

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**December 10, 2015**

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

**I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES**

None.

**II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

**A. FIREFIGHTER ENGINEER PROMOTION**

The attached memo discusses the promotion of a Firefighter to Firefighter Engineer.

**B. EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) POLICY PROCEDURES**

An overview of policies and procedures of the City's Emergency Operations Center is attached for your review. The memo also includes the City Council's general responsibilities in the event of a declared emergency.

**C. RFP FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13650 HARBOR BLVD.**

Kingsley Okereke provides a copy of the Request for Proposal for the property located at 13650 Harbor Blvd. (former Vietnam War Museum Site) which is planned to be sent to developers on Monday, December 14, 2015.

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

**A.** Letter from the OCTA discussing the OC Bus 360 Plan which will optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall bus system.

**B.** The Orange County Water District informs you of a meeting on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm discussing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's status report on recent activities and outlook for oversight of the North Basin groundwater contamination plume.

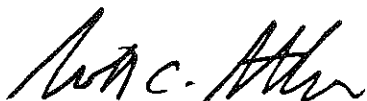
**• OTHER ITEMS**

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS


Items of interest are included.



SCOTT C. STILES  
City Manager

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor & City Council Members From: Scott C. Stiles   
Dept: Dept: City Manager's  
Subject: FIREFIGHTER ENGINEER Date: December 9, 2015  
PROMOTION

Fire Chief Tom Schultz has recommended, and I have approved, the promotion of Travis Mellem from Firefighter to Firefighter Engineer. This is not something that I would normally bring to your attention, but for the fact that Mr. Mellem is also the brother of Firefighter Engineer, Shane Mellem. The promotion of Firefighter Travis Mellem is consistent with the City's Nepotism Policy Municipal Code section 2.44.440 (see attached). This action does not impact current City policy that prohibits the potential hiring of new employees who fall under section 2.44.444 (A) (1-5). It should be noted that Travis Mellem and Shane Mellem were both hired in the Fire Department prior to approval of the City's current nepotism policy.

In approving this promotion, I have instituted additional administrative direction that guides how we treat existing City employees that are related. Prior to the promotion of existing employees, Department Directors are required to submit a plan of compliance that details how the City's nepotism policy will be followed. The plan may include procedures to ensure that the relatives do not report to each other, work different shifts, and/or are stationed in different work locations. I have also shared this administrative direction with the entire Central Management staff. This serves to support section 2.44.440 (5) that states, "The hiring authority shall be responsible for administering these nepotism regulations."

Most importantly, this action serves to reinforce my administrative philosophy that all of our employees are to be valued, respected, and encouraged to reach their full potential. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

This update is for informational purposes only. No action of the City Council is required.

Cc: Tom Schultz, Fire Chief  
Laura Stover, Human Resources Director  
Omar Sandoval, City Attorney

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Scott Stiles 

Dept: City Council

Dept: City Manager

Subject: EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC)  
POLICY/PROCEDURES

Date: December 9, 2015

OBJECTIVE

To provide a brief overview of the policies and procedures of the City of Garden Grove's Emergency Operation Center (EOC) and update the City Council regarding their general responsibilities in the event of a declared emergency.

BACKGROUND

The City's Municipal Code Chapter 6.08.050, designates the City Manager as the Director of Emergency Services. Further, the City's Current Emergency Operations Plan creates the following line of succession as the EOC Director.

1. City Manager
2. Fire Chief
3. Police Chief
4. Public Works Director
5. Fire Division Chief Operations

DISCUSSION

The City of Garden Grove EOC may be activated when:

- A local emergency is proclaimed by the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager).
- Upon request of the Operational Area (OA).
- There is an impending or declared STATE OF WAR.
- An earthquake occurs which affects the City or impacts the City's resources.
- An emergency situation has occurred which requires a large commitment of resources from two or more City departments over an extended period of time.
- The Governor has proclaimed a STATE OF EMERGENCY in an area including the City.
- By a Presidential declaration of a NATIONAL EMERGENCY.
- Automatically on receipt of an attack warning or the observation of a nuclear detonation.

## EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) POLICY/ PROCEDURES

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The following City Officials are authorized to activate the EOC:

- City Manager
- Fire Chief
- Police Chief
- Fire Division Chief – Operations
- On Duty Battalion Chief

It is critical in any disaster to quickly establish control and a chain of command so that necessary decisions can be made quickly and vital information can be centrally coordinated and communicated.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves as the centralized point to manage overall emergency response operations. Ordinarily the EOC will be activated and take control of the emergency operations in any emergency situation of such magnitude as to require the mobilization of elements of local government other than those principally involved in emergency services on a day-to-day basis.

The EOC provides:

- A focal point for reporting the emergency and normal status of the City.
- A central information center for the service area and coordination with the Operational Area (OA) and external organizations, including Special Districts and volunteer relief agencies.
- Concurrent analysis and evaluation of all information.
- Priority determination for allocation of resources.
- Coordination of:
  - Policy direction.
  - Resources (material and personnel).
  - Recovery activities to restore facilities in a timely manner.
  - Communications with OA, field command posts, other local governments, and other agencies, as necessary.
  - Public, OA, and employee information.

Under the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the City has responsibilities at two levels, including the field response and local government levels. At the field response level, all department and agencies will use the Incident Command System (ICS) to standardize the emergency response and report emergency related information to the emergency management organization in the City's EOC.

In the event of a large emergency, affecting numerous cities an Operational Area (OA) would be activated. Under these circumstances the City of Garden Grove EOC would report to the Orange County Operational Area.

## EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) POLICY/ PROCEDURES

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The City of Garden Grove is responsible for coordinating with other local governments, the field response level and the operational area, and for providing mutual aid within its capabilities.

The extent to which the EOC is activated depends on the type of emergency situation, its potential for escalation, its geographic extent and other factors. The level of EOC activation is determined by the EOC Director. Once the EOC Director determines an appropriate level of activation for the EOC, the activation level and their associated staffing are identified below:

### Level 1- Activation (Management Watch)

- Director of Emergency Services (City Manager)
- Department Directors as need.
- Staff as needed

### Level 2 – Activation

- Director of Emergency Services (City Manager)
- Department Directors
- Sections Chief as needed
- PIO
- Staff as needed

### Level 3 –Activation

- All EOC positions as required by the event/situation

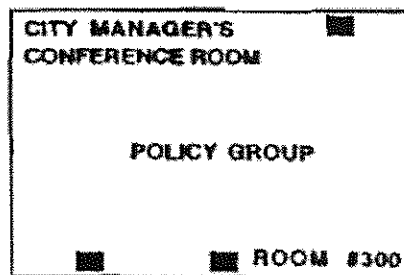
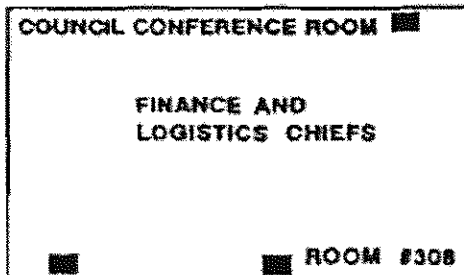
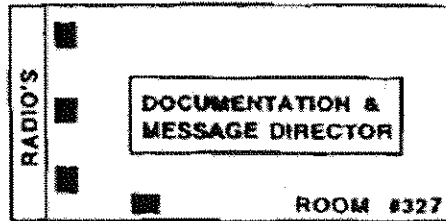
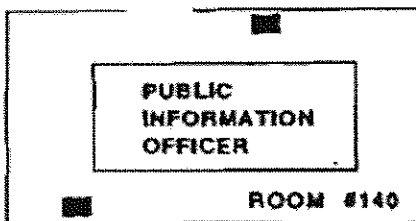
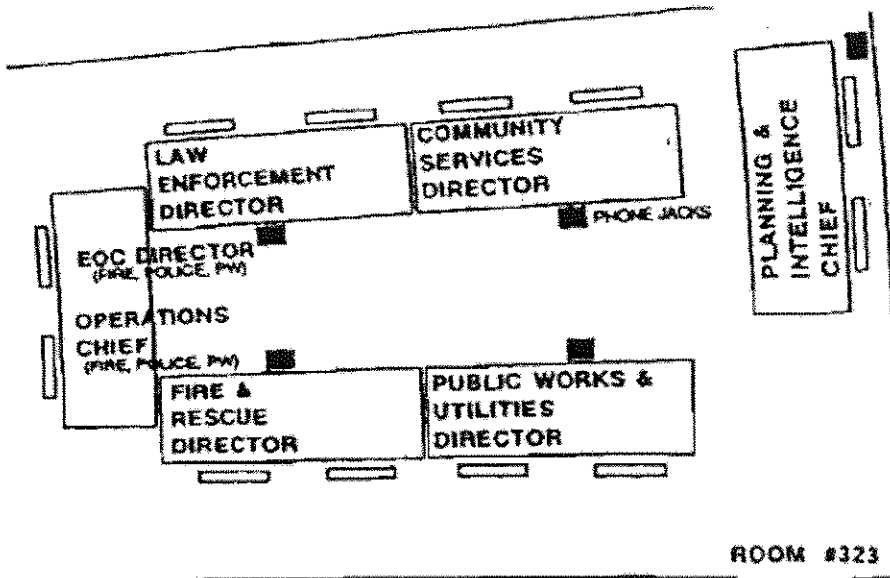
## CITY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY AND RESPONSE

In the event of a large scale emergency, the Mayor and City Council members may be called for response to the EOC. The Mayor and Council make up the Policy Group of the EOC, which is located in the City Manager's Conference Room. The Director of Emergency Services (City Manager) will work with the Mayor and Council initially to draft a Declaration of Local Emergency. The Mayor and Council will be briefed on the current situation that is going on within the City or the area and they will make policy decisions as needed as requested by the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager).

EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) POLICY/ PROCEDURES  
December 9, 2015

EOC LOCATION

The City's Primary EOC is located at:  
City Hall.  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove  
Third Floor

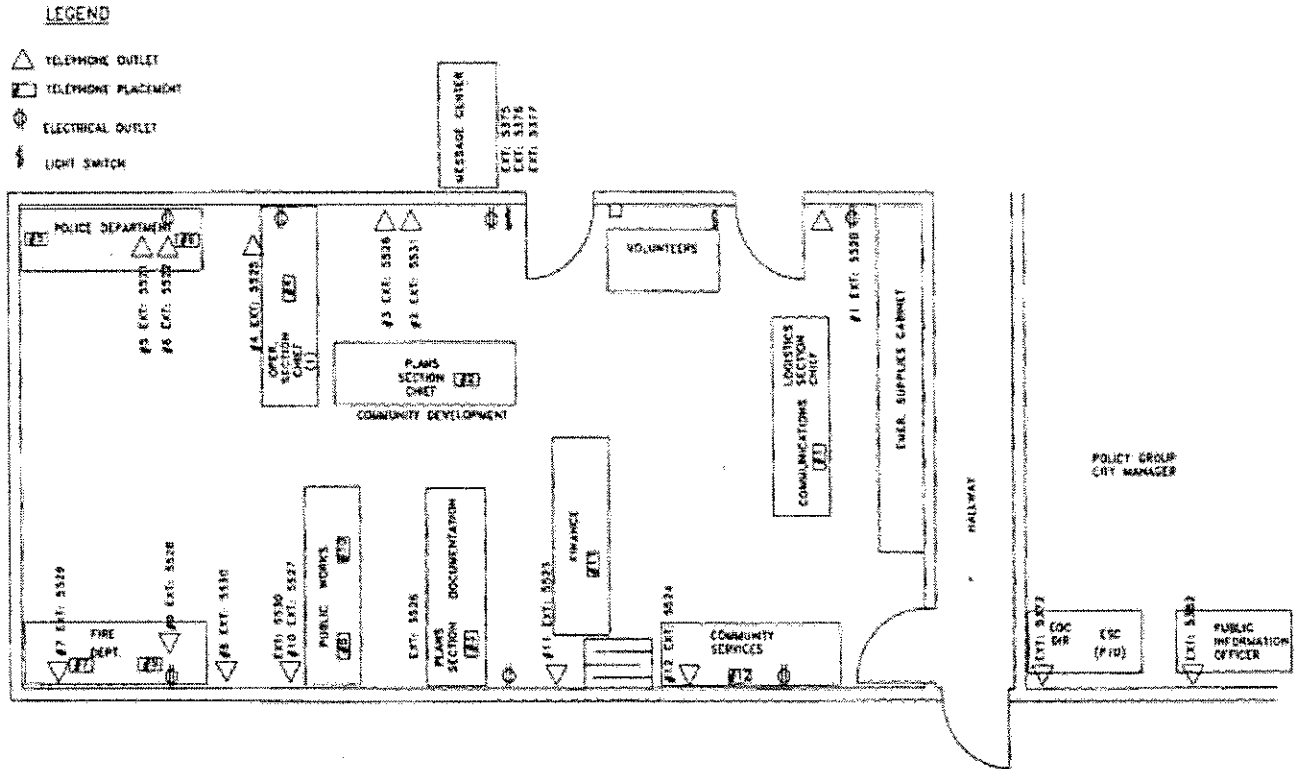


# EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER (EOC) POLICY/ PROCEDURES

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If the primary EOC location is unavailable due to damage or otherwise, the alternate EOC location will be used. The Alternate EOC is located at:

Garden Grove Municipal Services Center  
13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove  
Public Works Training Room



## FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of an emergency within the City of Garden Grove could be significant. As a result the city is working to ensure that all full-time employees are trained to the state and national required standards under SEMS and NIMS. This training requirement will ensure that the City remains eligible for reimbursement for State and Federal funds following any declared emergency.

## SUMMARY

In the event of a significant emergency the EOC may be activated by designated staff to facilitate an effective emergency response. The Mayor and City Council members may be called to report to the EOC. In such case, they will make up the Policy Group, which meets in the City Managers conference room. The Mayor and Council members would be briefed by the Director of Emergency Services (City Manager) or his designee regarding the incident and their related responsibilities.

Scott C. Stiles  
City Manager

cc: Central Management, David Barlag

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Scott Stiles  
Dept: City Manager  
Subject: RFP for the City owned property located at 13650 Harbor Boulevard

From: Kingsley Okereke  
Dept: Assistant City Manager  
Date: December 11, 2015

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council an update on the RFP for the City owned property located at 13650 Harbor Boulevard (Former Vietnam War Museum Site), which is planned to be sent to developers on Monday, December 14, 2015.

BACKGROUND

The City Council has directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFP/Q) to select a developer to acquire and develop City owned property located at 13650 Harbor Boulevard (the "Property"). The Property is approximately 1.45 acres and is located just south of the Garden Grove Freeway, in the City of Garden Grove. (See Attached RFP/Q)

It is the intent of the RFP/Q to provide a general description of the City's vision for the future use of the Property, including the potential development and planning considerations, guiding objectives, submission requirements and the process that the City will use to evaluate submissions, and determine the developer's qualifications.

DISCUSSION

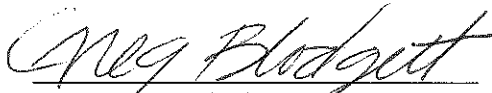
One of the main criteria for evaluating the RFP/Q will be the developer's strategy for long term economic revenue return for the City as well as the highest purchase price for the Property. This RFP/Q process will be used to select the most qualified developer based on the submitted materials required herein and that best demonstrates the capability to successfully reposition the Property. The Property is zoned C-3 Commercial and allows a variety of uses. The City is encouraging developers to propose approved land uses such as New Car Auto Sales or Hotel development.



The RFP/Q review process will be facilitated by the City of Garden Grove's Economic Development Division, and City staff members, as well as economic consultants. The top three proposals will be presented to the Garden Grove City Council for consideration. The City Council will have the ultimate decision in the selection of the successful developer.

The RFP/Q will be made available on-line. RFP/Q responses are due by 4:00 pm, January 29, 2016.

KINGSLEY OKEREKE  
Assistant City Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Blodgett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

By: Greg Blodgett  
Senior Project Manager

Attachment: Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFP/Q)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND QUALIFICATIONS**  
**FOR**  
**DISPOSITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF 13650 HARBOR BOULEVARD**



***Issued by:***  
**THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
**December 14, 2015**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The City of Garden Grove (City) is issuing this Request for Proposals and Qualifications (RFP/Q) to select a developer to acquire and develop City owned property located at 13650 Harbor Boulevard (the "Property"). The Property is approximately 1.45 acres and is located just south of the Garden Grove Freeway, which is also known as State Route 22, in the City of Garden Grove.

It is the intent of the RFP/Q to provide a general description of the City's vision for the future use of the Property, including the potential development and planning considerations, guiding objectives, submission requirements, and the process that the City will use to evaluate submissions, and determine the developer's qualifications.

The Property is located in close proximity to the City of Garden Grove's resort area known as the Grove District. The Grove District, as part of the Anaheim Resort is a burgeoning tourist area that is becoming Southern California's ultimate destination, comprised of ten (10) modern hotels, with more than 3,600 hotel rooms and over 105,000 square feet of event space. The current hotel occupancy for Grove District hotels is over 83% annually.

One of the main criteria for evaluating the RFP/Q will be the developer's strategy for long term economic revenue return for the City as well as the highest purchase price for the Property. The importance of economic development in Garden Grove is stated in the City's General Plan and is two fold: 1) To enhance the City's revenues to have the financial resources to increase the prosperity of its residents through the delivery of quality police, fire, housing, recreation, transportation, and other services, and 2) To increase the City's economic position and provide final solvency.

This RFP/Q process will be used to select the most qualified developer based on the submitted materials required herein and that best demonstrates the capability to successfully reposition the Property. The RFP/Q review process will be facilitated by the City of Garden Grove's Economic Development Division, and City staff members, as well as economic consultants. The RFP/Q will also be reviewed by other City divisions and internal committees such as the Economic Development Improvement Committee (EDIC). EDIC committee members will also assist in determining the top three proposals. The top three proposals will be presented to the Garden Grove City Council. The City Council will have the ultimate decision in the selection of the successful developer.

The RFP/Q will be made available on-line, please check the City's web site for further information, for updates and addenda. RFP/Q responses are due by 4:00 pm, January 18, 2016. We look forward to your submittal.

## PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

The Property is owned entirely by the City of Garden Grove. The Property is comprised of two (2) separate parcels. The Property is zoned C-3, which allows for a variety of commercial land uses (see Zoning Matrix, Attachment 4). The goal of the City is to obtain the highest and best land value and residual land value. The Property is currently improved with a 17,216 square foot automotive facility and a paved yard with 150 parking spaces. The lot size of both parcels is approximately 63,217 square feet. The Property is on the east side of Harbor Boulevard which is a major arterial street. The Property has daily traffic volumes of over 66,000 (one of the highest traffic volumes in the City).

The Property has visibility from Harbor Boulevard, Trask Avenue as well as the State Route Garden Grove 22 Freeway. This Property is approximately four (4) miles south of Disneyland and only one (1) mile south of the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California.

## AERIAL MAP

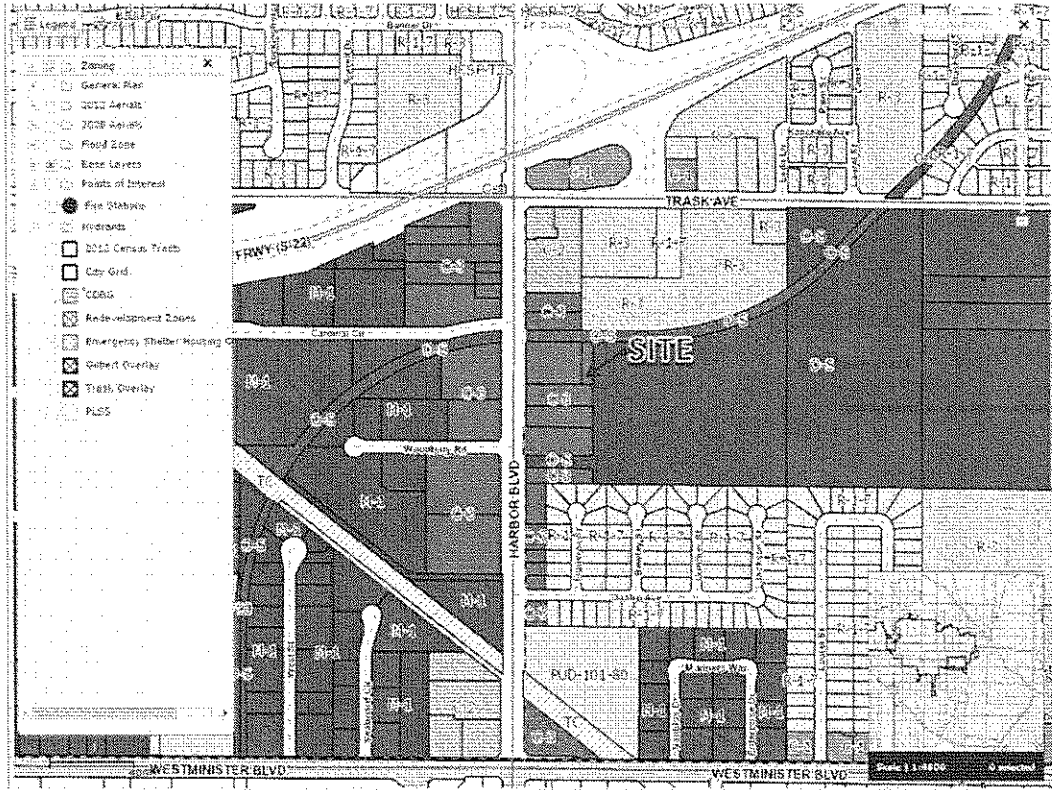


## DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES/USE

The City seeks a qualified developer to acquire the Property at its highest value, and to plan, finance, and develop the Property with either retail, commercial, or a mix of retail/commercial and/or hospitality use, which will provide the City the

greatest long term revenues from use and operations at the Property. The Property is zoned C-3 Commercial and allows a variety of uses. The City is encouraging developers to propose approved land uses such as New Car Auto Sales or Hotel development.

## ZONING MAP



### PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE PROPERTY

The City's asking price for the Property is \$4 million. This RFP is designed to provide qualified developers with the opportunity to propose an approach for acquisition and development of the Property that maximizes the economic value of the Property, and addresses both the established economic development goals of City and urban design aspects of concern to the community. The City does not have a preference as to the ultimate use of the Property, however one main criteria for evaluation of this RFP/Q will be the developer's strategy for long term economic return for the City.

The City retains the following revenues from commercial activity in the City:

- A. State Sales Tax 1% sales tax

B. County Property Tax	11 % of the 1% assessment
C. Transient Occupancy - Hotel Tax (TOT)	14.5%

**DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THE PROPERTY**

Development of the Property is subject to all City fees, Development Impact Fees, as well as County and School District Fees. The City Fee schedule is included in this RFP as an attachment.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSES FOR THE PROPERTY**

Developers will need to coordinate with City Departments where required, in order to obtain environmental approvals for the developer’s project as proposed.

**METHOD OF CONVEYANCE**

The method of conveyance for this transaction will be a sale of the Property in fee subject to a disposition and development agreement.

**SUBMISSION PROCEDURES: THE RFP/Q PACKAGE**

Interested developers must submit the following information (“RFP/Q Package”) in accordance with the requirements of this RFP/Q.

Please submit twelve (12) bound hard copies of all the submission documents identified in this RFP/Q and an electronic copy in a PDF format saved to a CD or USB flash drive addressed as follows:

***Attn: Greg Blodgett  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
Garden Grove, CA, 92840  
Tel. (714) 741-5124***

**Submission Due Date**

To be considered, an RFP/Q Proposal must be received not later than 4:00 PM on January 18, 2015. Proposals may be hand carried, mailed to be received by the due date, or delivered by messenger. Electronic submissions will not be accepted.

**Proposals Submittal Contents**

The submission must include the following elements, which should be answered as completely as possible and in the order provided below.

- A. Cover Letter

B. Developer Information

C. Acquisition Price and Development Proposal Concept

D. Developer's Financial Capacity

**A. Cover Letter/Executive Summary**

Please include a cover letter which will serve as the Executive Summary of the major points contained in the proposal and must be signed by a principal or officer authorized to represent and commit on behalf of the firm(s). The Cover letter should be no more than two (2) single spaced pages and shall include the name, address, phone number and email address of the proposer's lead contact person.

**B. Developer Information**

1. Basic Information

- a) State the official name of the corporation, address and the names and titles of the proposer's principals, name of the Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager. Identify the individual who will execute documents for the development entity and basis of authority.
- b) Indicate the form of legal entity (e.g., individual, limited partnership, nonprofit corporation, general partnership, joint venture, for-profit corporation, limited liability company, etc.) and any relationship the development organization may have with a parent corporation, subsidiaries, joint ventures or other entities.
- c) Submit one copy of the proposer's Articles of Incorporation, partnership, or other business organizational document(s) (as appropriate) filed with the California Secretary of the State. Organization must be in good standing and authorized to do business in California.

2. Development Team

Provide the name, title, address, telephone and fax number, email address and resumes for key development team members, including, but not limited to, and to the extent known at this time: the developer, architect/designer, landscape architect, sustainability consultant, proposed general contractor (if known), market analyst, parking specialist and other consultants who would work with the developer on the project. Please provide an organization chart that identifies key contacts and the relationship between team members. Explain the intended role of each development entity or partner and the responsible party in each entity.

- 3. As part of this RFP, please submit only public financial documentation such as annual reports or other public financial data, which represents the development

entity's financial capability. Do not submit any confidential financial information at this time.

4. References: Three references, one of which must be a bank or financial institution reference, including name, title, company or agency and telephone numbers and project connection. Include any references for development that included Public Private Partnerships.

### **C. Development Proposal Concept**

1. In narrative form, please provide a description of the design concept, rationale, and development program, including mixes of uses, if any. Include a summary of uses and floor areas. The submittal should include statements indicating how the design concept satisfies the development objectives and conditions identified in the RFP/Q.
2. Provide a conceptual site and floor plan illustrating proposed site and building configurations, pedestrian and vehicular circulation and access points, open space, streetscape, back of house service functions and landscape treatment.
3. Provide a conceptual elevation and/or perspective rendering of proposed development illustrating building massing and architectural character. The developer will be expected to present their conceptual design ideas to Garden Grove Staff and to the Garden Grove City Council.
4. Describe the parking component of the project including how and where the required parking spaces will be located, and discuss how ingress and egress will be managed so as not to impact existing traffic circulation. Parking and other development standards are contained in Section 9.16.040 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code, which is published on the following Internet website:  
<http://www.qcode.us/codes/gardengrove/>
5. The developer must include a preliminary schedule of performance, closing of escrow and development steps outlining the estimated time for each step and phase (if appropriate), including a summary "time line" or other similar graphic representation of the development process. Also include a time line for the developer receiving entitlements. Include timeline for designing the project, financing the project, commencing and completing construction, lease negotiations, marketing and final occupancy.

### **D. Developer's Financial Capacity**

As part of this RFP/Q the developer is to submit only public financial documentation such as annual reports or other public financial data, which represent the development entity's financial capability and capacity for bonding. Please submit the following:



- a) Two copies, not bound or stapled, of audited financial statements (i.e. balance sheet and income statement) for the last two (2) years.
- b) The developer is to Provide evidence of liquid assets sufficient to cover predevelopment costs.
- c) The Developer is to Provide Three (3) references, one of which must be a bank or financial institution reference, including name, title, company or agency and telephone numbers and project connection.

**PRELIMINARY RFP SCHEDULE (The following are outside dates and subject to change.)**

Issuance of RFP by City	December 14, 2015
Deadline for submission of proposals to City	January 29, 2016
Review by City Staff and Consultants	2-4 Weeks
Selection City Council Review	TBA

**PROPOSED PREDEVELOPMENT PROCESS FOR THE PROPERTY**

**The following are the sequential events for the selected developer:**

1. A developer is selected by the City and designated as the developer for the purposes of completing negotiations of an Agreement.
2. An Exclusive Negotiation Agreement ("ENA") will be prepared and presented for City Council approval.
3. Negotiations on Disposition and Development Agreement ("DDA") commence. The DDA will describe, in detail, the conditions of property transfer and development of the property.
4. City Council considers the DDA for approval.
5. Developer, with the assistance of City Planning Division, commences entitlement planning and other predevelopment work.
6. Design, entitlement, and financing arrangements completed.
7. Conditions precedent to conveyance include design approval by City, developer's building permits obtained, and developer's submission of evidence of financing to City.
8. City conveys title of the Property to the developer, after conditions precedent are satisfied, financing closes, and construction of improvements commences.

## **SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

After proposals are submitted, the City's selection of a developer for the Property will involve a three-step process:

Step One: Evaluation of all proposals by City staff, Selection Committee, and consultants.

Step Two: Possible interviews with one or all of the proposers by the Selection Committee, City staff, and consultants.

Step Three: Recommendation to the City Council for selection of a developer for exclusive negotiations. The evaluation will be based on criteria that includes the following:

**Value:** The value to the City being offered in terms of the purchase price for the Property and long-term revenues to the City offered by the proposed development of the Property.

**Experience:** The developer's experience in developing projects of comparable size, scale and complexity. This will include the physical and financial size and scale of the comparable projects. An important consideration here is the current status of the comparable project and an assessment as to the extent to which the project was completed on time and on budget.

**Public/Private Projects:** The developer's experience in working with the public sector in public/private real estate development projects.

**Development Team:** The experience of the developer's team in working together.

**Financial Capacity:** The developer's proven ability to raise debt and equity capital for development of projects of a comparable size. This includes the developer's or development team's financial net worth.

**Urban Design:** The high quality urban design aspects of the developer's previous projects will be considered.

## **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**The following general conditions apply to this submittal:**

1. **General Guidelines for Content:** The response to the RFP shall be clear, concise, and detailed enough to enable the selection committee to make a thorough evaluation and arrive at a sound determination as to whether the proposed development concept and development team meet The City's requirements.

2. Duty to Inquire: Before submitting a response to the RFP, respondents must carefully read all sections of this RFP and fully inform themselves as to all conditions and limitations. Should a respondent find discrepancies in or omissions from the RFP documents, or should the respondent be in doubt as to their meaning, the respondent shall at once notify the City. Such notifications and questions must be in writing, and must be received by at least ten (10) calendar days before the submission of proposals deadline.
3. Explanation to Respondents: The City reserves the right to interpret or change any provision of this RFP at any time prior to the submission data. Such interpretations shall be in the form of an addendum and will be made available on the City's website. Verbal explanations will not be binding. The City, in its sole discretion, may determine that a time extension is required for submission of proposals in response to the RFP. In such a case an addendum will detail the new proposal submission deadline.
4. Right to Judge Representation: The City shall be the sole judge of the acceptability of a respondent's written or oral representation.
5. Failure to Conform/Proof of Representation: Any response to the RFP that modifies or fails to conform to the essential requirements or specifications of the RFP will be considered non-responsive and unacceptable. The City may require whatever evidence is necessary relative to the respondent's financial stability. The City also reserves the right to request further information from the authorized representative of a respondent, either orally or in writing. A written request for additional information will be addressed to the authorized representative of the respondent.
6. Truth and Accuracy of Representations: False, incomplete, or non-responsive statements will be cause for rejection of the response to the RFP. The evaluation and determination of the fulfillment of the above requirements will be The City's responsibility and its judgment will be final.
7. Rights to RFP Information: Information disclosed in the response to the RFP and attendant submissions will become the property of The City. There will be no public opening of proposals. Price and other compensation information will not be made public until the successful developer is selected and presented to the City Council for consideration. Upon receipt by the City, proposals are considered a public record and subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act. Further, after the award of the DDA by the City, whether or not a proposer is the successful developer, all material in proposals received by the City shall be subject to the right of the public to inspect and to obtain copies. The City shall retain all proposals submitted in response to this RFP for as long as the City is required to do so under the law.
8. Disclaimer: This solicitation does not commit the City to select one of the proposals or developer, to award a contract or to pay costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP or to procure a contract for any

services. The City, in its sole discretion, may reject any and all submittals. The City is not responsible for any non-refundable deposits paid to the City, should City terminate the negotiations prior to the execution of an agreement.

9. The City reserves the following prerogatives to:
  - a. Accept or reject any or all proposals;
  - b. Waive or modify minor irregularities in proposals received;
  - c. Eliminate mandatory qualifications unmet by all proposers;
  - d. Disqualify proposals that fail to meet the mandatory qualifications;
  - e. Require clarification from any proposer for the purposes of assuring a full understanding of responsiveness to the requirements of the RFP;
  - f. Negotiate with any or all proposers, within the proposal requirements, to best serve the interests of the City;
  - g. Utilize any or all ideas submitted in the proposals received unless those ideas are covered by legal patent or proprietary rights; and
  - h. Award contract(s) for any or all parts of a proposal.

**List of Attachments**

- 1. City General Plan Economic Development Element
  
- 2. Economic Development Strategy
  
- 3. PKF Hotel Study



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The Honorable Bao Nguyen  
Mayor  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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Dear Mayor Nguyen,

At the November 23, 2015 Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors (Board) meeting, an update was provided about OC Bus 360, a plan that looks at countywide bus system improvements from all angles. OCTA is proposing a service plan for 2016 to add, increase, reduce and/or eliminate services to optimize the efficiency and effectiveness of the overall bus system. As an elected leader in your city, I encourage you to review the OC Bus 360 plan and provide feedback to OCTA.

Under the proposed plan, a majority of riders, 92 percent, will see improved bus service or no change in service. OCTA's proposal expands high-frequency routes from 11 to 17, adding two "Bravo" limited-stop service routes and additional faster "Xpress" routes. OCTA is also proposing service reductions in areas with low demand, low ridership and/or duplicate routes. Resources from these areas would be reallocated to higher-demand areas to reduce travel time and to move more people. Detailed information on the Proposed 2016 Bus Service Plan can be found at [octa.net/2016BusPlan](http://octa.net/2016BusPlan). Contingent on the final approval of the Board, the plan will be implemented in June and October 2016.

For routes proposed for elimination, OCTA is exploring different options including alternate bus routes, vanpools, demand-responsive alternatives, and community circulators that may be available through Measure M, the county's half-cent sales tax for transportation. As part of Measure M, project V establishes a competitive program for local jurisdictions to develop local bus transit services that complement regional bus and rail services and meet needs in areas not adequately served by regional transit. The Board recently approved a \$20 million call for projects for Project V. Additionally, a workshop for city staff has been scheduled for December 10, 2015.

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A series of community meetings have also been scheduled to receive input on the OC Bus 360 plan, and the dates are as follows:

**Community Meetings:**

OCTA Headquarters  
550 South Main Street, Orange  
December 7, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

San Juan Capistrano, Community Hall  
25925 Camino Del Avion  
December 8, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Laguna Hills Community Center, Heritage Room  
25555 Alicia Parkway  
December 9, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Huntington Central Library, Talbert Room  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
December 10, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**A public hearing on the proposed changes is also scheduled to occur at the OCTA Board meeting of January 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.**

Local agency feedback from staff and elected leadership is always beneficial to OCTA. If a meeting with staff, elected officials or a council presentation item is needed, please contact Dave Simpson at (714) 560-5570, [dsimpson@octa.net](mailto:dsimpson@octa.net), or Andrea West at (714) 560-5611, [awest@octa.net](mailto:awest@octa.net). Thank you for your continued involvement to improve mobility in Orange County.

Sincerely,



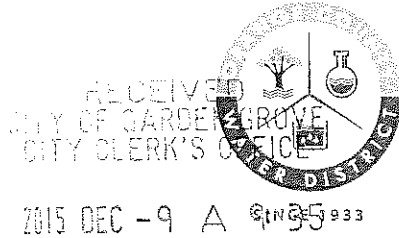
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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

December 1, 2015

The Honorable Bao Nguyen  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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Dear Mayor Nguyen:

On December 16, 2015 representatives from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will provide a status report to the Orange County Water District Board of Directors at its regular meeting. They will update the board and the attending public on their recent activities and short-term outlook for regulatory oversight of the North Basin groundwater contamination plume.

Community involvement is an early priority for the USEPA, with this meeting and others like it representing their initial public outreach efforts. They will be able to answer any questions you have about the cleanup process. We encourage you to attend and to make comments or ask questions at this public forum.

The meeting will start at 5:30 pm on December 16 in the OCWD board room located at 18700 Ward Street in Fountain Valley.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 378-8229 or [whunt@ocwd.com](mailto:whunt@ocwd.com)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Hunt', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Bill Hunt  
Director of Special Projects

*This letter is being sent in a wide regional distribution to individuals and agencies that we would like to keep informed of our groundwater remediation activities. Many of you, especially those outside of the Orange County Water District jurisdiction, are not affected by these environmental restoration projects. We are confident that our actions and those of the regulatory oversight agencies will continue to protect all water consumers, even those in close proximity to the industrial North Basin area.*



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**NEWSPAPER  
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# Despite thinning patience, Garden Grove not ready to give up on 'rusty skeleton'

With the project at an impasse, the City Council still extends the demolition order.

**GARDEN GROVE** • The City Council on Tuesday night once again extended a long-standing demolition order



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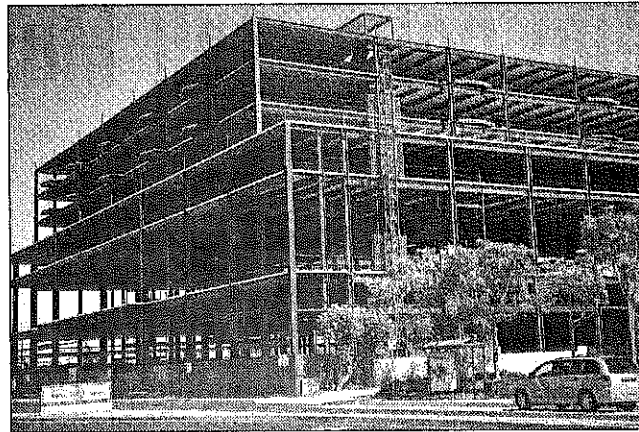
on the so-called rusty skeleton, a 90-foot-tall steel structure that can be seen from the 22 freeway and has been untouched

since 2009.

The council will consider enforcing the demolition order at the end of May.

"It's like 'Groundhog Day,'" Mayor Bao Nguyen said shortly before a contentious 3-2 vote, referring to the Bill Murray film in which events repeat over and over.

The city has had a demolition order since 2013. Many in the community view the structure as an eyesore and have been frustrated by the lack of progress in developing it.



KEVIN SULLIVAN, FILE PHOTO

**Garden Grove has had a demolition order for the unfinished structure at Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard since 2013.**

But after years and millions of dollars of investment by several private companies and the city, the council has been hesitant to enforce the demolition order, hoping to avoid tearing down the structure - which has had many projects attached to it, the most recent of which is the Lotus Plaza mixed-use development.

Still, negotiations among the lender for the project, the developer and the property owner have stalled over the past couple of months.

Cathay Bank, the money lender, and developer Brooks Street say they want a mixed-use development to rise up on Garden

Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street. But the Hoag Foundation, the property owner and a nonprofit supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove, says it wants to pull out of the project and demolish the structure.

The council discussed whether to execute the demolition order in November, but asked William Grant, the president of the Hoag Foundation board of directors, to go back to his board and have it reconsider its decision to pull out.

In a letter dated Dec. 3, Grant said the board members "unanimously" decided the foundation is through with negotiating.

**"We have a responsibility to our community. They elected us to make difficult calls."**

**MAYOR BAO NGUYEN  
WHO WANTED  
TO EXECUTE THE  
DEMOLITION ORDER**

Still, Councilman Steve Jones said he didn't want the structure to become a "dead-weight loss" by demolishing it. He also wants to see if a lawsuit between Cathay and Hoag over control of the property, which may go before the California Supreme Court, resolves anything.

"Let it play out," Jones said.

Nguyen, who along with Councilman Chris Phan wanted to execute the demolition order, was visibly upset as Jones cast the third vote in favor of continuing the item to May.

"I don't know what you have in mind," Nguyen said to Jones. "We have a responsibility to our community. They elected us to make difficult calls."

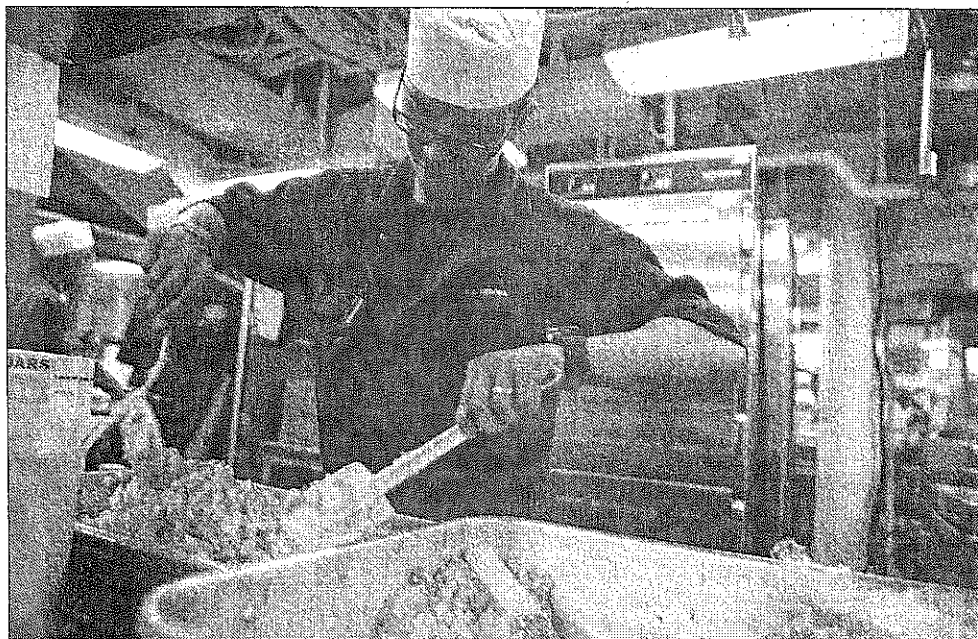
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## → THINGS TO KNOW

BY CHRIS HAIRE | STAFF WRITER



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**U.S. Navy sailor Daniel Gerona, a Garden Grove native, prepares coleslaw for his fellow service members on Thanksgiving aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan.**

## GARDEN GROVE SAILOR FEEDS HOLIDAY CREW

This is a seaman who knows his way around the kitchen.

In this photo provided by the U.S. Navy, sailor Daniel Gerona, a Garden Grove native, prepares coleslaw for his fellow service mem-

bers on Thanksgiving aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan.

The Reagan is the Navy's only forward-deployed air craft carrier - meaning permanently based outside United States waters - and

provides a combat-ready force in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

At the time the photo of Gerona was taken, on Nov. 26, the carrier was stationed in waters south of Japan.

## School district rewards loyalty with service pins

There's something to say about loyalty - and the local school district honors those who stick around.

The Garden Grove Unified School District recently gave out service pins to employees who have been with the district for more than a decade. Three of those recognized have been with the district for 40 years.

Mary Ann Clayton, an office clerk at Fitz Intermediate; Thanh-Thuy Le, a teacher at Cook Elementary; and Ron Zajec, an assistant principal at La Quinta High, each received a service pin from the school board for working at the district for since the President Gerald Ford administration.

The district also handed out pins to 35-year employees (14), 30-year employees (30), 25-year employees (96), 20-year employees (117), 15-year employees (206) and 10-year employees (246).



COURTESY OF GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Mary Ann Clayton, left, an office clerk at Fitz Intermediate School; Thanh-Thuy Le, a teacher at Cook Elementary; and Ron Zajec, an assistant principal at La Quinta High School received service pins for working 40 years in the district.**



STUART PALLEY, FILE PHOTO

## DUI checkpoint planned in Garden Grove this weekend

Be prepared to stop.

The Garden Grove Police Department will set up a checkpoint to look for those driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol or without a valid driver's license from 9 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday at an undisclosed location.

While arresting those suspected of drun-

ken driving is important, another key purpose of these DUI checkpoints is to deter people from driving at all when they are not sober, police say.

Police typically set up the checkpoints near intersections with high collision rates, or where there are a lot of DUI stops.

# Garden Grove fire chief details El Niño plan

By **CHRIS HAIRE**  
STAFF WRITER

It may not make for an easy mnemonic device, but Garden Grove's steps for dealing with El Niño are relatively straightforward – preparation, monitoring, response and recovery.

Fire Chief Tom Schultz recently outlined for the City Council and the public Garden Grove's multilayered plan for minimizing and resolving dangerous situations – such as flooding – that may arise during California's rainy season.

It is a plan that involves coordination among the fire, police, public works and building departments, as well as public education and help from Orange County emergency operations.

"You will be on your own during the first days after an incident," City Manager Scott Stiles told the City

Council recently, saying state and federal resources won't be available right away. He said the city's "response team must be as vigilant as we can during these next few months."

The Public Works Department, Schultz said, is working to keep storm drains clear so they don't flood; police officers and firefighters are warning of the dangers of living in channels; and other city officials are working on a public service announcement with Channel 3.

During storms, the city will coordinate with Orange County communications and weather agencies to monitor emergencies.

The fire and police departments also are training to rescue people from flood zones and channels.

During a flood, Public Works Department officials will be on the streets trying to reduce flooding.

And the city has a deal in place

that will allow residents who are forced out of their homes to stay at certain schools within the Garden Grove Unified School District, Schultz said.

The final aspect of the city's El Niño plans involves what happens after the flooding – primarily, having building inspectors assess damage so the city can file for reimbursement from federal agencies.

"We have to have that preparation to be ready for the event (flooding)," Schultz said.

"But also be ready for what comes after. It's the bookends of what happens during the event."

For more information on Garden Grove's El Niño plans, go to the city or the Fire Department websites.

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## Garden Grove, Stanton hit water-saving goals

Garden Grove and Stanton each met their water conservation goals in October – and Westminster was a rounding error away from its target.

Water suppliers recently released data on October water conservation across the state.

Westminster saved 19.9 percent compared with October 2013, which is the base year set for monitoring conservation efforts. Its state-mandated goal was 20 percent.

Garden Grove beats its 20 percent goal by 3.8 percent.

Stanton is part of the Golden State Water Company's West Orange County service area, which also includes Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmore and Seal Beach.

Those communities beat their collective 16 percent goal by 5.7 percent – individual city amounts are not available.

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JEFFREY THOMPSON, AP FILE PHOTO

**Westminster was pretty close to reaching required reduction.**

# Decking the SANCTUARIES for the holidays

Churches each choose their own style of decorations to share the spirit of the holidays with their congregations.

By CHRIS HAIRE • STAFF WRITER

**D**riving around neighborhoods in our three cities, holiday lights are beginning to glow on the outside of homes, decorated trees peek out from front windows, blow-up Santas stand tall on front lawns.

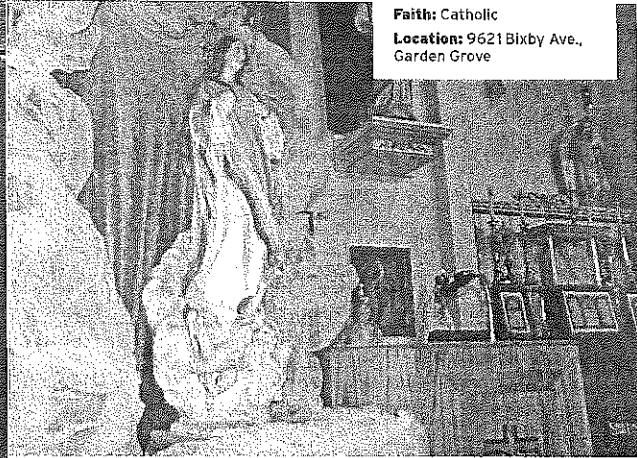
It's clear the holidays are in full swing.

There are several dozen congregations in Garden Grove, Westminster and Stanton, according to Yelp. So, the Journal took a look inside three places of worship to see how they've decked themselves out for Christmas.

"We run from gaudy," John Writtenhouse, the pastor at Garden Grove's Living Spring Fellowship Church, said about his church's decorations. "We want simple, something to make people feel comfortable and at home."

Pinteresters would approve of the collage of wooden crates, candles, light strings and wreaths that decorate the front, playing off the church's rustic wood decor.

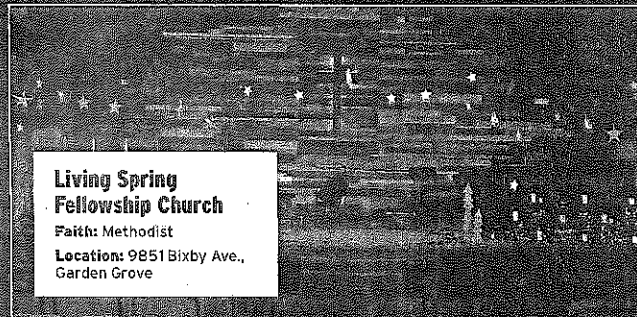
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**Faith:** Catholic  
**Location:** 9621 Bixby Ave.,  
Garden Grove

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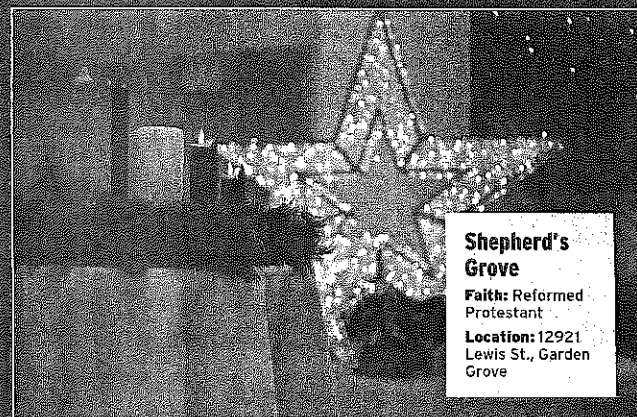
A statue of Mary is set up at Our Lady Help of Christians for the celebration of the Immaculate Conception, when Mary became pregnant with Jesus.



**Living Spring  
Fellowship Church**  
**Faith:** Methodist  
**Location:** 9851 Bixby Ave.,  
Garden Grove

CHRIS HAIRE, STAFF

Stars shine above the Christmas decorations set up at Living Spring Christian Fellowship in Garden Grove.



**Shepherd's  
Grove**

**Faith:** Reformed  
Protestant  
**Location:** 12921  
Lewis St., Garden  
Grove

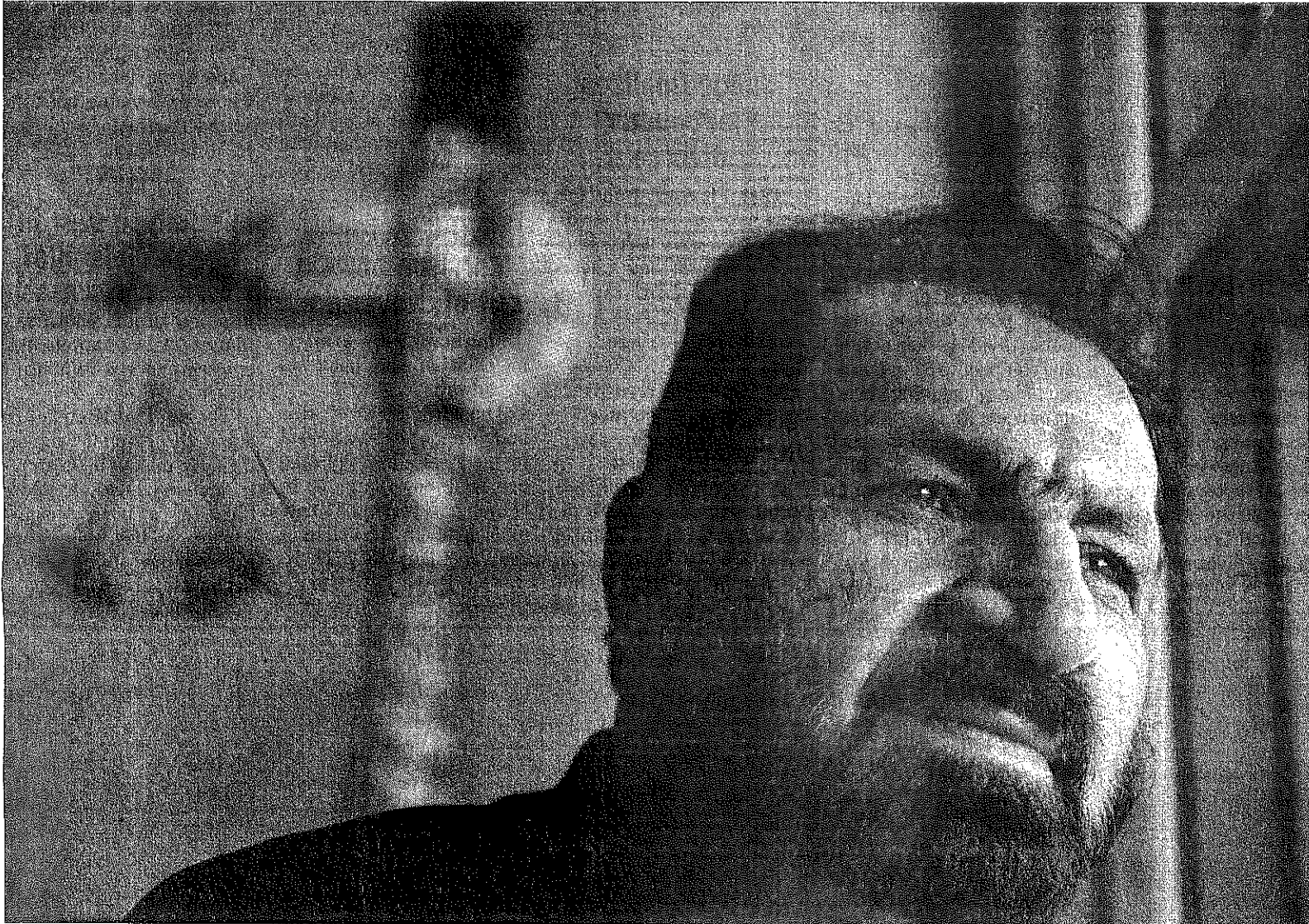
HEATHER MOREA, STAFF

Candles, stars and poinsettias are among the Christmas decorations sparkling at Shepherd's Grove.

“ Trump scares me because some people will think he’s right. But what scares me more are the radical Muslims here.”

RIAD SAEID  
EDITOR OF THE ARAB  
WORLD NEWSPAPER

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Riad Saeid, editor of the Arab World Newspaper in Anaheim, said he’s concerned enough about safety to apply for a concealed weapon permit. Over the weekend, he called police after finding a security camera covered with black tape outside a business he owns in Garden Grove.

# Muslim Americans grow wary

After Paris, San Bernardino and Trump’s comments, many say pressure is building.

By **ROXANA KOPETMAN**  
and **DEEPA BHARATH**  
STAFF WRITERS

Some local Muslim women are going out without their headscarves, a religious indignity they’ll suffer because they feel threatened.

Some families are cautioning their children to be wary of what they say in public and of staying out af-

ter dark.

And an editor of a local Arabic-language newspaper says he wants a concealed weapon permit because he fears for his life.

In these and many other ways, Orange County’s Muslim community is responding to a new, more openly hostile post-San Bernardino world.

Though some local Muslims said they’ve been ha-

rassed and threatened since the Nov. 13 attack in Paris that killed 130, the threats have increased in the days since the Dec. 2 attack in which two militant Muslims, a husband and wife team, killed 14 people and wounded 21 others in San Bernardino.

On Monday, the pressure ratcheted up again, when presidential candidate Donald Trump called for a “to-

tal and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.”

Though critics from all points on the political spectrum on Tuesday spoke out against Trump’s statement, and an Obama administration spokesman said it disqualifies the businessman-entertainer from serving as president, many local

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Muslims noted Trump's words are an applause line with some voters.

Meanwhile, mosques in the region have been the subject of direct and indirect threats since the San Bernardino shooting, said Shakeel Syed, executive director of the Shura Council of Southern California, an umbrella organization that represents most mosques in the region.

After last week's shootings, a mosque in Culver City received a direct threat - "We will come and kill you" - Syed said. There were posts on Facebook that offered less specific threats to harm people in other mosques. Syed reported the incidents to police.

"We are warning all our members to be cautious, but not paranoid," he said.

"Specifically, we're asking them to step up visible security, escort women who come to prayers early in the morning or late at night, and be more vigilant in mosques that have schools."

Even people who aren't Muslim but sometimes are mistaken for Muslims are being threatened.

Over the weekend, a Sikh house of worship in Buena Park, the Gurdwara Singh Sabha, and a member's truck in the parking lot were vandalized with graffiti that derided ISIS, reported the Sikh Coalition.

For many, the threats lead to conflicts that can be as difficult to resolve as they are personal.

Ahmad Sarsak, owner of Al Anwar Islamic Fashion in Anaheim's Little Arabia district, said his daughter, a student at UC Irvine, called him to say her roommate removed her hijab, worn by Muslim women out of modesty, and swapped it for a hat. Sarsak said his daughter wanted to know if she should do the same.

"I told her, 'You know how I raised you. Do you have anything to do with this? No. Then you stay with your scarf. You did nothing wrong. God will protect you.'"

Syed of the Shura Council said he has taken calls from young women asking if they should remove their hijabs for fear of a backlash.

"I would respect any decision women make for safety concerns," he said.

"But it breaks my heart that people born and raised in this country are unable to exercise their religious rights freely."

Sarsak said he is not afraid for his daughter, but other parents are afraid for their kids.

Asem Abusir said he called a family meeting in his Irvine home after the shootings.

"From now on, or for a while, things will not be the same and you'll have to keep yourself safe," Abusir told his wife and five children.

The new rules: No more staying out late for the teenage boys; any outings require a buddy. Also, do not engage in any arguments or debates in public. Be more aware of your surroundings.

The next day, Abusir's wife was accosted at an Irvine supermarket for wearing a headscarf. Abusir says the stranger yelled that "by wearing it, she was promoting terrorism."

"We're concerned not just for our safety, but for our future and the future of our children," said Abusir, owner of Knafeh Cafe in Little Arabia.

Riad Saeid, editor of the Arab World Newspaper in Anaheim, said he's concerned enough about his safety that on Tuesday he went to the Orange County Sheriff's Department to apply for a concealed weapon permit.

"Trump scares me because some people will think he's right. But what scares me more are the rad-

## MONEY FOR SHOOTING VICTIMS

"Muslims United for San Bernardino" aims to raise \$140,000 for the families of the 14 victims killed in the Dec. 2 shooting.

As of Tuesday evening, the campaign had about \$106,000.

Information:  
[LaunchGood.com/SB](http://LaunchGood.com/SB)

ical Muslims here," said Saeid, who is controversial among Syrians for his political views on his homeland.

In his writings, Saeid said he has urged U.S. Muslims to integrate into American culture. He's also criticized some fellow Muslims for encouraging fanaticism.

Over the weekend, he called police after finding a security camera covered with black tape outside the office of another business he owns in Garden Grove.

The Garden Grove Police Department has beefed up patrols around the Islamic Society of Orange County, the oldest mosque in the county, as well as the school affiliated with the mosque, said Lt. Bob Bogue.

"We haven't had reports of any threats or incidents at the mosque since the San Bernardino shooting," he said.

"But we did step up patrol to make sure the mosque and school are protected. Every police officer on that beat knows the mosque is there and to look for strange and suspicious activity in the area."

Syed, of the Shura Council, said Trump's comments could inspire violence and have already done collateral damage to Muslims and non-Muslims in America.

"There were thousands cheering his comments in that audience," Syed said.

"Trump will go back to his tower and continue to make his millions. But people in public spaces who

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have been corrupted by his xenophobic comments will remain. We need to focus on undoing that damage."

The threats that have come post-San Bernardino, and after Trump, follow a pattern that started with the attack in Paris.

The Orange County Islamic Foundation's mosque in Mission Viejo received an email threat soon after the Paris killings, according to board member Mahboob Akhter.

In response, the mosque has beefed up security and requested - and received - more attention from police.

"At the mosque, we've told members to pray and leave instead of socializing outside the mosque, which could draw unnecessary attention," he said.

"It's unfortunate, but something we've had to do for the safety of our congregants."

Trump's comments about banning Muslims from entering the U.S. has "added fuel to the fire," Akhter said.

Still, Akhter and others have noted another response - one of support.

"I've also received phone calls, emails and face-to-face messages from so many in the community who support us. This shows the true face of America," Akhter said.

"We are good, kind people who care for each other. Those who don't are in the minority."

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# GG police plan DUI checkpoint on Dec. 12

A Garden Grove Police Department Traffic Unit will be conducting a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Dec. 12., at an undisclosed location within the city limits between the hours of 9 p.m. and 3 a.m.

The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes. Research shows that crashes involving an impaired driver can be reduced by up to 20 percent when well-publicized DUI checkpoints and proactive DUI patrols are conducted routinely.

DUI checkpoints are placed in locations based on collision statistics and frequency of DUI arrests, affording the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence.

Locations are chosen with safety considerations for the officers and the public.

In California, this deadly crime led to 867 deaths and over 23,000 serious injuries in 2013 because someone failed to designate a sober driver. Nationally, the latest data shows over 10,000 were killed by an impaired driver. Over the course of the past three years officers have investigated 693 DUI collisions which have claimed nine lives and resulted in another 225 injuries.

Officers will be looking for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment with officers checking drivers for proper licensing delaying motorists only momentarily. When possible, specially trained officers will be available to evaluate those suspected of drug-impaired driving, which now accounts for a growing number of impaired driving crashes.

Recent statistics reveal that 30 percent of drivers in fatal crashes had one or more drugs in their systems.

A study of active drivers showed more tested positive for drugs that may impair driving (14 percent) than did for alcohol (7.3 percent). Of the drugs, marijuana was most

prevalent, at 7.4 percent, slightly more than alcohol.

Everyone should be mindful that if you're taking medication – whether prescription or over-the-counter – drinking even small amounts of alcohol can greatly intensify the impairment affects.

Law enforcement emphasizes the preventable nature of drunk driving reminding everyone that all it takes is a little planning ahead. Designate a sober driver or call a cab. But whatever you do, don't drink and drive.

The California Office of Traffic Safety DDVIP (Designated Driver VIP) mobile app is now available for free download on iOS and Android devices. Launched last year, the new DDVIP app offers enhanced features, allowing users to "Map a Spot" with their current location to find DDVIP partnering establishments in their area or a "List of Spots" to search all participating bars and restaurants throughout California.

Users will be offered free incentives at each bar to celebrate their life saving role.

They can stay up-to-date with the latest from DDVIP and see what other users are saying via its social tab. Also through the app, for those who want to imbibe but also make it a point to plan ahead, users can easily order a sober ride from Uber, Lyft or Curb – all from one screen.

Drivers caught driving impaired can expect the impact of a DUI arrest to include jail time, fines, fees, DUI classes, other expenses that can exceed \$10,000 not to mention the embarrassment when friends and family find out.

Funding for this checkpoint is provided to Garden Grove Police Department by a grant from the

California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reminding everyone to report drunk drivers.

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## Fire Department urges residents to help kids

The Garden Grove Fire Department is putting out a call to the community for donations to the annual "Spark of Love" toy drive for disadvantaged children in Garden Grove and Orange County.

The Spark of Love toy drive, sponsored by ABC7, continues through Dec. 24.

Garden Grove firefighters join with Southern California firefighters from Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Ventura counties to ask local communities to help families in need during the holiday season

by donating new, unwrapped toys or sports equipment.

Toy collection boxes are available at Garden Grove City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, as well as at all seven Garden Grove Fire Stations:

- Station 1: 11301 Acacia Parkway
- Station 2: 11805 Gilbert St.
- Station 3: 12132 Trask Ave.
- Station 4: 12191 Valley View St.
- Station 5: 12751 Western Ave.
- Station 6: 12111 Chapman Ave.
- Station 7: 14162 Forsyth Lane

Monetary donations and gift cards can be dropped off at Garden Grove Fire Station 1. Checks should be made payable to the Orange County Toy Collaborative in care of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Council of Orange, 1505 E. 17th St., Suite 109, Santa Ana, CA 92705, Attn: Demetria Lee. Toy request and family referral sheets will be available at Garden Grove Fire Station 1.

For more information about the Spark of Love toy drive, call the Garden Grove Fire Department at 714-741-5633.

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

IFB No. S-1182-A

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, Second Floor, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide One New and Unused 2016 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited RHD (Right Hand Drive). A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email at sandras@garden-grove.org. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 11, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: December 9, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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# MOSQUE

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young people to the "evil of terrorism." Ahmed also said Muslims must support gun control, and he called for a greater connection between the Muslim community and mainstream culture.

"They don't know us and we don't know them," said Ahmed, now a Palos Verdes resident no longer affiliated with the Garden Grove mosque.

In a wide-ranging 90-minute meeting, congregants spoke about their membership, how to attract more youths to the mosque and whether they can consider building a high school to supplement their current preschool through eighth-grade school. Mosque leaders are engaged in a five-year-strategic plan for the organization.

Two members cautioned the group against inviting law enforcement to the mosque without some type of disclaimer.

Last month, an FBI representative addressed mosque members. And Friday, two days after a Muslim couple killed 14 people and injured many more in San Bernardino, Garden Grove police Chief Todd Elgin addressed members and urged them to come forward if they felt threatened. But the chief's presence, along with the FBI representative's earlier visit, were questioned by two members on Sunday. One of them noted that the FBI has in the past planted paid informants in Orange County

## Mosque addresses impact of shootings

### At Islamic Society of Orange County town hall, talk turns to fears of a backlash.

mosques.

As officials continue to investigate the San Bernardino shootings, which the FBI has labeled an act of terrorism, many Muslims fear a backlash.

A handful of women interviewed after the meeting said they are now more cautious, even when traveling to a market, and especially at night. Some Muslim women, they said, are considering no longer wearing a head covering for fear of reprisals.

"Some children worry: If

### Community meeting

Anaheim police Chief Raul Quezada is hosting a community meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 W. Crescent Ave. in Anaheim. In a letter to the community, Quezada noted that a day before the mass shooting in San Bernardino, a bullet-riddled Quran was left on the front door of a local business. "Whether out of ignorance or with the intention of instilling fear among the Muslim or any other segment of the community, I assure you the Anaheim Police Department will not tolerate acts of this nature and will aggressively investigate these incidents to bring those responsible to justice," Quezada wrote in the letter, dated Friday.

**GARDEN GROVE** • The Islamic Society of Orange County opened its doors Sunday to hear suggestions on how the largest and oldest mosque in



**ROXANA KOPETMAN**  
STAFF WRITER

Orange County can grow and better serve its members. But in the wake of Wednesday's shootings in San Bernardino, talk of the massacre and its impact on

local Muslims crept into the town hall discussion.

"It is a tragedy for all of us," Fareed Farukhi, the organization's chairman, said to some 40 attendees, a group that later grew to over 100.

Zahir Ahmed, who said he was one of the founders of the mosque, said Muslims must tackle what he called a "national Muslim problem" and research what attracts some

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of the Garden Grove mosque and chairman of the Shura Council of Southern California.

Hours later, President Barack Obama addressed the nation on the shootings. He said the husband and

wife that showed up a work conference after stockpiling ammunition, assault weapons and pipe bombs "had gone down the dark path of radicalization." Obama vowed to destroy terrorist organizations.

The president urged Americans to reject discrimination against Muslims. And he urged Muslims to confront "the fact that an extremist ideology has spread within some Muslim communities."

By HANNAH MADANS  
STAFF WRITER

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One person died in a police chase Sunday morning that ended when a driver crashed into a telephone pole in Garden Grove, the California Highway Patrol said.

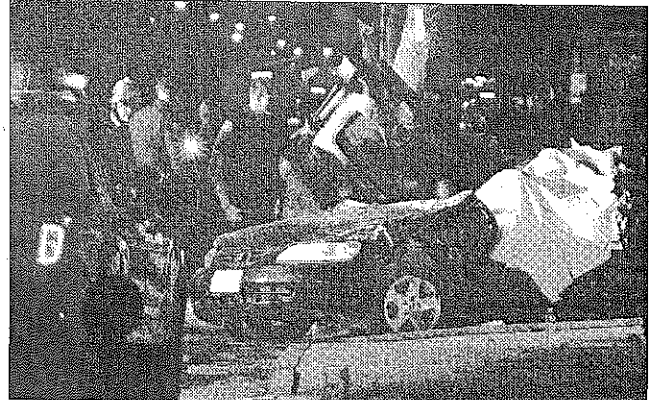
At around 1:30 a.m., CHP officers attempted to pull over a black Honda Accord on northbound I-5 near the 22 freeway, according to CHP officer Tino Olivera. The car, driven by Santa Ana resident Dagoberto Orepeza, did not stop, and the pursuit began.

Orepeza exited the freeway on Chapman Avenue and collided with a Black Toyota Camry. The Honda did not stop and went west on Chapman Avenue into Garden Grove.

Orepeza eventually lost control of the car and crashed into a pole, and the vehicle caught fire. Orepeza and Santa Ana residents Saul Chavira and Adilene Chavira were able to escape the vehicle, but one man was not. It was not immediately clear if the unidentified man died from injuries suffered when the vehicle hit the pole or from the fire.

Orepeza and Adilene Chavira were taken to Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Saul Chavira was taken to Mission Hospital.

Authorities were investigating if alcohol was involved in the accident.



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Authorities investigate after a black Honda Accord crashed into a telephone pole in Garden Grove following a police chase Sunday morning. One passenger was killed, and the driver and two other passengers were hospitalized.

## Passenger in car pursued by police dies in Garden Grove crash

# Modernization

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Garden Grove Unified is in the  
middle of a \$503 million project  
to improve all of its campuses.

**GARDEN GROVE** • The Garden Grove Unified School District is about halfway through its \$503 million modernization project.

The yearslong undertaking, funded in large part by a 2010 voter-approved bond, is meant to rid schools in the district of their aging, archaic infrastructure and put in place piping, communication lines and contemporary aesthetics that will, officials say, improve the teacher and student experiences.



**CHRIS  
HAIRE**  
STAFF  
WRITER

The modernization, district officials say, is one of the largest and costliest ever undertaken in Orange County. It is on budget and on schedule – set to wrap up in 2017.

“It’s a game changer for us,” Dave Fisher, manager of Garden Grove High’s theater, said of the changes there. “It’s progress.”

The district has schools in Garden Grove, Westminster, Stanton, Santa Ana and Fountain Valley, and also serves parts of Cypress and Anaheim.

Among the changes: new plumbing, wheelchair accessible restrooms and classrooms, new paint, a redesigned foyer at Garden Grove High’s theater, air conditioning and wireless infrastructure that will allow the district to invest in newer technology, such as laptops.

The construction, which began in 2012, has been a logistical challenge.

Some schools are shut down entirely and students get bused to other facilities. At the high schools, where construction is being done in several phases, students spend time in portable classrooms and construction crews must work around midterms and finals – to avoid making noise.

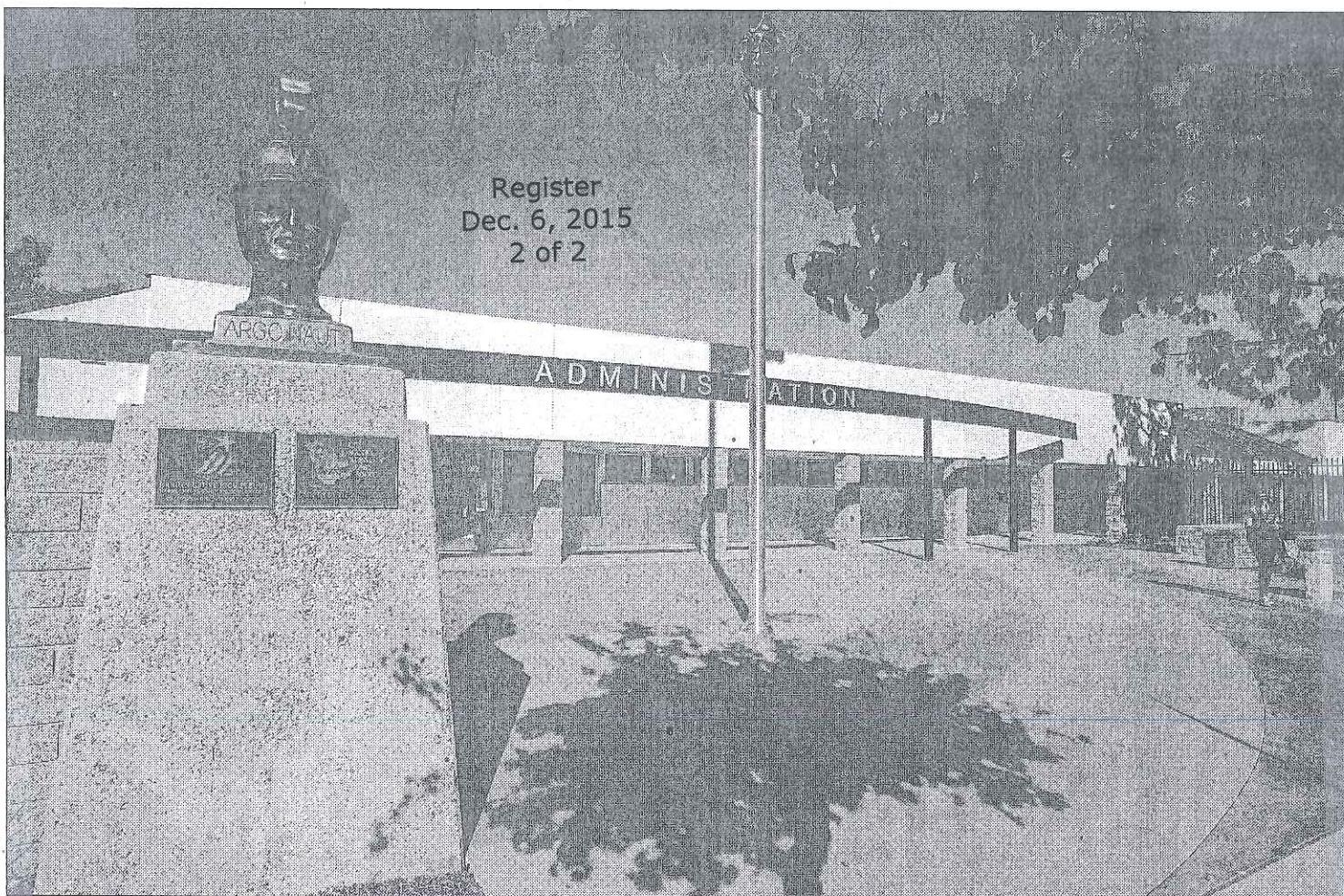
“Our overall goal is to minimize the impact to students and teachers,” said district spokesman Alan Trudell. “Learning takes precedence over everything.”

The removal of large, nearly floor-length windows around the district raised concern from a Lake Elementary School teacher and some of her classroom parents.

At Gilbert Elementary, which construction crews finished in August, the classrooms are enclosed on all sides – with windows at the top of one side, preventing students from looking out. The windows also do not open.

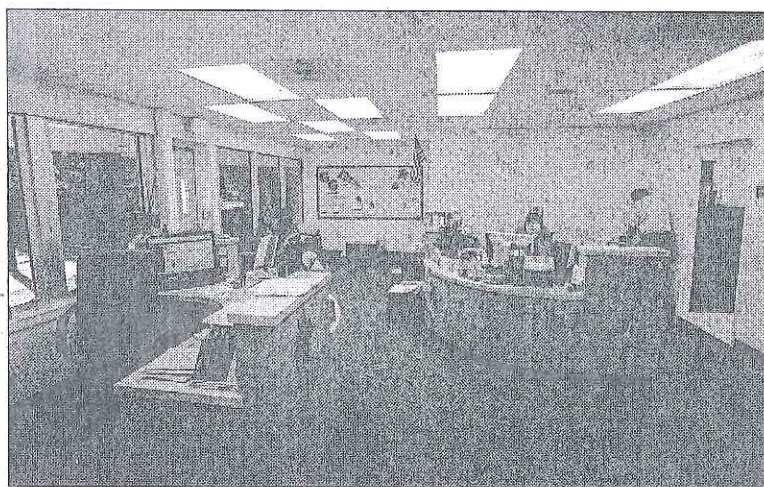
District officials say putting the windows higher up keeps students from being distracted by staring out the window, keeps

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The changed front of Garden Grove High School is part of the modernization project under the Measure A school bond. Some schools are shut down entirely and students get bused to other facilities. At others, students spend time in portable classrooms.



The front of office of Garden Grove High School has been removed. The overall project is said to be on budget and on schedule - set to wrap up in 2017.

the buildings cooler during summer months and creates a sense of security because people cannot look in.

But others argue that students need the natural light and fresh air that the older windows provided.

"Many of us are saddened at the loss of

window views, and at the loss of windows that open," said Claire Bischoff, an eighth-grade science and art teacher at Lake Intermediate. "We are used to being able to look out, and to open the windows when needed. With the new modernized classroom, artificial lighting and ventilation

blowers will have to be running 100 percent of the time."

Students at Lake Intermediate, which is slated to go under the jackhammer in 2016, also sent letters to the district opposing the removal of the windows.

"When the light shines through the trees and through the window, it brings beauty," wrote Deliz Amador, who is in Bischoff's science class. "The warm feeling of the sun brings me much joy."

Trudell, though, said Bischoff is the only person he has heard complain about the upgrades.

Others, including students and teachers at Garden Grove High and Gilbert Elementary, say the more important point is that the classes are cooler and kids are less easily distracted.

"Before, they would come in and be dripping sweat and couldn't stay awake," said Wendy Stapleton, a physical sciences teacher at Garden Grove High. "Now they are more alert and able to participate."

# Shovels finally dig in at Brookhurst Triangle

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The site will become Garden Grove's largest mixed-use development.

By **CHRIS HAIRE**  
STAFF WRITER

**GARDEN GROVE** • The nearly three-decade wait is over: Shovels have gone in the ground at the Brookhurst Triangle.

Construction crews began excavating the nearly 14-acre site, bounded by Garden Grove Boulevard and Brookhurst Street, in mid-November.

Eventually, the Brookhurst Triangle, a patch of dirt for more than 20 years, will become Garden Grove's largest mixed-use development, with 674 mid- to higher-end apartment units, about 272,000 square feet of open space and 65,000 square feet of commercial space.

The project will be divided into multiple phases, with phase one calling for 180 residential units to open up within 18 to 21 months, said Phil Wolfgramm, a senior vice president for developer Kam Sang Co. Inc. Phase one will cost the developer about \$40 million.

"The area is beginning to get life again," Wolfgramm said. "It will bring more housing and revenue to the city and revitalization to the area."

Construction was to begin in 2014, but there were delays at the state Finance Department that held up Kam Sang's purchase of the former Redevelopment Agency property from the city. The phase one sale, for \$6.5 million, was finalized Nov. 9.

The city will sell the rest

of the property for \$18 million once phase two begins. Not all of that money, though, will go to Garden Grove. With the dissolution of redevelopment agencies statewide, Orange County gets a sizable chunk of that money to distribute to other taxing agencies.

Still, the project has the potential to be an economic boon for the city. The residential units alone are expected to bring in about \$550,000 a year in property taxes, said Greg Blodgett of the city's Economic Development Department, who was once a member of the Redevelopment Agency.

It is unclear how much sales tax the city will get because no retailers have been finalized.

Kam Sang has planned the commercial spaces to be part of the final phases of construction and has had only cursory talks with potential businesses.

But Wolfgramm said most of the businesses will be smaller, independent stores and restaurants — some of which may have influences banking off of the nearby Korean Business District and Little Saigon.

The open spaces will include a park inside the residential complex and an urban trail around the Brookhurst Triangle.

A parking garage is also planned.

"Millennials and others want that," Blodgett said of mixed-use developments that combine living spaces with restaurants and stores in compact, walkable urban areas. "Throughout Orange County you see successful (mixed-use) projects going up. It's a positive for the city."

City officials hope that progress at the triangle will also motivate someone to build a development at the so-called rusty skeleton across the way. Negotiations for the property — among the landowner, developer and money lender for the proposed Lotus Plaza project — have apparently stalled. The City Council could opt to execute a longstanding demolition order for the 90-foot structure as early as Tuesday.

The Brookhurst Triangle has a history of false starts and failed projects.

In 1988, the city declared two buildings at the former Ford dealership to be public nuisances, allowing Garden Grove to tear them down. The area became redevelopment property in 2002.

Then, less than five years later, developer Urban Pacific Builders dropped a \$300 million project in the triangle that would have changed the city's skyline with twin high-rises.

Kam Sang came on board in 2009. But it took until early 2014 for the Planning Commission to approve plans for Kam Sang's development.

A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled Tuesday afternoon, with Kam Sang and Garden Grove officials expected to attend.

"We've taken a property that was hugely blighted and turned it around to create an environment with residential and community spaces, and a lot of great things for the city," Blodgett said. "It's a starting point for the area."

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Firefighter Eric Norrdin drains a hose after a fire Friday morning at Banh Mi & Che Cali bakery and restaurant.

## Fire ignites in kitchen, damages Garden Grove bakery-restaurant

By **ALMA FAUSTO**  
STAFF WRITER

Firefighters made quick work of a cooking fire Friday morning at a Vietnamese bakery in Garden Grove.

At 9:38 a.m., firefighters were called to the blaze at Banh Mi & Che Cali Bakery and Restaurant at 13838 Brookhurst St., said Capt. Thanh Nguyen of the Garden Grove Fire Department.

The blaze began in the cooking area of the restau-

rant but was extinguished in about 15 minutes, Nguyen said.

No injuries of patrons, employees or firefighters were reported, but the fire caused an estimated \$80,000 in damage to the building and its contents, authorities said.

The restaurant closed while health and building inspectors evaluated the building to decide when it could reopen.

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Courtesy photo

City leaders announce that the Brookhurst Street Rehabilitation project will be completed by next week.

## Brookhurst project ahead of schedule

City leaders announce a revitalized Brookhurst Street will be fully functional by next week

Good news!

At a press conference last week, the City of Garden Grove announced that the Brookhurst Street Rehabilitation project, originally scheduled for completion in mid-December, is expected to be done by the end of next week.

The \$2.5 million project raised concerns from area businesses, prompting discussions and immediate actions to be taken by the city.

The Brookhurst Street project is a one-mile major reconstruction project broken into two sections, from Hazard to Westminster, and from Trask to Emerson. The capital project involves replacing the asphalt base paving in all six

lanes, north and south, of both segments. This improvement will meet commuter needs for the next 20 years.

During the press conference, City Councilman Phat Bui, Public Works Director William Murray and City Manager Scott Stiles discussed ongoing personal contact with Garden Grove businesses on Brookhurst to see what the city could do to lessen the impact and move the project along faster. I

Immediate actions included increasing accessibility by creating left turn lanes into the shopping areas and directing the contractor to extend their work hours to include weekends.

"The city thanks the commu-

nity very much for their patience. By working together with the City Council and Public Works staff we have lessened the impact to businesses and pushed this project forward," said Stiles.

Next week, the final cap of asphalt will be complete, and only the signing, striping, raising of manholes, and water valve lids to grade remains to be completed within the next couple of weeks.

"We're happy to announce that all six lanes of Brookhurst are currently open to traffic and will remain so through the Thanksgiving weekend," said Murray.

For more information, visit <http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/pw> or call 714-741-5375.



### Bomb scare

On Nov. 25, the Garden Grove Police Department was called out to assist with a natural gas leak inside the property management building at 7281 Eagle Drive.

Southern California Gas Company was called out and they located an intentionally broken gas line. A 2-inch rubber tube was attached to the broken line and feed into a roof vent leading into the management office.

The Orange County Sheriff's Bomb Squad and Crime Lab responded and rendered the building safe. No explosive device was located inside of the business.

The Orange County Crime Lab collected evidence.

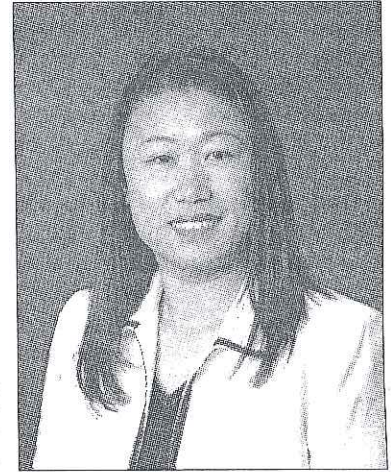
# Local rep leads effort to feed the hungry

The spirit of Thanksgiving took center stage last weekend as State Sen. Janet Nguyen distributed turkeys to low-income families in a series of events throughout the 34th Senate District.

"This weekend's events truly capture the meaning of Thanksgiving, said Nguyen, who represents Garden Grove and Westminster. "There is no better way to express gratitude for our blessings than by ensuring that families in need enjoy a Thanksgiving meal of their own. For helping us ensure that families can take part in this tradition, I am very thankful for the generosity of the Golden State Water Company and Lestonnac Free Clinic."

The first turkey distribution event took place on Friday morning at Senator Nguyen's District Office, where she distributed 100 turkeys to four Orange County community organizations: the Garden Grove Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana, the Asian American Senior Citizen Association and the Vietnamese American Community of Southern California. The turkeys, provided by the Golden State Water Company, will be redistributed by the organizations to low-income families.

"We appreciate this partnership with Sen. Janet Nguyen and hope that today's event will both provide holiday meals for those in need and raise awareness of the issue of hunger in our community," said Ronald Moore, Golden State Water's Operation Gobble project leader. "Operation Gobble has been a Golden State Water tradition for 25 years, and we have partnered with elected officials and community leaders to distribute more than 216,000 turkeys since the program's inception."



File photo

State Sen. Janet Nguyen

Sen. Nguyen continued her turkey distribution efforts on Saturday morning at Lestonnac Free Clinic's "Turkey Meal Give-away" events in Los Alamitos and Orange. On Saturday alone, Lestonnac Free Clinic distributed 2,000 turkeys, boxes of stuffing and mashed potatoes at their 12 satellite locations throughout Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The turkeys distributed by Lestonnac Free Clinic were donated by Allen Boerner, CEO and Chairman of Granite Investment Group, a generosity that he and his investment group have extended to the community for the past nine years.

"It is mind boggling that by the generosity of one person – Allen Boerner – and the help of all these volunteers, 20,000 people will be fed this Thanksgiving," said Ed Gerber, executive director of Lestonnac Free Clinic.

Thirty of the turkeys distributed by Lestonnac Free Clinic were prepared by Spaggy's restaurant owner, Chef Henry, and will be served to 400 homeless residents.

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City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1184

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent for the City of Garden Grove, Room 220, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840 to Provide Ninety (90) New and Unused HP Computers. A copy of the bid document may be obtained from the City of Garden Grove's website. Please direct any questions regarding this bid process to Sandra Segawa via email sandras@ci.garden-grove.ca.us. Bids are due and will be opened in the office of the Purchasing Agent at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: December 4, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB  
Purchasing Agent  
City of Garden Grove  
11222 Acacia Parkway  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**DUI checkpoint:** The Police Department has scheduled a checkpoint to find anyone driving under the influence or without a driver's license from 9 p.m. Dec. 12 to 3 a.m. Dec. 13 at an undisclosed location in the city.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Toy drive:** The Fire Department is asking for toy donations for the annual Spark of Love toy drive for children throughout Orange County. Garden Grove is one of many participating fire departments. Collection boxes are set up at City Hall and the city's seven fire stations until Dec. 24.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Rusty skeleton:** The Hoag Foundation's board of directors won't resume negotiations with the two other parties working on the Lotus Plaza project, which would have saved at least for now the so-called rusty skeleton at Brookhurst Street and Garden Grove Boulevard. This increases the likelihood that the City Council on Tuesday will order demolition of the 90-foot-tall structure.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Service pins:** The Garden Grove Unified School District recently gave out service pins to three employees who have been with the district for 40 years: Mary Ann Clayton, an office clerk at Fitz Intermediate; Thanh-Thuy Le, a teacher at Cook Elementary; and Ron Zajec, an assistant principal at La Quinta High. They received the pins at last week's board meeting.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**Christmas Village:** Shepherd's Grove, at 12921 Lewis St., is hosting its Christmas Village - a winter wonderland festival - from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday. The festival will include a performance of "The Shepherd's Story," Santa Claus, snow for kids to make snowballs, cookie decorating and Christmas carolers.  
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## GARDEN GROVE

**DUI checkpoints:** The Police Department, which had previously scheduled a checkpoint to look for those driving under the influence from 9 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday, has announced a second checkpoint for the following weekend. That checkpoint is from 9 p.m. Dec. 18 to 3 a.m. Dec. 19. The checkpoints will be at an undisclosed locations.  
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# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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CONTACT: Fire Chief Tom Schultz (714) 741-5600  
Fire Department

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

### **CITY TO HOST COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW FIRE STATION RELOCATION**

The City of Garden Grove invites public participation in an upcoming community meeting to discuss the possible relocation or reconstruction of Fire Station No. 6, currently located at 12111 Chapman Avenue. The meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Walton Intermediate School, located at 12181 Buaro Street, Garden Grove, 92840.

The existing Fire Station No. 6 was built in 1971. This one-story, 1,200 square-foot, single-family home conversion has been in continuous use without any major renovations. Fire Station No. 6 sits on an approximately 8,100 square-foot site and has significant operational deficiencies and substantial on-going facility maintenance problems reflective of a 45-year-old facility. The proposed project will include the construction of a new Fire Station No. 6, built to meet the ever expanding demands of a modern fire department.

City Manager Scott Stiles, Fire Chief Tom Schultz and City staff will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions. This is the second community meeting held to discuss the project.

For more information, please contact the city's Fire Department at (714) 741-5600.



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Deputy City Manager

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**WORKSHOPS TO BEGIN  
FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON VOTING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES**

The community is invited to participate in upcoming Public Informational meetings to provide input on the formation of new district voting maps for the city. The first round of public workshops will take place on Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, at Garden Grove Park, located at 13641 Deodara Drive. The meeting will be facilitated by David Ely from Compass Demographics, the firm overseeing the formation of five voting districts for the 2016 elections.

Other upcoming Public Informational meetings are: Saturday, December 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Garden Grove Courtyard Center, located at 12732 Main Street, and Wednesday, December 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at Kiwanisland, located at 9840 Larson Avenue.

The public meetings will be conducted in a workshop setting with larger groups providing input via interactive opportunities.

Reservations for the public meetings are requested, but not required. Contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 741-5035 or email at [districtelections@garden-grove.org](mailto:districtelections@garden-grove.org).

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## Public Informational Meetings

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A district election mapping webpage is available on the City's website at [www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us](http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us) under the Open Government menu item that will provide information and access to all items related to the district-based elections mapping process. These items include: notices of all public meetings, public notices, press releases, agenda reports, maps, and other supporting documents. Community meetings and public hearings will continue through March 2016.

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**MEDIA ALERT**

**GROUNDBREAKING TUESDAY FOR BROOKHURST TRIANGLE DEVELOPMENT**

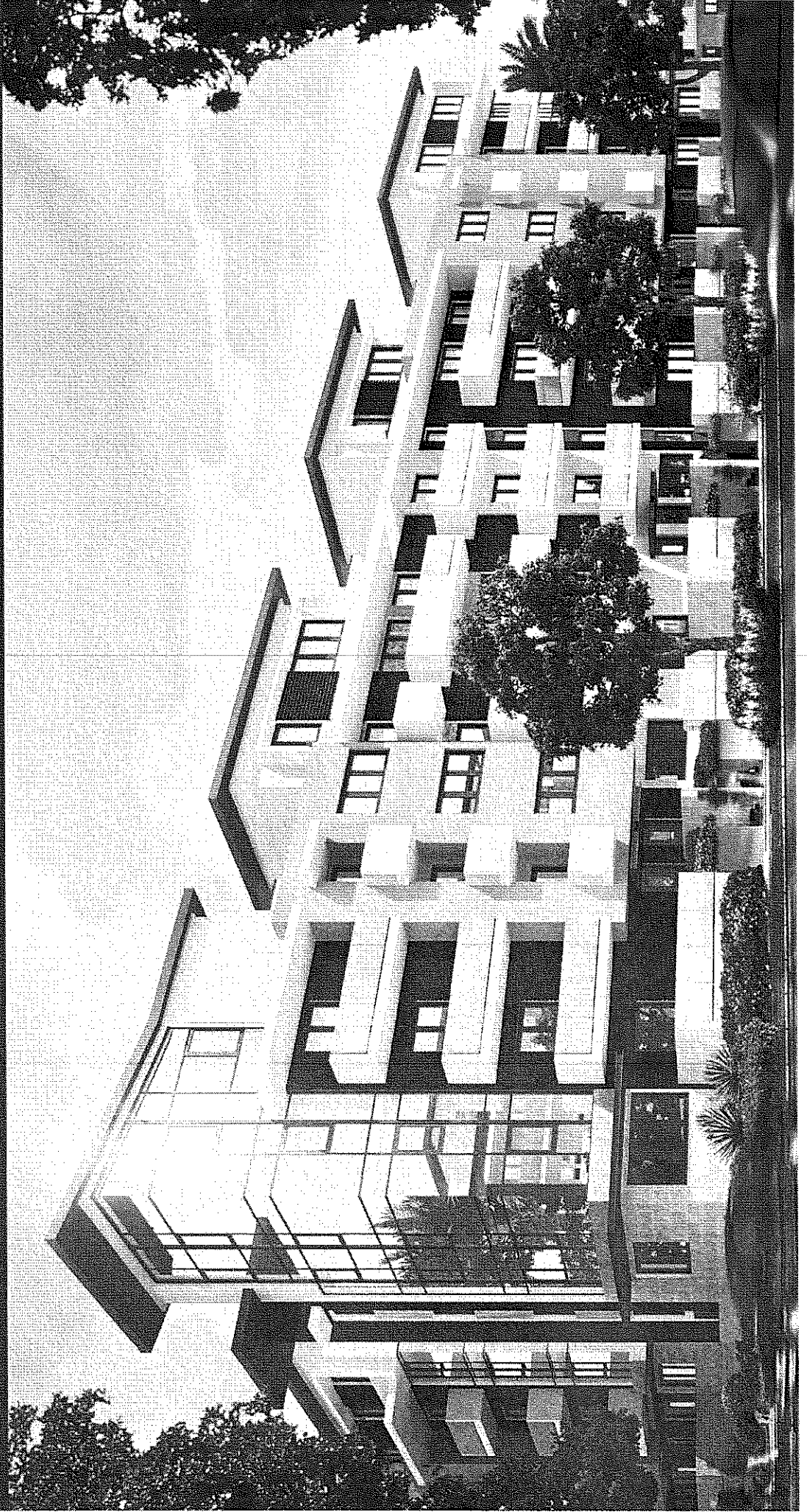
The long-awaited start of construction for the Brookhurst Triangle development – Garden Grove’s largest proposed commercial and residential project - has finally arrived. City officials, along with developer Kam Sang Companies, will host a groundbreaking event this Tuesday, December 8, at 4:30 p.m.

The program features brief presentations from Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen, City Manager Scott Stiles, along with Chairman of the Garden Grove Successor Agency and Mayor Pro Tem Steve Jones. President and CEO of Kam Sang Companies Ronnie Lam will announce the official name of the development site during the event. Photo and interview opportunities will follow.

The development is bound by Garden Grove Boulevard, Brookhurst Street, and Brookhurst Way. Parking is available on Brookhurst Way, north of Garden Grove Boulevard. This is an active construction site and hard-soled, close-toed shoes are required.

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*You're Invited...*  
**Brookhurst Triangle Groundbreaking**



Please join us on Tuesday, December 8, for the official groundbreaking of the Brookhurst Triangle.

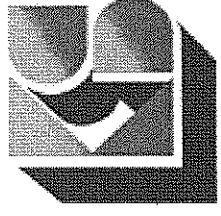
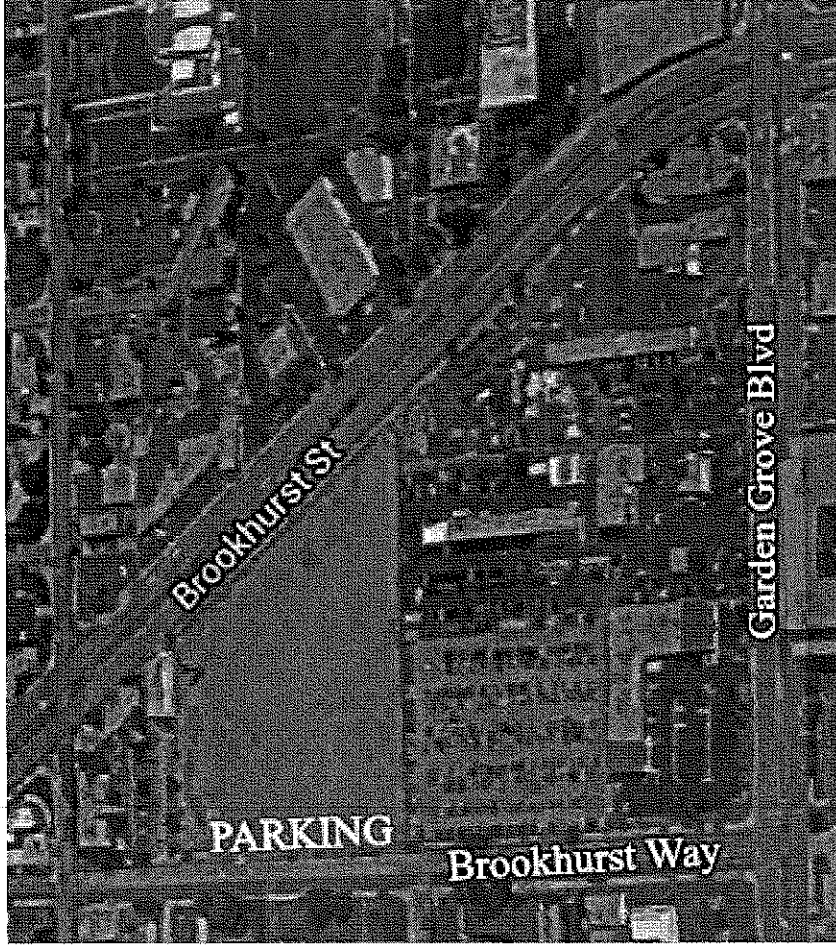
This is an exclusive opportunity to celebrate the beginning of construction of the City's largest proposed commercial and residential development.

**When:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015  
4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Garden Grove Blvd./  
Brookhurst St.

*\*Please park on Brookhurst Way, north of Garden Grove Boulevard*

This is an active construction site and hard-soled, close-toed shoes are required. Please RSVP to the Office of Community Relations at [communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us](mailto:communityrelations@ci.garden-grove.ca.us) or (714) 741-5280 by December 4.





## VIỆTBÁO

## Sở Cứu Hỏa Garden Grove Quyên Tặng Đồ Chơi Trẻ Em

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Sở Cứu Hỏa của Thành Phố Garden Grove kêu gọi cộng đồng ủng hộ cho chương trình 'Spark of Love' bằng cách quyên tặng thêm đồ chơi để tặng cho trẻ em và những gia đình cần sự giúp đỡ trong Garden Grove và Orange County.

Chương trình 'Spark of Love Toy Drive hàng năm dưới sự bảo trợ của đài truyền hình số 7 ABC và những Sở Cứu Hỏa tại Quận Cam, Los Angeles, Ventura, Riverside và San Bernardino. Sở Cứu Hỏa hi vọng thu được nhiều món đồ chơi mới, chưa gói, hoặc những dụng cụ tập thể thao để giúp đỡ những trẻ em trong cộng đồng. Các thùng giấy để thu nhận đồ chơi hiện có tại City Hall Thành phố, địa chỉ là 11222 Acacia Parkway, hoặc một trong bảy Sở Cứu Hỏa trong Thành phố tại những địa điểm sau đây:

Trạm 1: 11301 Acacia Parkway

Trạm 2: 11805 Gilbert Street

Trạm 3: 12132 Trask Ave

Trạm 4: 12191 Valley View Street

Trạm 5: 12751 Western Avenue

Trạm 6: 12111 Chapman Avenue

Trạm 7: 14162 Forsyth Lane

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Thứ Hai, 7/12/2015

### **GARDEN GROVE MỜI HỌP CỘNG ĐỒNG**

#### **ĐÓNG GÓP Ý KIẾN VIỆC BẦU CHỌN PHÂN CHIA RANH GIỚI QUẬN HẠT**

Thành phố Garden Grove mời các thành viên và cư dân trong cộng đồng tham gia vào cuộc họp cộng đồng (Public Informational meeting) sắp tới để cung cấp dữ liệu về việc thành lập bản đồ bầu cử mới theo quận của Thành phố (district voting.) Buổi họp cộng đồng đầu tiên sẽ diễn ra vào Thứ Tư, ngày 9 tháng 12, 2015 từ 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. trong Garden Grove Sports and Recreation Center, tại Garden Grove Park, địa chỉ là 13641 Deodara Drive. Cuộc họp sẽ được điều hợp bởi ông David Ely từ Compass Demographics, công ty giám sát sự hình thành của năm quận hạt bỏ phiếu cho cuộc bầu cử năm 2016.

Các cuộc họp Public Informational khác sắp tới được tổ chức vào: Thứ Bảy, 12 tháng 12 từ 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. tại Garden Grove Courtyard Center, tọa lạc tại 12732 Main Street, và Thứ Tư, 16 Tháng 12, 2015 từ 6:30 p.m-8:30 p.m. tại Kiwanisland, tọa lạc tại 9840 Larson Avenue.

Các cuộc họp cộng đồng sẽ được tiến hành trong hội thảo kết hợp với các nhóm lớn hơn đóng góp ý kiến qua cơ hội tiếp xúc tương tác.

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## **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**December 10, 2015**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the November 5 meeting and a cancellation notice for the December 17, 2015 meeting.
3. Zoning Administrator meeting minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting.
4. Minutes from the September 14, 2015 Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission meeting.
5. League of California Cities, "CA Cities Advocates" dated December 4, 2015.



**GARDEN GROVE**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 10, 2015 – December 23, 2015

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	December 10- December 24		Spark of Love Toy Drive Drop off Locations: Garden Grove Fire Stations And Garden Grove City Hall
Thursday	December 10		Casual Day
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room
Friday	December 11		City Hall Closed
Saturday	December 12	10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	District Maps Public Information Meeting Courtyard Center
Monday- Wednesday	December 14- December 16	8:00 a.m.	Laughlin Getaway Trip coordinated by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Tuesday	December 15	7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Community Meeting to Discuss a New Location for Fire Station 6, Walton Intermediate School Multipurpose Room, 12181 Buaro Street
Wednesday	December 16	6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	District Maps Public Information Meeting Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove 9840 Larson Ave.
Thursday	December 17		Casual Day - Holiday Theme
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Courtyard Center <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday- Sunday	December 18- December 20		One More Productions presents "Holiday Gem" Gem Theater
Friday	December 18	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Here Comes Santa Claus Dinner/Dance coordinated By the H. Louis Lake Senior Center
Tuesday	December 22	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Courtyard Center Activity Room City Council Meeting, Courtyard Center <b>THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED:</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Housing Authority Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Sanitary District Meeting, Courtyard Center
		6:30 p.m.	Successor Agency Meeting, Courtyard Center
Wednesday	December 23	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Courtyard Center <b>CANCELLED</b>

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION  
Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

Staff announced that Commissioner Joe Pak resigned from the Commission.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: None. One vacancy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Mai.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

October 1, 2015 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Margolin Second: Kanzler

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – MINOR MODIFICATION TO SITE PLAN NO. SP-230-99, MINOR MODIFICATION TO CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-442-99. FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8034 GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, EAST SIDE OF BEACH BOULEVARD, SOUTH OF GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD.

Applicant: Aquazoom Car Washes, Inc.

Date: November 5, 2015

Request: Minor Modification approval to Site Plan No. SP-230-99 and Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-442-99 to allow the installation of a 2,180 square foot fabric canopy on a new vacuum system and teller pay area for an existing automatic car wash. The site is in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section

15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Ron Jones

Action: Resolution No. 5851-15 approved.

Motion: Kanzler Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

STUDY SESSION – REVIEW OF CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA (CAL POLY) 606 MOBILITY STUDY.

Lee-Anne Milburn presented an overview of the 606 Mobility Study. The Public and Staff then discussed and received input on the subject. A Re:Imagine booklet titled "Garden Grove, a Community in Motion" was handed out and included information on a Non-Motorized Mobility Network, an Open Space Network Enhancement, a 2060 Downtown Concept Plan, and a "Gardens and Groves" Theme.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Zamora mentioned that trees near Target, north of Westminster Avenue were gone and replaced with bushes and rocks, and that a large Pine tree at the southwest corner of Westminster Avenue and Euclid Street was removed. Staff explained that if a tree was behind a sidewalk, it would be beyond the City's jurisdiction and that if a tree's roots lifted the sidewalk, they would address the roots, however, if there was the risk of the tree falling over, the tree would be removed. Staff added that trees could be replaced, and if Target was removing trees, Code Enforcement would investigate as there was a ratio of trees to parking spaces. Currently, some centers were using minimal landscaping due to the drought. Staff then mentioned that the City did an alternative landscaping outreach program a few years ago at the Gem Theater.

Commissioner Margolin asked staff for a breakdown of the City's graffiti removal process. Staff explained that Public Works would remove graffiti with paint, sand blasting, or a high-powered washer on right-of-ways in 72 hours or less, however, graffiti on buildings required staff to contact the property owner to remove the graffiti.

Commissioner Paredes asked staff to explain the joint agreements with schools for use of park land, and asked that for organizations such as AYSO and Pop Warner, who would need to be contacted to encourage partnerships. He also mentioned that parks with sports amenities seemed to be more popular than parks with pathways. Staff explained that joint-use facilities have been in place for many years, however, not all schools have them and that in regard to liability, the City would be responsible and would need to provide insurance.

Chair O'Neill thanked Commissioner Pak for his service and wished him well in taking care of his family.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff announced that the next Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2015 would be cancelled and that the next regular meeting would be December 3rd. Also, a new Commissioner would be proposed at the next Council Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Mai's request at the last meeting, staff explained how to obtain street light for a neighborhood street and gave staff member Ana Neal as the contact. First, a formal application would be required, then a survey would be sent to the community, and if approved, the cost at \$1,500 per light, would be distributed evenly to residents on the block or street, in addition, a maintenance fee would be charged to each home on the street at approximately \$70 per month.

Commissioner Mai encouraged that everyone thank a veteran for Veteran's Day to let them know they are appreciated.

Chair O'Neill mentioned that there would be an event at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Veteran's Day at 10:00 a.m.

Staff wished everyone a nice Thanksgiving.

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ADJOURNMENT: At 8:08 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove.

Motion: O'Neill Second: Zamora

Ayes: (6) Kanzler, Mai, Margolin, O'Neill, Paredes, Zamora

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (0) None

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Judith Moore  
Recording Secretary





**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled pursuant to the attached Cancellation Notice.

DATED: December 10, 2015

JOHN O'NEILL  
CHAIR

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING  
City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840  
Third Floor Training Room

Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 10, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-054-2015

Applicant: Verizon Wireless  
Location: 7071 Patterson Drive  
Date: December 10, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to allow for the construction and operation of a 60'-0" tall stealth wireless telecommunication facility disguised as a pine tree (mono-pine), along with related ground-mounted equipment. The site is in the PUD-103-76 REV. 92 (Planned Unit Development) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15303(c) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Paul Gerst

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1730-15.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-055-2015

Applicant: Tuan Trinh  
Location: 12926 Main Street  
Date: December 10, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, Bar Code, with an original Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General Eating Place) License. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Richard Trinh, Leonard Chan, Hooshang Farahmand

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1731-15 with an amendment.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, January 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

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Judith Moore, Recording Secretary

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Courtyard Center  
12732 Main Street

Monday, September 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIR BRIETIGAM  
COMMISSIONER MCINTOSH  
COMMISSIONER MUNETON  
COMMISSIONER PHAM  
COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ

Absent: Vice Chair Constantino, Commissioner Blackmun

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Nida Watkins, Neighborhood Improvement and Code Enforcement Supervisor; Monica Covarrubias, Senior Program Specialist; Alana Cheng, Senior Administrative Analyst; Scott Stiles, City Manager; Judy Moore, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner McIntosh.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

Danielle Bravo inquired how homeless persons and people with disabilities were to take advantage of programs when the requirements for them were beyond their means. Chair Brietigam responded that the topic was not on the agenda for the meeting, however, Ms. Bravo was referred to Monica Covarrubias as a resource for information.

MINUTES

It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner McIntosh to approve the Minutes from the June 8, 2015 Special Meeting. The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, McIntosh, Muneton, Pham, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino

PUBLIC HEARING - 2014-15 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT REVIEW (CAPER):

Staff presented the 2014-15 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Review (CAPER), which will be submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It is a HUD requirement and substantiates funds received to be able to continue to receive such funds in the future, which help serve those in

need in the community. The report covers the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Before submittal to HUD, the CAPER is available for public comment for at least fifteen days. City Council will hold a public hearing on the CAPER at its September 22, 2015 meeting.

After the presentation, there were several comments and suggestions from the Commissioners:

1. Fund programs that provide long-term assistance such as housing, rather than meals and shelters, since those are already addressed by other agencies. Staff responded that the cities of Anaheim, Garden Grove, and Santa Ana are coordinating and unifying their ESG proposals to prevent duplicity. In the end, programs are decided by the providers and the services they request to be funded. If a service is needed and there is not a provider to receive the funds for it, the service cannot be provided.
2. Contact hotels and request them to accommodate the homeless during low occupancy.
3. Whether the Brookhurst Triangle Development will provide low-income housing? Staff responded that there are no federal funds and is outside of scope.
4. Concern that the \$1.7 million/year loan repayment for acquisition of property on Harbor Boulevard will only help developers and not people in the community. Most jobs provided are \$10/hour jobs that are only slightly better than those at fast food establishments; and commented that these funds could have helped the more vulnerable citizens.
5. Participation in a sub-committee for Neighborhood Revitalization Strategies (NRSA).
6. Inquired how funding works. Staff responded that the City is a conduit for funds received. HUD requirements are restrictive and not very flexible. Often small agencies choose not to participate. Providers need to know what services are needed. But agreements may be amended if funds are to be allocated outside scope of work. HUD requires the City to monitor providers through periodical visits and audits. In addition, the City requires quarterly reports from the providers.
7. Strikers on Harbor Boulevard and Chapman Avenue and if there are any labor provisions in the developed hotels. Staff responded that federal funds were used to initially build the hotels. As with any federal construction project, there are labor compliance standards for construction and developer compliance standards for construction. These were monitored.
8. Inquired if the 193 abated properties were replaced. Staff clarified that the conditions on the properties were abated. The properties were not demolished.
9. Suggested having lifeline information on the City's website and inquired if the police department was aware of the programs available to those in need. Staff informed that there was a Neighborhood Improvement Committee comprised of City departments that has put together a Homelessness

Resource Guide brochure that was available from Fire and Police Department personnel, and at City Hall.

Chair Brietigam opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wanted to speak on this matter.

There being no response, the Public Hearing was closed.

Staff stated that the concerns as listed will be appended in the CAPER.

It was moved by Chair Brietigam and seconded by Commissioner McIntosh to accept the CAPER and submit to City Council.

The motion carried by a 5-0-2 vote as follows:

Ayes: (5) Brietigam, McIntosh, Muneton, Pham, Ramirez  
Noes: (0) None  
Absent: (2) Blackmun, Constantino

#### MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

1. Commissioner asked the best way to obtain information from the City regarding services. Staff noted that the Homelessness brochure provides information as well as 211. Also, Monica Covarrubias could be contacted directly. She could then refer them to the relevant service provider.
2. Commissioner requested names of Commissioners to be on the City's website.
3. Commissioner suggested coordinating with Garden Grove School District to include student representatives on some Commission meetings.
4. Commissioner suggested having a Green-bird type activity in Garden Grove. Staff suggested a meeting with Commissioner to look into possibility of Garden Grove participation.
5. Ms. Bravo was referred to Monica Covarrubias.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission will be held Monday, December 7, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at the Courtyard Center, 12732 Main Street.

Dec. 04, 2015  
Issue #102

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## **Congress Approves Five-Year Transportation Bill**

The U.S. House and Senate announced an agreement this week on a five-year, \$305 billion transportation authorization. Both the House and Senate overwhelmingly voted on Thursday to approve the deal. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **League Launches Updated Medical Marijuana Webpage**

City officials are encouraged to visit the League's new medical marijuana webpage ([www.cacities.org/medicalmarijuana](http://www.cacities.org/medicalmarijuana)) for information and resources related to the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. *For more, see Page 2.*



## **California City Solutions: Fontana Creates Re-Entry Program to Reduce Crimes Rates**

*This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2015 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The Fontana Re-entry Support Team (FRST) helps submitted in 2015 for the Public Safety award category.*

Realignment has impacted communities throughout California by transferring the burden of care for prison releases from the state to local municipalities. The city of Fontana has documented an increase in its violent crime rate after the implementation of AB 109 in October 2011. The city created Fontana's Re-entry Support Team (FRST) to help early release prisoners and individuals with a criminal record obtain services and training to help them integrate better into society. The team works with community organizations with an emphasis on finding employment for these individuals. *For more, see Page 2.*

**'Transportation' Continued from Page 1...**

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act will increase highway spending by 15 percent and transit spending by 18 percent. The 1,300 page bill includes several provisions California cities have been watching:

- Provides about \$200 million for positive train control;
- Requires Class I Railroads to provide crude oil movement information to emergency responders;
- Restructures funding for freight programs by establishing two new programs — one formula and one competitive grant;
- Continues the set-aside for off-system bridges, and expands funding for on-system bridges.
- Converts the Surface Transportation Program (STP) to a block grant program and increases the local share from 50 percent to 55 percent;
- Rolls the Transportation Alternatives Program into the STP;
- Expands eligibility requirements for the Transportation Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act (TIFIA), and allows STP, National Highway Performance Programs, and Nationally Significant Freight and Highways Projects funds to be used for the subsidy and administrative cost requirements of the program;
- Expands NEPA delegation authority to five states; and
- Includes additional transparency requirements for the Department of Transportation.

While the bill provides additional funding, it does not solve the ongoing problem of how to fix the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. The federal gas tax has traditionally funded transportation. However, similar to the problems California is facing as a state, the federal gas tax can no longer meet the needs of the system. Instead, the FAST Act will be funded by a variety of other revenue-raising provisions such as reducing the amount the Federal Reserve pays large banks in dividends.

Congress has struggled to find a compromise that will end the constant need for temporary extensions and threats of shutting down transportation programs. The last major bill, MAP-21, was approved in 2012 and was set to expire in September 2014. The bill has received multiple short-term extensions over the past year to keep transportation programs running.

The bill language, summary and Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of the Conference are available from the [House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee](#).

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**'Medical Marijuana' Continued from Page 1...**

Gov. Jerry Brown on Oct. 9 signed into law the three bills that comprise the package of legislation creating the regulatory structure for medical marijuana industry: AB 266 (Bonta, Cooley, Jones-Sawyer, Lackey), AB 243 (Wood), and SB 643 (McGuire).

The enactment of this comprehensive package of laws will likely affect many aspects of your city's operation: city councils, police departments, planning departments, the city manager's office, the finance office, and your city attorney. The League's medical marijuana webpage contains resources related to the legislation including fact sheets, PowerPoint presentations, and audio recordings of previously held webinars on this topic.

The League is also collecting adopted city ordinances on this issue that will be hosted on this webpage. Cities that have passed an ordinance should submit them to their [grass roots regional public affairs manager](#).

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**'CCS-Fontana' Continued from Page 1...**

The violent crime rate for the city of Fontana grew 3 percent during the first year following the implementation of AB 109 and property crimes rose 22 percent for the same time period. Comparatively for the same time period, the state of California and the city of Fontana reported

the following recidivism rates: violent crime 70 percent, sex crimes 90 percent and non-violent crimes 35 percent.

FRST is staffed by two sworn, full-time police officers, one part-time probation officer, one community policing technician (CPT), and one police sergeant. The team focuses on identifying re-entry individuals (clients) that are able to benefit from the program, as well as probationers and/or parolees that have tendencies to turn to crime if they do not receive some sort of assistance (pre-offenders). The partnership between the police and probation departments is a new approach to identifying potential clients and providing the various resource services available.

The program was developed to engage community and agency partnerships. The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Department (WDD), in conjunction with the California State Employment Development Department (EDD), provides re-entry individuals with a Reentry Workshop in addition to the monthly client meetings. An instrumental part of the re-entry process are the workshops that address employment barriers, including talking about a felony conviction during an interview, resume writing, appropriate interview attire, and where to seek employment.

Through FRST, participants gain confidence and learn to use the EDD center computers to complete on-line applications and training courses structured to assist in job placement. FRST officers also utilize agencies such as the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), to get identification cards or licenses re-issued, Child Support Services, to arrange support payments in order to keep clients licenses valid and Social Security to assist with benefits.

Community partnerships are vital to the success of the program. The Water of Life Church in Fontana offers a clothing closet to the clients with appropriate interview attire, and shelter and food to clients that need it. The United Way's 211 program is utilized to provide quick and easy access to numerous programs. Many other businesses and programs are also utilized to provide assistance and job training to clients.

The program's structure encourages attendance and completion of specific training courses. FRST officers conduct monthly presentations at the local county jail to inform future clients of the program. The probation officer directs clients to FRST and local judges have begun to refer defendants sentenced to probation to the program. Once involved in the program, clients are tracked and continuously offered support and assistance as needed. Additional services such as free eye glasses from a local doctor to advanced welding courses so a client could obtain a better job have been utilized.

Since FRST's inception in September 2012, over 408 individuals have completed the employment workshop attaining more than 170 jobs. The program constantly updates clients with employment opportunities and to-date has sent out over 1,409 job referrals. In addition, the program has referred over 723 people to recovery classes for substance abuse and domestic violence and over 360 people to government agencies (DMV, Social Security, and Child Support). Through partnerships with other supportive services, more than 387 people have received assistance from social services for food stamps and welfare to help during the transition phase of learning job skills and acquiring employment.

Other departments have started or are looking to launch their own re-entry programs modeled after FRST. The Rialto Police Department started their re-entry program in 2014 with the assistance of Fontana FRST officers. FRST has presented the program to the Pomona Police Department and the San Bernardino Police and Sheriff's departments among others and all have expressed interest in starting their own programs.

The FRST program has also gained state recognition. Former Assembly Member Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco) presented FRST to a judicial committee as an example of a different approach to probationers and parolees, an approach that provides a positive impact on the community. After the first full year FRST was in operation, the city saw an 8 percent decrease in part one crimes. The second year resulted in another 8 percent reduction in part one crimes. The impact of FRST has provided tremendous improvements to the community and the program continues to grow. With continued extensive outreach to clients and support from service providers partnering



with FRST, the future of the program will continue to benefit the community, reduce crime, and help the rehabilitative process for early prison releases and probationers.

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### **Save the Date: Municipal Law Symposium, Feb. 5**

*Additional Information and Registration Details Coming Soon*

The 2016 Municipal Law Symposium will focus on the challenging issues public agency attorneys face in the areas of water and public works. Panels will focus on: water rights, drought, and enforcement; water issues related to CEQA and land use; alternative water supplies, including storm water, groundwater, and recycled water; water and public works finance issues including those related to Proposition 218; and conflicts of interest, including an update on the new FPPC Regulations and conflict of interest issues relevant to public works projects.

Titled "Ensuring Integrity in 21st Century California: Water & Public Works in Our Arid State," the symposium will be held on Feb. 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The League will share registration details and additional information when it is available.

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Municipal Law Institute of the League of California Cities®, McGeorge School of Law, the County Counsels' Association and the State Bar of California Public Law Section.

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### **HCD Issues Notice of Funding Availability for \$30 Million in Housing-Related Parks Program Funds**

*Applications due Feb. 4*

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announces a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of approximately \$30 million for the Housing-Related Parks (HRP) Program, 2015 Designated Program Year (DPY). Feb. 4 is the deadline to apply.

For the 2015 DPY, HCD will award funds for the issuance of building permits for units affordable to lower-income households as well as units substantially rehabilitated, converted and/or preserved between Jan. 1, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2015. The revised HRP Program Guidelines include additional information on eligibility and documentation requirements. The DPY 2015 application and instructions will be released and posted on the department's HRP program webpage.

The deadline for meeting program threshold requirements as set forth in Section 102 of the Program Guidelines includes the following:

- Housing element compliance as of Dec. 31, 2015, which means a housing element that has been adopted by the jurisdiction's governing body and determined to be in substantial compliance with state housing element law pursuant to Government Code Section 65585; and
- Submittal of required Annual Progress Reports that must be submitted to the Department by no later than the application due date of Feb. 4, 2016.

HCD program representatives can answer questions. Contact information is below.

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