have taxpayer funds returned to the city and to local government,” said Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Muldoon. “We’ve had a strong budget so we’re not in need of it as desperately as other cities.”

Muldoon expects some money will go toward infrastructure, such as road improvement and dredging of Back Bay.

## **San Juan Capistrano**

While the city manager is making mental notes of priorities for the city’s expected infusion of \$6.7 million, all city leaders are waiting to see specific Treasury Dept. rules before carving up the funds.

“We expect the ARPA funding will offset our pandemic-related revenue losses, and allow for additional investment in public infrastructure within the community,” said City Manager Ben Siegel.

## **Santa Ana**

City Manager Kristine Ridge called the city’s expected \$143 million “a watershed moment,” and Mayor Vicente Sarmiento deemed it “a once-in-a-century kind of thing.”

The money boosts Santa Ana’s general fund nearly 44% from a year ago. And at a March 16 meeting, Santa Ana council members discussed a range of possibilities for how it could be used, including giving needy residents additional cash relief, acquiring new land for parks, improving infrastructure and creating a city health department. “This is a moment to think bigger,” Sarmiento said.

Santa Ana spokesman Paul Eakins said residents can share their needs and ideas for how the money should be spent in town meetings and via a community survey. The next community meeting will be later this month, but the date has not yet been set.

## Garden Grove hydrogen cylinder maker acquired by India firm

The new owner said he plans to spend \$20 million updating the 107,000-square-foot facility at 11700 Monarch St.



Catalina Composites, a Garden Grove company that manufactures cylinders for hydrogen and compressed natural gas, has been acquired by Uttam Group of Companies, an India-based conglomerate. The new company will be known as Uttam Composites. Uttam CEO Karan Bhatia is seen here at the Garden Grove facility. (Photo courtesy of Uttam)

By KEVIN SMITH | kvsmith@scng.com | San Gabriel Valley Tribune

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Catalina Composites, a Garden Grove company that makes cylinders for hydrogen and compressed natural gas, has been acquired by Uttam Group of Companies, an India-based conglomerate that serves a variety of industries.

The new company will be known as Uttam Composites and will function as a division of the parent company. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Uttam CEO Karan Bhatia is planning a variety of upgrades for the 107,000-square-foot facility at 11700 Monarch St.

“We will be investing at least \$20 million to greatly expand staff, purchase new machinery and invest in research and development of new product lines,” Bhatia said in a statement.

This is Uttam's first energy-related deal in the U.S. It also owns a couple of boutique healthcare businesses in Houston.

"With demand skyrocketing for clean energy solutions, particularly in compressed natural gas and hydrogen, this expansion will help us grow," Bhatia said.

Uttam, which specializes in the production of ultra-lightweight composite cylinders and systems for compressed natural gas and hydrogen, already doubled the staffing at Garden Grove from 11 workers to 22, and the company plans to expand that to 50 over the next two years.

The acquisition closed Thursday, April 9, but Uttam spent the past several weeks ramping up operations there.

"These cylinders are used mostly in transportation, for medical equipment and for fire and safety, like fire extinguishers," a company spokesman said. "Many agencies use natural gas or hydrogen for their vehicles or in their business."

Catalina Composites said the company is in good hands.

"The long-term prospects of the composites business under the ownership of the acquiring company are significantly more favorable than other available alternatives," Catalina wrote to its employees in announcing the sale.

Uttam Group of Companies is a family-owned conglomerate established in 1900 that serves a wide array of customers and locations — from the Indian Army at the Siachen Glacier, the highest battleground on earth, to the Indian Space Research Organization's mission to Mars.

The company's composite cylinders are also used in sugar plants, steam generators, power plants, contract manufacturing and retrofitting and modernization projects.

Hydrogen could potentially play multiple roles in the nation's clean energy transition, from decarbonizing heavy industry to expanding energy storage and even fixing the electric grid, according to panelists assembled by the nonprofit OurEnergyPolicy. Janice Lin, founder and CEO of the Green Hydrogen Coalition, foresees a broad role for energy hydrogen. She offered her thoughts in a recent interview with UtilityDive.com.

"Green hydrogen is a game-changer in our fight against climate change because it enables decarbonization of difficult to decarbonize sectors," she said. "Green hydrogen can convert low-cost wind and solar to a flexible zero-carbon fuel that can displace many fossil fuel applications."



## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**April 15, 2021**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of Cancellation of the April 22, 2021 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from April 9, 2021 to April 15, 2021.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 15, 2021 – May 21, 2021

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Thursday	April 15	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Virtual ADU 101 Forum (Zoom) Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 22	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, City Hall <b>CANCELLED</b>
Thursday – Saturday	April 22 - 24		One More Productions presents "Always ... Patsy Cline" The Gem Theater
Friday	April 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 27	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday – Sunday	April 29 – May 2		One More Productions presents "Always ... Patsy Cline" The Gem Theater
Tuesday	May 4	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday Thursday – Sunday	May 6 May 6 – 9	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC One More Productions presents "Always ... Patsy Cline" The Gem Theater
Friday	May 7		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	May 11	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday Thursday – Sunday	May 13 May 13 – 16	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC One More Productions presents "Always ... Patsy Cline" The Gem Theater
Friday	May 14	3:00 p.m.	Virtual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception
Thursday	May 20	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 21		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2021**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Third Floor Training Room, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: April 15, 2021

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

## Hundreds of city officials join Cal Cities webinar on American Rescue Plan implementation, featuring top U.S. Department of the Treasury officials

Federal officials commit to strong partnership with local leaders to invest in pandemic recovery

*April 14, 2021*

Nearly 600 city officials joined a League of California Cities-hosted listening session with top officials from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and National League of Cities (NLC) to learn more about the American Rescue Plan implementation and provide feedback to the Treasury Department on the needs of California's communities.

Cal Cities President and El Centro Mayor Cheryl Viegas Walker and Cal Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman led the listening session, and opened the call with the recognition that the passage of the American Rescue Plan was in part due to the strong and united voices of city leaders throughout the state and across the country.

"For a year, we have been asking the federal government for fast, direct, and flexible relief for our cities. With the American Rescue Plan, that relief is here," said President Viegas Walker.

Coleman echoed that sentiment, saying, "There would be no American Rescue Plan with funding for each and every city without your support over the last year."

Treasury Department Deputy Secretary Wally Adeyemo and Counselor to the Secretary Jacob Leibenluft provided an update on the federal government's implementation plan for the local relief funds and recognized the tireless efforts of city leaders over the past year.

"The crisis has been devastating for individuals, but I understand it has also been devastating to municipalities, and I appreciate how hard you all have worked to get your communities through this difficult time," said Deputy Secretary Adeyemo.

Deputy Secretary Adeyemo also acknowledged that the goal of the federal administration is to help cities emerge from the pandemic better than when they entered it, and committed to a local-federal partnership to help ensure cities receive the funds they need to support recovery in their communities.

"We want to make sure your cities can recover in an equitable way, and the only way we will recover from this crisis is by working together," said Deputy Secretary Adeyemo.

The Treasury Department officials recognized that while the American Rescue Plan is critical for immediate recovery efforts, they are already thinking about ways to ensure long-term relief and recovery for cities, most notably through expanded infrastructure investment. A news release with a readout on the convening can be found on the [Treasury Department's website](#).

Following the update from the federal officials, attendees received an update from NLC Senior Executive and Director of Federal Advocacy Irma Esparza Diggs. As cities await final guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury on the allocation amounts, guidelines, and reporting process for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds in the American Rescue Plan, Diggs provided a list of recommended principles for cities to consider:

1. Use dedicated grants and programs first, whenever possible
2. Assess government operations and community needs
3. Prioritize fiscal stability and returning to work
4. Maintain records and document success
5. Communicate recovery plans with your Congressional delegation

Diggs also provided an update on the various funding opportunities for housing included in the American Rescue Plan, such as renter and homeowner assistance and resources to address homelessness in communities.

As noted in the conclusion of the listening session, this is just the beginning of a series of calls and resources Cal Cities is making available to members through the new [Guide to Local Recovery](#) initiative. Stay tuned for more information on the American Rescue Plan distribution guidelines, resources on federal infrastructure investment, opportunities to engage with the state on pandemic response and recovery, and more in the coming weeks and months.

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## Governor signs \$536 million wildfire and forest resiliency budget package

Bulk of the funding goes to state, but cities also eligible for funding on wildfire prevention and urban forestry grants

April 14, 2021

Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday signed into law SB 85 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review), a \$536 million wildfire and forest resiliency budget package in hopes of helping California prepare for another dry wildfire season.

The funds come from the state's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (\$125.3 million) and General Fund (\$411 million) dollars.

This budget package was put on a fast track through the Legislature, as the bill was amended into its current form on April 8, passed by the Legislature on April 12, and signed into law by the Governor the following day. There was an attempt to pass a \$500 million wildfire funding package at the end of session last year that failed to come to fruition. As evident in the Governor's January budget proposal, wildfire prevention and mitigation continues to be a priority for state lawmakers this year.

While the bulk of these funds are directed towards the state, cities will be eligible for several large pots of funding for home hardening, urban forestry, and wildfire prevention. Notable items for cities within this funding package are:

- **\$342 million to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection**, including but not limited to:
  - \$123 million for fire prevention grants to reduce wildfire risk to homes and communities
  - \$10 million for urban forestry to provide grants to local governments to plant trees, improve the management of urban forests, and better utilize wood waste
  - \$2 million for defensive space inspectors in the State Responsibility Area lands to ensure that structures are in compliance with state defensible space requirements.
- **\$25 million for the California Office of Emergency Services** for assisting low income and disadvantaged homeowners with home hardening programs.
- **\$16 million for the Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund**. Eligible uses for this fund include: providing loans, loan guarantees, and other credit support to encourage the development of businesses that utilize wood and forest biomass and encouraging private-sector innovations in technology, business models, infrastructure, and supply chains in woody biomass markets.
- **\$50 million to the Department of Conservation** for the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program, which provides block grants to regional and statewide entities to engage with communities, develop project priority plans, prepare projects to be shovel-ready, and implement demonstration projects.

Cal Cities will continue to monitor the state budget process and provide an updated analysis of the Governor's May revision to his initial budget proposal.

## State provides new tools for cities focused on housing production

April 14, 2021

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has created a new set of tools for cities on its [website](#) dedicated to accelerating housing production.

The technical assistance webpage now includes the [Housing Planning Hub](#), which is a repository of statewide and regional toolkits, fact sheets, and guidance on a variety of housing policy areas with a specific focus on priority policy areas.

In 2017, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed SB 2, which established a permanent source of funding intended to increase the affordable housing stock in California. The bill also made available technical assistance for cities for the purpose of accelerating housing production. Five percent of SB 2 dollars directs HCD, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, to develop a technical assistance program to assist localities in planning efforts that accelerate housing production and streamline the approvals of housing.

As a result, cities now have access to a repository of statewide tools (with regional customization), resources, and guidance such as model ordinances, toolkits, fact sheets, staff reports, and guidance on key housing policy areas such as by-right zoning, objective design and development standards, housing elements, California Environmental Quality Act, accessory dwelling units, and expedited processing.

These tools and services can be used to help local governments accelerate and streamline housing production. HCD will continually update the resource center as new tools become available. More information on HCD's technical assistance program can be found on the [Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program](#) webpage.

The state is also offering several competitive grant programs to assist with affordable housing and infrastructure needs, including HCD's [Infill Infrastructure Program](#) and the Strategic Growth Council's [Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program](#).

Email [earlyactionplanning@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:earlyactionplanning@hcd.ca.gov) for any questions about the Housing Planning Hub Site.