

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**June 9, 2022**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Maria Stipe, Assistant City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. OVERVIEW OF UCI AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an overview of the University of California Irvine's study titled "*The Impact of Affordable Housing on Housing and Crime in Orange County*" that was released to the public on June 2, 2022.

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

- A.** A letter from Garden Grove's Sister City, Anyang, Korea, regarding the reelection of Mayor Choi Dae-ho.
- B.** Southern California Association of Governments (S.C.A.G.) Regional Council newsletter for June 2022.
- C.** Care Ambulance compliance report for May 2022

**• 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.



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ATTACHMENT: THE IMPACT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON HOUSING AND CRIME  
IN ORANGE COUNTY

# THE IMPACT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON HOUSING & CRIME IN ORANGE COUNTY

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## INTRO

Orange County is facing a critical housing shortage. It is estimated that 65,000 housing units are needed to meet current demand (Orange County Business Council <https://ocbc.org/whos-really-blame-ocs-housing-affordability-crisis/>). This shortage cuts across all categories of housing but is especially acute within the affordable housing sector. There are a number of reasons why the supply of affordable housing is not keeping up with demand. Some are recent, such as increasing material and labor costs along with a disruption in the supply-chain. Some are more endemic, such as long lead times and the high costs associated with the permitting and approval process. The fear that affordable housing will destroy local property values and/or increase crime remains one of the more entrenched barriers to development.

Careful research has shown this not to be the case across a diverse set of communities in America (Galster 2002; Center for Housing Policy 2009; Albright, Derickson and Massey 2013). Two recently published articles found the same: Stacy and Davis (2022) looked at the impact on property values in Alexandria, VA and found a small but statistically significant positive impact on property values, Similarly Voith et al. (2022) have positive spillover effects on surrounding property values in Chicago, IL and Cook County, IL. Closer to home, study participants in San Diego, CA reported having serious concerns over the siting affordable housing in their community, believing that it would both increase crime and reduce property values. But again, no empirical evidence was found to warrant such concerns (Abdel-Samad, et al. 2020.) However, some remain unconvinced of results from other places arguing that, in this case, Orange County, is sufficiently different that such research sheds no light on the local reality.

This research does not and cannot comment on the complexities of why it takes so long to build housing, or why it is so expensive. This research examines two simple questions: First, what happens to local housing values following the placement of affordable housing in Orange County? Second, what happens to local levels of crime following the placement of affordable housing in Orange County?

## DEFINING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The category of housing defined as “affordable housing” for the purpose of this research is described as rental housing units that serve Orange County households that fall within the 30%-120% Average Median Income (AMI) category. This equates to an annual income of roughly \$26,000 - \$83,000 based on 2019 standards. Our data includes housing units that serve special needs populations, homeless, disabled, other, that might fall below the 30% AMI threshold including housing for what is generally described as permanent supportive housing units. Emergency, temporary, transitional and other specialized categories of shelter/housing is excluded from our study.

## WHERE IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ORANGE COUNTY?

We worked closely with the local housing authorities (County, Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana) in order to locate affordable housing. The City of Irvine and several other public sources maintain publicly accessible lists that identify affordable housing opportunities

throughout the County or within specific jurisdictions. The list we created was shared with local developers of affordable housing including American Family Housing, Community Development Partners, Jamboree Housing, and National CORE to review the database of affordable properties.

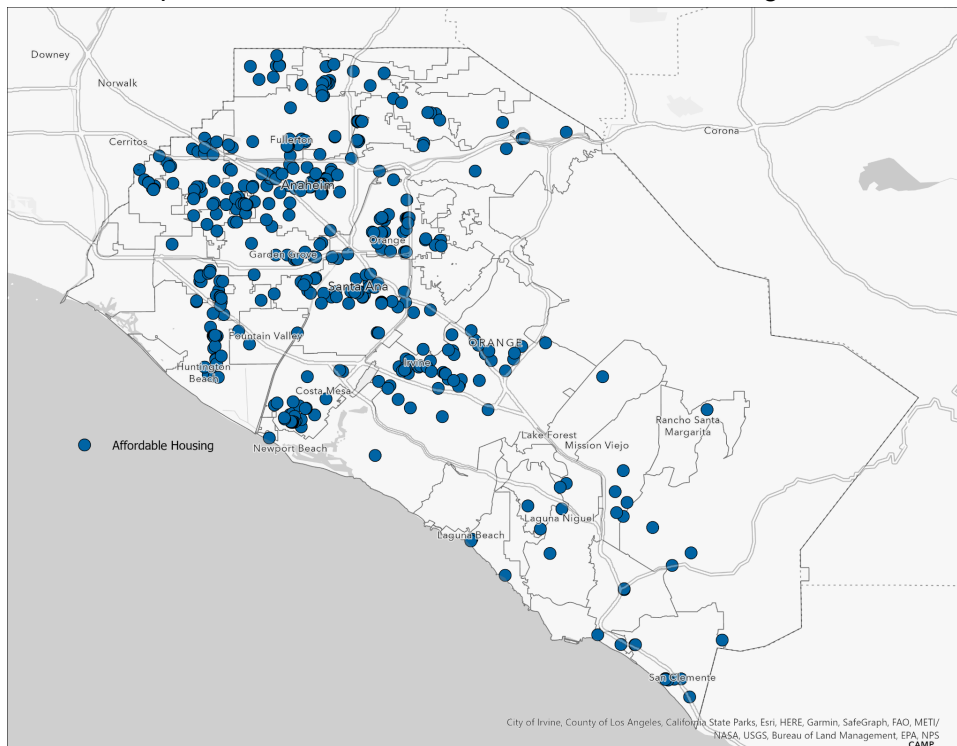
This resulted in additional locations being added to our master list. Finally, the list was augmented by conducting a web search for housing that accepted income-based housing vouchers from other sites including <https://affordablehousingonline.com/>.

The augmented list was again vetted by our partners in the Housing Authority and Development community resulting in a list of 371 distinct affordable housing units used in the data analysis.

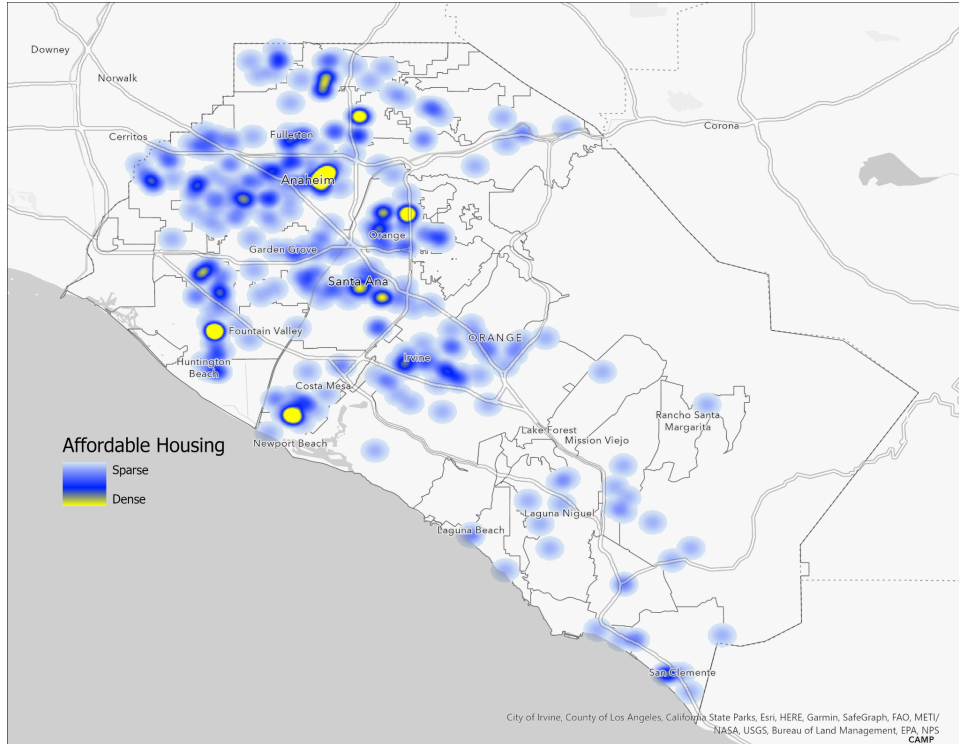
Map 1 displays the location of each unit and Map 2 uses the locations to demonstrate the density of affordable housing throughout Orange County. Affordable housing is located in most populated areas of the county, but areas of density emerge primarily in the northern sections of the county.

The density map is an effective way to support the importance of the effort to “de-concentrate” affordable housing away from highly impacted areas.

Map 1 – Locations of Individual Affordable Housing Units



Map 2- Kernel Density Map of Affordable Housing



## DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC DATA

Table 1 presents demographic and economic measures from the 2010 American Community Survey at the level of census block groups for both places with affordable housing and those without. On average, places with affordable housing have a larger Hispanic population, lower median household income, fewer homes valued over \$750,000. However, 18%, or nearly 50 of the census block groups with affordable housing, are places where average home values are \$750,000 or greater.

Still, as shown by both the maps and the summary data, affordable housing is located in areas on the lower end of the economic scale and whose residents are disproportionately members of groups that do not identify as Non-Hispanic White.

TABLE 1 – Social and Economic Characteristics of Orange County Block Groups (2010)

|                                    | Without Affordable Housing |             | With Affordable Housing |             |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------|
|                                    | Average                    | SD          | Average                 | SD          |
| Hispanic (%)                       | 28.98%                     | 0.25        | 46.42%                  | 0.28        |
| Non-Hispanic White (%)             | 47.29%                     | 0.26        | 30.20%                  | 0.22        |
| Non-Hispanic African American (%)  | 1.50%                      | 0.03        | 2.13%                   | 0.03        |
| Non-Hispanic Asian (%)             | 18.73%                     | 0.17        | 18.06%                  | 0.16        |
| Non-Hispanic Two or More Races (%) | 2.86%                      | 0.03        | 2.29%                   | 0.03        |
| Non-Hispanic Other (%)             | 3.29%                      | 0.03        | 2.91%                   | 0.03        |
|                                    |                            |             |                         |             |
| Median Household Income            | \$104,063                  | \$42,648.58 | \$71,645.95             | \$30,586.66 |
|                                    |                            |             |                         |             |
| Moved in the Last Year (%)         | 11.34%                     | 9.20%       | 13.09%                  | 9.88%       |
|                                    |                            |             |                         |             |
| Average Household Size, Overall    | 3.07                       | 0.85        | 3.23                    | 0.91        |
| Average Household Size, Owner      | 3.03                       | 0.89        | 3.36                    | 1.10        |
| Average Household Size, Renter     | 3.34                       | 1.23        | 3.16                    | 1.05        |
|                                    |                            |             |                         |             |
| Median Rent                        | \$2,018                    | \$568.93    | \$1,559                 | \$376.00    |



|                                   |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                   |        |        |        |        |
| English-Only Speaking (%)         | 59.90% | 24.64% | 43.27% | 23.28% |
|                                   |        |        |        |        |
| Value Under \$100,000             | 3.76%  | 10.96% | 8.38%  | 21.13% |
| Value (\$100,000 - \$150,000)     | 0.95%  | 4.22%  | 1.61%  | 7.81%  |
| Value (\$150,000 - \$200,000)     | 1.02%  | 4.15%  | 1.21%  | 4.58%  |
| Value (\$200,000 - \$300,000)     | 3.66%  | 10.30% | 4.96%  | 10.85% |
| Value (\$300,000 - \$400,000)     | 6.76%  | 11.59% | 9.65%  | 15.96% |
| Value (\$400,000 - \$500,000)     | 11.85% | 15.66% | 15.81% | 18.26% |
| Value (\$500,000 - \$750,000)     | 35.94% | 25.89% | 39.74% | 27.20% |
| Value (\$750,000 - \$1,000,000)   | 19.84% | 21.25% | 11.11% | 15.99% |
| Value (\$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000) | 8.95%  | 14.62% | 4.42%  | 11.35% |
| Value (\$1,500,000 - \$2,000,000) | 3.01%  | 7.84%  | 1.04%  | 4.20%  |
| Value (\$2,000,000+)              | 4.25%  | 13.21% | 2.07%  | 8.72%  |
|                                   |        |        |        |        |
| Number of Block Groups            | 1548   |        | 271    |        |

**HOUSING VALUES**

**WHAT DID WE DO?**

In order to evaluate claims that affordable housing will reduce local property values, we obtained data on all residential home sales in Orange County between 2001 and 2020. We focused our analysis on homes sold within two miles of affordable housing developments and within three years before or after the development’s opening date. We focused on neighborhoods where we observed active development of affordable housing from 2001 to 2020 - every neighborhood in our sample had homes sold both before and after the opening of an affordable housing development. There were a total of 1,158,258 residential properties bought and sold around 229 affordable housing developments in our analysis sample.

We focused on two measures of home values: the total sales price, and the price per square foot. We also made two adjustments to these values in order to make meaningful comparisons before and after the affordable housing development opened. First, we adjusted the value of the sales price to account for inflation, translating all prices into 2020 values. Second, we conducted a statistical procedure to separate the impact of the affordable housing development from other changes in the Orange County housing market that are unrelated to any specific neighborhood conditions. This is particularly important given the influence of the 2008 recession, when median home values fell to 57% of their 2005 value, and the post-2018 period where the yearly growth rate in median home sales price has doubled, in real terms, every year.

In practice, this involves identifying all homes located more than three miles from any affordable housing site in our sample. We then estimated the average sales price, and price per square foot, of these homes in each of the 228 months from Jan 2002 to December 2021. Finally, we returned to our analysis sample, and subtracted the relevant average “more than three miles away” sales price from each price of each home sold within 2 miles of an affordable housing development in order to create an “adjusted sales price.” Changes in this adjusted sales price reflect the change in local home values around affordable housing that do not depend on changes in the overall tightness of the Orange County housing market.

#### WHAT DID WE FIND?

Based on this adjusted home value, we find that, on average, the observed sales price of the homes nearby (as shown in Figure A1) increased following the citing of affordable housing. Within one-fifth ( $\frac{1}{5}$ ) of a mile of the development, the observed home sales price increased by about \$15,800 (when considering average home size, this is roughly \$9.45 per square foot). Similarly, among homes sold about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile away, the observed increase in sales price was about \$14,200 (or \$5.56 per square foot), whereas homes sold one mile away increased by \$13,500 (or \$2.99 per square foot). This is generally not consistent with concerns about affordable housing depression home values.

Figure H1 shows the relationship between affordable housing and local home sales prices in more detail, tracing the average home sales price before and after an affordable housing site opens, adjusted for county housing trends, for homes adjacent to, and further away from, the development site.

Prior to the development, homes less than  $\frac{1}{5}$  of a mile from the development site were sold for at least \$30,000 below typical Orange County prices, and values increased by about \$10,000 for every tenth of a mile further from the location. Homes sold between one and 2 miles from the site of a future affordable housing project were similar in value to the rest of Orange County. In the three years following the opening of the affordable project, however, homes within  $\frac{1}{5}$  of a mile of the site all increased in value, with the biggest increase observed in the homes closest to the project. We observe a general increase of roughly \$10,000 in home values within 1.5 miles of the development, which slowly tapers off as we move further and further away.

Real estate professionals often focus on price per square foot to reflect the desirability of housing, which directly accounts for the impact of living space on total sales price. Figure H2

converts figure H1 into price per square foot. We conclude that this more robust measure of home value does not suggest that affordable housing depresses neighborhood quality. Homes immediately adjacent to affordable housing projects increase in value by roughly \$15 per square foot, and by approximately \$2-\$5 per square foot about  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile away. We observe no substantial or consistent difference in the price per square foot on homes sold more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from affordable housing.

## DOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD MATTER?

Placing affordable housing in already affordable neighborhoods may impact the local environment in a different way than affordable housing introduced into a higher income neighborhood. In order to evaluate claims that affordable housing may be particularly detrimental to the quality of higher income places, we examined the neighborhood poverty rates in around all successfully places affordable housing developments in Orange County, and selected the developments in the top 25% of poverty rates (the highest poverty rates) and the bottom 25% of poverty rates (the lowest poverty rates). On average, affordable housing developments places in the top 25% were in neighborhoods with a 26% poverty rate, and places in the bottom 25% had a 6.2% poverty rate.

We then repeated our analysis of overall adjusted sales price and adjusted price per square foot in neighborhoods with the lowest and highest levels of poverty where affordable housing has been placed. As shown in figures H3 and H4, opening affordable housing in places with higher poverty rates has a modest positive impact on the value of surrounding homes. Relative to the rest of Orange County, the affordable housing opened in the highest poverty rate places was associated with a \$15 increase in price per square foot in the immediate vicinity of the development, which falls to a roughly \$5 increase in price per square foot up to two miles away.

Figure H5 reveals that, on average, home values increase in more affluent in areas following the opening of affordable housing. The only exception is the for homes that are adjacent to affordable housing and sold in the three years after a development opens, sold for about \$15,000 less than homes sold in the three years before. However, Figure H6 reveals that this decrease in sales price is offset by an increase in price per square foot of \$15. Thus, the supposed negative impact on sales price is simply an artifact of the size of the homes that sold before versus after the opening of affordable housing. While the houses that sold prior to the opening were larger, the homes that sold following were smaller but more valuable as measured by square footage. The increase in value per square foot is found across the study area. The \$15 increase in the sales price per square foot of nearby homes decreases to a roughly \$3 increase in price per square foot, relative to the rest of the county, more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile away.

Overall, the data on actual home sales do not support the claim that affordable housing depresses local home values. We also do not find evidence that placing affordable housing in relatively wealthier neighborhoods has a substantially different effect on the price per square foot of nearby homes than affordable housing in higher poverty neighborhoods. Homes that have the highest increase in value are located within  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a mile of the opening affordable housing development.

## **CRIME**

### WHAT DID WE DO?

We made a significant effort to collect crime data from as many cities in the county as possible. The earlier crime data for this study were collected as part of the Southern California Crime Study (SCCS) (<https://ilssc.soceco.uci.edu/southern-california-crime-study/>). In that study, the researchers made an effort to contact each police agency in the Southern California region[1] and request address-level incident crime data for the years 2005-2012.[2] Many of the agencies were willing to share their data with us. The data come from crime reports officially coded and reported by the police departments.

We classified crime events into six Uniform Crime Report (UCR) categories: homicide, aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny. Crime events were geocoded for each city separately to latitude–longitude point locations using ArcGIS 10.2, and subsequently aggregated to blocks. The average geocoding match rate was 97.2% across the cities. These data have been used in several prior studies (Kubrin and Hipp 2016; Hipp and Kubrin 2017).

The LCL research team and its partners from the Orange County United Way and Jamboree Housing then made attempts to update the original data set by reconnecting with all local law enforcement agencies in Orange County. The data request mimicked the original request for crime times and locational data. The research team used the same process to geocode the data, though many agencies provided data that was already geocoded to the precise location of the event. Table 2 presents the agency and years from which we have the crime data.

Table 2. Crime Data by Year and Law Enforcement Agency

| City Name              | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Aliso Viejo            | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Anaheim                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |
| Brea                   |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Buena Park             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Costa Mesa             |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Cypress                |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    |
| Dana Point             | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Fountain Valley        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Fullerton              |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Garden Grove           |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |
| Huntington Beach       |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Irvine                 |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| La Habra               |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| La Palma               |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Laguna Beach           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Laguna Hills           | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Laguna Niguel          | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Laguna Woods           | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Lake Forest            | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Los Alamitos           |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Mission Viejo          | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Newport Beach          | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Orange                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |
| Placentia              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    |
| Rancho Santa Margarita | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Rossmore               | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| San Clemente           | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| San Juan Capistrano    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Santa Ana              | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Seal Beach             | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Stanton                | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Tustin                 |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Villa Park             | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Westminster            |      |      |      |      |      |      | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |
| Yorba Linda            | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    | X    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |

After aggregating the crime data to census blocks, we joined the data to the locations for affordable housing placement. We computed the distance around each housing placement and determined the distance of each block from the housing up to one mile. Based on the year of the housing placement, we determined the amount of crime within a block during the year of placement, and then each of the three years before and after placement.

Our analyses compared the amount of crime in blocks both before and after the housing placement. We assessed these differences for two violent crimes: aggravated assault and robbery. We also assessed these differences for three property crimes: burglary, motor vehicle theft, and larceny (theft). For these analyses, we determined which blocks were within three different buffers of the housing placement: within 1/5 of a mile; between 1/5 and 1/2 mile; and between 1/2 and 1 mile.

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[1] We define the region as including five counties: San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego.

[2] 61.8% of the cities have data for all or seven of the eight years in this range. For remaining cities, coverage varies year to year.

## WHAT DID WE FIND?

Regarding the two violent crimes, we found no evidence of an increase after the placement of housing. In Figure C1 we see that the number of aggravated assaults in blocks within 1/5 of a mile actually decline very slightly after placement, whereas there is effectively no difference at longer distances. In Figure C2 for robberies, the number of robberies actually slightly declines after placement at all distances from the housing. Turning to the property crimes, Figure C3 for burglaries tells the same story: the number of burglaries after placement actually slightly declines at all distances from the housing. The one exception is in Figure C4, where the number of motor vehicle thefts slightly increases after placement at all distances. This is a very modest effect, as the average block experiences an additional 1/10 of a motor vehicle theft after placement. In Figure C5 there is no change in larcenies after placement within 1/5 of a mile, and very slight increases at longer distances.

## DOES NEIGHBORHOOD MATTER?

We also assessed whether the poverty level of the neighborhood impacted the relationship between affordable housing placement and changes in crime. For these models we aggregated the violent crimes into one measure, and the property crimes into another. In Figure C6 we see no evidence that violent crimes increase after placement in high poverty neighborhoods. There are actually slightly fewer violent crimes within 1/5 of a mile, and little difference at longer distances. There is some evidence of an increase in property crime in high poverty neighborhoods after placement as seen in Figure C7. The average block within 1/5 mile has about one more property crime every two years, and blocks from 1/5 to 1/2 mile have about one more property crime every three years.

In low poverty tracts, it appears that there is little change in crime after placement of housing. Figure C8 shows that there is actually a very slight drop in violent crimes within 1/5 to 1/2 mile of housing after placement, but no difference at other distances. In Figure C9 we see that for blocks within 1/5 mile of a placement there is about 0.1 more property crimes per year—that is, one more property crime every 10 years. There is no change for blocks from 1/5 to 1/2 mile, and blocks from 1/2 to 1 mile have about one more property crime every 5 years.

## CONCLUSIONS

The siting of affordable housing does not negatively affect housing prices in Orange County. In fact, we see modest increases in both sales prices and price per square footage county wide, with the most pronounced impact in places categorized with higher rates of poverty.

The siting of affordable housing reduces most types of crime, especially violent crime. The overall impact is best described as “null”, as the changes in crime are measured in a fraction of a single crime per year.

Prior to collecting and analyzing the data, we completed a literature review of similar studies conducted in other parts of the United States. The results from our analysis for Orange County add to what has been found elsewhere: The placement of affordable housing does not negatively impact the surrounding community, and in many ways, it enhances both local property values and increases public safety.

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Figure A1 – Summary of Housing Overall Housing Prices and Distance to Affordable Housing

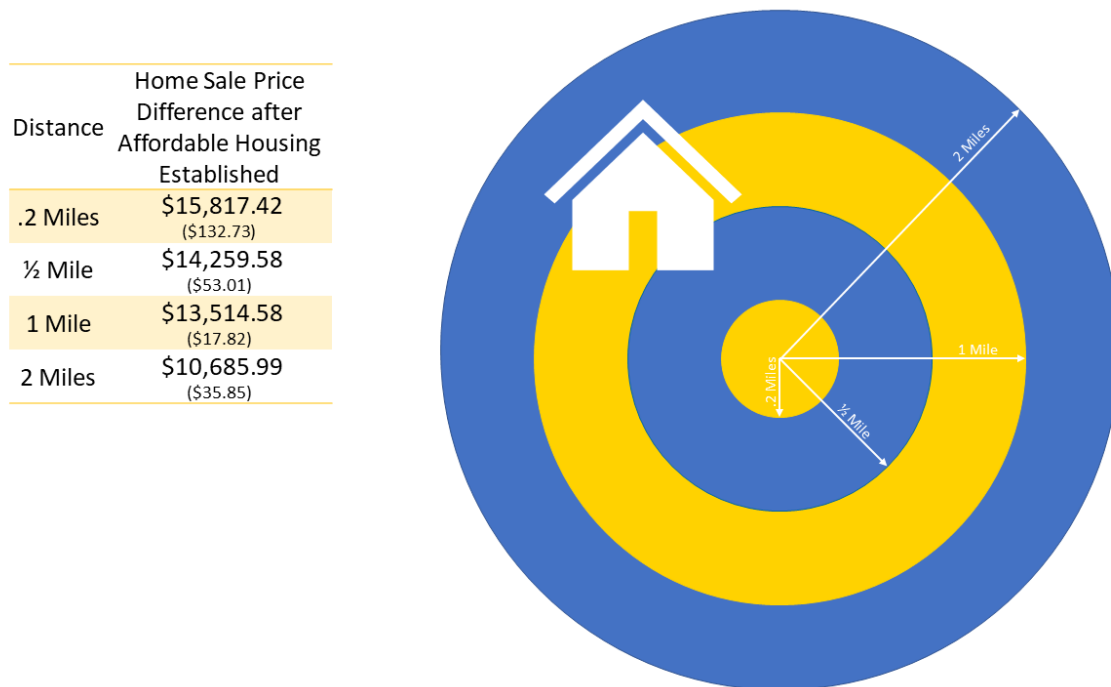
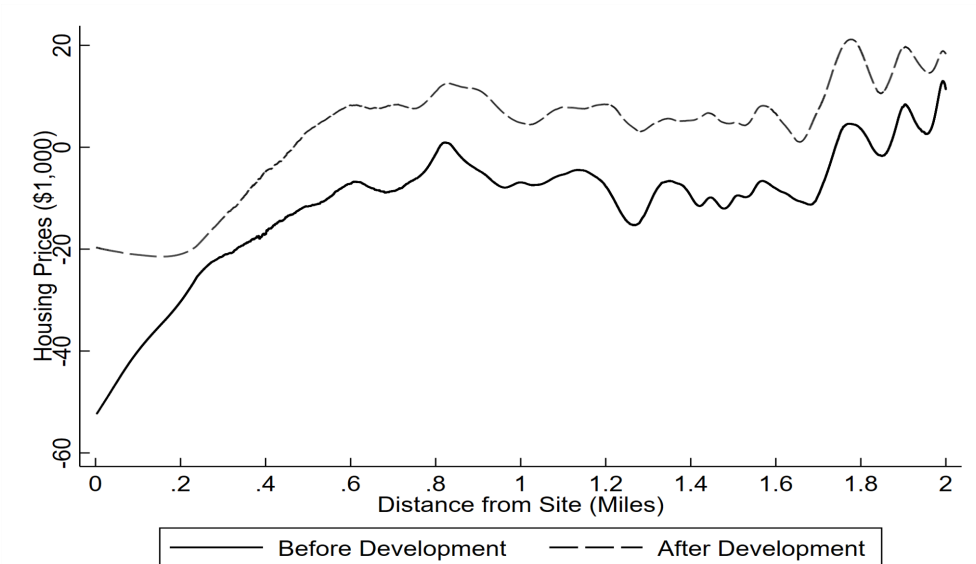


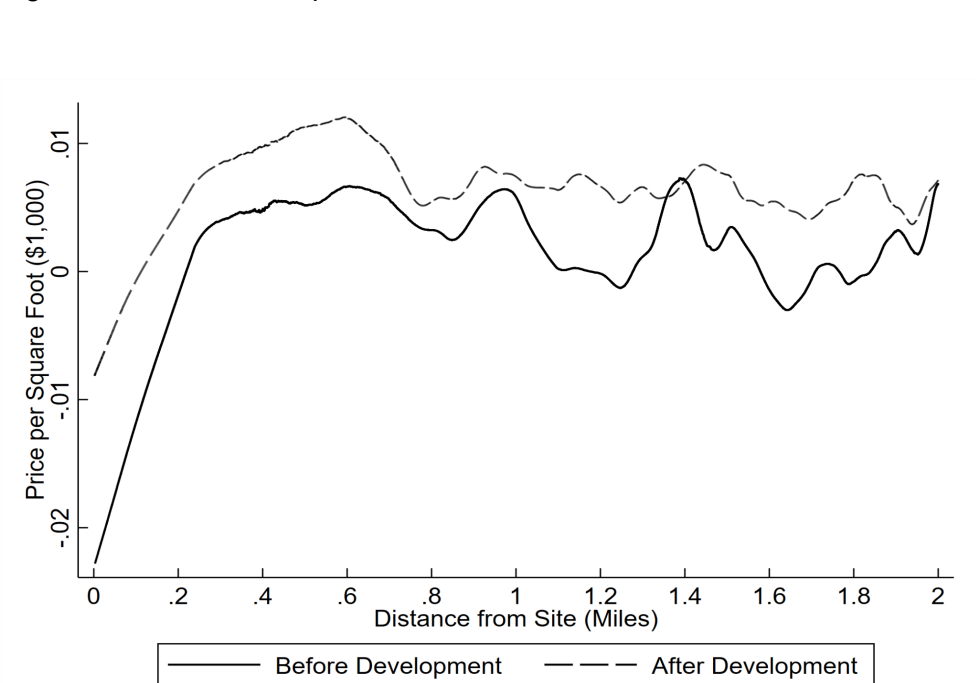


Figure H1. Overall Housing Prices



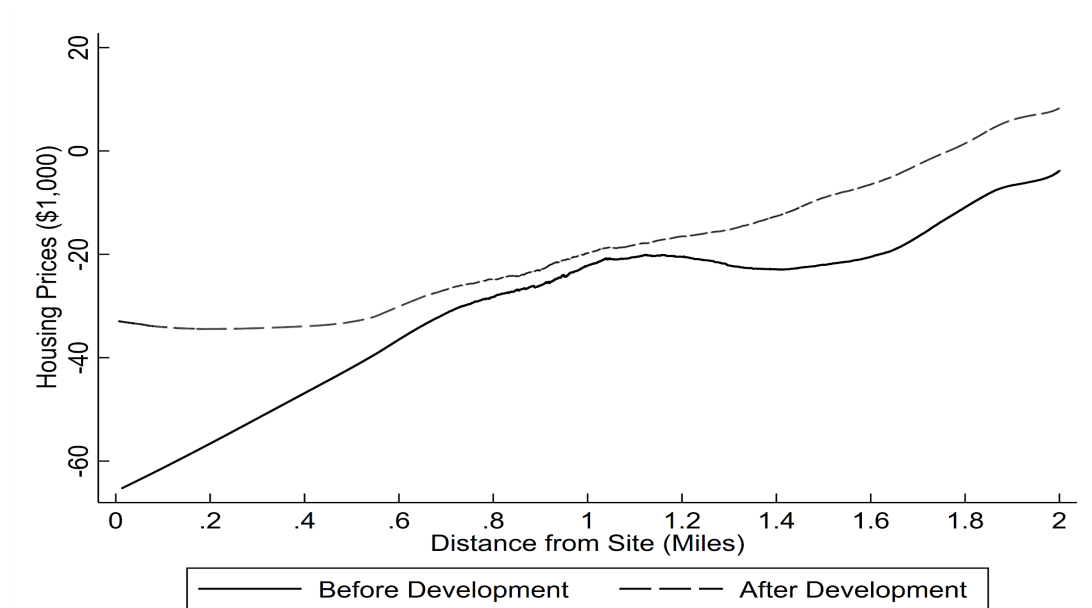
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Figure H2. Price Per Square Foot Overall



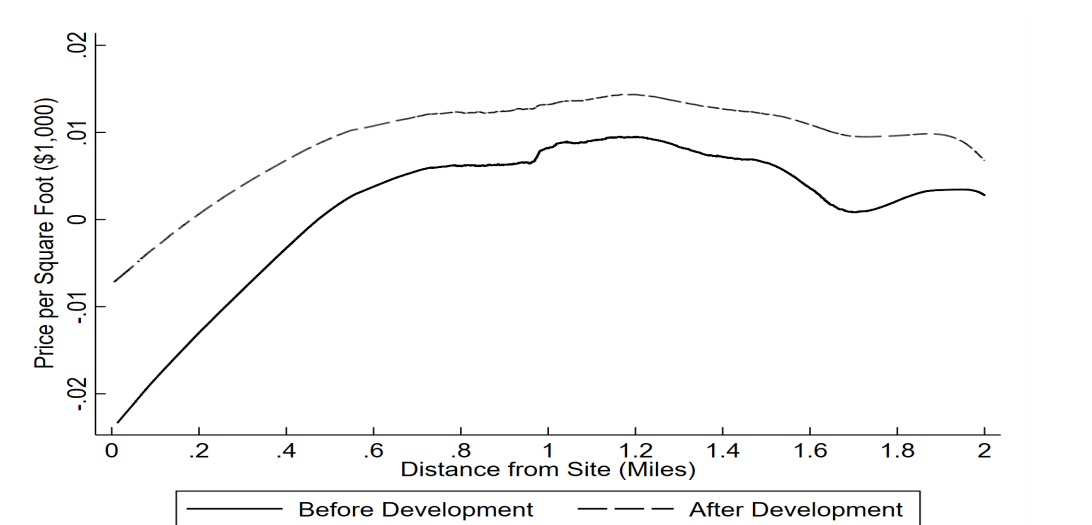
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Figure H3 - Housing Prices – High Poverty Tracts



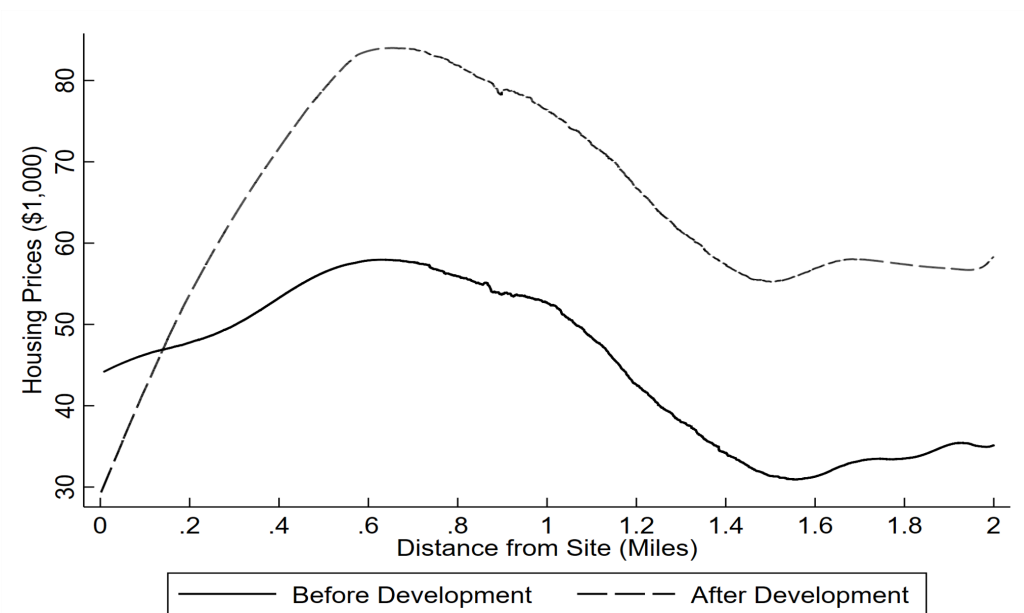
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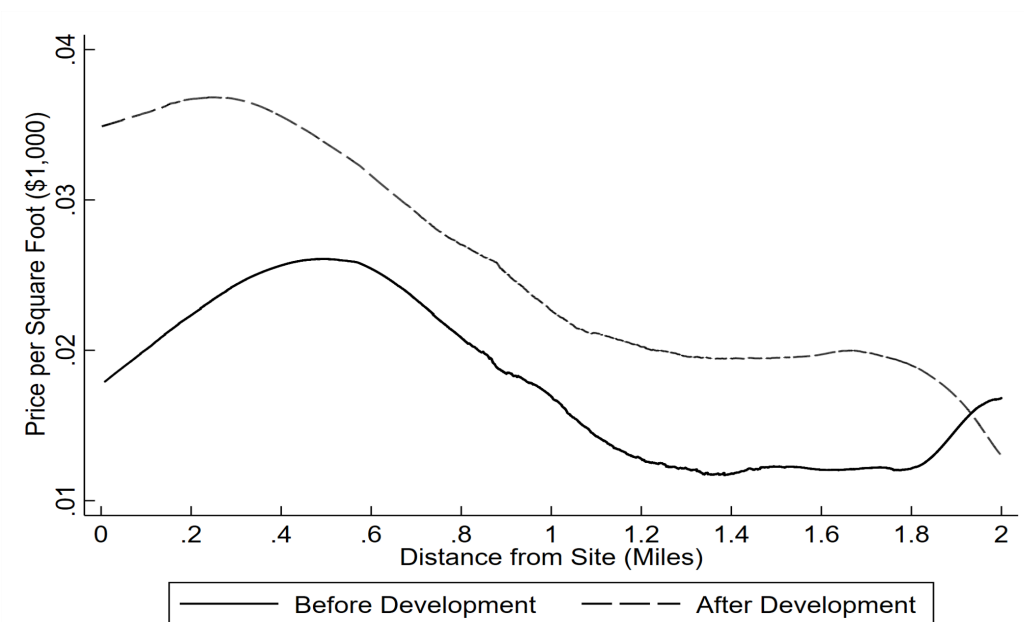
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Figure H5 - Housing Prices – Low Poverty Tracts



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Figure H6 - Price Per Square Foot - Low Poverty Tracts



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Figure C1 – Aggravated Assaults, Overall

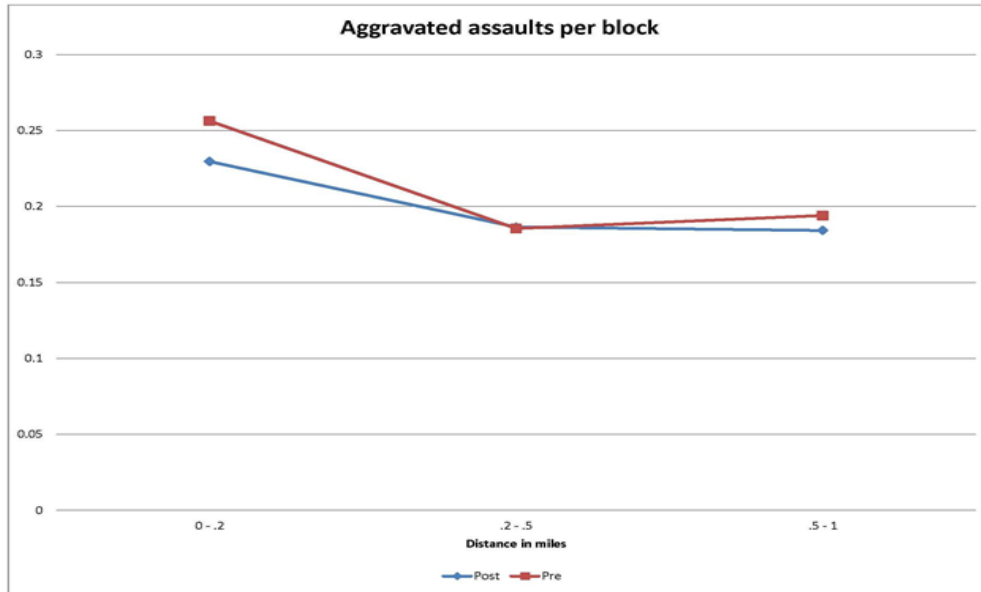


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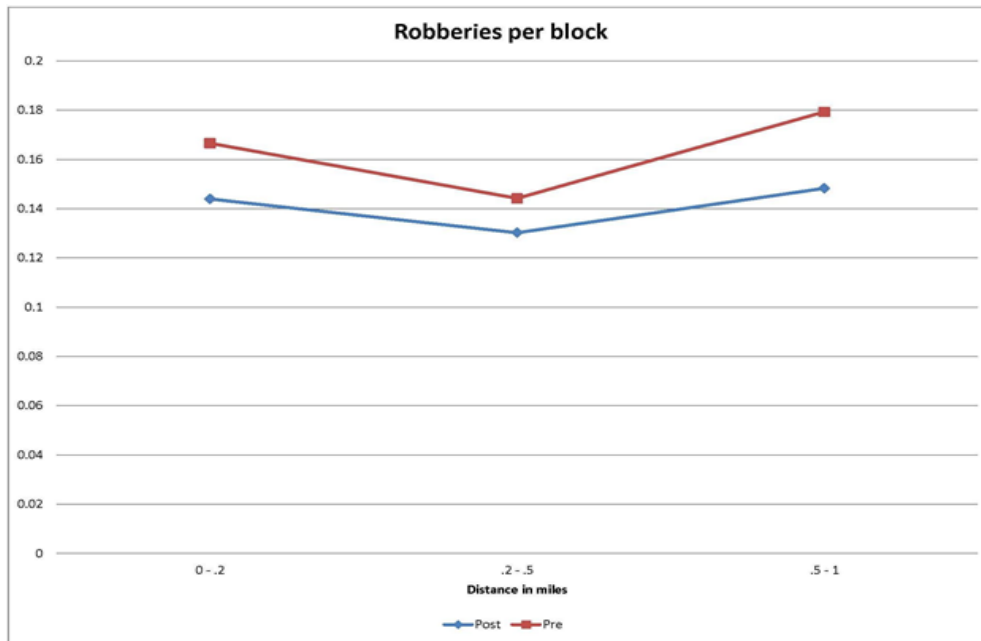


Figure C3 – Burglaries, Overall

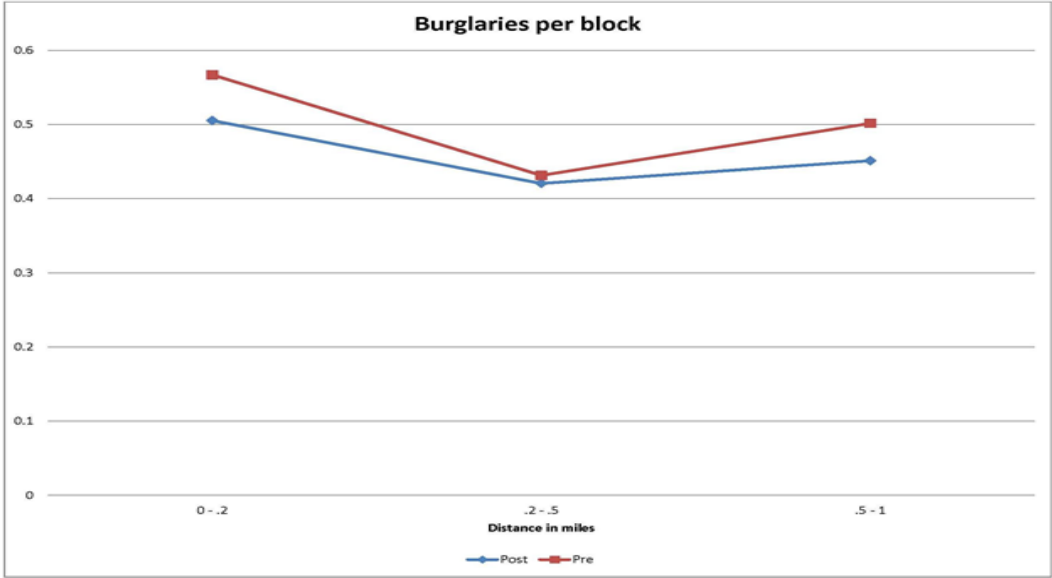


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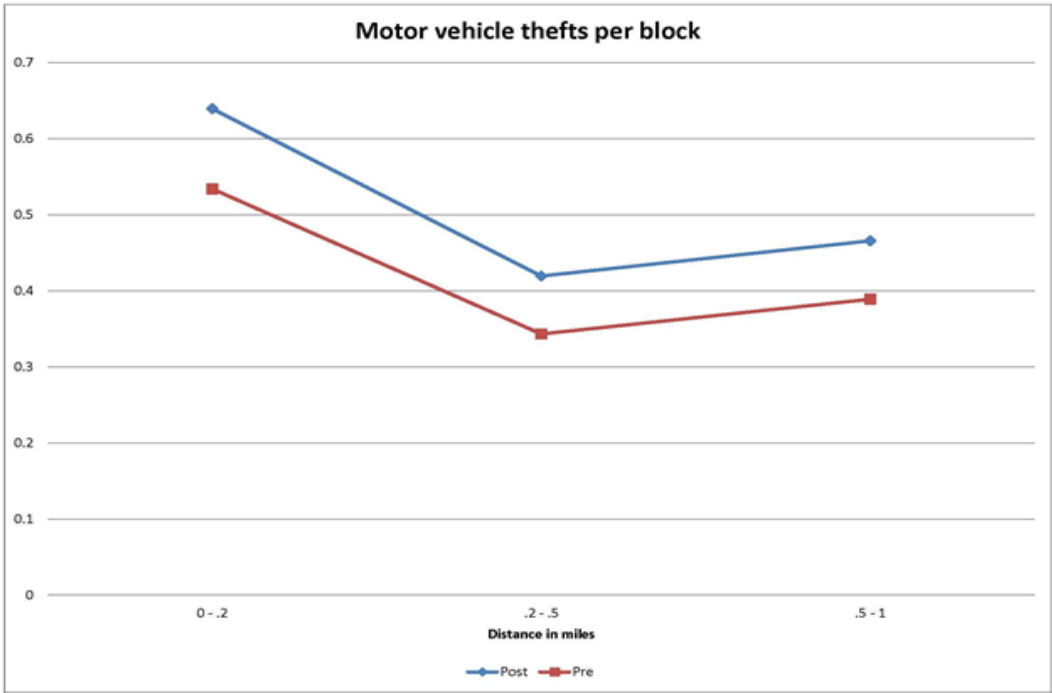


Figure C5 – Larceny, Overall

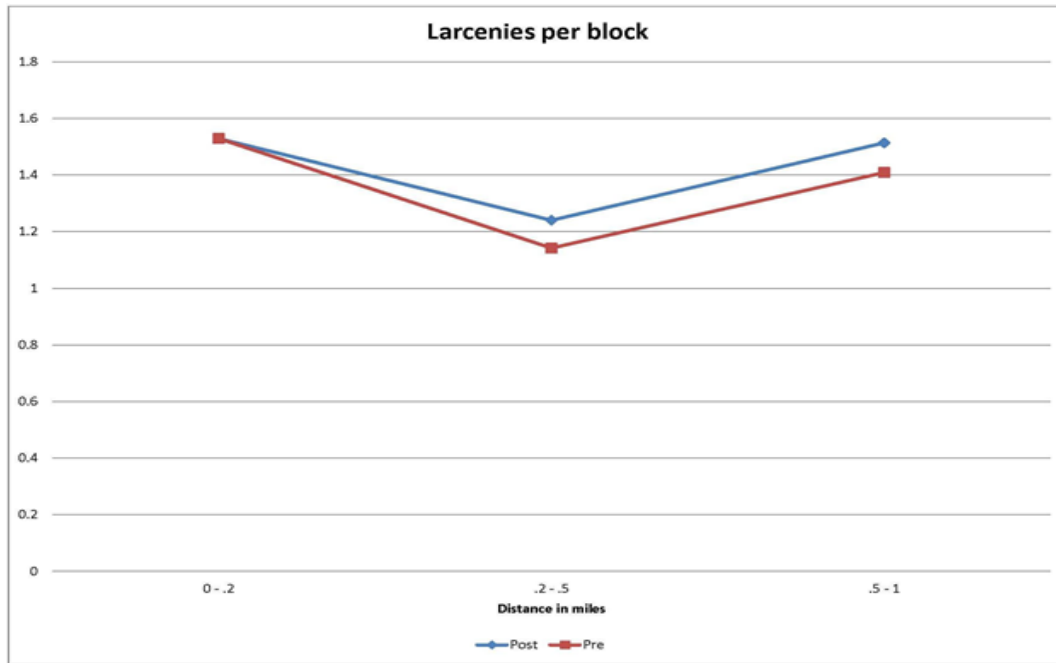


Figure C6 – Violent Crimes in Higher Poverty Places

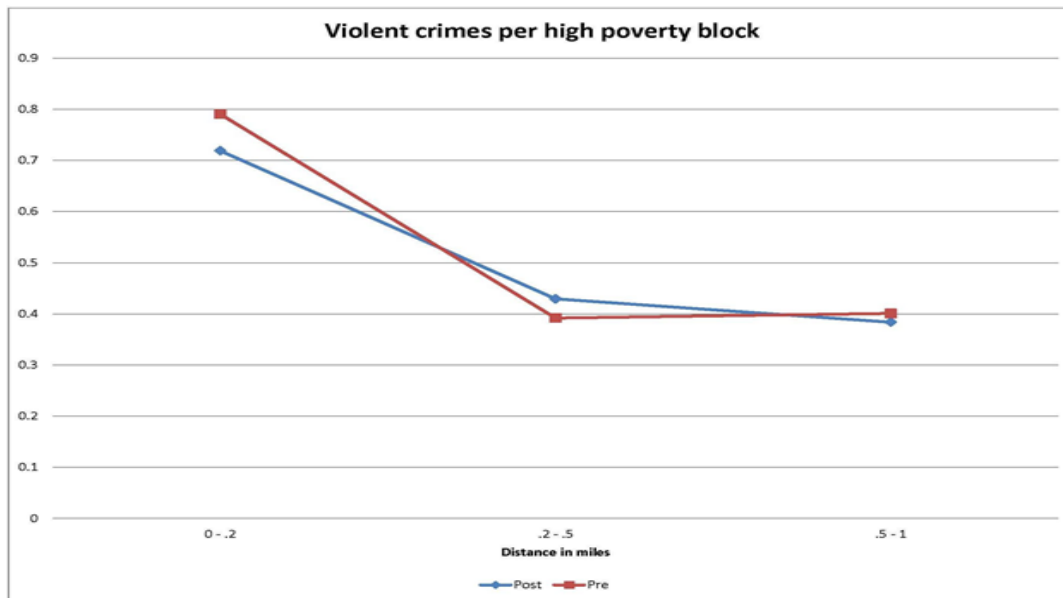


Figure C7 – Property Crimes in Higher Poverty Places

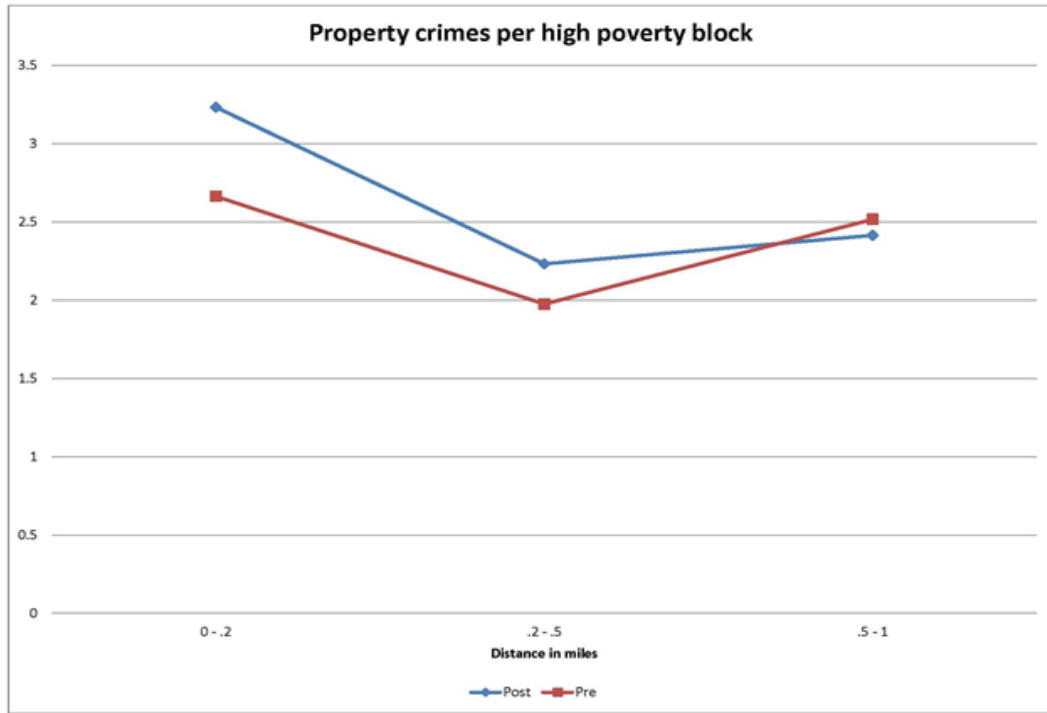


Figure C8 – Violent Crimes, Lower Poverty Places

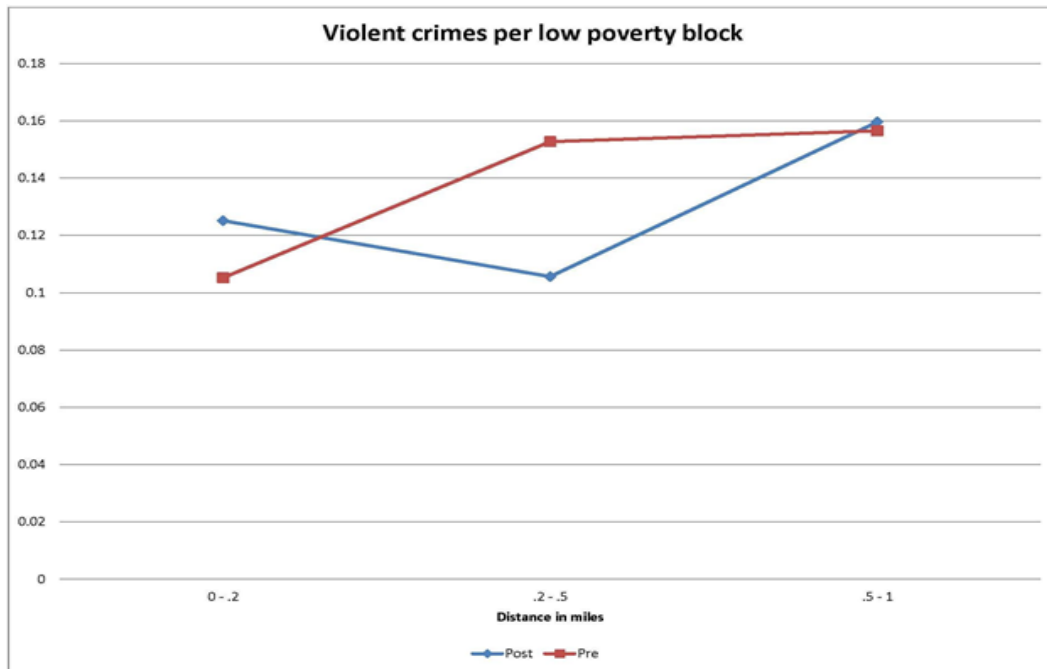
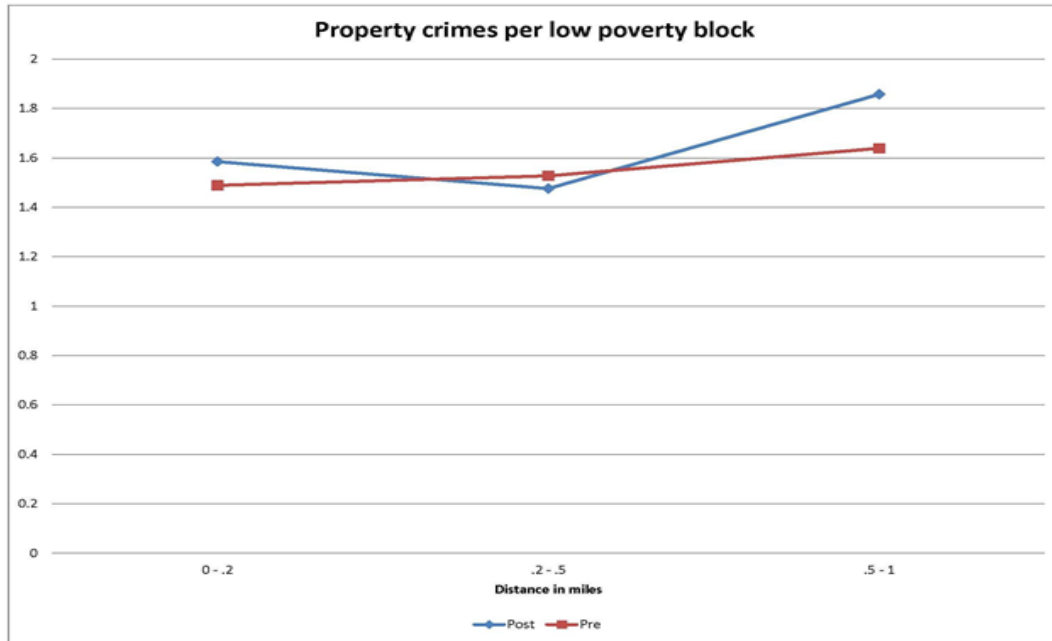


Figure C9 – Property Crimes, Lower Poverty Places







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June 7, 2022

**Dear Honorable Director of International Relations of Garden Grove City:**

First of all, I appreciate your interest and cooperation in the City of Anyang.

I am glad to inform you that Mr. Choi Dae-ho was re-elected as the mayor of Anyang through the Republic of Korea's local election on June 1, 2022.

Mayor Choi will serve a four-year term again starting from July 1, and citizens and officers in Anyang are looking forward to achieving greater developments with Mayor Choi.

I sincerely hope that the friendship between Garden Grove and Anyang will be continually strengthened henceforth.

Yours truly,

**Choo Gyo-dong**

Director of Administrative Management Division of Anyang City

© Profile of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Anyang City



- Name: Choi Dae-ho
- Date of Birth: June 10, 1958
- Work Experience
  - the 7th Mayor of Anyang (July 1, 2010 ~ June 30, 2014)
  - the 9th Mayor of Anyang (July 1, 2018 ~ June 30, 2022)

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# SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



## ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

## AGENDA

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



### **ACTION** **REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS POLICY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CONNECT SOCAL 2024**

SCAG's next Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Connect SoCal 2024, will be prepared over the next two years in anticipation of an April 2024 adoption date. Today, the Regional Council adopted the [Policy Development Framework for Connect SoCal 2024](#) which includes the plan's preliminary vision and goals, key policy priorities, including those identified by the board since 2020, and an outline of the focus and responsibility of each Policy Committee and the following three new subcommittees.

- Next Generation Infrastructure
- Resilience & Conservation
- Racial Equity & Regional Planning

These new subcommittees will help dive deeper into key areas for Connect SoCal to make recommendations on how to address these emerging issues within Connect SoCal 2024. The subcommittees will include members from each

SCAG will now establish the subcommittees and prepare a more detailed agenda outlook for each of the Policy Committees to illustrate the progression of policy discussions leading up to plan analysis and production in summer 2023.

For more information on Connect SoCal, visit [scag.ca.gov/connect-social](https://scag.ca.gov/connect-social).

## **INFO**

### **UPDATES ON REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT: STATE AUDIT & SCAG REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS**

In a presentation to the Regional Council today, SCAG staff provided an update on the findings of the California State Auditor on the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and the process for developing SCAG's RHNA reform recommendations.

#### **STATE AUDIT**

In October 2021, the California State Joint Legislative Audit Committee approved an emergency audit to examine HCD's regional determination process for the RHNA. The request for an audit was based on an assertion that "the public has almost no information on the formula that HCD uses to calculate these initial numbers," citing confusion and mistrust among regional planning bodies and local jurisdictions, and the need for an independent and objective review of the process.

The findings conclude that HCD made several errors regarding data calculations and does not have a sufficient management review process. The audit found that lack of sufficient review and associated errors in the determination process risks eroding public confidence in HCD's ability to address the state's housing needs. Several of the audit's findings suggest that HCD understated regional determination for regions included in the audit, and possibly others. The Auditor provided several recommendations to the State Legislature, HCD and California Department of Finance to address these errors and inaccuracies in the process, including:

- Institute a process to ensure staff performs multiple reviews of data in its assessments.
- Establish a formal process to document its consideration of all factors required by state law.
- Perform a formal analysis of healthy vacancy rates and historical trends.
- Develop a formal process to review the appropriateness of councils of governments' proposed comparable regions.

#### **SCAG RHNA REFORM RECOMMENDATIONS**

During and after the 6th cycle RHNA process, a number of elected officials and stakeholders requested that SCAG pursue reforms at the State to the RHNA and Housing Element process. HCD, in collaboration with the Office of Planning and Research, is required by law to conduct a RHNA reform outreach process and make recommendations to the legislature by Dec. 31. In response, SCAG plans to develop recommendations for consideration as part of HCD's RHNA reform stakeholder input process.

In the coming months, SCAG will hold a series of meetings with stakeholders to collect input on topics for RHNA reform, including the Housing Working Group on July 19 and the Technical Working Group on July 21. SCAG will also hold two

special meetings of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee to conduct a public input session on RHNA reform as well as get input from committee members. Based on these input sessions, staff will develop recommendations on RHNA reform and present them to both the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee and Regional Council.

For more information on SCAG's RHNA program, visit [scag.ca.gov/rhna](https://scag.ca.gov/rhna).

## NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

### MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HARNIK

Today marked the first meeting of the Regional Council with newly elected SCAG President Jan Harnik. President Harnik has outlined her priorities to include accelerating housing development and addressing broadband connectivity to meet the goals of Connect SoCal 2024 as a part of SCAG's long-range vision that aligns future housing and mobility needs with economic and environmental goals. With new housing funding sources from the state, including Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0, President Harnik is confident that SCAG will play a leading role in supporting housing development and mobility options in the region and align funding with other adjacent and immediate needs, such as utilities and broadband infrastructure.

### NEW MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Harnik welcome new Regional Council Members and announced appointments to SCAG's Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee:

#### REGIONAL COUNCIL

- Claudia Bill-de la Peña, Thousand Oaks, District 46
- Margaret Clark, Rosemead, District 32
- Denise Diaz, South Gate, District 25
- Keith Eich, La Cañada Flintridge, District 36
- Jess Talamantes, Burbank, District 42

#### LEGISLATIVE/COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- Peggy Huang, Transportation Corridor Agencies, Chair
- Jose Luis Solache, Lynwood, District 26, Vice-Chair
- Cindy Allen, Long Beach, District 30
- Claudia Bill-de la Peña, Thousand Oaks, District 46
- Lorrie Brown, Ventura, District 47
- Margaret Finlay, Duarte, District 35
- Alex Fisch, Culver City, District 41
- Curt Hagman, San Bernardino County
- Jan Harnik, Riverside County Transportation Commission
- Patricia Lock Dawson, Riverside, District 68

- Clint Lorimore, Eastvale, District 4
- Ray Marquez, Chino Hills, District 10
- Michael Posey, Huntington Beach, District 64
- Deborah Robertson, Rialto, District 8
- David J. Shapiro, Calabasas, District 44
- Cheryl Viegas-Walker, El Centro, District 1
- Donald Wagner, Orange County
- Alan Wapner, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

## SCAG LEADERSHIP SHARES REGION'S HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

President Harnik and members of the Regional Council had the pleasure of hosting a recent meeting with Senate Transportation Committee Chair Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach) to discuss our region's housing and transportation budget priorities, such as the Regional Council's support for an augmentation to the Infill Infrastructure Grant program and using budget surplus dollars to fully fund the Active Transportation Program. Chair Gonzalez shared information on a number of her priorities as well, such as Senate Bill 1104, which would establish the Office of Freight within the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to serve as the coordinating entity to steer the growth, competitiveness and sustainability for freight and ports across the state.

## NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### REAP 2.0 DRAFT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK OUTREACH

Through April and May, SCAG's Regional Early Action Planning Grants of 2021 (REAP 2.0) Draft Program Development Framework was widely shared with the public through email blasts, newsletters and two virtual information sessions, as well as on the SCAG website. The public comment period was open from April 19 to May 19. Six public comment letters were received during the comment period from the City of Los Angeles, Coachella Valley Association of Governments, and the Gateway Cities, South Bay Cities, San Gabriel Valley and Ventura councils of governments. Based on the comments received, SCAG generated a summary of themes and hosted an information session to share feedback. SCAG presented the final Program Development Framework to the Executive/Administration Committee in June and will seek adoption by the Regional Council in July.

For more information about the REAP 2.0 program, visit [scag.ca.gov/reap2021](https://scag.ca.gov/reap2021).

### CONNECT SOCAL LOCAL DATA EXCHANGE UPDATE/ REGIONAL DATA PLATFORM

SCAG introduced the [Local Data Exchange](#) (LDX) process to serve as an extensive data exchange process with local jurisdictions to support Connect SoCal 2024 development. SCAG will engage in the LDX process to gather the most updated information available from local jurisdictions covering land use and growth to help understand how the region is developing and the extent to which we are meeting our climate goals. Over the course of 2022, SCAG's Local

available tools in Regional Data Platform (RDP) to local jurisdictions. Detailed information about the LDX process can be found in [a letter](#) that was sent via email to all Planning Directors in the region on May 23. For Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino County jurisdictions, these meetings will be initiated by the subregional councils of government. For Imperial, Los Angeles and Ventura County jurisdictions, please [select a meeting time](#) at your earliest convenience.

The [RDP](#) is a revolutionary system for collaborative data sharing and planning designed to facilitate better planning at all levels – from cities and counties of all sizes up to the region as a whole. The platform includes publicly available resources and tools, which can be accessible to both the public and local jurisdictions. Cities and counties in the SCAG region can also take advantage of complementary GIS licenses. To date, more than 130 jurisdictions have received these licenses to support their local planning activities.

If you would like to explore the RDP or take part in the LDX process, contact the Local Information Services Team at [list@scag.ca.gov](mailto:list@scag.ca.gov) or visit the Regional Hub at [hub.scag.ca.gov](http://hub.scag.ca.gov).

The full [Executive Director's Report](#) and past reports will be available on the SCAG website.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### JUNE

- 16<sup>th</sup> Equity Working Group
- 21<sup>st</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Safe & Active Streets Working Group
- 28<sup>th</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 29<sup>th</sup> Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee
- 30<sup>th</sup> Executive/Administration Committee Retreat

### JULY

- 1<sup>st</sup> Executive/Administration Committee Retreat
- 6<sup>th</sup> Executive/Administration Committee
- 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Council & Policy Committees
- 19<sup>th</sup> Housing Working Group
- 19<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
- 21<sup>st</sup> Technical Working Group
- 26<sup>th</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group
- 27<sup>th</sup> Modeling Task Force



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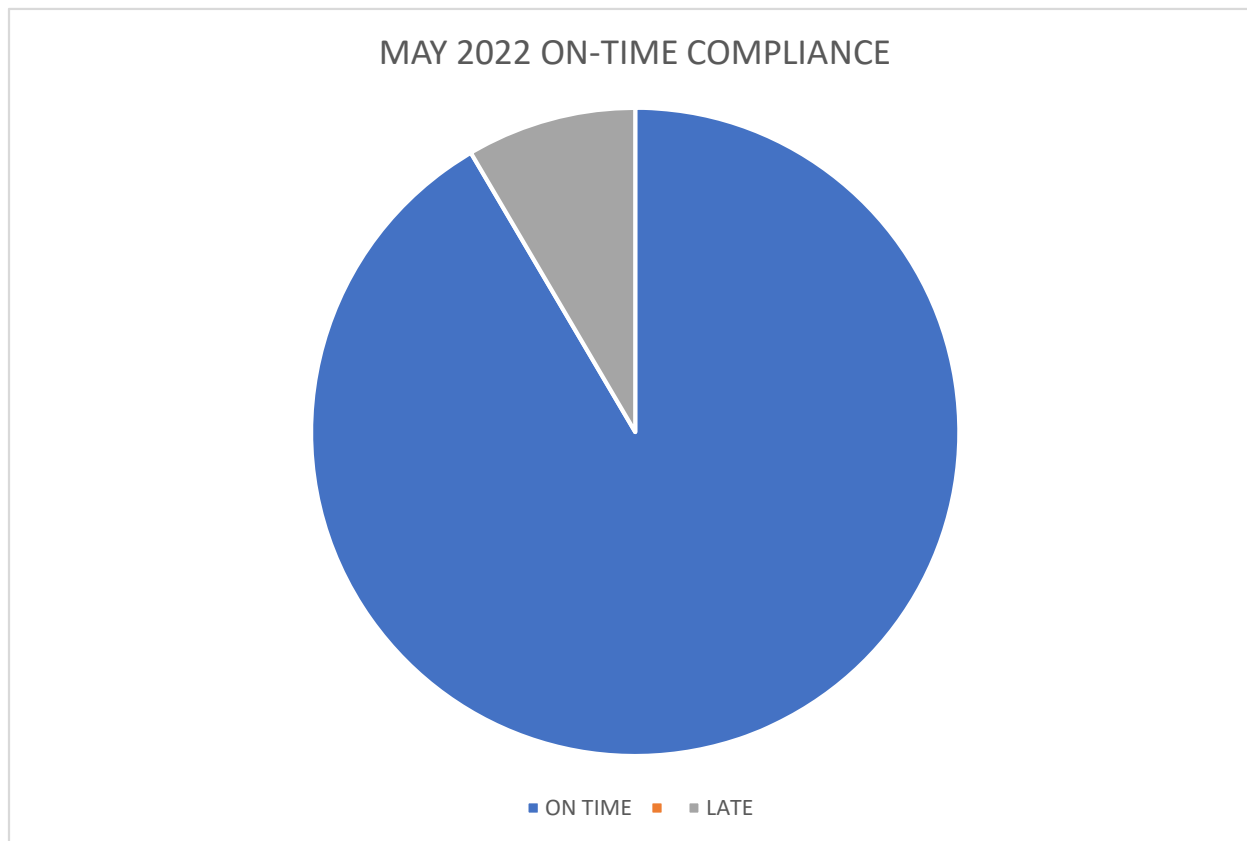
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| <b>RESPONSES</b>  | <b>698</b>    |
| <b>ON TIME</b>    | <b>660</b>    |
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| <b>LATE</b>       | <b>56</b>     |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     |               |
| <b>RESPONSES</b>  | <b>1110</b>   |
| <b>ON TIME</b>    | <b>1016</b>   |
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# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**





# Post Performance

June 2, 2022 - June 8, 2022

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

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| Impressions     | 355 |
| Reach           | 352 |
| Comments        | 0   |
| Story Taps Back | 22  |



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| Impressions     | 425 |
| Reach           | 419 |
| Comments        | 0   |
| Story Taps Back | 4   |



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| Impressions                      | —     |
| Potential Reach                  | 5,368 |
| Engagements                      | —     |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | —     |



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💧 It's #WaterWiseWednesday, #GardenGrove! Are you remembering to make water-wise decisions? Find ways y...



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| Impressions                      | 363  |
| Reach                            | 326  |
| Engagements                      | 4    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.1% |



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| Engagements                      | 2    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.5% |



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🏛️ Tomorrow is the Civic Center Community Engagement virtual meeting! Help us determine improvements to the...



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| Impressions                      | 31    |
| Potential Reach                  | 4,563 |
| Engagements                      | 1     |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.2%  |



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| Reach                            | 321  |
| Engagements                      | 6    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.8% |



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| Impressions                      | 742  |
| Reach                            | 734  |
| Engagements                      | 8    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.1% |



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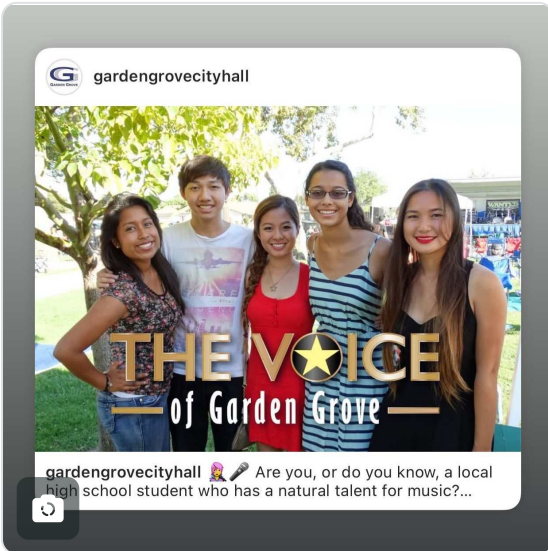


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| Engagements                      | 6     |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.9%  |



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| Reach                            | 575  |
| Engagements                      | 21   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 3.4% |



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| Impressions                      | <b>436</b>  |
| Reach                            | <b>426</b>  |
| Engagements                      | <b>25</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>5.7%</b> |



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🎉 Are you, or do you know, a local high school student who has a natural talent for music? The Garden Grove Community...



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| Impressions                      | <b>1,124</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>1,071</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>37</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>3.3%</b>  |



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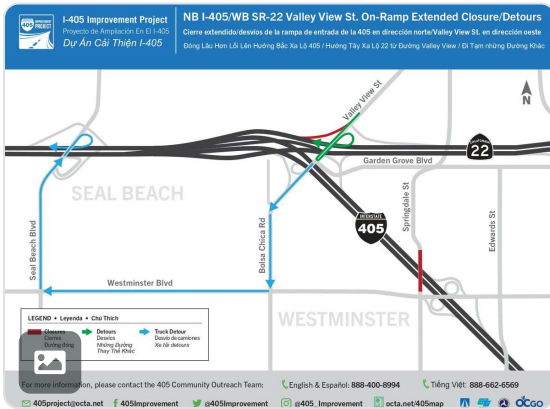
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| Reach                            | <b>1,378</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>12</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>0.8%</b>  |



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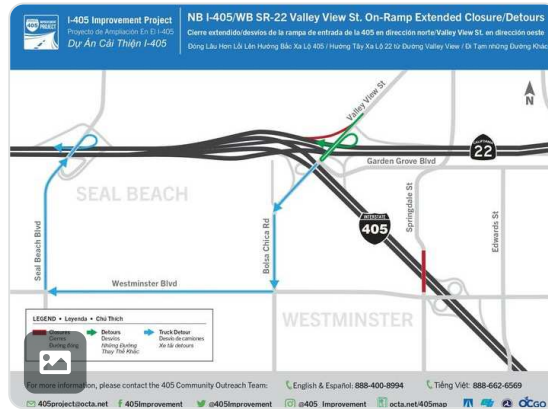
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| Potential Reach                  | <b>4,590</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>17</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>4.5%</b>  |



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Mon 6/6/2022 4:56 pm PDT

**!!** Commuter Alert The northbound I-405/westbound SR-22 on-ramp from Valley View Street will be closed starting 10:00...



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| Impressions                      | <b>2,077</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>2,063</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>42</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>2%</b>    |



**@CityGardenGrove**

Mon 6/6/2022 1:32 pm PDT

**🎓**The City recognized over 40 residents at the 2022 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception for their achievements in high...



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| Impressions                      | <b>229</b>   |
| Potential Reach                  | <b>4,560</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>14</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>6.1%</b>  |





**gardengrovecityhall**

Mon 6/6/2022 1:27 pm PDT

👤 On Thursday, June 2, 2022, the City of Garden Grove recognized over 40 residents at the 2022 Garden Grove...



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| Impressions                      | <b>1,815</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>1,432</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>90</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>5%</b>    |



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/6/2022 1:22 pm PDT



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| Impressions                      | — |
| Reach                            | — |
| Engagements                      | — |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | — |



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/6/2022 1:22 pm PDT



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| Impressions                      | <b>3,520</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>2,863</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>215</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>6.1%</b>  |



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Mon 6/6/2022 12:29 pm PDT

🗣️ OCTA wants to hear from you! #OCTA is conducting outreach for the Making Better Connections Study, an evaluation of...



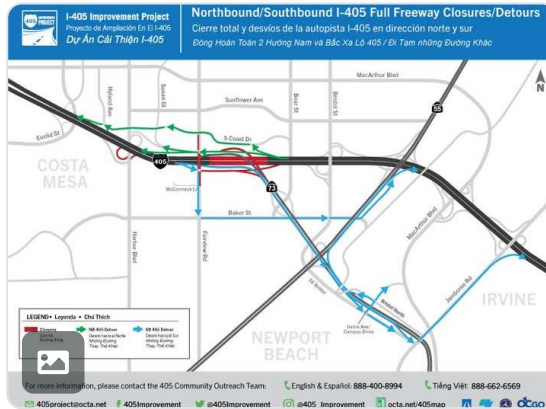
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| Impressions                      | 612  |
| Reach                            | 600  |
| Engagements                      | 11   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.8% |



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 6/2/2022 5:00 pm PDT

!! 15-Hour Overnight Closure of I-405 The north and southbound I-405 at the SR-73 will experience a 15-hour closure this...



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| Impressions                      | 0  |
| Reach                            | 0  |
| Engagements                      | 10 |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | —  |



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 6/2/2022 11:06 am PDT



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| Impressions                      | 1,346 |
| Reach                            | 1,295 |
| Engagements                      | 21    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 1.6%  |



**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 6/2/2022 10:18 am PDT



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| Impressions                      | — |
| Reach                            | — |
| Engagements                      | — |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | — |




# Post Performance

June 2, 2022 - June 8, 2022


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

**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department     ggpdk9unit

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Wed 6/8/2022 12:01 pm PDT

Help shape the future of #GardenGrove Civic Center area, which includes: modernization and potential re-location ...




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| Impressions                      | <b>2,294</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>2,294</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>217</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>9.5%</b>  |

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Tue 6/7/2022 10:05 am PDT


In Memory of Officer Donald F. Reed. #EOW June 7, 1980. Officer Reed began his law enforcement career as a...



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| Impressions                      | <b>3,616</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>3,616</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>306</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>8.5%</b>  |

  **ggpdk9unit**  
Tue 6/7/2022 7:26 am PDT

Reposted from @k9sofvalor "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our..."



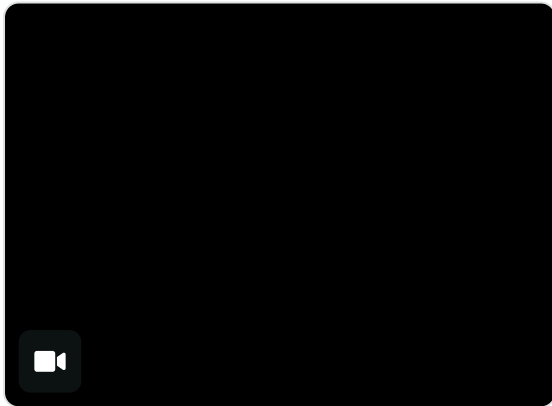
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| Impressions                      | <b>444</b>   |
| Reach                            | <b>316</b>   |
| Engagements                      | <b>69</b>    |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>15.5%</b> |



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sun 6/5/2022 6:00 pm PDT

This morning, the #GardenGrove community joined members of #GardenGrovePD as we paid tribute to t...



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| Video Views                      | <b>917</b>   |
| Impressions                      | <b>1,901</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>1,830</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>342</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>18%</b>   |



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 6/4/2022 6:00 pm PDT

Event Reminder: Please join us tomorrow, Sunday, June 5th at 8:30 AM, when the Beyond the Call of Duty - End of Watch...



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| Impressions                      | <b>9,493</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>9,283</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>450</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>4.7%</b>  |



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Sat 6/4/2022 9:10 am PDT

#PhysicalAgilityTesting is in progress. Good luck to all our applicants going through the course today! If you missed...



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| Video Views                      | <b>1,185</b> |
| Impressions                      | <b>2,278</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>2,246</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>256</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>11.2%</b> |



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 6/3/2022 6:00 pm PDT

Over #MemorialWeekend, #GardenGroveCERT members had a “live” training where they provided 1st Aid...



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| Impressions                      | 3,502 |
| Reach                            | 3,391 |
| Engagements                      | 260   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 7.4%  |



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**

Fri 6/3/2022 6:00 pm PDT



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| Impressions                      | — |
| Reach                            | — |
| Engagements                      | — |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | — |



**Garden Grove Police Depa...**


Fri 6/3/2022 12:00 pm PDT

#GardenGrovePD detectives had been investigating a series of burglaries from a local self-storage facility, dating back to...



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| Impressions                      | 15,809 |
| Reach                            | 15,340 |
| Engagements                      | 2,737  |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | 17.3%  |



 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
Thu 6/2/2022 12:01 pm PDT

#DidYouKnow the #GardenGrovePD is starting our very first Teen Academy? The Academy will take place Wednesday, Jun...



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| Impressions                      | <b>6,070</b> |
| Reach                            | <b>5,934</b> |
| Engagements                      | <b>238</b>   |
| Engagement Rate (per Impression) | <b>3.9%</b>  |

**WEEKLY MEMO 6-9-2022**

# **NEWS ARTICLES**

# Plans for Willowick development scrapped

Owner Garden Grove backs out of golf course project after Santa Ana says it wants land for parks

By Roxana Kopetman  
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The future of a rare large plot of open space in central Orange County took a big turn recently after Garden Grove officials halted all talks with developers following word from neighboring Santa Ana about what it wants to see on the land.

Garden Grove ended negotiations in March with potential developers of the Willowick Golf Course — a 102-acre parcel that's owned by Garden Grove but sits in Santa Ana, where officials have ultimate control about what gets developed in their city.

That happened about two weeks after Santa Ana Mayor Vicente Sarmiento wrote Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones a letter saying Santa Ana officials want to see most of the land preserved as open space

and would consider buying the property for parks.

"Santa Ana has a deficit of park space which is critical to the health of our community, something that was abundantly clear as we battled the pandemic," Sarmiento wrote in a March 7 letter.

"A potential win-win solution would be for Santa Ana to acquire, directly or in partnership with one of the responders, a majority of the site for open space and park uses, with the balance either being leased or sold outright to a third-party developer," Sarmiento wrote.

On March 24, a Garden Grove official wrote three entities looking to develop the site — including the Trust for Public Lands, which wanted to keep the golf course as mostly open space — that "based on the letter" from Sarmiento, "it

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## Willowick

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is evident that an agreement for the disposition of the property acceptable to the City of Garden Grove will not be possible."

Garden Grove Councilman George Brietigam said Santa Ana's position essentially ended any further exploration of developing the property because its value would significantly decrease if it's viewed as mostly parkland. The city's valuation of the property puts it at around \$90 million.

"It's done. It's going to stay a golf course," Brietigam said Monday. "We took it off the market."

The 18-hole public course has become more profitable under new management in recent years, the councilman said, especially during the pandemic, which fueled a resurgence of interest in outdoor sports.

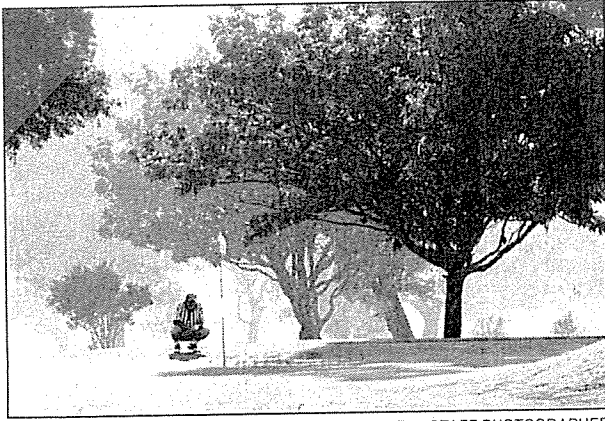
"Now it's making money and doing well," Brietigam said.

Garden Grove Councilwoman Kim Nguyen said both cities entered into an agreement in 2019 to look at how to develop the property, seeking a balance that would include affordable housing. Santa Ana, however, has not looked to adjust its zoning from open space, she said.

"The folks who are upset this process has ended need to be redirecting their efforts to the city that oversees the land use," she said in reference to Santa Ana.

With the letter from Santa Ana's mayor, "that partnership has ended without us even knowing about it," Nguyen said.

From his side, Sarmiento said Monday that he's disappointed that Garden Grove ended negotiations with the developers and said he would have liked the opportunity to discuss the idea of developing the golf course.



LEONARD ORTIZ — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A golfer lines up a putt at Willowick Golf Course, which is owned by Garden Grove but is located in Santa Ana, leading to conflicting land use goals.

“The last time both city councils met was three years ago,” Sarmiento noted, when both councils agreed to development concepts under the mutually agreed title “Envision Willowick.”

But some things have changed since.

The November 2020 election brought three new, younger and more progressive members to

the Santa Ana council, who made creating parks a bigger priority. This month, officials released Santa Ana’s first master plan for parks, facilities, trails and open space. The city’s new general plan sets a 10-year goal of increasing the city’s parkland from just more than 1 acre per 1,000 residents to 1.5 acres per 1,000 residents to a long-range goal of 3. The great-

est bump, according to the report, would come from acquiring the Willowick Golf Course and converting it to a multi-use city-wide park.

Another difference, Sarmiento said, revolves around money. Santa Ana has more cash now than it did three or four years ago and can buy land to create parks.

“We’ve received some federal rescue money that can be used for the acquisition of open space. In addition, we have a \$40 million surplus,” Sarmiento said.

For Cynthia Guerra, a member of the Rise Up Willowick Coalition, which was created to advocate for parks and affordable housing on the land, Garden Grove’s move makes for a “bittersweet” moment.

The coalition fought for transparency and, through a lawsuit filed by an Orange County nonprofit, forced Garden Grove to offer the public land for

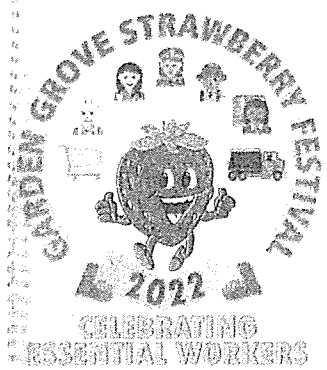
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affordable housing and open space before it committed to other developments. Members of the Willowick Coalition argued that the city was trying to get around a state law dealing with the sale of public lands.

“We had two goals: One was to stop a development that would harm the community, and the other is to get a large park, because that’s what the community said it wanted in surveys and in meetings,” Guerra said.

While happy that a mixed-used development is not proceeding, “We are sad that the large-scale park is not being developed at this moment,” Guerra said.

Besides the Trust for Public Lands proposal, the two development projects previously under consideration were submitted by McWhinney Land LLC and Willowick Community Partners Inc., which includes City Ventures and Jamboree Housing groups.



# 62<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GARDEN GROVE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

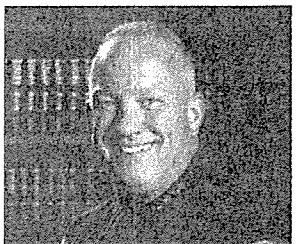
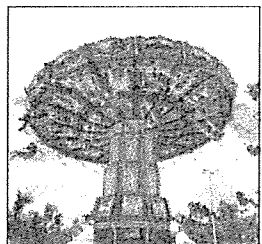
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Parade Celebrity Grand Marshal  
**Kathy Garver**  
*"Cissy" on Family Affair*



Parade Theme Grand Marshal  
**Tom DaRé**  
*Garden Grove Police Chief*

**WRISTBAND DAYS** - Ride all day, one low price! Fri \$35, Sat-Mon \$40  
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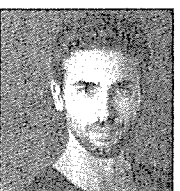
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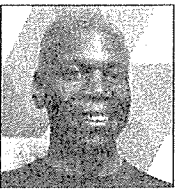
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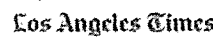
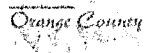


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*Miss Garden Grove 2022*

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GARDEN GROVE

# Strawberry Festival is returning for holiday

After pandemic pause, theme of the four-day event is 'Celebrating Essential Workers'

By **Roxana Kopetman**  
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After a two-year pandemic hiatus, the popular Garden Grove Strawberry Festival is slated to return over Memorial Day Weekend.

The 62nd annual festival kicks off Friday at 1 p.m. with carnival rides, contests, live music and what's billed as the largest strawberry shortcake in the world at the Village Green, 12732 Main Street.

Before the COVID-19 health emergency forced organizers to call off the festival in 2020 and 2021, the four-day festival drew as

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PHOTO BY BILL ALKOFER

Andrea and Mariana Gonzales from French's Bakery cut the nearly 3,000 pieces of cake that were given away during at the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival in 2019. It returns this weekend.

## Festival

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many as 300,000 attendees.

"The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival will be back live this year, stronger than ever," said Patrick "Pat" Catlin, president of the Strawberry Festival Association.

On Saturday, Celebrity Grand Marshall Kathy Garver, best known for her role as "Cissy" in the 1960s TV show "Family Affairs," will lead a parade that begins at 10 a.m., at 9th and Chapman streets.

The theme of this year's program is "Celebrating Essential Workers." Garden Grove Police Chief Tom DaRe will serve as grand marshal for the parade, and Catlin said the event will be presented "in loving memory of the late and beloved Lieutenant John Reynolds."

Admission to the festival and most of the related events are free. Fees to the carnival rides range from \$3 to \$8, though one-price, ride-all-day wristbands will be on sale for \$35 on Friday and \$40 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The festival also will sell a \$15 "fast-pass" that will provide users with access to separate, faster lines.

Entertainment will in-

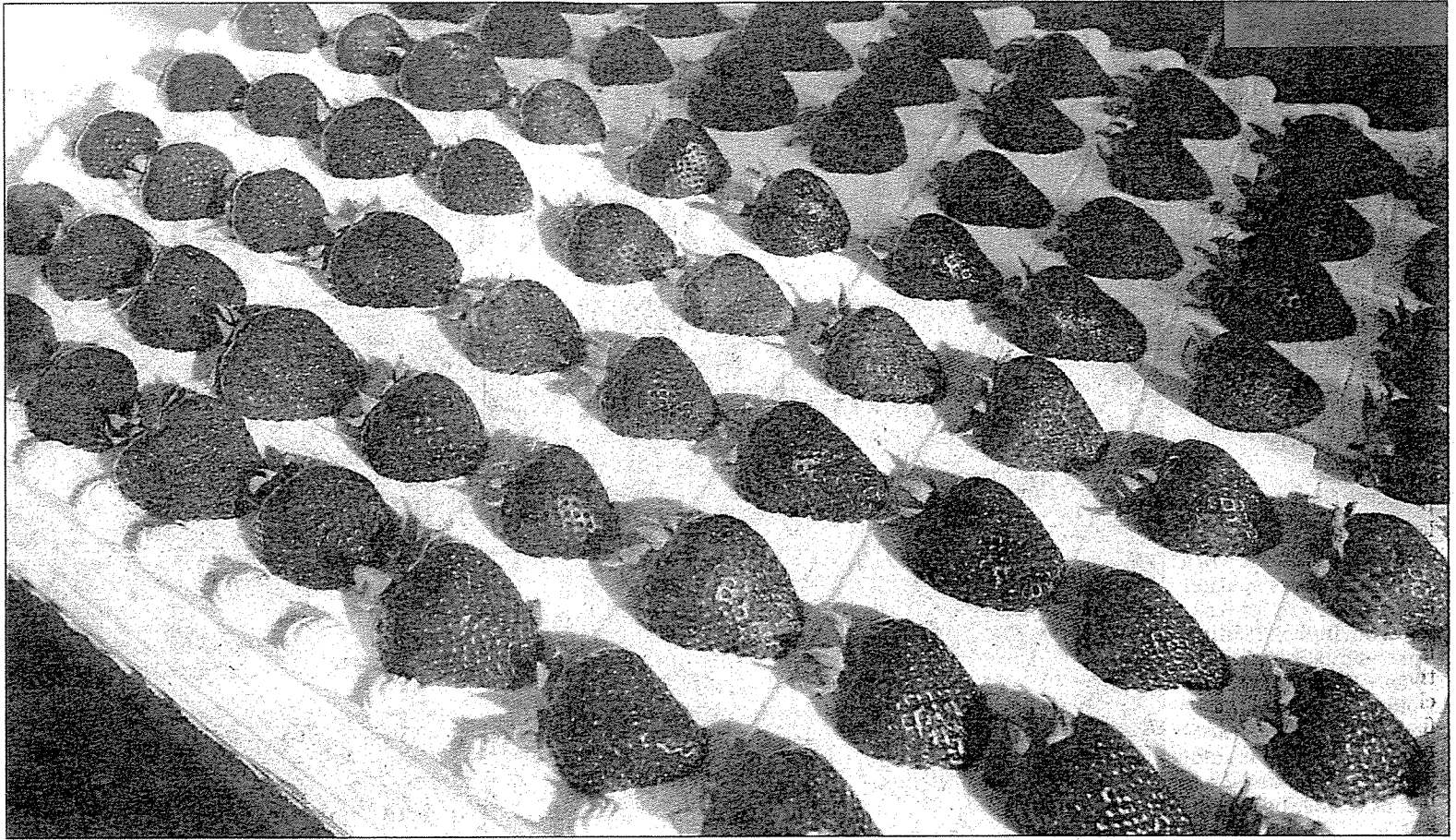


PHOTO BY BILL ALKOFER

There were 2,640 strawberries on the 33 sheets of cake that were given away at the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival in 2019. It returns this weekend.

clude tribute bands featuring music by Aerosmith, Tom Petty and Green Day. Contests will range from old favorites, like the "Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby," to a new design-a-float competition for kids

ages 5-12 and a brick-building contest with LEGOs or other plastic materials for children ages 5-17.

Traffic in the area is expected to be heavy through Monday. Also, several streets — Ninth Street be-

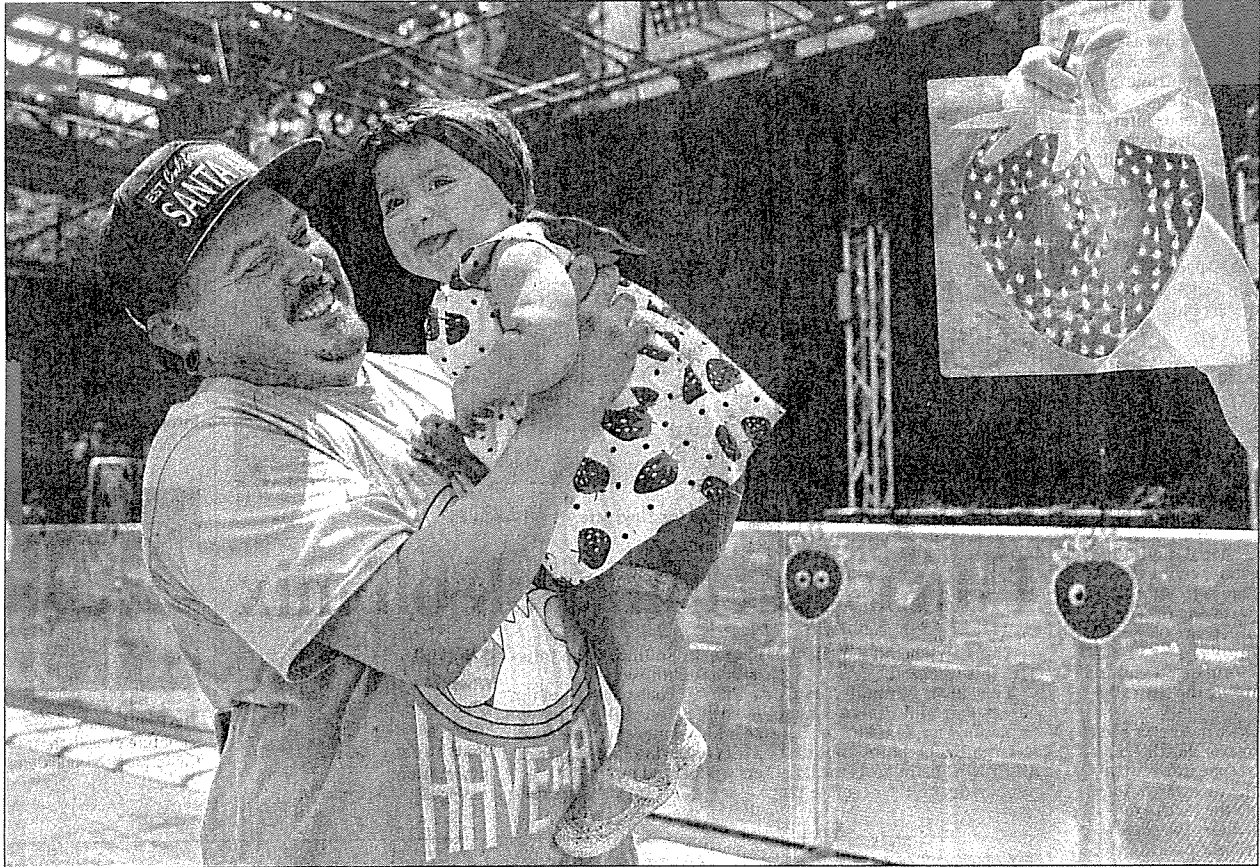
tween Jerry Lane and Orangewood Avenue; Chapman Avenue between West and Nelson streets; and Euclid Street between Orangewood Avenue and Garden Grove Boulevard — will be closed 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on

Saturday. Main Street also will be closed to through traffic from Thursday through May 31, according to a city news release.

The annual event is run by a non-profit association that offers scholarships to

local students and grants to various non-profit organizations.

Since its inception, in 1958, the festival has raised more than \$7 million for local charities, according to its website.



PHOTOS BY MINDY SCHAUER — STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Manuel Aguirre holds his 10-month-old daughter, Mia, up for the Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby contest judges to see during the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival on Sunday.

# A BERRY FUN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

*From staff reports*

It was a good time — a berry good time.

Strawberry cake, carnival rides and plenty of live music awaited folks at the Strawberry Festival.

The city of Garden Grove has hosted the festival annually since 1958, honoring the region's strawberry fields heyday.

Although the contemporary festival still honors that heritage — offering up straw-

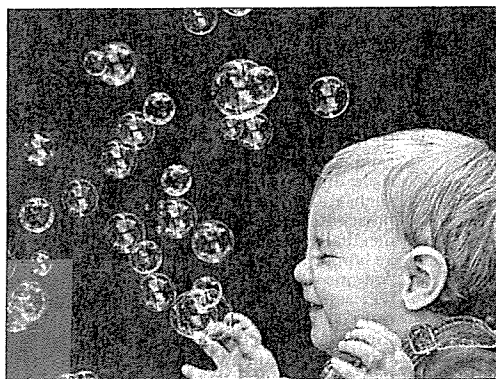
berry shortcake, for example — it has also grown well beyond that.

The festival, which ran from Friday to Monday, had the usual carnival rides and quirky contests that are the hallmark of any fair — such as Sunday's Berry Berry Beautiful Baby Contest and Monday's Redhead Roundup Contest.

There were also plenty of tribute bands to listen to, no matter which era of rock you enjoy.



**ABOVE:** Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby contest winners, from left: Celine Strong, 11 months, for best hair; Journi Smith, 10 months, for best eyes; and Penelope Rodriguez, 11 months, for best smile.



Jett Smith, 11 months, enjoys playing with bubbles as he waits for the Berry, Berry Beautiful Baby contest to begin.



**LEFT:** Riders are backdropped by a cloudy sky during the festival Sunday.



## Election 2022: Early counts put Vicente Sarmiento in lead for OC Supervisor District 2 seat



From left, candidates for the District 2 seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Jon Dumitru, Cecilia Iglesias, Kim Bernice Nguyen, Vicente Sarmiento and Juan Villegas

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Santa Ana Mayor Vicente Sarmiento took an early lead Tuesday night in the race for the next Orange County District 2 supervisor.

Whoever ends up in the seat will make history as the first person to represent the county's first Latino-majority voting district, which was created by last year's once-a-decade redistricting. The top two votegetters in Tuesday's primary will advance to November.

The newly drawn seat, which represents Santa Ana and parts of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange and Tustin, has no incumbent, and five candidates hope to be the first to hold it.

Orange Councilman Jon Dumitru; Cecilia Iglesias, a former councilwoman and school board trustee from Santa Ana; Garden Grove Councilwoman Kim Bernice Nguyen; Sarmiento; and former Santa Ana councilman Juan Villegas are on Tuesday's ballot.

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Nguyen and Dumitru trailed, followed by Iglesias and Villegas in the first couple updates of results posted within a couple hours after polls closed.

Nguyen said she was feeling "really good, really excited," after early vote returns Tuesday night put her a close second to Sarmiento. She said she hoped "the fact that I had actual plans and positions on the issues that the county is facing," would help voters feel like she provided them a "sense of direction," and ultimately sway the votes in her favor.

We'll be posting live results here as they come in, and continuing through the evening and possibly into the next few days as ballots are counted.

While the Board of Supervisors is nonpartisan, the OC Democratic and Republican parties pay close attention to the seats. The district is solidly blue, with the two Democrats showing the early lead (Nguyen and Sarmiento) over the two Republicans (Dumitru and Iglesias). Villegas lists no party affiliation.

District 2 is in the heart of the county and includes the seat of county government, Santa Ana. Whoever wins office will face decisions about how to house the homeless and provide more access to mental health care for everyone, and how to expand open space access in a park-poor district.

Orange County's five-member Board of Supervisors oversees a budget of more than \$7 billion that funds the offices of the Sheriff, District Attorney and Public Defender, social services, 60,000 acres of public parks, beaches and open space, and the public health department that's been leading the local COVID-19 response.

## Election 2022: Diedre Nguyen, Tri Ta ahead in open 70th Assembly District race

Janet Nguyen's decision to run for state Senate means one Democrat and five Republicans are running for an open, blue-leaning seat.



From left, candidates for the 70th Assembly District, Tri Ta, Ted Bui, Kimberly Ho, Emily Hibard and Diedre Nguyen. Westminster City Commissioner Jason Gray is not pictured. By [BROOKE STAGGS](mailto:bstaggs@scng.com) | [bstaggs@scng.com](mailto:bstaggs@scng.com) and [ROXANA KOPETMAN](mailto:rkopetman@scng.com) | [rkopetman@scng.com](mailto:rkopetman@scng.com) | Orange County Register  
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As the only Democrat running in the blue-leaning 70th District centered around Little Saigon, Garden Grove Councilwoman Diedre Nguyen predictably held the lead as updated results came in Wednesday morning.

Of her five Republican challengers, Westminster Mayor Tri Ta was solidly in second place, followed by a dead heat between two fellow office holders: Westminster Councilwoman Kimberly Ho and Fountain Valley Councilman Ted Bui.

The other GOP challengers — Emily Hibard, a businesswoman from Los Alamitos, and Jason Gray, a Westminster city commissioner who's worked in the mortgage business — trailed behind.

There has been a fierce competition between the five Republican challengers — and particularly among three who currently hold office — to see which of them might land enough GOP support to also advance to the decisive November election.

We'll offer live updates here for this race as votes are counted, potentially continuing over the next few days if results are close.

[AD-70](#) was carved out of a couple of Assembly districts when a state commission changed all political boundaries during the once-in-a-decade redistricting process. Much of the new district currently is represented by Assemblywoman Janet Nguyen, R-Fountain Valley.

But she opted to run for a [new coastal state Senate seat](#) rather than defend her redrawn Assembly seat, which now includes all or parts of Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Westminster, Los Alamitos, and Rossmore.

Janet Nguyen's decision prompted other Republican leaders, including Ta, Ho and Bui, to jump into the AD-70 race.

Ho has a substantial financial advantage in the race, having raised \$394,090 and sitting on \$61,491 in cash as of May 21.

Ta was in second place in terms of donations, with \$268,582 raised but just \$15,572 left in cash as he fought to make it through the primary. And Bui reported \$239,597 in donations and \$28,744 in campaign cash

Diedre Nguyen raised a bit less, with \$216,119 in donations. But since she's not facing any Democratic challengers in the primary, she's held onto most of her money, with \$170,688 in cash putting her in the strongest financial position heading into the general election.

Diedre Nguyen also had an advantage in voter registration, with Democrats holding a 4-point lead over Republicans in AD-70.



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Tuesday, June 7, 2022

## **MAYOR TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY'S POST-PANDEMIC WELLNESS, ECONOMIC REBOUND AT STATE OF THE CITY 2022**

Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones will deliver his official address at the 2022 State of the City luncheon, hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove. The event will take place on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, located at 11999 Harbor Boulevard. Tickets are \$75 per person after June 13.

Mayor Jones will discuss the City's actions to overcome current and long-term consequences of the pandemic, focusing on the community's health and mental wellbeing, and economic re-bounce in tourism and commercial developments.

A complete transcript of the mayor's speech will be available on the City's website at [ggcity.org](http://ggcity.org), following the event.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit [gardengrovechamber.com](http://gardengrovechamber.com), or contact the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce at [ceo@gardengrovechamber.com](mailto:ceo@gardengrovechamber.com) or (714) 638-7950.

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Monday, June 6, 2022

## **CITY RECOGNIZES RESIDENTS FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

On Thursday, June 2, 2022, the City of Garden Grove recognized over 40 residents at the 2022 Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception for their achievements in higher education. Graduates received local, state, and federal certificates of recognition, and nearly \$5,000 in opportunity cash prizes, gift cards, and services.

During the private event, Mayor Pro Tem District 3 Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen encouraged graduates to grow their careers in Garden Grove.

"The City proudly commends each of you for your academic accomplishments that will serve you well throughout your careers. As you enter the professional workforce, I'd like you to consider staying in Garden Grove and build your future here," said Mayor Pro Tem District 3 Diedre Thu-Ha Nguyen.

Degrees ranged from associate to doctorate, with disciplines that included chemistry, pharmacy, and public administration.

The City has held the event recognizing local college graduates since 2013, returning to an in-person format this year, following a virtual program in 2021.

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City Recognizes Residents for Achievements in Higher Education  
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Sponsors for the event included DTN.TECH, Garden Grove Unified School District, Garden Grove Shell #1, Phuc Long Coffee and Tea, Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952, The Pink Door Salon, Garden Grove Police Association, Happiness is a Balloon, Signal Hill Petroleum, and Special Education Attorney, PC Tony Tai Nguyen.

For more information and to view photos, visit [ggcity.org/grads](http://ggcity.org/grads).

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**June 9, 2022**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the June 9, 2022 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Agenda for the June 16, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.
4. Minutes from the June 9, 2022 Zoning Administrator meeting.
5. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from June 3, 2022 to June 9, 2022.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9, 2022 – July 29, 2022

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|----------|---------|------------------------|--|
| Thursday | June 9  |                        | \$2 Casual Dress Day   |
| Tuesday  | June 14 | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC<br>Successor Agency Meeting, CMC<br>City Council Meeting, CMC  |
| Thursday | June 16 | 7:00 p.m.              | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC   |
| Friday   | June 17 |                        | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure  |
| Tuesday  | June 28 | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC<br>Housing Authority, CMC<br>Sanitary District Board, CMC<br>Successor Agency Meeting, CMC<br>City Council Meeting, CM |
| Friday   | July 1  |                        | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure  |
| Friday   | July 4  |                        | City Hall Closed – Independence Day  |
| Thursday | July 7  | 7:00 p.m.              | Planning Commission Meeting, CMC   |
| Tuesday  | July 12 | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC<br>Successor Agency Meeting, CMC<br>City Council Meeting, CMC  |
| Tuesday  | July 14 |                        | \$2 Holiday Drive Casual Dress Day   |
|          |         | 9:00 a.m.              | Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC   |
|          |         | 6:00 p.m.              | Parks, Recreation, and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC  |
| Friday   | July 15 |                        | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure  |
| Tuesday  | July 26 | 5:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m. | Closed Session, CMC<br>Housing Authority, CMC<br>Sanitary District Board, CMC<br>Successor Agency Meeting, CMC<br>City Council Meeting, CM |
| Thursday | July 28 |                        | \$2 Casual Dress Day   |
| Friday   | July 29 |                        | City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure  |



**GARDEN GROVE**

AGENDA

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Garden Grove Community Meeting Center  
11300 Stanford Avenue

Thursday, June 9, 2022

9:00 a.m.

**Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Zoning Administrator, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as part of the meeting record.**

**COVID-19: Masks are not required, however, the public is encouraged to wear masks in City facilities. 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 other flu-like symptoms.**

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

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

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

Agenda item descriptions are intended to give a brief, general description of the item to advise the public of the item's general nature. The Zoning Administrator may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-221-2022

APPLICANT: Off Duty Garden Grove, L.P.

LOCATION: 12900 Euclid Street #110 within SteelCraft

REQUEST: To operate a new wine bar, Off Duty, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 47" (On-Sale, General) License. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-222-2022

APPLICANT: BR Restaurant Solutions, Inc., dba La Taqueria  
LOCATION: 12900 Euclid Street #120 within SteelCraft

REQUEST: To operate an existing restaurant, La Taqueria, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 47" (On-Sale, General) License. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

c. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-224-2022

APPLICANT: Tuanh Enterprises  
LOCATION: 12761 Harbor Boulevard #I-1

REQUEST: To operate a new restaurant, Cajun Crack'n, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the HCSP-DC (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan-District Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

3. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-217-2022

Applicant: Hedra Mamlouk  
Location: 8725 Garden Grove Boulevard  
Date: March 24, 2022

Request: To allow a new convenience store, Crazy Beer & Wine Market, to operate with an original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Martina (Applicant's Representative), Maureen Blackmun, Derrick Grayer, Matthew Hickam. Though the proposed business is a market with beer and wine sales, concerns mentioned related to high crime in the area, drugs, transients, narcotics, stolen vehicles, ID theft, weapons, smoke shop clientele, signage, area already saturated with liquor availability, trespassing, sex offenders, and vandalism.

Action: Due to public concerns, the Zoning Administrator remanded Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-217-2022 to the Planning Commission. The project would be re-noticed for the next available regular meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-221-2022

Applicant: Off Duty Garden Grove L.P.  
Location: 12900 Euclid Street #110 within SteelCraft  
Date: June 9, 2022

Request: To operate a new wine bar, Off Duty, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 47" (On-Sale, General) License. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): William Burkett, Steve Phillips, Maureen Blackmun

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1818-22.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-222-2022

Applicant: BR Restaurant Solutions, Inc., dba La Taqueria  
Location: 12900 Euclid Street #120 within SteelCraft  
Date: June 9, 2022

Request: To operate an existing restaurant, La Taqueria, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 47" (On-Sale, General) License. The site is in the CC-3 (Civic Center Core) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Benedict Gonzalez, Maureen Blackmun

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1819-22.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-224-2022

Applicant: Tuanh Enterprises  
Location: 12761 Harbor Boulevard #I-1

## Zoning Administrator Minutes

Date: June 9, 2022

Request: To operate a new restaurant, Cajun Crack'n, with a new original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) "Type 41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License. The site is in the HCSP-DC (Harbor Corridor Specific Plan-District Commercial) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Mike Shakeri

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1821-22.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



## AGENDA

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

June 16, 2022 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

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**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 [planning@ggcity.org](mailto:planning@ggcity.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

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

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: CHAIR RAMIREZ, VICE CHAIR LINDSAY  
COMMISSIONERS ARESTEGUI, CUNNINGHAM, LEHMAN, PEREZ,  
SOEFFNER

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

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 19, 2022
- C. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FROM MAY 19, 2022 (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)
  - C.1. SITE PLAN NO. SP-110-2022  
VARIANCE NO. V-036-2022  
LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-029-2022

APPLICANT: PROLOGIS, L.P.

LOCATION: WEST SIDE OF PALA DRIVE AND INDUSTRY STREET,  
NORTH OF ACACIA AVENUE, AND SOUTH OF LAMPSON  
AVENUE AT 12641 INDUSTRY STREET AND 12691 PALA  
DRIVE

REQUEST: Site Plan approval to demolish the 65,880 square-foot building at 12641 Industry Street, and the 83,100 square-foot building at 12691 Pala Drive, in order to build a new 148,284 square-foot industrial building. Also, a Variance request to deviate from the maximum building height requirement of the M-P (Industrial Park) zone, and a Lot Line Adjustment request to consolidate 12641 Industry Street and 12691 Pala Drive into a single parcel. The site is in the M-P (Industrial Park) zone. The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction, of the State CEQA Guidelines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Site Plan No. SP-110-2022, Variance No. V-036-2022, and Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA-029-2022, subject to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

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



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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Lehman, Perez, Ramirez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Soeffner.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – In regard to the first public hearing item, which was withdrawn, Maureen Blackmun expressed her opposition to the Crazy Beer & Wine Market project citing concerns that there were frequent Police calls for service in the neighborhood relating to drugs, alcohol, and high-crime, and there were too many convenience stores in the area, as well as graffiti on the wall.

April 21, 2022 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Arestegui

Ayes: (4) Arestegui, Cunningham, Lindsay, Soeffner

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (3) Lehman, Perez, Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-217-2022 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN LORNA STREET AND JOSEPHINE STREET, AT 8725 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

Applicant: HEDRA MAMLOUK

Date: May 19, 2022

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow a new convenience store, Crazy

Beer & Wine Market, to operate with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "20" (Off-Sale, Beer and Wine) License. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Staff stated that a letter to withdraw the item was submitted by the applicant on the afternoon of 5/19/22. Comments were taken under Oral Communications.

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-112-2022 AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2021-112 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF BEVERLY LANE AND ENEO PLACE AT 9811 BEVERLY LANE

Applicant: HENRY BALANZA  
Date: May 19, 2022

Request: A request for Site Plan and Tentative Parcel Map approval to reconfigure two (2) existing adjacent parcels for the purpose of constructing a new two-story single-family home on each lot. Lot 1 will have a lot size of 10,500 square feet, while Lot 2 will have a lot size of 7,238 square feet. The existing single-family dwelling will be demolished to accommodate the proposed development. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and Section 15315 – Minor Land Divisions, of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6042-22 was approved with one amendment, the insertion of a new Condition of Approval No. 67, renumbering the condition count from 72 to 73. Condition of Approval No. 67 states: "Second-story windows located on the east and west side of each unit shall either be frosted or designed as clerestory windows to preserve privacy of adjacent dwelling units." Also, one letter of opposition was submitted by Leyna Nguyen. Three speakers expressed concerns with the two-story building height, loss of privacy, compromise of property value, loss of single-family neighborhood charm, increase in traffic, general noise increase, and construction noise.

Motion: Soeffner Second: Arestegui

Ayes: (4) Arestegui, Cunningham, Lindsay, Soeffner  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (3) Lehman, Perez, Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-110-2022, VARIANCE NO. V-036-2022, AND LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. LLA-029-2022 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PALA DRIVE AND INDUSTRY STREET, NORTH OF ACACIA AVENUE, AND SOUTH OF LAMPSON AVENUE AT 12641 INDUSTRY STREET AND 12691 PALA DRIVE

Applicant: PROLOGIS, L.P.  
Date: May 19, 2022

Request: Site Plan approval to demolish the 65,880 square-foot building at 12641 Industry Street, and the 83,100 square-foot building at 12691 Pala Drive, in order to build a new 148,284 square-foot industrial building. Also, a Variance request to deviate from the maximum building height requirement of the M-P (Industrial Park) zone, and a Lot Line Adjustment request to consolidate 12641 Industry Street and 12691 Pala Drive into a single parcel. The site is in the M-P (Industrial Park) zone. The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction, of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: In order for staff to analyze the estimated trip generation and potential traffic impacts of the project, the Planning Commission motioned to continue the item to the June 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting. With the public hearing left open, the request was approved.

Motion: Soeffner Second: Arestegui

Ayes: (3) Arestegui, Cunningham, Soeffner  
Noes: (1) Lindsay  
Absent: (3) Lehman, Perez, Ramirez

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-111-2022 AND TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. PM-2021-190 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD AND BROOKHURST STREET AT 10201 AND 10231 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD

Applicant: DR. MICHAEL DAO  
Date: May 19, 2022

Request: Site Plan approval to construct a five-story mixed-use development on a 1.86-acre site consisting of two parcels with 9,786 square feet of retail space, 9,270 square feet of medical space, and 52 apartment units with a 22.5% affordable housing density bonus for “very low-income” households. Pursuant to the State Density Bonus law, the applicant is requesting one (1) concession and three (3) waivers from the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone development standards: (1) a concession to reduce the minimum required private balcony area and dimensions for each unit, (2) a waiver to reduce the minimum active

recreation dimensions and to allow the indoor and roof deck recreation areas to contribute to more than 50% of the required open space; (3) a waiver to allow the building to exceed the maximum building height of 50 feet or 4-stories; and (4) a waiver to deviate from the minimum 300 cubic feet of private storage per unit. Also, Tentative Parcel Map approval to consolidate the two (2) existing parcels into a single lot to accommodate the proposed development. The site is in the GGMU-2 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 2) zone. The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Government Code Section 15332 - In-Fill Development Projects, of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Resolution No. 6041-22 was approved with one amendment, the addition of Condition of Approval No. 113, which states: The applicant shall enhance the east building elevation by incorporating vertical wall landscaping to soften the building façade, and shall also incorporate privacy features, that are integrated with the design of the building, to the parking structure openings located on levels 2 and 3.

In addition, staff would work with traffic engineering to potentially add a "No U-turn" and/or "Keep Clear" sign to assist with easing traffic in the area on Garden Grove Boulevard at the entrance to the Rosewood Village development.

Other than the applicant, architect, landscape architect, and traffic engineer speaking, seven speakers expressed that though the project was beautiful it was not "family-friendly". Their concerns included the building height, lack of privacy, opposition to the tall bamboo plantings along the property line, gate access hours, ingress and egress to the development, increased traffic and parking overflow into neighborhoods, and "U-turns" that hinder traffic. Four letters of opposition were submitted with concerns relating to lack of outdoor space for growing families, child-safety, homeless in area, low-income housing, lack of privacy, and overflow parking in neighborhood. Two letters of support were submitted citing the need for affordable housing and the addition of value to the corner, as well as new jobs, businesses, and medical services in the area.

Motion: Lindsay Second: Arestegui

Ayes: (4) Arestegui, Cunningham, Lindsay, Soeffner

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (3) Lehman, Perez, Ramirez

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioners reminded everyone of the upcoming Strawberry Festival and tribute concerts at the amphitheater, which include Aerosmith, Green Day, and Tom Petty.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted that the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting would be cancelled and the continued item would be moved to the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:53 p.m. to the next Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary



# Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues more than \$135 million in tax-exempt bonds for affordable housing in Irvine, Santa Ana, Oxnard, and Morgan Hill

*Jun 8, 2022*

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) announced the issuance of more than \$135 million in tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds in the cities of Irvine, Santa Ana, Oxnard, and Morgan Hill.

## Irvine

In Irvine, CSCDA issued \$39,905,957 in affordable housing bonds for Lynx Family apartments. The apartments are part of a master-developed neighborhood, Great Park Neighborhoods. The vision for the project began in 1996 with the closure of the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro. CSCDA has previously issued bonds for four similar projects in the neighborhood.

The 144-unit affordable community will be restricted for extremely low- and low-income tenants. The apartments consist of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units and two managers' units.

CSCDA partnered with the city and others to provide the tax-exempt multifamily affordable housing bonds. Although the financing requires the affordability of units for low-income residents to be maintained for 55 years, the regulatory agreement with the city requires that the units remain affordable in perpetuity.

## Santa Ana

The joint powers authority also issued \$40,200,000 in affordable housing bonds for Westview House in Santa Ana. The 85 housing units will be restricted to extremely low- and low-income tenants — households earning less than 30% to 60% of the area median income. The apartments will consist of one-, two-, three-, and four-bedroom units, as well as a manager's unit.

CSCDA partnered with the city and others for the issuance of the bonds. The financing for the apartments requires that the affordability of units for extremely low-income and low-income tenants be maintained for 55 years.

## Oxnard

The organization also issued \$19,100,034 in affordable housing bonds for 2<sup>nd</sup> and B Street Apartments in Oxnard. The 56-unit community will be 100% rent-restricted for extremely low-income individuals — households earning less than 30% of the area median income — and those experiencing homelessness. The apartments will consist of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units, as well as a manager's unit.

The joint powers authority partnered with the city of Oxnard to provide affordable housing bonds for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and B Street Apartments. The financing for the apartments requires the affordability of units for extremely low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

## Morgan Hill

Additionally, CSCDA issued 35,800,000 in affordable housing bonds for Royal Oak Village Apartments in Morgan Hill. The apartments offer 73 affordable housing units and will be restricted to households earning less than 30% and 50% of the area median income. The apartments consist of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units, as well as a manager's unit.

CSCDA partnered with the city and others for the issuance of the bonds. The financing for the apartments requires the affordability of units for extremely low-income and very low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

## About CSCDA

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally approved projects. Visit the organization's [website \(https://cscda.org/\)](https://cscda.org/) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.

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# State implements new water conservation measures and warns of the potential for harsher restrictions

*Jun 8, 2022*

California has enacted a new emergency regulation in response to worsening drought conditions and lagging conservation efforts. The **[emergency regulation \(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/regs/emergency\\_regulation.html\)](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/emergency_regulation.html)** bans the watering of nonfunctional or purely decorative grass in commercial, industrial, or institutional properties with potable water.

The new rules are expected to go into effect within the next week or so. Local governments, water suppliers, and the California State Water Resources Control Board can use their own discretion when communicating and enforcing the ban.

Enforcement actions may include warning letters, conservation orders, and fines up to \$500 per day. Agencies are encouraged to provide additional assistance to disadvantaged communities and translate conservation updates into non-English languages.

Some types of nonfunctional turf are exempt from the new regulations. The ban does not apply to residential properties but does apply to the common areas of subdivisions and properties controlled by homeowner associations. The regulations also do not apply to property used for recreational purposes, community events, sports fields, or areas irrigated with recycled wastewater.

There are also **[exceptions for tree health](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/docs/emergency-reg-faq-june-22.pdf)**

**[if property owners meet certain conditions.](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/docs/emergency-reg-faq-june-22.pdf)**

Additionally, urban water suppliers must activate local drought plans that prepare for a water shortage of up to 20% by June 10. Water suppliers without a water shortage contingency plan may take alternative compliance actions **if certain conditions are met**

**([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/regs/docs/emergency-reg-faq-june-22.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/docs/emergency-reg-faq-june-22.pdf))**. All other suppliers must undertake several actions

**as outlined in the emergency regulations**

**([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/regs/emergency\\_regulation.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/regs/emergency_regulation.html))**.

The state has also relaunched the Save Our Water campaign to help raise awareness about the drought and water conservation. The campaign website includes a **public engagement toolkit** (<https://saveourwater.com/en/Partner-Toolkit>) in English and Spanish, which will be updated again later this year. Save Our Water has also released a **short, educational video** (<https://cadwr.app.box.com/s/dztaxvo13bq1kqik2cvfrbkjtg6bnoy4>) that local water agencies can use in their outreach efforts.

### Statewide mandates possible later this year

Statewide, water conservation efforts have lagged or decreased. Although some water regions posted conservation gains in April, many regions saw their usage increase by double digits — in some cases as high as 25% according to a recent report from the State Water Board. Last July, Gov. Gavin Newsom called for a 15% voluntary water cut. Since then, Californians have only reduced their water usage by 3.7%.

Drought conditions are also worsening. The latest U.S. Drought Monitor update shows that **12% of the state is in an “exceptional drought,”** (<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CA>) up from 0% in March. Historically, these conditions lead to the loss of agricultural products, recreational activities, and widespread habitat loss, along with higher

unemployment, food insecurity, increased greenhouse gas emissions, and a more costly fire season.

The Governor is calling on local agencies to adopt more aggressive water conservation strategies but has stopped short of issuing a statewide mandate. However, during a recent meeting with urban water suppliers, it was clear that the **state may enact mandatory restrictions** (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/05/23/governor-newsom-convenes-summit-with-local-water-leaders-urges-more-aggressive-response-to-ongoing-drought/>) later this year if this trend does not reverse.

Information about the state's drought relief and water conservation measures, including **drought assistance programs** (<https://drought.ca.gov/drought-assistance/>), can be found at **California Drought Action** (<https://drought.ca.gov/>).

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