

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
June 11, 2015

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Allan Roeder, City Manager
Members

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

None.

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

A. MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND

Letter from MALDEF requesting the at-large election system be changed to a district election system.

• OTHER ITEMS

- NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER
City Manager



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Attachment III.A.
Mgrs. Memo 6/11/15

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11222 Acacia Parkway
Garden Grove, California 92840

Re: Garden Grove – District Elections

Dear City Officials,

We have received complaints from Latino citizens and voters in Garden Grove that the use of an at-large city council election system results in Latino vote dilution and prevents Latino voters from electing candidates of their choice. MALDEF has investigated Garden Grove demographic and electoral information with particular attention to the prohibitions of the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) of 2001. Based on that investigation, we believe that Garden Grove’s at-large election system violates the CVRA and must be changed to a district election system.

The CVRA, which is a part of the California Elections Code, states in relevant part:

§ 14027. [A]n at-large method of election may not be imposed or applied in a manner that impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or abridgement of the rights and the privileges of members of a protected class.

According to U.S. Census population data, 37% of the population of Garden Grove is Latino. However, none of the five current members of the Garden Grove City Council is Latino, and no Latino candidates have been elected to city council in the last six decades, perhaps longer. Based on our review of election returns, demographic information, and Spanish-surname analysis of votes cast by precinct, we believe that the lack of success of Latino candidates results from persistent racially polarized voting by the Garden Grove electorate. Our methodology for

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estimating the extent of racially polarized voting in Garden Grove is consistent with that universally accepted by federal courts, as §14026(e) of the CVRA requires.

The inability of Latino voters to select candidates of their choice is due to racially polarized voting in at-large elections that violate the California Voting Rights Act. We demand that Garden Grove change its at-large system to a district-based system that affords Latino voters an equal opportunity to elect candidates of choice to the Garden Grove City Council.

We request your response by July 3, 2015. In the absence of a satisfactory response, MALDEF and our clients will be forced to seek judicial relief in the form of an action to obtain an order changing the election system from at-large to by-district, together with other relief provided for in the CVRA, including awards of litigation and expert witness costs, and attorneys' fees.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. We would be pleased to discuss the subject of this letter with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Hulett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Denise Hulett
National Senior Counsel

cc: Zeke Hernandez
David Rodriguez
Art Montez

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

THE

➔ THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER



COURTESY OF GARDEN GROVE

Patrick and Valerie Sullivan's house has been named the best-looking home in Garden Grove for the 2015 Best Home & Garden contest.

Best home selected

Patrick and Valerie Sullivan have the best-looking home in Garden Grove. The couple, who live on Dunklee Lane, won the city's 42nd annual Best Home & Garden contest, a competition in which resi-

dents could vote for their favorite houses online.

The Sullivans beat out 17 other homes - though those houses, from 17 different zones throughout the city, were named Home of the Year winners. Photos of

the houses are on the city's website.

The home was chosen from 18 Home of the Year winners.

The Sullivans have lived in their house on Dunklee Lane since 1986.

Find out what's up in Garden Grove

It's time once again for Garden Grove residents to chat, eat together and learn what's going on in their city.

The 12th annual Neighborhood Meeting and Backyard Brunch will be at 10:30 a.m. on June 27 at 12381 Meade St.

The meeting is hosted by the Garden Grove Neighborhood Association and some of the speakers are Mayor Bao Nguyen, state Sen. Janet Nguyen, police Chief Todd Elgin and Interim City Manager Allan Roeder.

Music, a raffle and brunch provided by the association.

Guests can pay the association's \$12-a-family annual membership fee then if they haven't done so yet. New members are welcome.

RSVP to Maureen Blackmun at 714-235-5360 or maureen.ggna@gmail.com.

Group issues deadline for city voting changes

A Latino
organization
demands shift to
district elections.

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

Garden Grove has until July 3 to begin moving to an election system in which City Council members are chosen by districts, or a Latino-rights group says it will sue the city, alleging violations of the California Voting Rights Act.

Garden Grove, where the entire city votes for each council seat, received the letter from the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund on Wednesday.

"We believe that the lack of success of Latino candidates results from persistent, racially polarized voting by the Garden Grove electorate," the group said.

Latinos make up 37 per-

cent of Garden Grove's population, according to the U.S. Census. No Latino has been elected to the body since at least 1975, the city clerk said.

The City Council has three Vietnamese American members. About a third of Garden Grove's population is of Vietnamese ethnicity.

Last week, the council discussed possibly shifting to district elections, but at least two members were reluctant to begin the process while so many other things are on the city's plate.

"We need to take this letter seriously," said Mayor Bao Nguyen. "But we don't have the facts. We need to have demographers analyze our elections and see how we stand with racially polarized voting."

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'Best Home & Garden' in GG chosen

Home belongs to the Sullivan family, who took eight years to remodel it

At the conclusion of the 42nd annual Garden Grove Pride Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 1, the winning home in the "Best Home & Garden" contest was revealed.

A home belonging to Patrick and Valerie Sullivan on Dunklee Lane took the top honor. The week prior to the ceremony, the community was invited to participate in an online voting contest to pick the best-looking home in Garden Grove.

The Sullivan's home was chosen from a large field.

There were 17 other Home of the Year winners, and the Best Water-Wise Home. Photos of each were posted on the city's website for the contest. The Home of the Year winners are chosen by volunteer judges who review approximately 3,000 homes in each of the city's 17 zones. The Sullivan's reside in zone 16.

Their sage-colored, award-winning home is a farmhouse style, and took Patrick and Valerie eight years to remodel. They've lived in the home since 1986. The Sullivan name is no stranger to the Garden Grove Pride Awards. Patrick's parents, the B.J. Sullivan Family, are in the program's Hall of Fame. This distinction is awarded when



Courtesy photo

This home on Dunlee Lane was chosen "Best Home & Garden." Winners of the top homes in Garden Grove were announced on June 1 at the Garden Grove Pride Awards Ceremony.

a home is named Home of the Year four times.

For more information about the

"Best Home & Garden" winner or the Garden Grove Pride Awards,

call the Office of Community Re-

lations at 714-741-5280. To view photos of the event, visit the city's Facebook or Instagram.

Senator, merchants help House of Hope

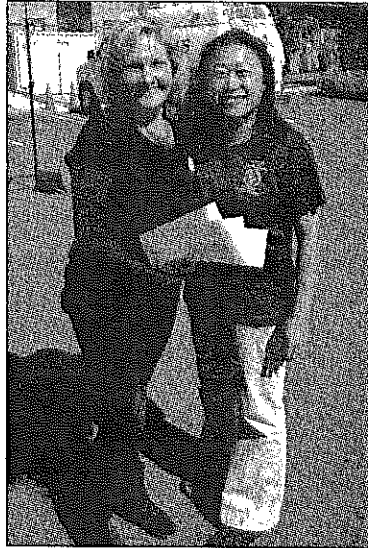
Following the theft of 1,500 pounds of food from the Santa Ana based non-profit Grandma's House of Hope, State Sen. Janet Nguyen and local businesses have come together to donate \$2,000 to replace the stolen items.

The food was part of the Grandma's House-Nana's Kidz program, which provides food during the weekends and in the summer to children who live in motels and rely on school lunches and free lunch programs for meals.

"When I learned of this crime, I was truly heartbroken. To steal food from needy children who rely on these meals for their nourishment is unfathomable. As a mother of two young boys, I could not imagine seeing my children go without food, so I immediately sought to find a way to help," said Nguyen.

According to reports, the food was being stored in sheds at St. Anselm of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Garden Grove until yesterday morning, when church staff found the shed locks broken and the food missing. As a result of this theft, Grandma's House now has one day to collect one-month's worth of food for a food-packing event scheduled for this week.

In an effort to help, Sen. Nguyen called on local businesses including: ABC Supermarket, A Dong



Courtesy photo

State Sen. Janet Nguyen, right, pitched in after 1,500 pounds of food were stolen from the non-profit Grandma's House of Hope.

Supermarket, Dong Phuong Tofu, and Saigon City Supermarket who all donated funds that will be used to restore the stolen food.

"I appreciate that these businesses have found it in their hearts to help me ensure that these children are not affected by this crime," said Senator Janet Nguyen.

Anyone who believes they have any information related to this crime should contact the Garden Grove Police Department.

Hit and run

On May 27, at approximately 2 p.m., the Santa Ana Police Department was investigating a hit-and-run that occurred in that city.

A Santa Ana police officer saw the suspect vehicle in the area of Hazard Street and Westminster Avenue in Garden Grove when the vehicle began to flee from the officer. A

pursuit was initiated which led officers through Garden Grove and Westminster.

The suspect ran numerous red lights, drove through shopping complexes, and drove against traffic. The suspect vehicle collided into a law office at the



Courtesy photo

Tuan Tron Truong

corner of

Westminster Avenue and All American Way in Westminster.

The suspect was taken into custody.

The suspect, Tuan Tron Truong, was arrested for auto theft, felony hit-and-run, DUI-drugs, driving on a suspended license and driving on probation for DUI.

The suspect admitted to being under the influence of crack cocaine and methamphetamine.

Truong said he intentionally rammed into the building believing his drug dealers were inside. Truong was not injured and no one in the building was injured.

Nodrug dealers were located inside the business. It is believed Truong had two additional hit-and-runs in Westminster and one additional one in Garden Grove.

GG school district gets grant to fight drought

The Garden Grove Unified School District has been approved for a Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools grant award of \$1,990,092 by the State Water Resources Control Board.

The funds will be used for the implementation of low-impact development projects for storm water capture and drought mitigation. Bioretention basins will capture storm water runoff and infiltrate it into the soil at three district campuses: Santiago High School, Bolsa Grande High School and Los Amigos High School.

Plans include replacing turf with bioretention basins and restoring natural habitat to improve regional water quality and reduce potable water usage. A compre-

hensive education and outreach initiative will also be implemented at each school in the district, the 11th largest school district in California.

“GGUSD is thrilled for the opportunity to integrate these DROPS projects into our water conservation efforts throughout the district,” said Dr. Gabriela Mafi, the district’s superintendent of schools. “It is especially exciting for us to be able to get students involved in the planning and monitoring of the projects. Combining storm water capture projects with education and outreach will create learning opportunities for students, teachers and the broader GGUSD community.”

The district is developing its

projects with the Climate Smart Schools program run by Climate Resolve, Los Angeles’s climate change organization, with technical assistance by EcoMotion, a sustainability consultancy. Climate Smart Schools is also partnering with Orange County Coastkeeper, the county’s leading watershed health organization, to develop and implement the education and outreach effort with the district. In addition to helping the district implement its grant, Climate Smart Schools is also working with the district to identify and implement energy conservation measures using funds that the district was allocated from the California Clean Energy Jobs Act (Proposition 39).

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support
The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's
The Alzheimer's Association of Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at Christ Cathedral, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at 949-637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet
The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet
The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

Summer programs

Summer is right around the corner, and with it comes the opportunity for kids to sign up for free or low-cost programs to keep them busy.

That's why the Garden Grove Unified School District hosted its annual Summer in the City Resource Fair Monday at Garden Grove High School.

The fair, which was free to attend, allowed parents and students to connect with representatives from more than 30 local organizations with summer programs.

For more information, call 714-663-6084.

Human rights bill

The Garden Grove City Council has thrown its support behind a congressional bill that would limit the nonhumanitarian assistance the United States gives to Vietnam unless the Southeast Asian country improves its human rights record.

The council approved sending a letter of support to Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., who authored the Vietnam Human Rights act of 2015.

If enacted, the law would cap financial assistance to Vietnam at fiscal 2014 levels, would require that easing the prohibition on selling military equipment to Vietnam happen only if steps are taken to improve human rights and would mandate that the U.S. try to overcome the jamming of Radio Free Asia.

Film Fest

The ninth annual Indie Fest USA International Film & Music Festival is scheduled for Oct. 15-18 in the Village Green Community Center and surrounding Main Street area.

The festival will screen 150 independent films from the United States and 16 other nations.

The City Council recently approved waiving permit fees to allow the festival to host its awards reception and opening night filmmaker and VIP reception at the community center.

It's the festival's fifth year in Garden Grove.

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**GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF A
REPORT REGARDING
PLACEMENT OF CHARGES ON PROPERTY TAX
STATEMENTS**

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 5470 et seq., the Garden Grove Sanitary District has prepared two reports detailing charges proposed to be collected on the property tax rolls for: 1) refuse collection services in the District; and 2) sewer services in the District. The first report details charges proposed to be collected for refuse collection services in the areas of the District's Improvement District No. 1, which contains that area of the District formerly served by the Midway City Sanitary District. The second report details charges proposed to be collected for sewer services in the areas of the District that extend beyond the Garden Grove city limits and do not receive water services from the City of Garden Grove.

A Public Hearing on the adoption of the proposed reports will be conducted at a Regular meeting of the Garden Grove Sanitary District to be held Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

All written and oral protests against the adoption of the report must be received before the close of the Public Hearing. A copy of the report is on file and available for review in the Garden Grove City Clerk's Office, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
Secretary

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**CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden Grove City Council will hold a Public Hearing at the meeting on Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California, to consider the adoption of a Resolution establishing and amending fees charged for various City services. The proposed action includes the addition and/or deletion of fees related to Community Services, Public Works, and general City services. The proposed fee changes and the data indicating the amount of cost or estimated cost required to provide the service for which the fee is levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the service will be made available to the public for review ten (10) days prior to the Public Hearing during normal business hours in the City Clerk's Office, on the second floor of City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, California.

If you challenge the decision of the City Council in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council during, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Written comments can be mailed to the City of Garden Grove, Attn: City Clerk's Office, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, CA 92842-3070, or faxed to (714) 741 5205, or personally delivered to the City Clerk's Office at the address noted above. If you have any questions regarding this Notice or the proposed action, or would like more detailed information, please call Ann Eifert in the City of Garden Grove Finance Department at (714) 741-5058.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk

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GARDEN GROVE SANITARY DISTRICT
NOTICE OF HEARING AND FILING OF REPORT
PERTAINING TO DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE DIS-
POSAL FEES

Notice is hereby given that rubbish disposal bills remain-
ing delinquent and unpaid for 60 days or more as of
July 1, 2015 and that are not paid by July 17, 2015,
will be added to the property tax roll for collection. The
Garden Grove Sanitary District Board of Directors shall
review and approve as a charge against the property the
amount delinquent, the amount of the penalty and inter-
est, and if still unpaid, the delinquent bills shall be filed
with the County Auditor, and upon recordation by the
County Recorder shall be a lien against the property.

A Public Hearing to receive comments concerning a re-
port detailing the delinquent and unpaid charges against
each parcel will be conducted at a Regular Meeting of
the Garden Grove Sanitary District to be held, Tuesday,
June 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the
matter may be heard, at the Garden Grove Community
Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

The report is on file and available for review in the Gar-
den Grove City Clerk's Office, 11222 Acacia Parkway,
Garden Grove.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
Secretary

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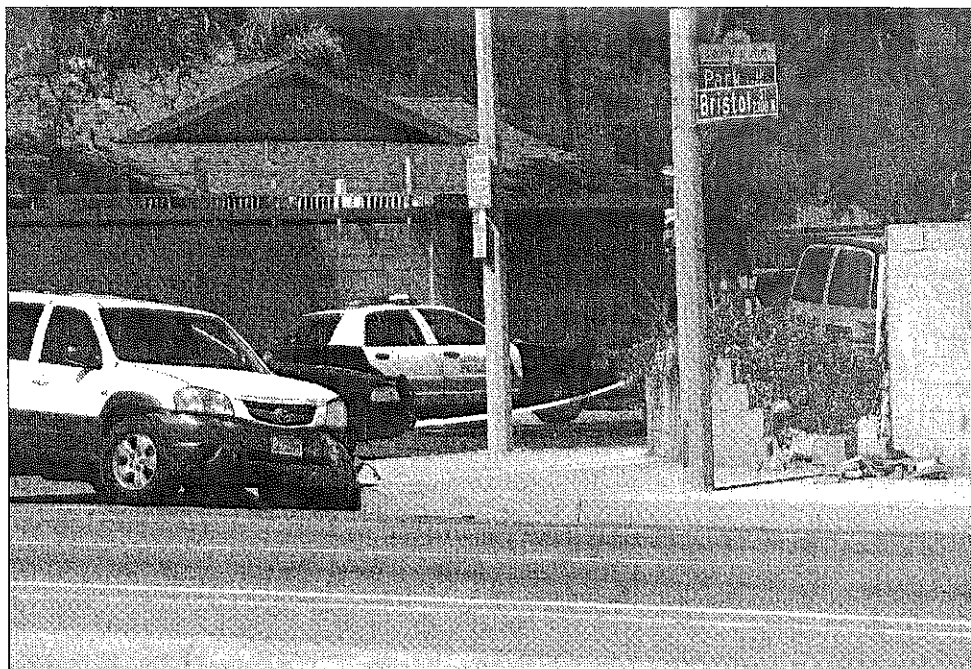
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden Grove City
Council, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency
to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development,
the Garden Grove Housing Authority, and the Garden
Grove Sanitary District will hold Public Hearings on
Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter
as the matter may be heard, to consider the adoption of
their respective budgets. These meetings will be held in
the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue,
Garden Grove, California.

Further information may be obtained at the City of Garden
Grove Finance Department, located in City Hall on the
second floor at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove,
California, 92840, or by calling (714) 741-5060.

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary

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SAM GANGWER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A white Mazda SUV sits near a curb in Santa Ana after a man led police on a chase and then crashed into a wall and ran into his home in the 2600 block of Greenbrier Street.

2 arrested after pursuit through Garden Grove and Santa Ana

SANTA ANA • A man and woman were arrested after leading police on a pursuit through two cities Monday afternoon.



**ALMA
FAUSTO**
STAFF
WRITER

The incident started at around 1:35 p.m., when a caller reported that someone in a gray Cadillac sedan had fired nine rounds at a white Mazda SUV, said Cmdr. Jeff Smith of the Santa Ana Police Department.

The two cars were near the intersection of Tustin and Franzen avenues in Santa Ana, police said, then drove their separate ways. The Cadillac was seen driv-

ing northbound on Tustin, but the Mazda SUV hit a parked, unoccupied car.

When officers arrived, a man and woman in the Mazda drove off. Police chased after them on the 22.

"While (police) were pursuing them on the freeway, the occupants were throwing items from the car," Smith said. The property has not been recovered.

The Mazda eventually exited the freeway at Harbor Boulevard and sped along Garden Grove Boulevard for a few minutes before arriving near the home of the driver, in the 2600 block of Greenbrier Street.

The car crashed into a wall and both the man and woman ran out of the car. Within minutes, the woman was captured nearby. The man ran into the house,

which was the address where the car was registered.

The man surrendered after police called him from outside. Police said they did not find any weapons in the Mazda.

The man, who had not yet been identified Monday evening, was booked for felony evading, hit and run and several traffic violations.

The woman was also arrested, but the charges were not specified Monday evening.

Details about the earlier confrontation with the gray Cadillac sedan were unavailable. The Cadillac has not been located.

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She was a trailblazer in WWII

Garden Grove resident, 97, recalls Army service, including leading an all-black company — she is white — as she prepares for a special honor.

By BRITTANY WOOLSEY

Margaret Barker sat at her wooden dining room table, flipping through a scrapbook filled with World War II-era photos and newspaper clippings.

At about 4 feet 10 inches tall, the 97-year-old appeared small and frail. But a picture on the front cover of the scrapbook — of a late-20s Barker — signified a time when she showed her strength as a white first sergeant

in charge of one of the first all-female, all-black companies in the Army.

The Garden Grove resident said she felt close to her crew and never witnessed any obvious racial prejudices between the black service members and the white sergeants, despite the time period.

Barker said that when she joined the military in 1942, women served “to help the men” by taking over as clerks, typists

and cooks and filling other non-infantry jobs.

“Our purpose was to take the place of the guys that were stationed on Angel Island,” she said of the location near San Francisco that served as a military fort. “There were two permanent men’s personnel there, but we were kind of sandwiched between.”

Within a year, Barker found herself with the title of first sergeant. On Friday, the Boston native will travel to Washington, D.C., with 19 other World War II veterans and their caretakers on

See Veteran,



BRITTANY WOOLSEY

Veteran Margaret Barker holds her photo from the 1940s. She said women served “to help the men” by taking over non-infantry jobs.

VETERAN

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the first-ever Honor Flight Southland. She will be the only female veteran on the flight.

Since 2005, Honor Flight trips have taken WWII veterans to Washington to view the national war memorial, free of charge, though the program didn't come to Orange County until almost 10 years later.

"It's kind of sad in a way, even to talk about it," Barker said. "I kind of put [my memories] in the background a little bit. I miss everyone. We had a nice group of girls."

Barker said she signed up for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) with a friend in 1942 when she was in her mid-20s.

In 1943, WAAC was changed to the Women's Army Corps (WAC), giving Army women official military status even as they performed the same non-infantry duties. Any women who wished to stay had to re-enlist.

"When they changed, that was a big thing," Barker said. "You got to know somebody, and if they didn't want to go, they didn't have to. My girlfriend's idea of going into the service was to help the men. But when she got there and we were in a company and in an office, she said she didn't want to do it anymore."

Barker stayed and made her way up to first sergeant, making \$138 a month.

"At that time, we did whatever the company commander said because

we were just floundering anyway," she said. "But we were doing OK. It was just like the Army. The only bad part was getting up at 6 in the morning. You should have seen the girls. You're supposed to be fully dressed, right? They'd wear their pajamas under their coats and run out."

She said the women were akin to a second family, and she tried to make them comfortable by purchasing furniture from the Salvation Army for their day room. Some of her fondest memories are of marching with her all-black, all-female company, which was segregated from the white companies.

Boy, was her unit enthusiastic.

"The girls would come in at night and want to march, and I'd say, 'Get out of here, I'm busy,'" she said. "They would beg me to go and march. They had a drive to participate, human to human, in spite of the social stigmas."

Barker, who moved to Orange County in 1954 when her husband found a manufacturing job here, said she has noticed a lack of female veterans at events, so she isn't surprised about being the only woman on the Honor Flight Southland.

"I'm always with the guys anyway," she said. "Not many female veterans come around anymore. I don't understand why. Are they all in hiding? They were in the service. The men tend to be the ones that go to these clubs."

Craig Van Doren, chairman and co-founder of Honor Flight Southland, said he believes the

explanation is that there aren't many WWII veterans left.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, more than 600 WWII vets are dying every day in the U.S.

Van Doren was inspired to begin an honor flight program for Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties in April 2014, when he began accepting applications for this inaugural flight, after following the Honor Flight's success for 10 years in other parts of the country.

The Honor Flight trip will arrive in Washington on Friday, and the veterans will visit the memorial on Saturday. On Sunday, when the return flight lands at LAX at about noon, Van Doren anticipates that the veterans will be greeted by hundreds of supporters.

Van Doren encourages members of the public to visit Southwest Air Terminal 1 by about 11:45 a.m. Sunday.

Van Doren said the flight is essential for veterans because it allows them closure and gives them "the welcome-home ceremony that they never got."

"A lot of these guys are tough cookies," he said. "It reduces these men and women to tears."

Van Doren said Honor Flight Southland is planning another flight in October and is accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis through its website, honorflightsouthland.org.

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Community rallies to restock pantry

Grandma's House of Hope gets an abundance of donations after theft of food meant for kids.

GARDEN GROVE • Grandma's House of Hope's pantry was again full Friday after well-wishers rallied to replace about 1,500 pounds of food for children in need that was stolen from two storage sheds in Garden Grove.



SCOTT SCHWABKE
STAFF WRITER

The donations of nonperishable items arrived in the nick of time at the charity's office on East 17th Street in Santa Ana and at St. Anselm of Canterbury Episcopal Church in Garden Grove.

Today, volunteers are slated to pack up more than the usual 5,600

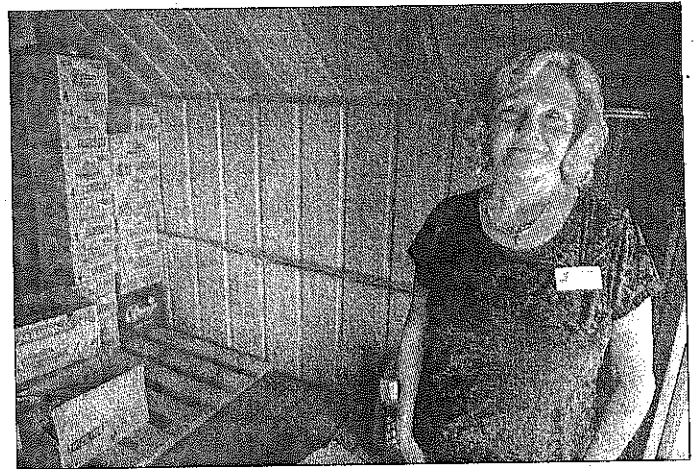
meals for about 400 children living in homeless conditions throughout Orange County.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook (with donations)," Audrey McIntosh, director of programs for Grandma's House of Hope, said Friday morning amid stacks of peanut butter jars, juice boxes and cans of soup.

"There has been an outpouring of support."

By late Friday afternoon, all of the stolen food had been replaced and extra items were donated to feed several hundred more children, Grandma's House founder Je'net Kreitner said.

SEE FOOD •



Grandma's House of Hope founder Je'net Kreitner stands in a food-storage shed Friday morning.

“My phone has been ringing off the hook (with donations).”

AUDREY MCINTOSH, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS FOR GRANDMA'S HOUSE OF HOPE

FOOD

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Grandma's House had been keeping food in two locked metal sheds at St. Anselm's for its Nana's Kidz program.

The program provides meals to kids enrolled in school lunch programs who wouldn't otherwise have meals on weekends and after school.

The charity uses the church's parking lot every first Saturday of the month to pack the food into bags.

Around 6 a.m. Wednesday, church employees discovered someone had cut the lock to two sheds in the lot and removed all of the food.

"I'm hoping the food is not going to waste and that whoever took it needs it," McIntosh said.

One of the sheds was also broken into May 28, but only a small amount of food was taken, Kreitner said.



KEN STEINHARDT, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Cody Mendoza, social media and accounting intern for Grandma's House of Hope, brings in donated food.

Grandma's House staff sent out emails Thursday alerting its supporters of the burglary and asking for donations. Soon food items began flowing in.

"It warmed my heart to know that the community is willing to stand up for kids," Kreitner said.

Businesses, area residents and politicians offered up provisions and money to replenish Grandma's House's cupboards.

Monica Espejo of Yorba Linda used Facebook to raise about \$100 to purchase peanut butter, cereal, fruit cups and other items.

"These are kids who don't have a choice," she said. "If we don't reach out, who is going to help them?"

Wendell Dennison of Garden Grove said he is outraged by the food theft and decided not to go out to dinner Friday night so he could instead buy \$30

worth of peanut butter and pasta for Grandma's House.

"It's low to steal food from kids who need it," he said.

State Sen. Janet Nguyen contacted A Dong Supermarket, Dong Phuong Tofu, Saigon City Supermarket and ABC Supermarket on Friday. The businesses donated about \$2,000 to Grandma's House.

"I couldn't bear the thought of any child going hungry," said Nguyen, who grew up in Garden Grove. "The owners of these businesses didn't hesitate to give when I told them the story of Grandma's House."

Nguyen said she knows what it's like to go without meals, because her family relied on welfare and food stamps after arriving in the U.S. as refugees from Vietnam.

In addition, Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do delivered a minivan loaded with 1,200 pounds of food Friday to Grandma's House personnel at St. Anselm.

Kreitner said she will look for another location for food storage for the next packing event, which is scheduled for July.

Investigators may have one of the locks recovered from the burglary tested for DNA, said Garden Grove Police Lt. Bob Bogue. The other one was destroyed, he added.

Officials asked anyone with information about the burglary to contact Garden Grove police at 714-741-5704, ext. 11.

Grandma's House will continue to accept food donations from 9 a.m. to noon today in the rear parking lot of St. Anselm's at 13091 Galway Street in Garden Grove.

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Bill Burger, director of development for Grandma's House of Hope, carts in food donated by Mark Lorenz of Los Angeles, left, Friday at the organization's Santa Ana headquarters. About 1,500 pounds of food meant for children in need was stolen Wednesday.

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Lawsuit threatened: The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, commonly called MALDEF, said in a statement that Garden Grove needs to change its elections from an at-large system to a by-district system, and must take steps to do so by July 3 or it will sue the city for violating the California Voting Rights Act.
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Tibor Rubin: "Single Handed," the official biography of Tibor Rubin by Daniel M. Cohen, is now available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble. Rubin, a Holocaust survivor and Medal of Honor recipient, is a longtime Garden Grove resident. The hardcover book from the Penguin Publishing Group is \$27.95.
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GARDEN GROVE

Best house: Patrick and Valerie Sullivan were voted to have the best-looking home in Garden Grove. The couple, who live on Dunklee Lane, won the city's 42nd annual Best Home & Garden contest, a competition in which residents voted online for their favorite houses.
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June 9, 2015

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Dalai Lama: The City Council this evening may declare Garden Grove a "city of compassion" and honor the lifetime achievements of the Dalai Lama. The proclamation would honor the 14th Dalai Lama in advance of his 80th birthday, which he will celebrate during a three-day Global Compassion Summit in Orange County in July.
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City manager: Scott Stile, assistant city manager for Cincinnati, is set to become Garden Grove's next top executive, pending City Council approval at a special meeting tonight. He will likely take over as city manager on Aug. 3, replacing interim executive Allan Roeder. Stiles would receive a \$256,000 salary, according to a staff report.
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No watering down this issue: We've got to save H2O

State, local cities are acting on historic drought; if Mom can change, so can you



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

Our state's gone toast-dry.

In fact, the same can be said for much of the West.

For those of you in denial, this is a catastrophe. An emergency. If it gets worse — and experts say it will, unless, collectively, we drastically cut water consumption — lord knows what will happen. Suffice to say, every part of our society will be affected. Our lives will be changed in profound ways.

The state is in full red-alert mode, mandating that cities cut water use significantly by 2016.

The cities I cover — Garden Grove, Westminster and Stanton — are implementing measures to cut water use by the government, businesses and individuals.

It's time to get on board, folks. This is as blindingly serious as a dust bowl.

In my household, our goal is to reduce water use by 30- to 40 percent. Here are five tips for conserving water.

1. Sorry, but you're going to have to give up on that lush greenery and change your habits when it comes to watering your property. Landscaping is by far the biggest use of water in California. So... cut the number of days you water and water before 8 a.m. Doing so reduces evaporation and saves about 25 gallons a day. You might see some browning; it's not the end of the world;
2. Put the hose on vacation when it comes to cleaning driveways and sidewalks. Use a broom instead. You'll save 150 gallons every time;
3. Shorten your showers by two minutes and save about 5 gallons. I've got friends who've gone as far as showering every other day. Confession: I just can't live like that, although I admire those who do. What I can do is take what's known as a "Navy shower." Soak up and turn off the shower. Then soup up with no water running. Then turn on the shower and rinse. Come on, people, it's spring verging on summer. You're not going to freeze to death;



Photo by Tony Cheong

Even Tony's mother, known for hour-long showers (which she's reduced by 40 percent), has joined the cause to conserve water amid a historic drought in California.

4. Turn off the water when you brush your teeth. Does it really need to be running? You'll save three gallons a day;
5. Minimize laundering, and when you do launder, make sure it's a full load. How do you minimize laundering? If you've got more than five pairs of pants, or any

other clothing item, wear them all. I've got friends who do laundry twice a month simply by letting go of some "favorites" and wearing their full arsenal of clothes. Memo to the gals: this applies especially to you, because — you know who you are — you've got a bigger wardrobe than the fellas. You can save more than 100 gallons of precious water a week by employing this technique.

I'll end by saying that we've faced challenges before, and when we all get on board, there's nothing we can't overcome. Let's unite on this issue and save this vital resource now.

Even my Mom has reformed her ways. Let me tell you about her: She's the cleanest person I've ever met. I mean, she's crazy clean. Think Faye Dunaway in "Mommy Dearest." It's par-for-the-course for her to take hour-long showers, scrubbing between her fingers, between her toes... the whole nine yards. A one-hour shower!

Scrubbbbbbb!!!

At any rate, she's joined the cause, she's subtracted her shower time by 40 percent, and if Mom can do it, trust me, so can you.

Do you have a comment, question or news tip for Tony? You can reach her at tonyontown@yahoo.com.

Community Calendar

Ongoing

Overachievers, check this out
Achievers Club 9331 is hosting communication and leadership meetings featuring professional speakers at the Crystal Cathedral Tower of Hope, 12141 Lewis St. Meetings will be held every Thursday except during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's holiday weeks. For more information, call Barbara Barrientas at 714-971-4123, e-mail bbarrientas@crystalcathedral.org or visit www.orgsites.com/ca/achievers9331.

Chamber holds Friday meetings
The Garden Grove Chamber's Governmental Affairs Committee meets the second Friday of the month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call the chamber at 714-638-7950.

Grief support
The Grief Share Support Group is for mothers who have lost children of every age. The group meets Thursday evenings at 12831 Olive St., Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-892-1520 or 714-343-7516.

Learn about Alzheimer's
The Alzheimer's Association of

Orange County hosts a support group to provide an opportunity to meet other caregivers and families, share experiences and exchange ideas. These meetings are free and open to all caregivers and family members of individuals with dementia. All groups listed are in compliance with chapter and national standards. This is a faith-based meeting and may include prayer or pastoral speaker, and will take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays at the Crystal Cathedral Arboretum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden Grove. For more information, call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-2161.

Dance Center hosts social
Join the staff of the Cedarbrook Dance Center for nights of square dancing, line dancing, round dancing (pre-choreographed social dancing) and salsa. The Dance Center is at 12812 Garden Grove Blvd. For more information on classes, call Eileen Silvia at (949) 637-4169.

Eco-friendly storytime
Family storytime all through the summer will highlight books about our environment and the animals that live in rivers, oceans and icy places. All ages are encouraged to attend at 7 p.m. every Tuesday at the Garden Grove Regional Library, 11200

Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet
The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

GG Kiwanis to meet
The Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267.

City Council to meet
Anaheim City Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers, 200 S. Anaheim Blvd., first floor. Public session commences at 5 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The meetings are broadcasted on local cable Channel 3 and can also be viewed live online at www.anaheim.net.

School Board to meet
The Garden Grove Unified School District holds its regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month at the district offices, 10331 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

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Wednesday, June 10, 2015

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER UNDER TEMPORARY CLOSURE

The City's main meeting facility for public and private events, as well as Garden Grove City Council and City Commission meetings, is now temporarily closed while interior renovations take place. The Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, located at 11300 Stanford Avenue is tentatively scheduled to re-open in early 2016.

All City Council and City Commission meetings will continue to be held at the Community Meeting Center until further notice.

All facility bookings for banquets and meetings are temporarily being handled at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center in Village Green park, at 12732 Main Street. The phone number is (714) 741-5262.

The Courtyard Center is a recently-remodeled, Spanish-themed, indoor/outdoor facility available for gatherings of up to 100 guests. The City also offers other convenient event venues, including the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Atlantis Play Center, and several park pavilions.

Any questions about bookings, facilities, or construction schedule updates can be made at the Courtyard Center, or by calling (714) 741-5262, or by email at events@garden-grove.org.

Temporary locations for City Council and City Commission meetings will be posted on the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us, and on the City's Facebook and Twitter.



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Tuesday, June 9, 2015

SUN IN FORECAST FOR THURSDAY'S POLICE MEMORIAL

While rainy weather caused the postponement of the Police Department's annual memorial nearly a month ago, sunny weather is expected for this Thursday's rescheduled event. The 28th Annual Call to Duty Police Memorial takes place on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., in front of Police Headquarters, at 11301 Acacia Parkway. The event is open to the public.

Police Chief Todd Elgin officiates his first memorial as the department's newest chief, offering his personal homage to Garden Grove's five officers killed in the line of duty: Myron Trapp, Andy Reese, Donald Reed, Michael Rainford, and Howard Dallies, Jr.

Guest speaker Clarke Paris, a US Navy veteran, retired police sergeant, and recognized author, will offer insight into the emotional challenges officers face in the line of duty. The Bolsa Grande High School Concert Choir will perform musical selections in honor of the occasion. And, The Nicholson Pipes and Drums bring back the traditional sounds of Scottish bagpipes to the memorial.

The ceremony includes the ringing of the Memorial Bell, 21-gun salute, riderless horse, and formal presentations to the surviving families.

Both directions of Acacia Parkway, from Garden Grove City Hall to 9th Street, and Civic Center Drive, from Garden Grove Boulevard to Acacia Parkway, will be closed from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day of the event.

For details on the memorial, please call (714) 741-5901.

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Thứ Ba, 10/6/2015

**LỄ TƯỜNG NIỆM VINH DANH NHỮNG CẢNH SÁT
GARDEN GROVE ĐÃ HY SINH VÌ CÔNG VỤ**

Vì lý do thời tiết xấu mà buổi lễ vinh danh những cảnh sát hy sinh vì công vụ đã hoãn lại 1 tháng. Ngày mai, Thứ Năm, 11 tháng 6, 2015, buổi lễ sẽ được diễn ra vào lúc 5:00 giờ chiều để tưởng niệm cho năm cảnh sát viên từng hy sinh vì công vụ. Buổi lễ sẽ được tổ chức tại Sở cảnh sát Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11301 Acacia Parkway.

Khách mời của buổi lễ năm nay sẽ có sự hiện diện của cựu chiến binh Hải quân Mỹ Clarke Paris, ông cũng là cựu trung sĩ cảnh sát của Sở Cảnh sát Metropolitan Las Vegas. Các vị khách mời sẽ bày tỏ những kinh nghiệm, kỷ niệm từng trải với các vị đồng nghiệp quá cố đã hy sinh vì nhiệm vụ. Năm cảnh sát viên sẽ được vinh danh gồm có: Ông Myron L. Trapp, Ông Andy Reese, Donald F. Reed, Ông Michael Rainford, và Howard Dallies, Jr. Buổi lễ vinh danh sẽ có gia đình, thân nhân, bạn hữu của những nhân viên Thành phố cũng như nhân viên trong ngành luật pháp thuộc quận Cam đến tham dự.

Năm nay, nhóm ca đoàn của trường trung học Bolsa Grande High School sẽ phụ trách phần văn nghệ. Vào lúc 10:00 giờ sáng đến 8:00 giờ tối, phía hướng Đông và Tây của đường Acacia, từ hướng City Hall đến đường số 9, và Civic Center, từ đường Garden Grove đến Acacia Parkway sẽ đóng lại.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc về Sở cảnh sát Garden Grove ở số (714) 741-5901.

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Một cuộc hội thảo dành cho những người muốn mở doanh nghiệp với ý tưởng mới lạ, tên là "Startup Weekend," vừa được tổ chức từ chiều đến đêm Thứ Sáu, 5 Tháng Sáu, tại Trung Tâm Sinh Hoạt Cộng Đồng Garden Grove, với đa số là giới trẻ tham dự.



John Alexander (phải), điều hợp viên, được người tham dự hưởng ứng.
(Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Anh Hugh Trà, đại diện ban tổ chức, giới thiệu ông John Alexander, người điều hợp chương trình, từng tham dự những khóa hội thảo tương tự.

"Các bạn hãy làm theo tôi, đứng dang chân, vươn vai, đưa cằm về phía trước thật oai vệ. Xong chưa?" người điều hợp nhìn xuống đám đông và hỏi thật to.

Kể đến, ông yêu cầu mọi người lặp lại theo lời ông.

"Tôi có sáng kiến. Tôi sẽ thực hiện và tôi sẽ thành công!" ông Alexander nói.

Người tham dự đứng gồng người, đồng loạt hưởng ứng và lặp lại hai lần một cách hùng hồn, khiến bầu không khí vui nhộn và đầy sinh khí.

Người tham dự ghi danh trước, tự xách ghế lên ngồi phía trước sân khấu. Trên màn ảnh chiếu các điểm chính để mọi người biết cách trình bày sáng kiến của mình, vì thời gian giới hạn chỉ trong vòng một phút.

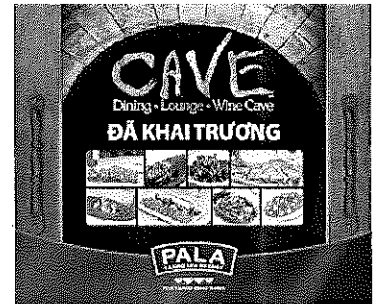
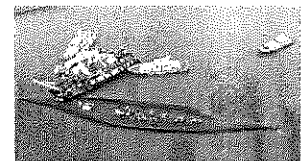


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Lê Phước Thăng Nguyễn (trái), một tham dự viên, muốn "selfie" với Thị Trương Bảo Nguyễn. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

Khoảng trên 20 người xếp hàng một, bên phía trái hội trường, bước lên sân khấu trình bày sáng kiến hay đề nghị, để thành lập doanh nghiệp.

Có rất nhiều ý kiến, từ chế tạo những ứng dụng "App" trên điện thoại để tránh bị giấy phạt đậu xe; làm sao để làm quen, gỡ lời và kết bạn mới; cách nào để tránh xếp hàng khi đi ăn nhà hàng; chăm sóc làm đẹp xe; chế tạo bộ phận ngăn trẻ em trèo ra khỏi giường; làm sao để người đứng xếp hàng trước mua hàng giùm mình.

Nhiều ý kiến khiến nhiều người tham dự ngạc nhiên một cách thích thú.

"Ý kiến của tôi gọi là 'AdventureWithUs', một cách giúp du khách có được những người hướng dẫn du lịch thông thạo đường đi nước bước và các điểm đáng thăm viếng nhất. Những người hướng dẫn viên đó ghi danh với chúng tôi và được chúng tôi kết nối với du khách và thảo chương trình du lịch," cô Mikaela van Vooren, 20 tuổi, cư dân Long Beach, trình bày.

Cô sinh viên chia sẻ lý do giới thiệu ý tưởng này, "Em còn đi học nhưng rất thích đi du lịch. Ngặt nỗi là em không có tiền nên nghĩ cách làm sao đó để vừa được đi chơi, vừa được trả tiền."

Ông Trí Đoàn, tuổi 35, hoạt động trong ngành địa ốc, nói về ý tưởng mới của mình.

"Hàng năm, theo thống kê, có khoảng 3,000 em bé bị tai nạn, vì trèo và té khỏi giường. Vì thế, dự án của tôi là 'Pool Rail', gồm chế tạo bộ phận bảo động (sensor) gắn vào thành giường, nhằm tránh tai nạn xảy ra cho trẻ em," ông Trí nói.



Các tham dự viên vui mừng với một dự án được chọn. (Hình: Linh Nguyễn/Người Việt)

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Cả sếp và nhân viên đều mắc bệnh xã hội vì thích 'đổi gió'

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Nga và Qatar có thể mất quyền đăng cai World Cup

Cô Thảo Lê, 34 tuổi, cư dân Garden Grove, trình bày dự án "Dream In Action."

"Tôi muốn chế tạo một 'App' để cùng mọi người, chia sẻ những mục đích, những ước mơ," cô nói.

"Còn cách làm thương mại của tôi gọi là 'Make It Maker', có nghĩa là chúng tôi giúp phương tiện cho người muốn chế tạo sản phẩm, xây nhà, thực hiện được giấc mơ của mình," ông Christopher Girwood, 32 tuổi, nói.

Ông đưa ra thí dụ, một người muốn sản xuất tủ, công ty của ông sẽ cung cấp gỗ.

Ông cho biết phải lái xe hai tiếng đồng hồ để đến tham dự hội thảo.

Ngoài ra, còn có những ý tưởng táo bạo khác cũng được trình bày.

Thí dụ một dự án, tên "Where's My Shit" của anh Wayne Teng, 26 tuổi, cư dân South Pasadena, nói về một thiết bị gắn vào những vật dụng trước khi cho ai mượn. Bộ phận này sẽ tự động nhắc người mượn tới ngày phải trả lại cho chủ nhân.

Một dự án khác lấy tên "WTF Cars" của anh Kevin Nam, 25 tuổi, cư dân Irvine, khiến mọi người cười ồ vì ba chữ viết tắt. Chắc hẳn người chủ xe phải rất bức bối lên tiếng chửi thề, vì điều gì đó xảy ra cho cái xe của mình.

Sau khi các dự án được tuân tự trình bày xong, người điều hợp chương trình cho biết, mỗi người đưa ra ý kiến, đến gặp ban tổ chức để lấy một tờ giấy lớn cỡ hai trang báo, trên có ghi tên dự án. Người tham dự sẽ bầu chọn bằng cách dán mẫu giấy nhỏ lên. Ai được nhiều người bầu, dự án sẽ kêu gọi người tham gia làm việc chi tiết ngay.

Kết quả bày trong số 24 dự án được chọn như AdventureWithUs, Eat with Me, Buff Ship, Leaking Sink, Dream in Action, và 1,000 True Friends...



hỏi và làm việc chung với người khác.

Một người có thể tham dự hơn một dự án, nếu muốn.

Sau việc chọn người gia nhập nhóm, kế đến là giai đoạn đóng góp tài năng và sau cùng là phải tạo được sản phẩm để trình bày trong năm phút vào ngày Chủ Nhật, trước sự giám sát và đánh giá của ban giám khảo.

Trên thực tế, có dự án tuy được bầu chọn, nhưng rất khó kiếm người cộng tác. Trong trường hợp này, người đưa ra ý kiến, có thể tham gia vào một dự án khác.

Trước đó, trong phần khai mạc, Thị Trưởng Garde Grove Bảo Nguyễn ngỏ lời chào mừng các tham dự viên và chúc mọi người học hỏi được nhiều và thực hiện những gì mong ước.

Anh Stefan Nguyễn, trưởng ban tổ chức, cảm ơn Thị Trưởng Bảo Nguyễn và thành phố Garden Grove bảo trợ, cung cấp địa điểm sinh hoạt.

Anh ghi nhận những đóng góp của các cơ sở thương mại địa phương, như OC Innovate, Nem Nướng Brodard, Social Leverage, Wilson Coffee, Founder Institute và Hack Dojo. Ngoài ra còn có các bảo trợ lớn như, Sprint, Coca Cola và Google.

Ban tổ chức cho biết bảy nhóm được chọn có thể bắt đầu làm việc cho đến 12 giờ đêm và tiếp tục nguyên ngày hôm sau, Thứ Bảy.

Ngày thứ ba của cuộc hội thảo bắt đầu vào lúc 9 giờ sáng Chủ Nhật, 8 Tháng Năm, và là ngày ban giám khảo tuyên bố kết quả những dự án thực hiện qua ba ngày hội thảo.

Ban tổ chức gồm Stefan Nguyễn, sáng lập viên công ty "Next Ignite, Inc." Ounie Phakousonh, chủ nhân công ty "School of Devs" và "Hack Dojo"; và Andrew Halberstad, giám đốc điều hành "Boys & Girls Club."

Cũng theo ban tổ chức, khoảng 1,800 khóa hội thảo "Startup Weekend" được tổ chức trong năm 2014 trên 120 quốc gia, với 45,000 người tham dự và sau đó, kết quả là hàng ngàn công ty được thành lập theo phương thức của UP Global, hội bất vụ lợi ở Seattle, Washington.

Mọi chi tiết về UP Global có thể tham khảo tại <http://blog.up.co/category/notable-startups/>

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Garden Grove kiểm tra DUI và bằng lái tối 19 Tháng Sáu

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove sẽ đặt trạm để kiểm tra người say rượu lái xe (DUI) và xét bằng lái xe từ 9 giờ tối Thứ Sáu, 19 Tháng Sáu, tới 3 giờ sáng ngày hôm sau, theo thông báo của cơ quan công lực này.



(Hình minh họa: Joe Raedie/Getty Images)

Thông báo không cho biết sẽ kiểm tra DUI và xét bằng lái tại địa điểm nào.

Các cuộc kiểm tra này giúp giảm số người bị thiệt mạng và bị thương do nạn DUI gây ra, theo Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove. Nghiên cứu cũng cho thấy tai nạn liên quan đến DUI giảm 20% khi các cuộc kiểm tra được thông báo công khai đến công chúng và được thực hiện thường xuyên một cách đầy đủ.

Cảnh sát sẽ kiểm tra nồng độ rượu và bằng lái của người lái xe đi qua trạm kiểm soát. Người vi phạm DUI sẽ bị ở tù, giam bằng lái, tăng tiền bảo hiểm, đóng tiền phạt và lệ phí, học lớp cai rượu và trả một số chi phí khác có thể lên tới hơn \$10,000, chưa kể đến việc gây hỗ thện cho bạn bè và gia đình.

Trong năm 2011, gần 10,000 người bị thiệt mạng khắp Hoa Kỳ do các tai nạn liên quan đến người uống rượu lái xe có nồng độ rượu trong máu tương đương hoặc vượt quá .08%.

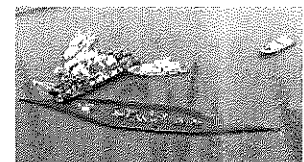
"Tại California, tai nạn giao thông liên quan đến DUI làm 802 người thiệt mạng và gần 24,000 người bị thương trong năm 2012. Trong ba năm qua, tai nạn liên quan đến DUI tại Garden Grove làm chín người thiệt mạng và 144 người bị thương, và tai nạn thương tổn đến 211 bạn hữu và lối xóm của chúng ta," Trung Sĩ J. Fischer được trích lời nói.

Các trạm kiểm soát DUI được đặt tại các địa điểm thường xảy ra tai nạn, dựa theo thống kê, để ngăn ngừa người say rượu lái xe, và được chọn theo tiêu chuẩn an toàn cho nhân viên cảnh sát và công chúng.

Nếu thấy ai uống rượu lái xe, quý vị nên gọi 9-1-1 ngay lập tức.

Kính phí cho đợt kiểm tra lần này do văn phòng An Toàn Giao Thông California, thông qua NHTSA, tài trợ. (L.N.)

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

June 11, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Letter from Mr. Heinrick Gottendalt complaining that the Lee's Sandwiches flag is being flown higher than the U.S. Flag. Staff has investigated and confirmed that the Lee's Sandwiches flag is being flown correctly and is not flying higher than the U.S. flag.
3. Minutes from the May 21, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.
4. Notice of the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Construction and Operation of Solar Photovoltaic Systems at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA on June 19, 2015.
5. Request to designate voting delegates and alternates prior to the League of California Cities Annual Conference September 30 to October 2, 2015 in San Jose, CA.
6. Cities Advocates dated June 5, 2015.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11, 2015 – July 2, 2015

Thursday	June 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
		5:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.	28 th Annual "Call to Duty" Police Memorial In front of Police Headquarters 11301 Acacia Parkway
		6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	City Council Special Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Study Session, Founders Room
Friday	June 12		City Hall Closed
Wednesday	June 17		Garden Grove Unified School District Last Day of School
Thursday	June 18		Casual Day – Patriotic Theme (Red, White & Blue)
		8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	Pala Casino Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday- Sunday	June 18-21		One More Productions presents "Next to Normal" Gem Theater
Tuesday	June 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	June 24	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber
Thursday	June 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Thursday- Sunday	June 25-28		One More Productions presents "Next to Normal" Gem Theater
Friday	June 26		City Hall Closed
Thursday	July 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber

TO: MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL
RE: UNAMERICAN ACTIONS
JUNE 1, 2015

PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING ACTION TO CONFORM TO RULES FOR DISPLAYING THE US FLAG & TO EDUCATE THE POPULATION ON AMERICAN CUSTOMS OF RULES OF THE ROAD.

At the intersection of Westminster & Brookhurst a large blue flag imprinted : "Lee's" is flown higher than the nearby American flag...this is not permitted in the US.

It is insulting and disrespectful and must be corrected ASAP.

Further, we ask the city to institute a public service announcement program to instruct residents on proper driving protocol. DRIVERS BEHAVE LIKE KAMAKAZI BOMBERS...AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS, HORN HONKING, TOO-CLOSE FOLLOWING AND GENERAL RUDENESS PREVAIL.

Driving through Garden Grove is disorienting for Americans.

Signage should be required in ENGLISH. IT IS DISRESPECTFUL TO THE PLACE THAT GAVE SHELTER TO THE VIETNAMESE TO DO OTHERWISE.

The OC Register's week-long coverage of the Vietnamese community did not mention the great help given by the US and its taxpayers...loans without interest, housing help, and other welfare...instead the community boasted they did well all on their own...that is not true and is a slap in the face to the taxpayers who provided billions in welfare for these people.

Please take down all the vietnamese signs & put up English signs.
YOU ARE IN AMERICA. SHOW SOME GRATITUDE.

IT WAS AN UGLY EXPERIENCE DRIVING THROUGH YOUR CITY. FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE...IT IS HOPED YOU TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AND MAKE CHANGES...SHOW RESPECT FOR AMERICA...USE ENGLISH. AND DECENT CONDUCT. NOT TYPICAL ASIAN AGGRESSIVENESS.

Thank you.

Heinrick Gottendalt
Prof. Political Science
Citizens for America

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair O'Neill
Vice Chair Kanzler
Commissioner Mai
Commissioner Margolin
Commissioner Pak
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Zamora

Absent: Kanzler, Mai

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner O'Neill.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

MAY 7, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Pak

Ayes: (5) Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Kanzler, Mai

PUBLIC HEARING – SITE PLAN NO. SP-020-2015. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12051 VALLEY VIEW STREET, WEST SIDE OF VALLEY VIEW STREET, SOUTH OF CHAPMAN AVENUE.

Applicant: Ware Malcomb

Date: May 21, 2015

Request: Site Plan approval to reconstruct an existing McDonald's drive-thru restaurant with a new 3,861 square foot building. The site is in the Planned Unit Development No. PUD-104-73 zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15302 – Replacement and Reconstruction and Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Patti Widdicombe, Marco Hanawi, John Erskine.

Action: Resolution No. 5845-15 approved.

Motion: Margolin Second: Pak

Ayes: (5) Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Kanzler, Mai

PUBLIC HEARING - CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-035-2015 AND
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-151-05 REVOCATION. FOR PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 8100 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, SOUTH SIDE OF GARDEN GROVE
BOULEVARD, EAST OF BEACH BOULEVARD.

Applicant: David S. Kim
Date: May 21, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the operation of a new trade school, California Premier Culinary School, in conjunction with an existing religious trade school, Gospel Global University, in an existing 6,888 square foot 1-story building. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-151-05, which previously allowed the operation of the adult day care facility in the adjacent building to the west. The site is in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. This project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Myung Chung, David Shin.

Action: Resolution No. 5847-15 approved.

Motion: Paredes Second: Margolin

Ayes: (5) Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Kanzler, Mai

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Margolin thanked Code Enforcement for the clean-up behind Lifetime Furniture, however, there were white clean-up bags against a wall at the auto lot next to Ashley Furniture.

Commissioner Zamora asked staff if further Commissioner training was scheduled. Staff responded that future Study Sessions would include Conditional Use Permits, Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Licenses, the General Plan, Zoning and more. Commissioner Zamora also asked if Planning Commission had a discretionary budget for studies if requested. Staff replied that any study would need City Council

authorization; that the Planning Commission had a tight budget intended for seminars; that the General Plan had noise, parking, traffic and circulation elements and guidelines; and that projects had different parking ratios depending on the use, which may warrant parking analysis.

Commissioner Zamora then asked if the budget would cover an expert to speak on a subject. Staff responded that the request would be a collective decision by the Planning Commission for a special study session; that on occasion, staff brought in a City Traffic Engineer; that the budget for seminars was different than for study sessions in that seminars charge registration fees for forum-type education; and that work compensation, transportation, overnight lodging, and meals were not covered.

Commissioner Pak asked for a Galleria update. Staff replied that a recent meeting was held with Cathay Bank, the loan note holder, Hoag Foundation, the property owner, and the prospective developer, Brook Street; and that the May 26th City Council meeting would include a status report.

Commissioner Pak asked for an update on the project at the corner of Adele Street and Garden Grove Boulevard as the project looked stalled. Staff stated that the building permits were expired, the landscaping had not begun, and the applicant needed to come in.

Commissioner Pak encouraged everyone to attend and enjoy the Strawberry Festival.

Commissioner Paredes expressed his concern for increased vehicle break-ins and helicopter activity wondering if lighting or location was a factor. Staff provided that vehicle burglaries increased; that general crime had increased all around for various reasons, including Proposition 47; and that county helicopters were not necessarily flying around for major events, but were up for several reasons, including air time required, listening for frequencies to assist, and by request.

Chair O'Neill mentioned that a sign was demolished at the barbershop home at 11471 Brookhurst Street and that over the weekend a new wood post sign was erected. He asked staff to check if the new sign was permitted.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff reminded Commissioners to update their 700 forms as property owners if anyone moves or buys or sells property. Staff then added that as a City, Garden Grove was in the top 150 (147th) of business friendly cities, with a population of 150,000 or greater in the country, based on criteria that included housing costs, cost of living, government fees and taxes, and educational level. Also, the report did not relate to an individual's experience acquiring business licenses or, for example, needing tenant improvement work.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:10 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Grove Council Chamber, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Margolin Second: Paredes

Ayes: (5) Margolin, O'Neill, Pak, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Kanzler, Mai

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS AT NAVAL WEAPONS STATION SEAL BEACH, CA

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, the Department of the Navy (Navy) gives notice that a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for the proposed Construction and Operation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems at Naval Weapons Station (NAWPNSTA) Seal Beach, California. The Navy proposes to enter into an agreement with a Private Party to use Navy land to construct, operate, and maintain the PV systems. The Navy identified two sites (Sites A and B) as potential locations for PV systems, and considered three alternatives for PV development as well as a No Action Alternative. The Proposed Action/Alternative 1 includes a combined acreage of approximately 138 acres (56 hectares) and would result in a renewable energy generation asset up to 25 megawatts (MW) in capacity. Alternative 2 considers a PV system at Site A, an approximately 64-acre (26 hectare) parcel that would contribute an estimated 10 MW of renewable energy. Alternative 3 considers a PV system at Site B, an approximately 73-acre (29-hectare) parcel that would contribute an estimated 15 MW of renewable energy.

The Navy invites you to review and comment on the EA. Written comments must be postmarked or received via email by June 19, 2015. The Draft EA is available in hardcopy for public review at the following locations:

- ❖ Mary Wilson Public Library, 707 Electric Avenue, Seal Beach, CA 90740-6103
- ❖ Huntington Beach Central Library, 7111 Talbert Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648
- ❖ Westminster Branch Library, 8180 13th Street, Westminster, CA 92683

The Draft EA is available electronically at the following link:
www.cnmc.navy.mil/NWSSBSolarPV

Submit written, postmarked comments by June 19, 2015 via mail to:

- ❖ Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southwest
Attn: Project Manager Code JE20.KF
1220 Pacific Highway, Building 131
San Diego, California 92132

Or email comments by June 19, 2015 to:

- ❖ nwssbpao@navy.mil





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Council Action Advised by July 31, 2015

May 29, 2015

TO: Mayors, City Managers and City Clerks

**RE: DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES
League of California Cities Annual Conference – September 30 – October 2, San Jose**

The League's 2015 Annual Conference is scheduled for September 30 – October 2 in San Jose. An important part of the Annual Conference is the Annual Business Meeting (*at the General Assembly*), scheduled for noon on Friday, October 2, at the San Jose Convention Center. At this meeting, the League membership considers and takes action on resolutions that establish League policy.

In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting, your city council must designate a voting delegate. Your city may also appoint up to two alternate voting delegates, one of whom may vote in the event that the designated voting delegate is unable to serve in that capacity.

Please complete the attached Voting Delegate form and return it to the League's office no later than Friday, September 18, 2015. This will allow us time to establish voting delegate/alternate records prior to the conference.

Please note the following procedures that are intended to ensure the integrity of the voting process at the Annual Business Meeting.

- **Action by Council Required.** Consistent with League bylaws, a city's voting delegate and up to two alternates must be designated by the city council. When completing the attached Voting Delegate form, please attach either a copy of the council resolution that reflects the council action taken, or have your city clerk or mayor sign the form affirming that the names provided are those selected by the city council. Please note that designating the voting delegate and alternates must be done by city council action and cannot be accomplished by individual action of the mayor or city manager alone.
- **Conference Registration Required.** The voting delegate and alternates must be registered to attend the conference. They need not register for the entire conference; they may register for Friday only. To register for the conference, please go to our website: www.cacities.org. In order to cast a vote, at least one voter must be present at the

Annual Conference Voting Procedures 2015 Annual Conference

1. **One City One Vote.** Each member city has a right to cast one vote on matters pertaining to League policy.
2. **Designating a City Voting Representative.** Prior to the Annual Conference, each city council may designate a voting delegate and up to two alternates; these individuals are identified on the Voting Delegate Form provided to the League Credentials Committee.
3. **Registering with the Credentials Committee.** The voting delegate, or alternates, may pick up the city's voting card at the Voting Delegate Desk in the conference registration area. Voting delegates and alternates must sign in at the Voting Delegate Desk. Here they will receive a special sticker on their name badge and thus be admitted to the voting area at the Business Meeting.
4. **Signing Initiated Resolution Petitions.** Only those individuals who are voting delegates (or alternates), and who have picked up their city's voting card by providing a signature to the Credentials Committee at the Voting Delegate Desk, may sign petitions to initiate a resolution.
5. **Voting.** To cast the city's vote, a city official must have in his or her possession the city's voting card and be registered with the Credentials Committee. The voting card may be transferred freely between the voting delegate and alternates, but may not be transferred to another city official who is neither a voting delegate or alternate.
6. **Voting Area at Business Meeting.** At the Business Meeting, individuals with a voting card will sit in a designated area. Admission will be limited to those individuals with a special sticker on their name badge identifying them as a voting delegate or alternate.
7. **Resolving Disputes.** In case of dispute, the Credentials Committee will determine the validity of signatures on petitioned resolutions and the right of a city official to vote at the Business Meeting.



CITY: _____

2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
VOTING DELEGATE/ALTERNATE FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the League office by Friday, September 18, 2015. Forms not sent by this deadline may be submitted to the Voting Delegate Desk located in the Annual Conference Registration Area. Your city council may designate one voting delegate and up to two alternates.

In order to vote at the Annual Business Meeting (General Assembly), voting delegates and alternates must be designated by your city council. Please attach the council resolution as proof of designation. As an alternative, the Mayor or City Clerk may sign this form, affirming that the designation reflects the action taken by the council.

Please note: Voting delegates and alternates will be seated in a separate area at the Annual Business Meeting. Admission to this designated area will be limited to individuals (voting delegates and alternates) who are identified with a special sticker on their conference badge. This sticker can be obtained only at the Voting Delegate Desk.

1. VOTING DELEGATE

Name: _____

Title: _____

2. VOTING DELEGATE - ALTERNATE

Name: _____

Title: _____

3. VOTING DELEGATE - ALTERNATE

Name: _____

Title: _____

PLEASE ATTACH COUNCIL RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATES.

OR

ATTEST: I affirm that the information provided reflects action by the city council to designate the voting delegate and alternate(s).

Name: _____ E-mail _____

Mayor or City Clerk _____ Phone: _____
(circle one) (signature)

Date: _____

Please complete and return by Friday, September 18, 2015

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June 5, 2015

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Legislature Meets House of Origin Deadline, Bills Starting to be Scheduled for Policy Committees in Second House

The Legislature met one of its major deadlines this week on Thursday afternoon when both houses wrapped up marathon sessions to take action on bills that originated in their house. Bills that fail to pass at this juncture will not continue to move for the remainder of the session, which ends on Friday, Sept. 11. *For more, see Page 2.*



Medical Cannabis Bill Passes Assembly with Historic Consensus

On Thursday, June 4, the California State Assembly took historic action in passing AB 266, medical cannabis legislation, on a bipartisan vote of 60-8, with at least 17 Republican members in support. The measure provides long overdue statewide regulation of medical cannabis that protects local control and public safety, and advances patient protection with maximum potency and health and safety standards. *For more, see Page 3.*



GASB Announces Major New Accounting Rule for OPEBs

Effective June 15, 2017, Rule Requires Cities to Account for Unfunded Liabilities in Net Fiscal Position

On June 2 the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) released Statement 75 that, effective June 15, 2017, requires governments with unfunded OPEB liabilities and their independent auditors to report either their net or total OPEB liability on their financial statements. In short, OPEB liabilities will no longer just be reported in the financial statements of cities but will have to be reflected in the bottom line net fiscal position of cities, possibly causing reductions in bond ratings and other negative fiscal effects for some. *For more, see Page 4.*

There are a number of bills that are exempt from the house of origin deadline because they have an urgency clause, amend the constitution, or levy a tax. Several League-supported hot bills fall within this category including: SB 16 (Beall), the Senate's transportation funding proposal; AB 1335, Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins' (D-San Diego) Building Homes Act; and ACA 4 (Frazier), which lowers the voter threshold for local transportation initiative.

The League urges city officials to review the following bills that made it to the second house and send in letters of support or opposition. Bill language, the League's position letter and sample letters can be found on the League website at www.cacities.org/billsearch. Plug in the bill number, i.e. AB 266, into the search box to access these materials.

Below is the status of the key bills the League is tracking that passed out of their house of origin, the League's position and whether it is a hot bill. In addition, it is noted if the bill has a committee hearing scheduled in the second house.

Assembly Bills Passed to Senate: Support

- **HOT AB 2 (Alejo)** Community revitalization authority.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Governance and Finance, June 10, 9:30 a.m.
- **AB 22 (Rodriguez)** Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills: firefighters.
- **HOT AB 35 (Chiu)** Income taxes: credits: low-income housing: allocation increase.
- **AB 74 (Calderon)** Care facilities: regulatory visits.
- **AB 90 (Chau)** Federal Housing Trust Fund.
- **HOT AB 266 (Bonta)** Medical cannabis.
- **AB 313 (Atkins)** Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.
- **AB 323 (Olsen)** California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: roadway improvement.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Environmental Quality, June 17, 9:30 a.m.
- **AB 327 (Gordon)** Public works: volunteers.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations, June 10, 9:30 a.m.
- **AB 341 (Achadjian)** Financial affairs: reports.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Governance and Finance, June 10, 9:30 a.m.
- **AB 388 (Chang)** Housing: homeless veterans: reports.
- **AB 428 (Nazarian)** Income taxes credit: seismic retrofits.
- **HOT AB 448 (Brown)** Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.
- **AB 451 (Bonilla)** private parking facilities.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Transportation and Housing, June 9, 1:30 p.m.
- **AB 702 (Maienschein)** CalWorks: temporary shelter assistance.
- **AB 870 (Cooley)** Homelessness: rapid rehousing.
- **AB 988 (Stone)** Outdoor Environmental Education and Recreation Grants Program.
- **AB 1056 (Atkins)** Second Chance Program.
- **AB 1157 (Nazarian)** Property taxation: certification aircraft assessment.
- **AB 1223 (O'Donnell)** Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation.
- **AB 1228 (Gipson)** Public postsecondary education: campus housing: priority for homeless youth.
- **AB 1239 (Gordon)** Tire recycling: California tire regulatory fee and waste tire program.
- **AB 1262 (Wood)** Telecommunications: universal services: California Advanced Services Fund.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications, June 16, 9:30 a.m.
- **AB 1403 (Maienschein)** Housing: joint powers agreement.

Assembly Bills Passed to Senate: Oppose

- **HOT AB 36 (Campos)** Local government: federal surplus property.
- **AB 57 (Quirk)** Telecommunications: wireless telecommunications facilities.
- **AB 254 (Hernández)** Election dates. League position: Oppose Unless Amended.
- **HOT AB 278 (Hernández)** District-based municipal elections.
- **AB 552 (O'Donnell)** Public works contracts: damages.
 - Next Hearing: Senate Governmental Organization, June 9, 9:30 a.m.
- **AB 651 (Cooper)** Public safety officers and firefighters: investigations and interviews.

- Next Hearing: Senate Public Safety, June 30, 9:30 a.m.
- **HOT AB 718 (Chu)** Local government: powers.
- **HOT AB 744 (Chau)** Planning and zoning: density bonus.
- **AB 1236 (Chiu)** Local ordinances: electric vehicles charging stations. League position: Oppose Unless Amended.
- **AB 1347 (Chiu)** Public contracts: claims.

Senate Bills Passed to Assembly: Support

- **HOT SB 25 (Roth)** Local government finance: property tax revenue allocation: vehicle license fee adjustments.
- **HOT SB 175 (Huff)** Peace officer: body-worn cameras.
- **HOT SB 321 (Beall)** Motor vehicle fuel taxes: rates: adjustments.
- **SB 485 (Hernandez)** County of Los Angeles: sanitation districts.
- **HOT SB 493 (Canella)** Elections in cities: by or from districts.
- **SB 533 (Pan)** Cities and counties: sales and use tax agreements.
- **HOT SB 643 (McGuire)** Medical marijuana. League position: Support If Amended.
- **SB 658 (Hill)** Automated external defibrillators.

Senate Bills Passed to Assembly: Oppose

- **SB 3 (Leno)** Minimum wage: adjustment.
- **HOT SB 239 (Hertzberg)** Local services: contracts: fire protection services.

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Jointly authored by Assembly Members Rob Bonta (D-Alameda), Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) and Reginald Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), AB 266 is supported by the League of California Cities, the California Police Chiefs Association, two groups that have traditionally opposed most attempts at any cannabis regulation, including medical cannabis. It is also supported by United Food and Commercial Workers, a major labor union.

The measure is the result of a collaborative effort between authors of competing bills that have now merged into a single vehicle. Originally AB 34 (Bonta and Jones-Sawyer) and AB 266 (Cooley) were separate bills. Recent discussions between the authors, strongly urged by Assembly Appropriations Committee Chair Jimmy Gomez, resulted in one bill containing components of both measures. The authors of AB 266 represent diverse parts of the state (Oakland/Alameda), Rancho Cordova, and Los Angeles), each with their own perspectives and priorities related to medical cannabis policy.

League of California Cities Executive Director Chris McKenzie remarked on the League's continued engagement in this important policy. "While this bill remains a work in progress, we will continue to monitor it closely to ensure that it continues to protect local governments' ability to fully regulate medical cannabis businesses within their borders. We are encouraged by the bill's requirement of local permitting as well as state licensing in order for these businesses to operate within the law. The League will continue to work with the authors, our partners, the California Police Chiefs Association, as well as other stakeholders to improve this measure as it goes forward."

Chula Vista Police Chief David Bejarano, president of the California Police Chiefs Association, agrees that the bill is an important step forward. "We are pleased the bill has cleared the Assembly and we look forward to working on finalizing language that addresses stakeholder concerns."

Assembly Member Bonta commended how legislators and stakeholders worked together. "I am proud to work with my colleagues and stakeholders of all perspectives on this unprecedented effort. I am confident that our collaborative efforts on AB 266 will successfully ensure that we establish necessary standards and protections for patients, the environment, and the public related to the medical cannabis industry."

Assembly Member Cooley also stressed the ways in which this legislation reflects the various priorities of medical cannabis regulation. “I am very pleased that the Assembly voted AB 266 out today with bipartisan support. Throughout this process, my colleagues and I have worked to find consensus on issues of local control, public safety, and appropriate regulation of the medical cannabis industry. Today’s vote recognized that hard work and sends a strong message that California is trying to solve problems in a collaborative, effective, and accountable manner.”

Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer noted the work of the stakeholders as the bill moves forward. “We are very glad that law enforcement and local governments are supporting our efforts. They are an essential partner in regulating the medical cannabis industry. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with all the stakeholders to ensure that AB 266 creates a regulatory system that respects the interests of local government while still providing a consistent statewide structure.”

Assembly Member Tom Lackey of Palmdale, a former California Highway Patrol officer who was an original co-author of AB 266, made it clear that he remains its staunch advocate. Lackey urged his colleagues to support the measure, arguing that “this bill actually tightens medical marijuana standards” and that it “gives us more ability to control an industry that’s out of control.”

Next Steps

The League will issue a summary of the bill’s provisions in the near future and notify member cities when AB 266 is scheduled for its first hearing in the Senate.

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In a recent survey of California cities, 80 percent reported providing some level of OPEB benefits, including medical, dental and vision benefits. The number one strategy the cities reported for managing their unfunded liabilities was to establish an irrevocable OPEB trust, funded by annual budgeted contributions or year-end balances. Since a similar survey in 2008 the percentage of cities with irrevocable OPEB trusts has doubled.

The OPEB Statements

GASB Statement No. 74, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, addresses reporting by OPEB plans that administer benefits on behalf of governments.

GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions, addresses reporting by governments that provide OPEB to their employees and for governments that finance OPEB for employees of other governments.

The new OPEB standards parallel the pension standards issued in 2012 — GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, and GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. Together, the pension and OPEB standards provide consistent and comprehensive guidance for all postemployment benefits.

“These OPEB standards usher in the same fundamental improvements in accounting and financial reporting that were previously introduced for pensions,” said GASB Chairman David A. Vaudt. “Because OPEB promises represent a very significant liability for many state and local governments, it is critical that taxpayers, policy makers, bond analysts, and others are equipped with enhanced information, which will enable them to better assess the related financial obligations and annual costs of providing OPEB.”

Statement 75

Statement 75 replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. Statement 75 requires governments to report a liability on the face of the financial statements for the OPEB that they provide:

- Governments that are responsible only for OPEB liabilities related to their own employees and that provide OPEB through a defined benefit OPEB plan administered through a trust that meets specified criteria **will report a net OPEB liability**—the difference between the total OPEB liability and assets accumulated in the trust and restricted to making benefit payments.
- Governments that participate in a cost-sharing OPEB plan that is administered through a trust that meets the specified criteria **will report a liability equal to their proportionate share of the collective OPEB liability** for all entities participating in the cost-sharing plan.
- Governments that do not provide OPEB through a trust that meets specified criteria **will report the total OPEB liability** related to their employees.

Statement 75 carries forward from Statement 45 the option to use a specified alternative measurement method in place of an actuarial valuation for purposes of determining the total OPEB liability for benefits provided through OPEB plans in which there are fewer than 100 plan members (active and inactive). This option was retained in order to reduce costs for smaller governments.

Statement 75 requires governments in all types of OPEB plans to present more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI) about their OPEB liabilities. Among the new note disclosures is a description of the effect on the reported OPEB liability of using a discount rate and a healthcare cost trend rate that are one percentage point higher and one percentage point lower than assumed by the government. The new RSI includes a schedule showing the causes of increases and decreases in the OPEB liability and a schedule comparing a government's actual OPEB contributions to its contribution requirements.

Some governments are legally responsible to make contributions directly to an OPEB plan or make benefit payments directly as OPEB comes due for employees of other governments. In certain circumstances — called special funding situations — Statement 75 requires these governments to recognize in their financial statements a share of the other government's net OPEB liability.

Statement 74

Statement 74 replaces GASB Statement No. 43, Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans. Statement 74 addresses the financial reports of defined benefit OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet specified criteria. The Statement follows the framework for financial reporting of defined benefit OPEB plans in Statement 45 by requiring a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. The Statement requires more extensive note disclosures and RSI related to the measurement of the OPEB liabilities for which assets have been accumulated, including information about the annual money-weighted rates of return on plan investments. Statement 74 also sets forth note disclosure requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans.

The Pension Statement

GASB Statement No. 73, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68, completes the suite of pension standards. Statement 73 establishes requirements for those pensions and pension plans that are not administered through a trust meeting specified criteria (in other words, those not covered by Statements 67 and 68). The requirements in Statement 73 for reporting pensions generally are the same as in Statement 68. However, the lack of a pension plan that is administered through a trust that meets specified criteria is reflected in the measurements.

Effective Dates

The provisions in Statement 73 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015 — except those provisions that address employers and governmental nonemployer contributing

entities for pensions that are not within the scope of Statement 68, which are effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. The provisions in Statement 74 are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2016. The provisions in Statement 75 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Earlier application is encouraged.

Availability of the Statements

Statements 73, 74, and 75 will be available for download at no charge from the GASB website in late June. Printed copies of the Statements will be available for purchase soon after. Other related resources also will be available on the website at that time.

About the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

Established in 1984, the GASB is the independent, private-sector organization based in Norwalk, Connecticut, that establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for U.S. state and local governments that follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). These standards are recognized as authoritative by state and local governments, state Boards of Accountancy, and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA). The GASB develops and issues accounting standards through a transparent and inclusive process intended to promote financial reporting that provides useful information to taxpayers, public officials, investors, and others who use financial reports. The Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF) supports and oversees the GASB. For more information, visit www.gasb.org.

New League Page Features Water-Management Resources

The League of California Cities® staff has assembled a new webpage containing resources intended to help cities meet the state's first emergency water-use restrictions and groundwater management plan mandate.

The page contains resources to assist with conservation, groundwater and stormwater. Amid the ongoing drought, cities face unprecedented challenges in all three areas:

- Acting in response to Gov. Jerry Brown's April 25 executive order, the State Water Resources Board has assigned urban water suppliers conservation standards of between 4 and 36 percent, affecting cities as users, suppliers or both.
- Last year, Governor Brown signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, requiring state-identified "high- or medium-priority" basins subject to "critical conditions of overdraft" to be managed under a plan by 2020. Other high- or medium-priority basins must be managed under a plan by 2022.
- Among the changes for stormwater are a new Industrial General Permit and a recently announced federal Clean Water Rule. Cities continue to face obstacles in regard to stormwater funding under Proposition 218.

The League's new webpage also includes water news headlines from around the state. A guide to Prop. 1 (water bond) programs will be added after the FY 2015-16 state budget is finalized.

League staff also maintains a listserv devoted to water issues enabling elected officials and city staff to more easily share information. More than 460 members have signed up since the listserv was announced on April 13.

California City Solutions: Long Beach Forms Quality of Life Unit to Help Homeless Transition

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. Long Beach Police Department's Quality of Life Unit was submitted in 2014 for the Public Safety award category.

Communities often use a collaborative approach to compassionately respond to their homeless populations. This can comprise local and regional government agencies, non-profit organizations, and faith-based institutions. While some programs exist, sometimes they are not as effective as possible because homeless individuals find it difficult to navigate the processes and requirements. The city of Long Beach launched the Quality of Life Detail to address this gap.

When residents and visitors have a concern with homeless issues, such as trespassing, panhandling, camping, littering, and nuisance activity, they call the police department for help. The Long Beach Police Department in 2008 experienced a high number of community complaints about homeless people in the downtown area, including Lincoln Park (adjacent to the Civic Center) and the Entertainment District. Police officers found that normal law enforcement measures were not an effective, long-term solution and that problems would eventually recur.

The Long Beach Police Department in response implemented a specialized team of police officers, known as the Quality of Life Detail to help people transition from homelessness to greater well-being and security. As first responders, the Quality of Life Detail officers strive to develop a trusting relationship and connect with homeless individuals, breaking down intimidating barriers and providing a caring and empathetic service.

The program follows the practices of community policing, based on the broken windows model of policing introduced in 1982 by UCLA professor James Q. Wilson and his collaborator George Kelling. Community policing promotes partnerships between the community, city departments and other organizations to solve neighborhood problems and improve the quality of life.

Most homeless individuals find it difficult to break the cycle of living on the street and many have mental health issues that prevent them from seeking assistance.

Involving the Quality of Life Detail police officers in the effort to assist the homeless makes sense for many reasons:

- As first responders to receive complaints from the community or reports of incidents, police officers are in contact with homeless individuals on a regular basis and know most of these individuals; and
- Many homeless individuals suffer from mental illness, and some can threaten the safety of homeless services workers, particularly when homeless encampments are being cleared or when there is a major outreach effort.

The assigned police officers can act as mentors, providing guidance and support to homeless individuals, while also hoping to reduce bothersome activity and negative community impact. Developing a specialized unit to focus on the needs and issues of the homeless population made sense, as the average police officer assigned to patrol wouldn't have the time, or expertise to provide such services.

When the Quality of Life Detail first began, assigned officers had to learn about all of the resources available within the city and region. Today, the officers partner with the Long Beach Health Department's Homeless Services Division, which is responsible for coordinating homeless services and addressing the impacts of homelessness citywide. The Homeless Services Division staff educate the assigned officers about various grant-funded programs and the operations of the Long Beach Multi-Service Center (MSC), which provides outreach, intake assessments, case management and housing placement services, and conducts a biennial homeless count.

Officers also work closely with the Mental Health Association Village, another local organization devoted to homeless advocacy, and the Police Department's Mental Evaluation Team on a regular basis for mental health assistance and guidance, as well as various detective details when homeless persons may have been victimized or accused of committing crimes.

In February 2013, the Quality of Life Detail officers worked with MSC to help two homeless men obtain the documents needed to apply for different services and programs. Some of the programs included social security income and entering into a program called Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program. The men temporarily stayed at the Long Beach Rescue Mission while the officers worked to qualify them for an apartment in downtown Long Beach and obtain donated furniture.

The heart of community policing requires patience, understanding, willingness, and trust between the community and city departments to improve quality of life. The police officers assigned to the Quality of Life Detail have the ability to merge several critical components — the education provided to them by the Homeless Services Division, recognition of the services provided by the MSC, and the trust they have gained from the community — to successfully address a critical community challenge. Complaints from the public can be reduced because assigned officers are dedicated to focusing their efforts on the locations frequented by the homeless individuals, which relieves patrol officers from handling ongoing complaints and therefore redirecting their efforts to proactive patrols and calls for service.

NLC Releases Report on Sharing Economy

The National League of Cities (NLC) on June 3 released the first national quantitative survey of local elected officials' views on the sharing economy. The report, [City Survey on the Sharing Economy: Shifting Perceptions of Collaborative Consumption](#), found that 71 percent of cities surveyed are supportive of growth in the sharing economy — particularly with ridesharing services such as Uber and Lyft — but many are concerned about the sharing economy's impact on public safety. On the whole, cities want to encourage economic development and accommodate the services their constituents want.

The report was released in conjunction with an animated video: [“Cities, The Sharing Economy, and What’s Next.”](#)

The survey found that city leaders are open to integrating sharing economy services more fully within their communities — and they want to capitalize on this opportunity. When asked to identify the greatest benefit of the sharing economy, 22 percent of city leaders identified improved services, 20 percent identified increased economic activity, and 16 percent identified increased entrepreneurial activity.

At the same time, the survey found that cities do have concerns with the sharing economy. By a large margin, 61 percent of city leaders were most concerned with public safety, specifically identifying the lack of comparable insurance coupled with general safety concerns. Other areas of concern included the protection of traditional service providers and industry participants (10 percent) and non-compliance with current standards (9 percent).

Many cities are working through these challenges because they want to reflect resident demands and benefit from the sharing economy's economic impact. However, there's a high degree of variation in city policies that regulate the sharing economy, and nearly 60 percent of cities do not regulate ridesharing or home sharing at all. The majority of respondents acknowledged the importance of developing new policies on the sharing economy, and placed ridesharing front and center as the top priority in the policy arena.

City Survey on the Sharing Economy: Shifting Perceptions of Collaborative Consumption builds on NLC's work to [help city leaders understand and benefit from the sharing economy](#).

- [Cities, the Sharing Economy, and What's Next](#) features interviews with city officials on the impact of the sharing economy and related topics centered around five key themes: innovation, economic development, equity, safety and implementation.
- [The Sharing Economy: An Analysis of Current Sentiment Surrounding Homesharing and Ridesharing](#) presents a typology for measuring the sentiment of cities toward homesharing and ridesharing services.

Save Our Water to Offer Agency Partner Webinar on June 8

With the emergency regulations for urban water conservation in effect, many water agencies are being asked to meet high conservation standards. [Save Our Water](#) is offering updated public outreach tools and partnership opportunities to help meet these standards.

A webinar will be held on Monday, June 8 at 1 p.m. and will cover available tools and information on how to join Save Our Water in a statewide media buy this summer. Partnering with Save Our Water can save your agency from having to develop your own creative and can maximize your agency's spending by picking up the benefits of a larger statewide media buy.

There is no cost to participate in the webinar but space is limited so register early.

For more information contact [Ellen Martin](#).

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