

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
October 21, 2021

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

I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. GARDEN GROVE SALES TAX Q2 2021 UPDATE

Attached is the published report for the Q2 2021 Garden Grove Sales Tax update from HdL Companies.

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

A. OC Streetcar construction alert for the week of October 25, 2021.

B. Construction alert for Santa Ana Boulevard and Flower Street.

• OTHER ITEMS

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Scott C. Stiles
City Manager

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

SALES TAX UPDATE

2Q 2021 (APRIL - JUNE)



GARDEN GROVE

TOTAL: \$ 6,864,783

36.9%
2Q2021



37.6%
COUNTY

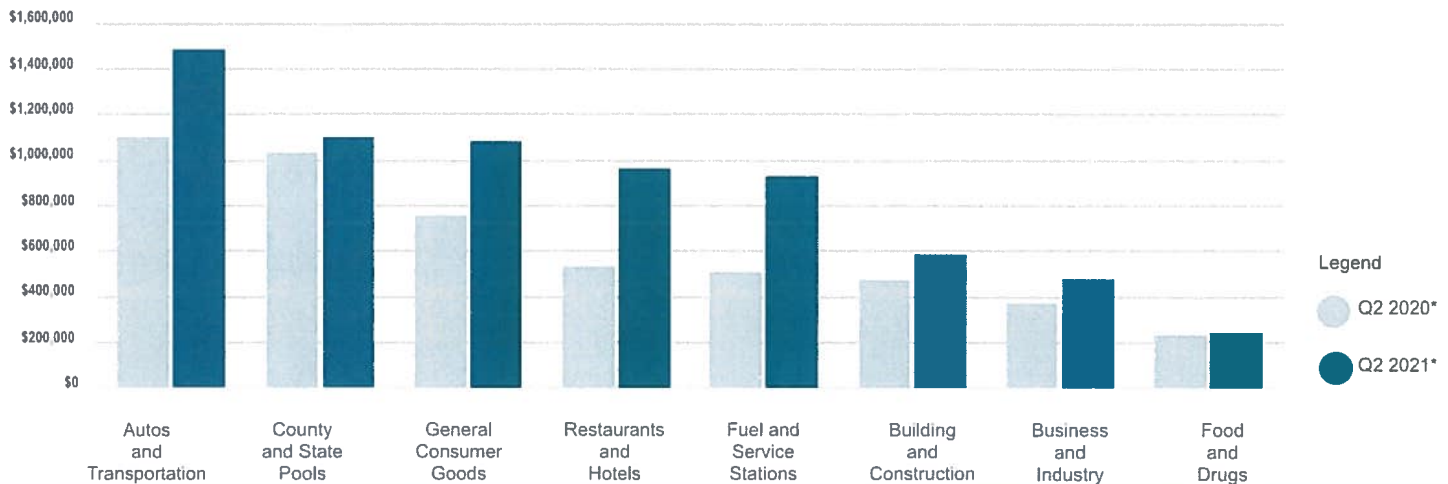


37.3%
STATE



*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity

SALES TAX BY MAJOR BUSINESS GROUP



Measure O

TOTAL: \$6,226,190

40.6%



CITY OF GARDEN GROVE HIGHLIGHTS

Garden Grove's receipts from April through June were 36.9% above the second sales period in 2020 compared to the pandemic bottom last year. Overall, revenue was \$713,000, or 11.6% higher than two years ago, in the second quarter of 2019, before the Covid-19 crisis began.

The largest factor in this improvement was a \$285,000, or 35%, surge in allocations from the Orange County use-tax pool after the Wayfair/AB147 legislative change in 2019.

The opening of a new plumbing and electrical supplier in Garden Grove also helped propel the building-construction

category to a \$232,000, or 65%, gain since 2Q19. New car sales were also \$151,000, or 20%, stronger amid record high pricing.

Conversely, the restaurant-hotel group was \$107,000, or 10%, lower than 2Q19 as the industry grappled with the impacts of the Delta variant.

Net of aberrations, taxable sales for all of Orange County grew 37.6% over last year and 12.1% higher than 2Q19; the Southern California region was up 40.3% versus last year and 15.6% higher than 2Q19.



TOP 25 PRODUCERS

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2ndGear | Rexel |
| Arco | Ross |
| Arco AM PM | Russell Westbrook |
| Burlington | Hyundai of Garden Grove |
| California Fuels & Lubricants | Shell |
| Costco | Simpson Chevrolet |
| Galaxy Harbor | STG Auto Group |
| Garden Grove Kia | Target |
| Garden Grove Nissan | Toyota Place |
| Home Depot | Volkswagen of Garden Grove |
| Marshalls | Walmart Neighborhood Market |
| McDonalds | |
| My Goods Market | |
| One Source Distributors | |
| Quantum Auto Sales | |



STATEWIDE RESULTS

The local one cent sales and use tax from sales occurring April through June, was 37% higher than the same quarter one year ago after factoring for accounting anomalies and back payments from previous quarters.

The 2nd quarter of 2020 was the most adversely impacted sales tax period related to the Covid-19 pandemic and Shelter-In-Place directive issued by Governor Newsom. The 2Q21 comparison quarter of 2Q20 was the lowest since 2Q14 due to indoor dining restrictions at most restaurants; non-essential brick and mortar store closures; and employee remote/work from home options which significantly reduced commuting traffic and fuel sales. Therefore, similar to the 1st quarter 2020 comparison, dramatic percentage gains for 2Q21 were anticipated and materialized.

Up to this point through California’s recovery, we’ve seen some regions experience stronger gains than others. However, with the latest data and the depths of declines in the comparison period, statewide most regions saw very similar growth.

Within the results, prolonged gains by the auto-transportation and building-construction industries generated higher receipts. Although the explosion of sales by new and used car dealers has come as welcome relief, the latest news of inventories being stretched thin due to the micro processing chip issues earlier in the year may result in a headwind into 2022. Conversely for the building-construction group, as housing prices in many markets increased over the last year, sustained available homeowner and investor equity is in place for the foreseeable future. Receipts from general consumer goods marked a steady and expected come back, led by family apparel, jewelry and home furnishing stores. When combined with solid greater economic trends, this is a welcome

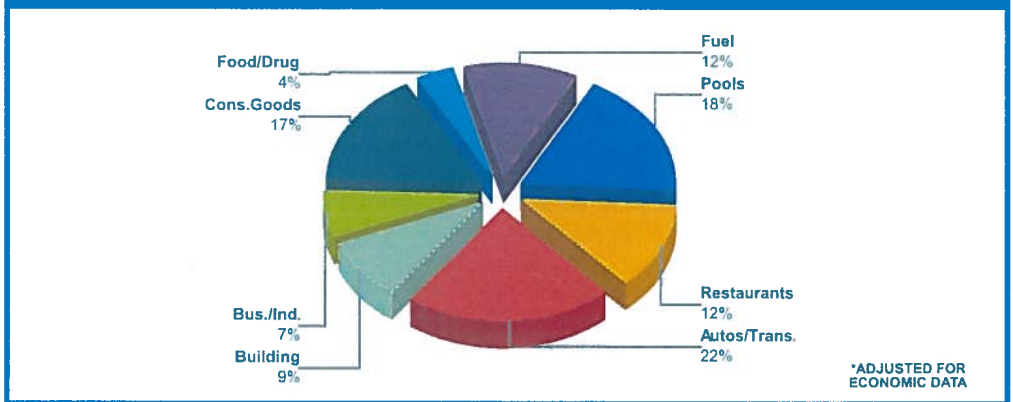
sign for many companies as a lead up to the normal holiday shopping period later this calendar year.

As consumers flock back into retail locations and with AB 147 fully implemented, growth from the county use tax pools - largely enhanced by out-of-state online sales activity - returned to more traditional gains of 9%. These results also included the reallocation of tax dollars previously distributed through the countywide pools to specific local jurisdictions that operate in-state fulfillment centers. Thus, the business and industry category, where fulfillment centers, medical-biotech vendors and garden-agricultural supplies are shown, jumped 26%.

In June, many restaurants reopened indoor dining. Given consumer desires to eat out and beautiful spring weather, all categories experienced a strong, much-needed rebound. However, labor shortages and a rise in menu prices continue to be a concern.

Looking ahead, sustained sales tax growth is still anticipated through the end of the 2021 calendar year. Inflationary effects are showing up in the cost of many taxable products. Pent up demand for travel and experiences, the return of commuters with more costly fuel, and labor shortages having upward pressure on prices may begin to consume more disposable income and tighten growth by the start of 2022.

REVENUE BY BUSINESS GROUP Garden Grove This Fiscal Year*



TOP NON-CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS TYPES

Garden Grove Business Type	Q2 '21*	Change	County Change	HdL State Change
New Motor Vehicle Dealers	916.8	42.5% ↑	51.3% ↑	55.9% ↑
Service Stations	548.1	78.5% ↑	82.1% ↑	73.9% ↑
Casual Dining	492.7	140.1% ↑	134.3% ↑	130.3% ↑
Quick-Service Restaurants	366.2	31.4% ↑	26.4% ↑	28.8% ↑
Used Automotive Dealers	337.7	25.7% ↑	45.3% ↑	50.4% ↑
Plumbing/Electrical Supplies	266.9	31.7% ↑	31.5% ↑	37.5% ↑
Family Apparel	150.1	213.6% ↑	172.6% ↑	230.5% ↑
Grocery Stores	124.8	4.1% ↑	-3.3% ↓	-0.9% ↓
Specialty Stores	92.0	26.6% ↑	64.8% ↑	67.8% ↑
Automotive Supply Stores	90.4	12.4% ↑	13.5% ↑	15.1% ↑

*Allocation aberrations have been adjusted to reflect sales activity *In thousands of dollars

Fwd: OC Streetcar Construction Alert

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

Mon, Oct 25, 2021 03:28 PM

Meena: for Mgr's memo. Thanks. Scott

Scott C. Stiles, ICMA-CM

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From: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net>
To: "sstiles" <sstiles@ggcity.org>
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2021 3:09:49 PM
Subject: OC Streetcar Construction Alert



[Anuncio en Español](#)

Construction Alert Week of October 25, 2021

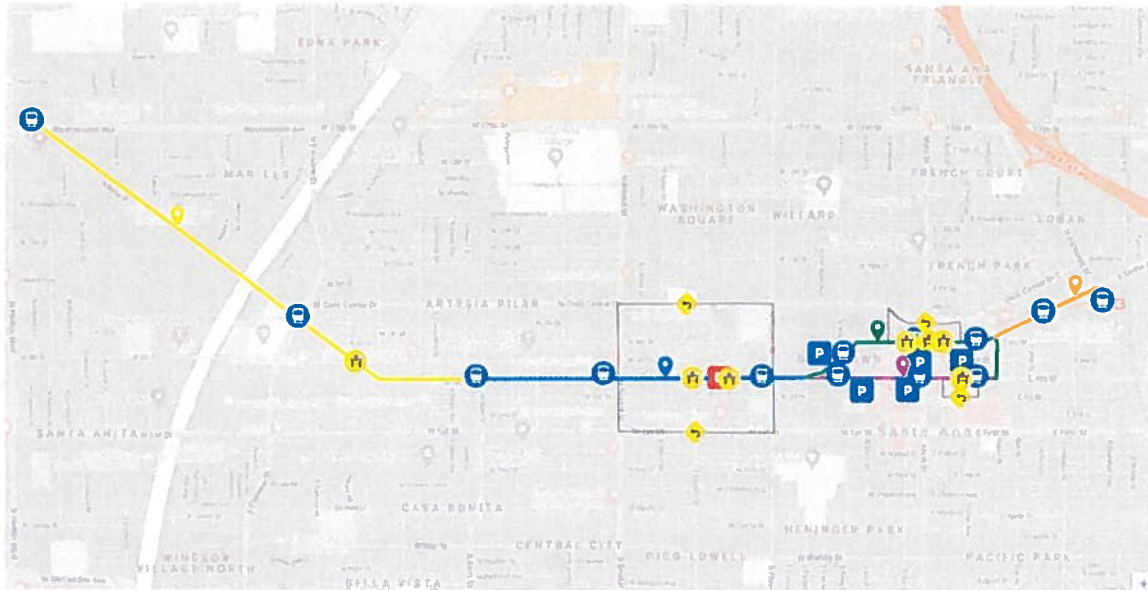
Construction Highlights:

- 5th Street Crossing construction at 5th Street and the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way. Work requires a daily closure of 5th Street from Nantucket Place to Hawley Street from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Detours are available. Learn more [here](#).
- Track installation in Segment 2. Work requires eastbound and westbound traffic to be shifted to the south side Santa Ana Boulevard between Bristol Street and Parton Street. Learn more [here](#).
 - The Shelton Street and Santa Ana Boulevard intersection is closed, detours are available.
 - The Flower Street and Santa Ana Boulevard intersection is anticipated to be closed in late October.
- Track installation in Segment 3. Work requires lane closures on Santa Ana Boulevard from Parton Street to Mortimer Street. A single lane is open for traffic. Learn more [here](#).
 - The Sycamore Street and Santa Ana Boulevard intersection is closed, detours are available.
 - The Bush Street and Santa Ana Boulevard intersection is closed, detours are available.
- Paving work in Segment 4. Work requires an eastbound lane closure on 4th Street from Broadway to Main Street.
- Track installation in Segment 5. Work requires an eastbound lane closure and parking closure on Santa Ana Boulevard from Mortimer Street to Santiago Street.

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

[Click here](#) form more information on track installation activities.

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



**OC Streetcar
Track Installation
Has Started!**

Click to watch the video premiere
of this exciting milestone

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



EAT SHOP PLAY
DOWNTOWN SANTA ANA



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

About the Project

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

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

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Wed, Oct 27, 2021 03:13 PM

Subject: Fwd: Construction Alert - Santa Ana Blvd. & Flower St. Intersection Closure

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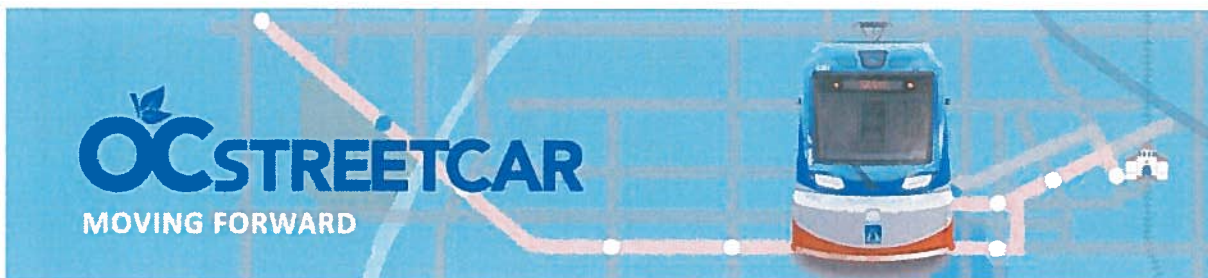
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From: "OC Streetcar" <ocstreetcar@octa.net>

To: sstiles@ci.garden-grove.ca.us

Sent: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 3:11:07 PM

Subject: Construction Alert - Santa Ana Blvd. & Flower St. Intersection Closure



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Santa Ana Blvd. & Flower St. Intersection Closure

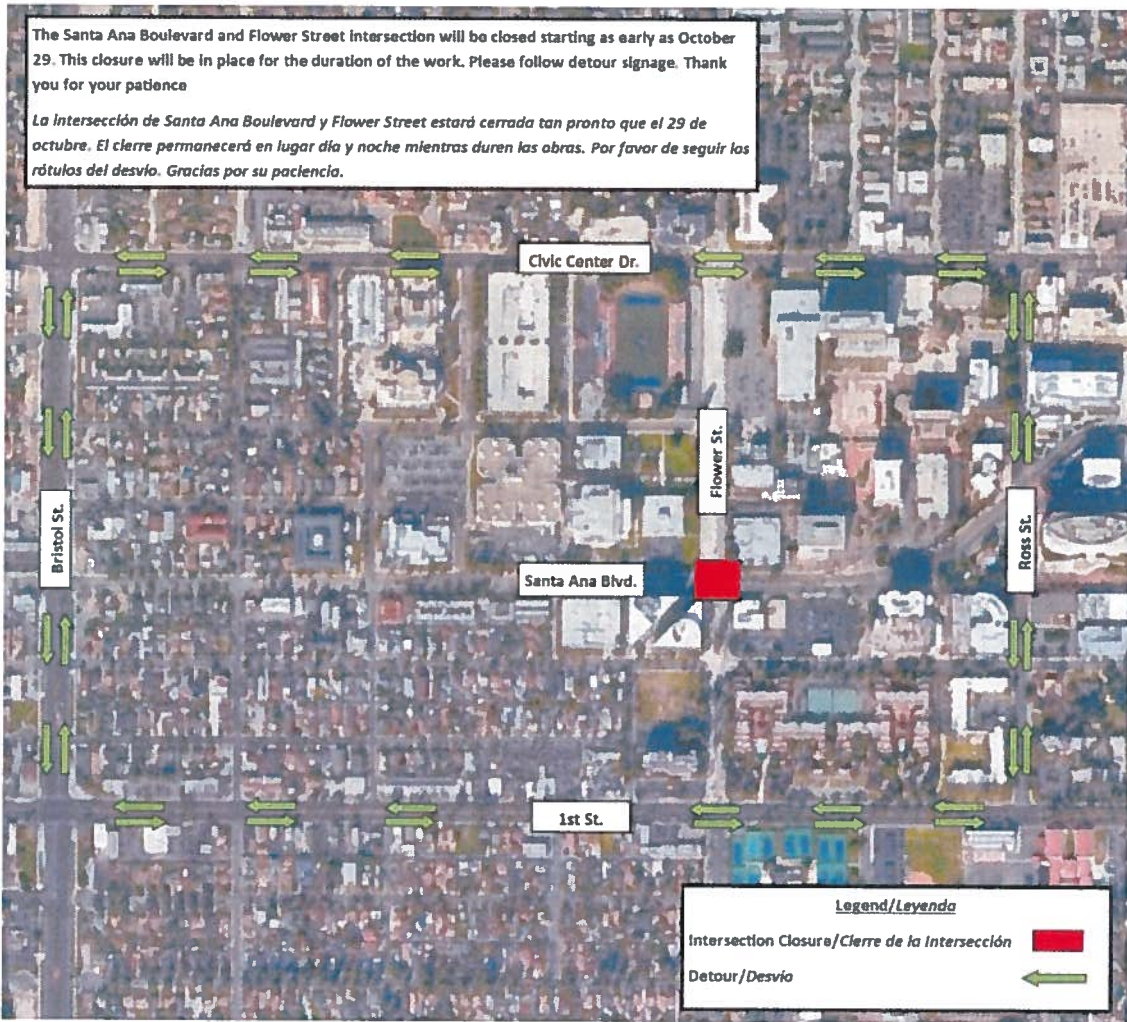
OC Streetcar crews will be working at the Santa Ana Boulevard and Flower Street intersection for [track construction](#). To accommodate this work, a full closure of the intersection will be in effect 24-hours a day during following the time period:

- Beginning as early as Friday, October 29, through Friday, November 12

This work may be loud. The schedule is subject to change due to inclement weather or unforeseen operational issues.

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

Access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times.



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SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS



Post Performance

October 21, 2021 - October 27, 2021

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

Included in this Report

 Garden Grove City Hall

Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 10/21/2021 9:06 am PDT

Seniors, ages 55 and above: The health fair is coming to you! 🧡 🧡 🧡 Come to the H. Louis Lake Senior Center's Haunted...

Impressions **1,341**

Reach **1,256**

Engagements **27**

Engagement Rate (per Impressi... **2%**

Garden Grove City Hall
Thu 10/21/2021 12:04 pm PDT

Have you cleaned out your medicine cabinet yet? ♦ The #NationalTakeBackDay is this Saturday, October 23rd! Bring yo...

Impressions **1,089**

Reach **1,028**

Engagements **23**

Engagement Rate (per Impressi... **2.1%**

Garden Grove City Hall
Fri 10/22/2021 8:30 am PDT

Happy #FeelGoodFriday! Check out this great story! 📖 In this #FeelGoodFriday, the spotlight is on Bracken's Kitchen, a local...

Impressions **2,040**

Reach **1,923**

Engagements **85**

Engagement Rate (per Impressi... **4.2%**



Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 10/25/2021 8:56 am PDT

REMINDER: The Compost Giveaway is in just a few days! 🗑️ Don't forget to stop by the annual Compost Giveaway on...



COMPOST GIVEAWAY
Saturday, October 30, 2021
8:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
(at first compost house)
GARDEN GROVE PUBLIC WORKS YARD
13802 New Hope Street, Garden Grove
Partake! Participate with the City of Garden Grove will be giving away FREE compost to residents to help you by participating in our green waste recycling program because this event is so popular we have a "while the supplies last" and a line of 100 gallons per household. We please help please.

Impressions **616**

Reach **608**

Engagements **8**

Engagement Rate (per Impression) **1.3%**



Garden Grove City Hall
Mon 10/25/2021 11:50 am PDT

🗓️ This past Saturday marked the Grand Opening of 7 Leaves Cafe Chapman! Established in 2012, 7 Leaves became t...



GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Impressions **4,372**

Reach **4,324**

Engagements **404**

Engagement Rate (per Impression) **9.2%**



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 10/26/2021 8:47 am PDT

🌮 It's #TacoTuesday! Satisfy your taco craving at any of these Garden Grove taco eateries that have been ranked among t...



Impressions **3,578**

Reach **3,538**

Engagements **225**

Engagement Rate (per Impression) **6.3%**



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 10/26/2021 12:05 pm PDT

📢 The deadline is approaching... Don't forget to buy your tickets for the Annual Jack O' Lantern Jamboree on October 30, ...



Jack O' Lantern Jamboree
ATLANTIC Play Center
Friday, October 30 • 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Impressions	8,192
Reach	7,309
Engagements	422
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	5.2%



Garden Grove City Hall
Tue 10/26/2021 3:00 pm PDT

It's time to save lives! 📢 **REMINDER:** This Friday, October 29, 2021 is the last day to register for the City of Garden Grove's...



Impressions	1,272
Reach	1,238
Engagements	23
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	1.8%



Garden Grove City Hall
Wed 10/27/2021 8:30 am PDT

Now's your last chance to nominate your local hero! 🏆 The City of Garden Grove continues to seek information on...



answered the needs of the community
...but we need your help!
HELP!
...let us know, through our multi-language online form.
...whose heroic act made a positive impact on the community.
If you know of an individual, business or organization...

Impressions	622
Reach	619
Engagements	7
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1.1%



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 10/27/2021 1:46 pm PDT

Wildfire season is still happening here in #SoCal. Preparation is key to protecting your family, especially if you live where...



Impressions	493
Reach	493
Engagements	5
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	1%



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 Garden Grove Police Department  ggpdk9unit

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Wed 10/27/2021 12:25 pm PDT



Impressions —

Reach —

Engagements —

Engagement Rate (per Impression) —

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Wed 10/27/2021 12:25 pm PDT

A citizen recently contacted #GardenGrovePD with a donation of hygiene kits for the homeless communit...



Impressions **4,872**

Reach **4,872**

Engagements **1,532**

Engagement Rate (per Impressi... **31.4%**

 **ggpdk9unit**
Tue 10/26/2021 8:04 pm PDT

The unsung hero's of dog training are the agitators. They can make or break the dog. I can speak for our training group in...





Impressions **1,045**

Reach **904**

Engagements **158**

Engagement Rate (per Impressi... **15.1%**

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 10/26/2021 6:00 pm PDT



SERGEANT RANDY
End of Watch: Monday, October 25

It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of Randy Parker. Randy was a "third generation" NBPD officer and served Newport Beach community as a patrol detective, and supervisor for over 20 years. Randy's sense of humor and unwavering dedication to duty will never be forgotten.

JON T. LEWIS
Chief of Police, Newport Beach Police Department

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

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
Tue 10/26/2021 6:00 pm PDT



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Sergeant Randy Parker, as well as our brothers and sister...

SERGEANT RANDY PARKER
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JON T. LEWIS
Chief of Police, Newport Beach Police Department

Impressions	6,827
Reach	6,651
Engagements	1,243
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	18.2%

 **ggpdk9unit**
Tue 10/26/2021 5:52 pm PDT



@fountainvalleypd @fullerton_pd
@gardengrovepd @cypresspolice



@gardengrovepd
@fountainvalleypd
@fullerton_pd

Impressions	269
Reach	261
Comments	2
Story Taps Back	27



ggpdk9unit

Tue 10/26/2021 5:37 pm PDT

@fullertonpd_canine_association
@k9commander



Impressions	287
Reach	278
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	6



Garden Grove Police Depa...

Tue 10/26/2021 12:00 pm PDT

Event Reminder: Please join us tomorrow, Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM for the monthly Safety Eve...



Impressions	3,096
Reach	2,997
Engagements	119
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	3.8%



ggpdk9unit

Tue 10/26/2021 11:48 am PDT

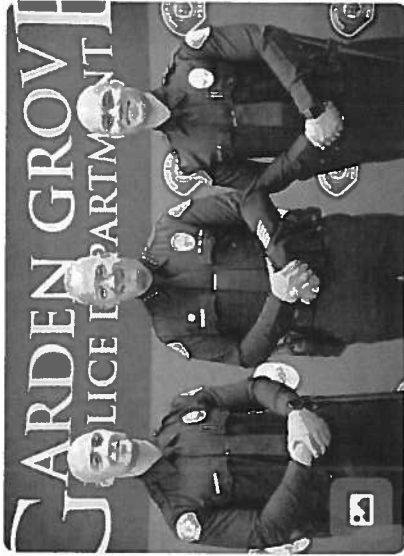
TRAINING DAY @k9commander



Impressions	307
Reach	294
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	9

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Mon 10/25/2021 12:00 pm PDT

We recently gained two new #heroes when we swore in Officers B. Paqua and B. Richards (Goldenwest Academy graduat...



Impressions	3,342
Reach	3,145
Engagements	287
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	8.6%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Fri 10/22/2021 12:05 pm PDT

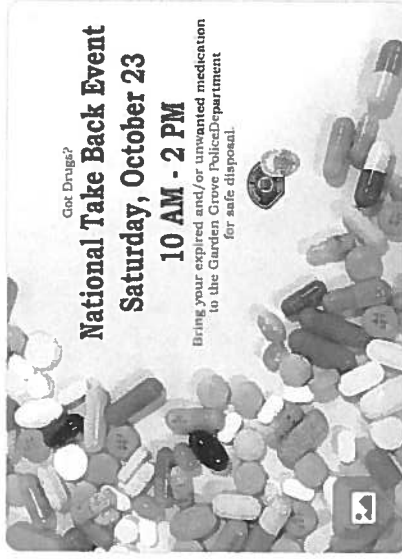
Choose a career of courage, courtesy and commitment. If you think you've got what it takes to wear a badge, there's still tim...



Impressions	2,175
Reach	2,055
Engagements	100
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	4.6%

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**
 Thu 10/21/2021 12:00 pm PDT

Have you cleaned out your medicine cabinet yet? The #NationalTakeBackDay is this Saturday, October 23rd! Bring your...



Impressions	4,001
Reach	3,776
Engagements	80
Engagement Rate (per Impressi...	2%



Instagram icon **ggpdk9unit**

Thu 10/21/2021 2:40 am PDT

Come out this Saturday to Eastgate Park in Garden Grove. Vader and Kody will be putting on a demonstration at 1pm. See...



Garden Grove Chili Cook off and Car Show



SAT OCT 23 2021 AT 12:00 PM TO

Impressions	613
Reach	550
Engagements	44
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	7.2%

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Instagram icon **ggpdk9unit**

Thu 10/21/2021 2:17 am PDT

DEMO WITH VADER AND KODY AT 1PM



Impressions	435
Reach	423
Comments	1
Story Taps Back	2

WEEKLY MEMO 10-28-2021

NEWS ARTICLES

Founder of Hemopet in Garden Grove cited for practicing veterinary medicine without a license

Jean Dodds 'promotes speculative, inaccurate, and even clearly false claims,' says one critic



Blood that has been run through a centrifuge to separate the plasma awaits processing by Ariell Benter, blood processing assistant at Hemopet in Garden Grove on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. (Photo by Paul Rodriguez, Orange County Register/SCNG)

By **TERI SFORZA** | tsforza@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: October 26, 2021 at 9:46 a.m. | UPDATED: October 26, 2021 at 4:15 p.m.

Screen shot of Hemopet page on Jean Dodds.

People call her Dr. Dodds, and she's touted as "one of the foremost experts in pet healthcare, pioneering and revolutionizing pet health."

"Dr. Jean Dodds is a DVM, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and has spent more than five decades as a clinical research veterinarian," says the website for Hemopet, her controversial, closed-colony canine blood bank.

Except, as the Southern California News Group reported nearly five years ago, Dodds is not a licensed veterinarian in the state of California.

On Oct. 11, the California Veterinary Medical Board cited Dodds for practicing veterinary medicine without a license and proposed a \$5,000 fine.

It's unclear why the state took action now, but a new state law signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom this month takes aim directly at Hemopet, and will phase out closed-colony blood banks.

Dodds did not return phone calls or emails seeking comment.

She has been running Hemopet in Garden Grove since 1986 and has a fervent following as the Dr. Sears of the canine set, skeptical of standard vaccine protocols for dogs. In addition to selling dog blood and related products, Hemopet sells "saliva-based food intolerance tests" that some vets dismiss as quackery.

The \$298 "NutriScan" tests for the most commonly ingested foods of up to 112 ingredients "to provide you specific results as to your pet's food intolerance or sensitivities," while the \$125 "CellBIO is a novel biomarker test for cellular oxidative stress in pets using saliva."

While many champion Dodds' "wholistic" philosophy — combining traditional medicine with natural approaches — and drive for hours from all over to have pets treated at Hemopet, she has equally strong critics.

"I have written about Jean Dodds many, many times. She is one of those controversial figures who did some legitimate, even trailblazing work early in her career and then went off the deep end, not only embracing many forms of pseudoscience but apparently becoming convinced that she could never be mistaken regardless of the evidence against her ideas," wrote Brennen McKenzie, a Palo Alto vet, on his SkeptVet blog.

"She promotes speculative, inaccurate, and even clearly false claims about thyroid disease, pet nutrition, and vaccines," he continued. "She has become especially blatant in selling proprietary diagnostic tests that, at best, are unproven and that, in some cases, have been clearly shown not to work. She has an undeserved reputation for being an 'expert' in fields in which she is actually simply an outlier, promoting views that clash not only with the assessments of true experts but with basic science and research evidence."

McKenzie graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine and also has a master of science in epidemiology from the University of London, according to his CV.

File photo of a greyhound at Hemopet, held still as he donated blood at Hemopet in Garden Grove. (Paul Rodriguez, Orange County Register/SCNG)

Dodds received a D.V.M. degree with honors from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1964, according to records in Canada. She started work as a research scientist with the New York State Health Department in 1965, worked her way to chief of the hematology lab at the state's Wadsworth Center, and became executive director of the New York State Council on Human Blood and Transfusion Services in 1980, her bio says. She got the idea for a closed-colony dog blood bank, to protect the canine

blood supply, during the AIDS crisis of the early 1980s. She moved to California and started Hemopet not long after, but was not licensed as a vet here.

The specifics of the state's citation say that, on several occasions since June 2020, Dodds "was listed as a veterinarian on the electronic medical record and handwritten medical record" for one animal and "interpreted lab results and provided a treatment plan" for another. Similar violations involving a third animal were cited by the state.

Critics of Dodds, who are elated that closed colonies will be phased out in California in favor of blood donations from pets, are pleased that the state is finally taking some action. Her supporters bemoan it.

"I've been to 2 seminars. Been to her facility. I think she's brilliant," wrote Joy Brunn, who runs a rescue in Los Angeles County.

It's unclear what the long-term impact of the state's action will be. "Given the evidence of history, I am not sanguine that there will be any significant consequences for Dr. Dodds stemming from this action," wrote McKenzie, the vet. "Nevertheless, at a minimum it is worthwhile to have an official regulatory body confirm what so many of us have known and discussed for years — that Dr. Dodds is not a trustworthy representative of the veterinary profession but an outlier whose views and conduct do not reflect the values or practices of the vast majority of her colleagues."

Garden Grove neighborhood cooks up some fun



Rick Guerrero , left, and his wife Franny get chili served up by Steve Salicos and his wife Marisa at the West Garden Grove Youth Baseball booth during Garden Grove's 3rd annual community chili cookoff and car show event held at Eastgate Park on Saturday, October 23, 2021. (Photo by Frank D'Amato, Contributing Photographer)

By **HEATHER MCREA** | hmcrea@scng.com | Orange County Register

PUBLISHED: October 26, 2021 at 11:31 a.m. | UPDATED: October 26, 2021 at 11:32 a.m.

This Garden Grove neighborhood really knows how to cook up the fun. For the third year, Eastgate Park hosted a community chili cookoff on Saturday, with happy chili fans tasting a variety of recipes.

There was also a car show, trick-or-treating and entertainment, including a demonstration by the Police Department's K9 unit.



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Monday, October 25, 2021

REGISTRATION DEADLINE NEARING FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING

This Friday, October 29, 2021 is the last day to register for the City of Garden Grove's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy disaster preparedness training. The program will be held in-person over two weekends, on Friday, November 5 through Saturday, November 6, and Friday, November 12 through Saturday, November 13. Classes will meet from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on each Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both Saturdays. Location will be sent upon registration. To register, visit ggcity.org/cert, email cert@ggcity.org, or call (714) 741-5994.

The 20-hour program will train individuals to prepare for and recover from disasters, as well as learn various life-saving skills. Training will include basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

After completing the workshop and a brief online course, participants will be recognized as program graduates and sworn as Disaster Service Workers. A certificate of completion, as well as a CERT T-shirt and vest will be given to program graduates.

The City will offer a CPR/AED/First Aid certification class in 2022. Participants in the November 2021 academy will be notified.

Participants must be 18 years and over, and live or work in Garden Grove.

For more information, visit ggcity.org/cert.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

October 28, 2021

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the November 4, 2021 Planning Commission meeting.
3. League of California Cities, "CalCities," from October 15, 2021 to October 21, 2021.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 28, 2021 – December 14, 2021

Thursday	October 28	11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.	Halloween Luncheon, CMC, AB Room
Tuesday	November 2	6:00 p.m.	Traffic Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	November 4	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	November 5		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 9	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Wednesday	November 10	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Holiday Drive \$2 Casual Dress Day
Thursday	November 11		City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
Friday	November 12		\$2 Casual Dress Day
Thursday	November 18	6:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Casual Dress Day
Friday	November 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	November 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM
Thursday	November 25		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday Closure
Friday	November 26		City Hall Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday Closure
Friday	December 3		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	December 9		Holiday Drive \$2 Casual Dress Day
Tuesday	December 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CM



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

November 4, 2021

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing planning@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record. Members of the public are asked to consider very carefully before attending this meeting in person and are encouraged to wear face masks and maintain a six foot distance from others. Please do not attend this meeting if you have had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, fever, difficulty breathing or other flu-like symptoms.

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.

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

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Oral Communications at the beginning of the meeting. Each speaker shall fill out a card stating name and address, to be presented to the Recording Secretary, and shall be limited to five (5) minutes. Members of the public wishing to address public hearing items shall do so at the time of the public hearing.

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

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

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

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- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 21, 2021

- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. AMENDMENT NO. A-032-2021

APPLICANT: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
LOCATION: CITYWIDE

REQUEST: A City-initiated text amendment to Title 9 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code pertaining to Eating Establishments/ Restaurants with Outdoor Seating in the C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial), C-2 (Community Commercial), C-3 (Heavy Commercial), M-1 (Limited Industrial), and M-P (Industrial Park) zones. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061 – Common Sense, 15301 – Existing Facilities, and 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of Amendment No. A-032-2021 to City Council.

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



Garden Grove's mobile response team provides free, emergency mental health care

Oct 27, 2021

The program is staffed by counselors from a nearby nonprofit, with funding provided by the CARES Act and the city of Garden Grove, which also provides logistical support.

Access to proper mental health care is prohibitively expensive or even nonexistent for most Americans. With nowhere else to go, individuals suffering from mental health crises are increasingly turning to police departments for help. The city of Garden Grove, located in northern Orange County, fields approximately 14,500 mental health-related calls annually.



Nationwide, such calls can lead to devastating, life-altering results. On average, 40% of Americans with a serious mental illness will come into contact with the criminal justice system, usually for low-level offenses. A widely cited study presented to the U.S. House of Representatives found that these individuals remain in jail longer than their peers, are more likely to gain new charges while incarcerated, are seven times more costly to house, and are less likely to make

bail. Tragically, (<https://www.nami.org/mhstats>) **1 in 4 officer-involved fatalities** (<https://www.nami.org/mhstats>) involves someone with a mental health condition.

Critics and police departments are calling for change. One model that's gaining traction among police departments, including Garden Grove, are civilian-staffed mental health crisis teams. Known as the (<https://ggcity.org/be-well-oc-garden-grove>) **Be Well OC Mobile Response Team**, (<https://ggcity.org/be-well-oc-garden-grove>) the city of Garden Grove's mental health crisis team is made up of crisis counselors from Be Well OC, a mental health organization located in the city of Orange.

The mobile response team is funded by a combination of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act dollars, the Low- and Moderate-Income Asset Fund, and Garden Grove's general fund. "Great credit also goes to Huntington Beach," said City Manager Scott Stiles; the nearby city launched (<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/bewellhb/>) **a similar program in August** (<https://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov/residents/bewellhb/>) and provided Garden Grove with some initial insight.



Garden Grove also provides logistical support to the mobile response team, just like they would for any other emergency service. Police department dispatchers triage calls received through the city's non-emergency line and 911. Before the team is deployed, dispatchers will confirm that the callers' needs match the services rendered and that the

situation is non-medical, nonviolent, and does not involve weapons.

City staff hope that the program will lead to better outcomes for those experiencing a mental health crisis and allow police officers to return to their core patrol duties. Best of all for residents: The services are completely free for anyone — from “an unhoused resident to a member of a wealthy family,” said Stiles.

How does it work?

The Be Well OC Mobile Response Team specializes in de-escalation and can provide counseling, information, referrals, transportation to services, and ongoing case management. Additionally, the team can assist with a variety of non-emergency, non-medical situations. In collaboration with the police department’s homeless task force, the Be Well OC team can transport willing individuals to a shelter or other location where their short-term, and long-term needs can be met. They can also help with welfare checks, death notifications, domestic issues, addiction, and other similar issues.

“What’s really interesting is that a lot of the team’s calls are officer-generated calls: It’s the officers out in the field who have run across someone who appears to need mental health services and they are making some of the initial health calls. The city council, my office, and the police department are really interested in seeing how things work,” said Stiles.



On its own, Garden Grove can respond to around 30 such calls per day — nearly 11,000 annually—and operates between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. The city also has a reciprocity agreement with Huntington Beach, which may allow them to reach even more residents. By the end of the year, the program will include additional teams, with counselors available 18 hours a day.

Garden Grove plans to launch a mobile mental health dashboard, which will show the number of calls, the nature of the calls, and other important data points. The pilot program ends next October but may be extended after input from internal and external stakeholders.

Be Well OC in Garden Grove is truly a program for everyone,” said Marshall Moncrief, CEO of Be Well OC. “It supports residents, first responders, healthcare workers, social service professionals, and the entire community with a clinically-effective and cost-effective response to mental illness, substance use, and homelessness.”

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Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues more than \$327 million in tax-exempt bonds for housing in Anaheim, Santa Rosa, and Pasadena

Oct 27, 2021

More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally-approved projects.

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) recently issued tax-exempt bonds to acquire multifamily residential rental housing projects in Anaheim and Santa Rosa. CSCDA also issued tax-exempt affordable housing bonds for the construction of new affordable housing in Pasadena, known as Pasadena Studios Collectively, the three issuances total \$327,345,000.

About Anaheim's Platinum Triangle Apartments

CSCDA issued \$157,390,000 in tax-exempt Essential Housing Revenue Bonds to acquire 1818 Platinum Triangle Apartments in Anaheim. The 265-unit multifamily residential rental community was constructed in 2009 and includes a fitness center, business center, dog run, outdoor courtyards with fire pits, on-site storage, rooftop pool, sun deck, theater room, and other amenities.

The joint powers authority partnered with the city and others for the acquisition of the properties and issuance of bonds. Studio, one-, and two-bedroom units will be restricted for households earning less than 80%, 100%, and 120% of the area median income.

About Santa Rosa's Acacia Apartments

CSCDA also issued \$134,605,000 in tax-exempt Essential Housing Revenue Bonds to acquire Acacia Apartments in Santa Rosa. The 277-unit multifamily residential rental community was constructed in 2003 and includes a swimming pool, spa, grilling area, firepit, package concierge, clubhouse, business center, fitness center, and playground.

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About Pasadena Studios

In addition, CSCDA announced the issuance of \$35,350,000 in tax-exempt affordable housing bonds for Pasadena Studios. The 181-unit construction project consists of studio units and two manager units. Units will be reserved for households earning less than 30%, 50%, and 60% of the area median income.

The joint powers authority partnered with real estate company Community Builders Group and others to provide bonds for the affordable housing project and requires the affordability of restricted units for low and very-low-income tenants to be maintained for 55 years.

About CSCDA

CSCDA is a joint powers authority created in 1988 and is sponsored by the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties. More than 530 cities, counties, and special districts are program participants in CSCDA, which serves as their conduit issuer and provides access to efficiently financed, locally-approved projects.

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CARES Act expenditure report deadline extended to Friday, Oct. 29

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The California Department of Finance extended its Cycle 6 Coronavirus Relief Fund reporting deadline to Oct. 29 for any city that has not submitted its full expenditure report. The funds were distributed through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Nearly 30 cities have not yet submitted their reports.

Existing state law limits the period of eligibility to costs incurred from March 1, 2020, through Sept. 1, 2021. It also requires that the October 2021 report be used to determine the level of unspent funds to be returned to the state. Therefore, all funds must be reported as spent for eligible uses. If participation was lower than planned in any area, funds may be used for public health and public safety staff payroll costs, as they are presumed to be substantially dedicated to COVID-19 response. Cities are required to [\(/docs/default-source/guide-to-local-recovery-resources/monitoring-letter-to-subrecipients-3-5-21.pdf?sfvrsn=4999073c_3\)](/docs/default-source/guide-to-local-recovery-resources/monitoring-letter-to-subrecipients-3-5-21.pdf?sfvrsn=4999073c_3) **provide high-level documentation** [\(/docs/default-source/guide-to-local-recovery-resources/monitoring-letter-to-subrecipients-3-5-21.pdf?sfvrsn=4999073c_3\)](/docs/default-source/guide-to-local-recovery-resources/monitoring-letter-to-subrecipients-3-5-21.pdf?sfvrsn=4999073c_3), such as general ledger accounts, to back up these expenditures.

Cities unsure about their Cycle 6 status should **contact their regional public affairs manager** [\(/home/get-involved/regional-divisions\)](/home/get-involved/regional-divisions). Additional questions can be sent to CRFReportHelpDesk@dof.ca.gov.

([http://CRFReportHelpDesk@dof.ca.gov](mailto:CRFReportHelpDesk@dof.ca.gov)) , which houses all data and communications for state-local CARES Act compliance.

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