

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
February 5, 2015

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

I. PRIORITY AND COUNCIL AGENDA ISSUES

None.

II. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

A. CHIEF'S COIN FOR MERIT DINNER

Chief Elgin provides information and photographs on the Chief's Coin for Merit Dinner held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015.

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

A. ORANGE COUNTY MOSQUITO & VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT

Representative Robin Marcario provides a quarterly report on developments in the district.

• OTHER ITEMS

– NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



ALLAN L. ROEDER
City Manager

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INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Allan Roeder

From: Todd Elgin

Dept: City Manager

Dept: Police

Subject: Chief's Coin for Merit Dinner

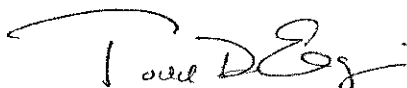
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On February 4, 2015, the Garden Grove Police Department held it's Fourth Annual Chief's Coin for Merit dinner. Since the inception of the Chief's Coin for Merit Program in 2011, created by Chief Kevin Raney, the department has issued over 400 Chief's Coins.

In the year 2014, the department issued 111 coins to worthy community members. Last night's event was attended by approximately 192 people, which included coin recipients, police employees, City Council and the City Manager. This was the largest Coin for Merit awards dinner to date. The Orange County Register, Behind the Badge OC and Garden Grove's Channel 3 were all on hand to memorialize the event.

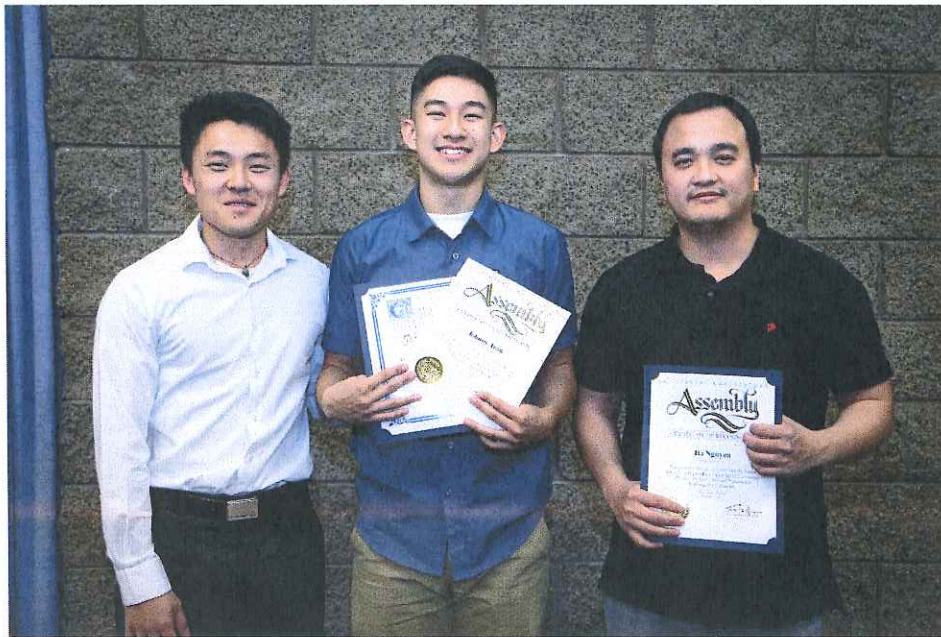
Retired Police Chief Kevin Raney returned for the event and was joined by Chief Todd Elgin on stage for the acknowledgment of the recipients. The event lasted approximately two and half hours and ended with the unveiling of the 2015 Chief's Coin for Merit and a group photo of the recipients as well as the Retired and current Police Chiefs.

Should you have any questions regarding the event or the Chief's Coin for Merit program, please contact me at extension 5865.



Todd D. Elgin
Chief of Police

Attachments: Pictures from the event





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January 28, 2014

Dear Garden Grove City Council,

As your appointed representative of the Orange County Mosquito & Vector Control District, per your request, this is the first of the quarterly reports regarding developments in the district. The district does send you a copy of the minutes and agenda on a monthly basis to the city clerk.

The mission of the district is to provide the highest level of protection from vectors, including mosquitos, fire ants and rats. The district, created in 1947, is funded by a small property assessment of \$7.00 average per home. The district responds to over 20 thousand requests for service throughout the county per year. There are 35 members on the board with an annual budget of 10 million.

The district is calculating the OCERS retirement obligations and considering what actions to take regarding the "catch up" or "true up" payments and possible switch to CalPers.

Last year, was the worst outbreak, in an over ten year history, of West Nile Virus in Orange County with 277 cases and 7 deaths. California had 733 and the U.S. With 1,820 cases. Garden Grove had 19 cases.

The district works closely with Public Works and the city to identify and treat mosquito breeding sites. There are over 3,000 green swimming pools in the county which are treated with mosquito feeding fish. The district monitors all potential water source sites that are possible mosquito breeding areas in the 800 square miles of the county.

The district is increasing its public outreach and information distribution with internet sources, school and civic meetings, and a new exhibit, set to open later this year, at the Discovery Science Center. The district concentrates its outreach efforts to educate and inform the public in the reduction of stagnant water sources. I have given monthly vector information presentations at city council, during the season from June through September, to inform Garden Grove residents about the need to dump stagnant water sources and call when rats, fire ants, or mosquitos are found around the home.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our community. Please call if you have questions at 714-534-1428 or email at robinmarcario@hotmail.com

Thoughtfully,



Robin Marcario
<http://www.ocvcd.org/>

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**NEWSPAPER
ARTICLES**

THE GARDEN GROVE JOURNAL

ALSO SERVING STANTON, WESTMINSTER AND MIDWAY CITY

HONORING THE PAST

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Asian Garden Mall and the Cultural Court strip mall that flank Bolsa Avenue have long represented the heart of the Vietnamese community in Orange County - and soon, those turning into either shopping center will be heading, figuratively, into Saigon.

At the behest of Mayor Tri Ta and Councilman Tyler Diep, Westminster is changing the

Westminster Mayor Tri Ta shows a rendering of a new street sign that will hang at the entry to the Asian Garden Mall and the Cultural Center on Bolsa Avenue.

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JEFF CRITCHEN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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green street signs to say "Saigon" to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon and celebrate the success the Vietnamese

community has had in Orange County.

"We want to honor the sacrifices of the millions of South Vietnamese and 58,000 Americans who lost their lives defending freedom," Ta said, noting that the entry signs will also better alert people visiting from outside the community when they are in Little Saigon. "People who drive by will instantly recognize Little Saigon, so it promotes tourism."

Saigon was the capital of the Republic of South Vietnam during the civil war, which pitted the south and American forces against the communist north, until the end of the war in 1975. Saigon is now Ho Chi Minh City.

At last week's council meeting, when the new signs were approved, many Vietnamese Americans spoke about the symbolic power of swapping out the entry signs with ones boasting the name of their fallen

capital.

"Saigon is always on our hearts and minds," said Leslie Le, former president of the Vietnamese Community of Southern California. "So this initiative is welcomed by all of us."

Replacing the two signs will cost \$2,400, according to a city staff report, though

Ta and Diep have led a fundraising campaign so there is no cost to the taxpayers. The signs still have to be installed, which Ta said should happen within a month.

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The sun will no longer be a game clock at Garden Grove's Magnolia Park.

Basketball enthusiasts will be able to hoop it up at night now that two 20-foot light poles are illuminating the park at 11402 Magnolia St.

nolia St.

The poles are thanks in part to pastor Sam Barela of Calvary Chapel North-Grove, David Atwood of Building Blocks for Hope and account manager Nate Goldblum of Wal-

Library's name salutes Medal of Honor recipient

Tibor Rubin survived the Holocaust.

He once spent 24 hours by himself defending the road being used for a withdrawing unit during the Korean War.

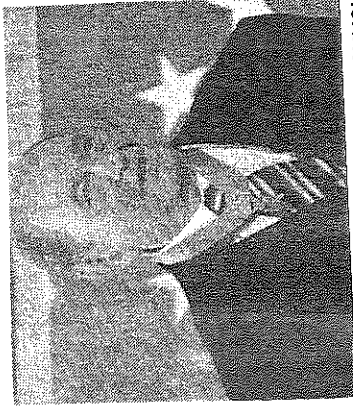
Later, he helped provide food and medical help to his fellow prisoners of war in a Chinese camp.

And, he has a Congressional Medal of Honor.

Now, the 85-year-old Garden Grove resident and decorated Korean War veteran will receive another honor: a library named after him.

The City Council recently approved renaming the Garden Grove West Library, 11962 Bailey St., as the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library.

The library, which is undergoing a remodeling, will have a bronze bust of Rubin and a plaque bearing his name, which will cost the city \$15,000.

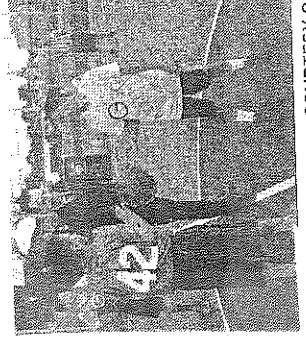


WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

West Library will be renamed for Tibor Rubin of Garden Grove, who received the Medal of Honor for actions during the Korean War.

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Night basketball dawns at park



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ter's Wholesale Electric, who worked together on the donation.

The lights are valued at \$2,500 and were installed by the city's Public Works Department.

As the sun goes down, Mayor Bao Nguyen gets set to toss a basketball at the newly lit courts in Magnolia Park.

One more look at the online efforts of local leaders

Are you there, Stanton? It's me, Brainiac. You didn't think we'd forgotten you in our social-media tour of the elected officials who serve our fine cities, did you?

You'll recall that over the last two weeks we've scoured the Internet for insights into the Facebook lives and likes of the Garden Grove and Westminster city council members. And while Stanton is smaller, we'd be remiss if we didn't go take a look-see there, too.

Midway City doesn't have a council, but it is represented by newly elected county Supervisor **Andrew Do**, so we'll add him into the mix here, too.

Stanton **Mayor Al Ethans** may well be of the generation that hasn't dived deep into Facebook sharing.

It took awhile to find him - he goes by Al on the site, not Alexander as he's officially known - and when we got there?

A shoutout to **Ms. Tiffany** who helped him at a storage facility in October and ... that's pretty much it.

Well, other than a few posts from 2011 when he added the date of his marriage to his wife, **Mavis**, an item on which a friend commented, "That's one hot mama you got there."

To which we say: Go Mavis! Go Al!

That was more than we



JEBB HARRIS, FILE PHOTO

Thank heavens for Stanton Councilwoman **Carol Warren**, the only member of that City Council to show any Facebook presence as far as we can tell. This photo shows her checking out a gun range. She also seems to be a fan of cats and "FarmVille."

got for **Councilman Brian Donahue**, whose social-media footprint was eerily invisible. I mean, who doesn't have an easy-to-find Facebook page in this day and age? And council members **Rigo Ramirez** and **David Shawver** were equally invisible.

We started to wonder: Is there a reason why their social-media profiles are blank? Instead of a retired public school administrator, a retirement-services director and a retired high school teacher, maybe they're **James Bond**-types under deep cover.

What are they trying to hide in Stanton? Snap out of it, Brainiac - it's probably

nothing.

Finally, **Councilwoman Carol Warren** restored our faith in the Stanton City Council. She had a Facebook page. It had pictures of cats posted on it - that's practically mandatory for your finer social-media practices - and pictures of "FarmVille" screen grabs, too. There was even a photo of her horse **Wally**, sticking his tongue out.

We felt better, though a little unsettled by the absence of all those other secret agents-turned-council members. Is it possible to launch a ballot initiative to require Stanton council members to maintain Facebook pages? Now for Super-

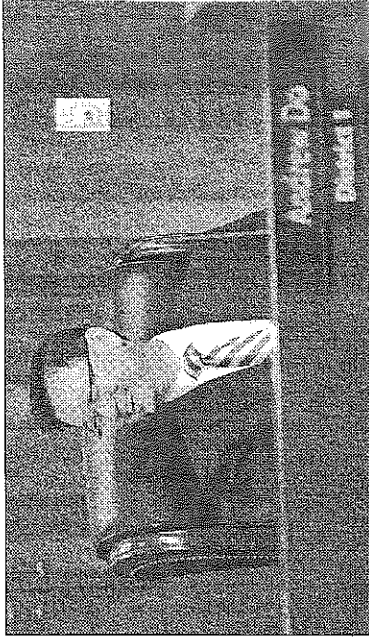
visor **Andrew Do** - please don't let us down.

We got excited for a moment when we found a Facebook fan page titled "Andrew Do to be the next Bachelor." Seemed a logical progression: get elected to the county Board of Supervisors, then ABC will pick you to find love on "The Bachelor." Alas, **Andrew Do** is a pretty common name.

Eventually we found a fan site for his supervisory campaign, but it wasn't much, and that was more or less that.

A disappointing turnout for the Stanton council and the county supervisor for our part of the county.

The final rankings: Gar-



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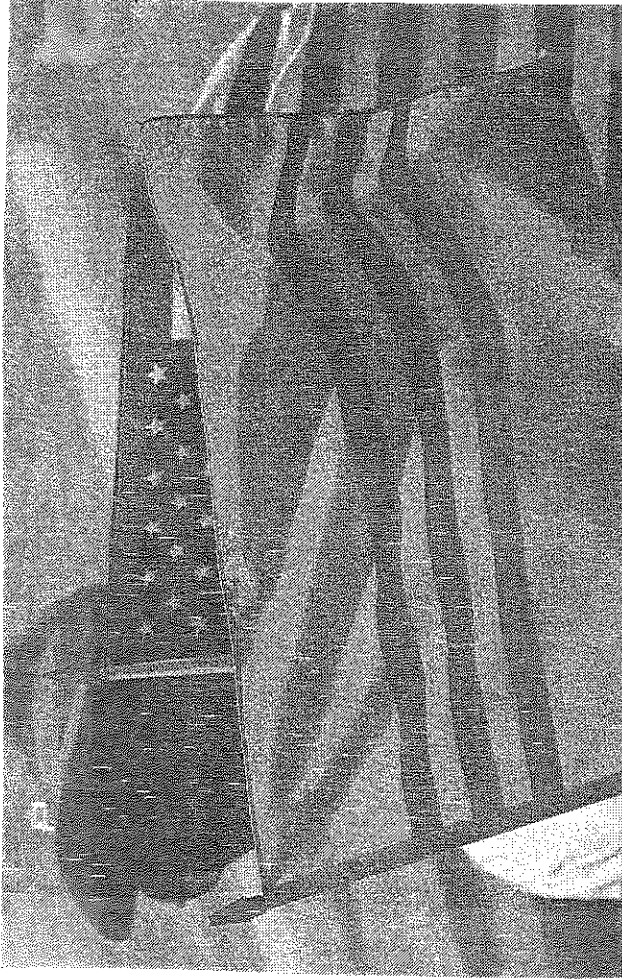
We think **Orange County Supervisor Andrew Do**, shown during his first Board of Supervisors meeting Tuesday in Santa Ana, should make his first order of business to improve his social media presence.



FRANK D'AMATO, FILE PHOTO

From left, city of Stanton Councilman **Rigo Ramirez**, Councilman **Brian Donahue**, Mayor **Al Ethans** and City Manager **Jim Box** attend the annual Halloween Fun with Family and Friends event. None of the three elected officials seem to have a social media presence. Is that just innocent oversight - or something more suspicious?

den Grove City Council and Do? A low C to a D, rocks the social-media landscape. Westminster City Council earned a solid B. And Stanton City Council with others.



BRUCE CHAMBERS, FILE PHOTO
Three events commemorating the anniversary of the fall of Saigon have been approved by the Westminster City Council to be held at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park.

Black April events get green light

It's been 40 years since the fall of Saigon - called Black April - when thousands of South Vietnamese citizens fled to and ultimately settled in Orange County.

Commemoration ceremonies planned for Westminster's Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, at 14180 All American Way, have the green light from the city.

The City Council approved gatherings

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 26, when 500 people are expected; from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 29, when 300 people are expected; and from 6 to 9 p.m. on April 30, the anniversary of the fall of Saigon, when at least 1,000 people are expected to attend.

The events will include music, speeches, chanting and more.

Garden Grove plans to outlaw puppy-mill sales

The Garden Grove City Council is on a course to ban pet stores from selling puppies that come from commercial breeders.

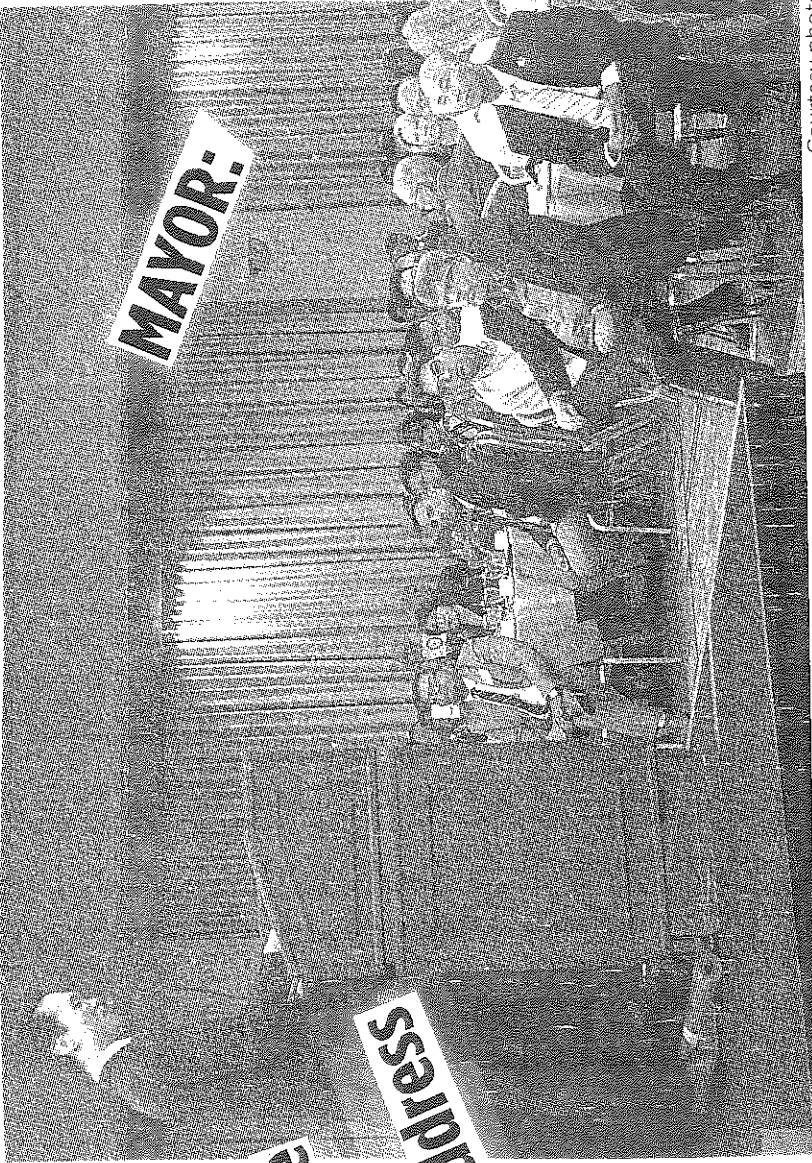
The council recently directed the city staff to develop an ordinance that will prohibit the sale of dogs from so-called puppy mills, which mass-breed popular dog types and sell them at a high cost. The ordinance should be ready for a vote within four to six weeks.



Beard

"Pun intended, this is a pet project of mine," said Councilman Kris Beard, who brought the item up for discussion at the last meeting. "I do not support the inhumane treatment of animals of any kind."

Mayor Bao Nguyen emphasizes community engagement, education delivers State of the City address



Courtesy photo

Newly-elected Mayor Bao Nguyen addresses a crowd of about 400 at last week's State of the City address.

Speaking before a sell-out crowd of 400 attendees at last week's State of the City luncheon, Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen pointed to community engagement as the fundamental principle and driving force guiding the city's future direction.

"This City Council believes that community engagement is at the heart of what needs to happen to move this city forward," said Mayor Nguyen. "Informing and educating the community of the policy direction of the City Council and consulting the community as part of a process to develop government policy, are just a couple of ways to build community awareness and understanding."

Mayor Nguyen expressed plans to work with local businesses and neighborhoods to identify needs and provide resources, saying, "We can't assume success, until

The mayor also reported on the city's healthy state of building construction, emphasizing that \$126.4 million in valued construction permits issued by the city last year represented a 127 percent increase over the year prior.

"Education and investment in our youth are two things that are very near and dear to my heart," said Nguyen, as he invited his former colleague and personal friend, Garden Grove Unified School District Board President Dr. George West to the podium to speak about the state of the school district.

The mayor followed up by announcing a new marketing campaign between the city and the district to promote the quality of

local schools and the affordability of housing, specifically to young professionals.

Prior to the mayor's speech, Kim Schaefer, CEO of Great Wolf Resorts, Inc., made a presentation on the progress of the city's most anticipated development, the Great Wolf Lodge Southern California. The city's GG-TV3 news team presented a short video on Re:Imagine Garden Grove - A Downtown Open Streets Event that took place last October.

The event was hosted by the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce.

The video, along with the mayor's complete speech can be accessed via the City's website at www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us.

School Board president delivers speech on heels of mayor's address

Orange County News
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George West notes challenges of poverty among students, but stresses that schools are thriving

Editor's note: Following is the Trustees President George West at and Nguyen emphasized that the city speech delivered by Garden Grove Mayor Bao Nguyen's State of the Unified School District Board of City address last week. Both West and school district will work together in 2015.

It is my pleasure to provide a short update on the state of the Garden Grove Unified School District.

There are a number of research studies that indicate, "great communities have outstanding schools."

On July 1, 2015, we will celebrate our 50th anniversary as a "unified" school district; the district was created by the merger of three districts - the Alamitos and Garden Grove elementary school districts and the Garden Grove Union High School District.

Today we are the city's largest employer, with over 5,600 employees. We serve more than 47,600 students in preschool through 12th grade programs. Fifty-five of our 72 sites are located within the city. And our all-funds budget is in excess of \$500 million.

We are proud of the number of schools that have been recognized

by the state and federal government as Distinguished and Blue Ribbon Schools. All of our high schools have been recognized by US News and World Report as among the nation's elite.

More than 70 percent of our students speak a language other than English at home and live near or below the poverty-line. However, the district continues to decrease our drop-out rate and increase the number of students graduating from high school.

We have more students than ever before completing the requirements for the University of California system and an ever increasing number of students taking challenging Advanced Placement courses.

Based on our demographics, the district is considered an urban school district. We are especially proud that the GGUSD has the highest Academic Performance Index Score among the state's 25 largest urban school districts.

Thanks to the voters in the city, we were able to purchase \$250,000 in bonds for the modernization of

our schools. With state matching funds, federal funds, and restricted facility funds, over \$550 million has been allocated to upgrade 69 school sites.

Thirty-three projects have been completed and 15 are currently under-way. The Board of Education has been good stewards of these one-time funds; to date, all finished projects were on-time and within allocated budgets. Attractive schools with quality programs are a factor in maintaining and increasing home values.

The modernization projects have created hundreds of jobs related to construction; each day, the workers at the school sites purchase goods and services within the community.

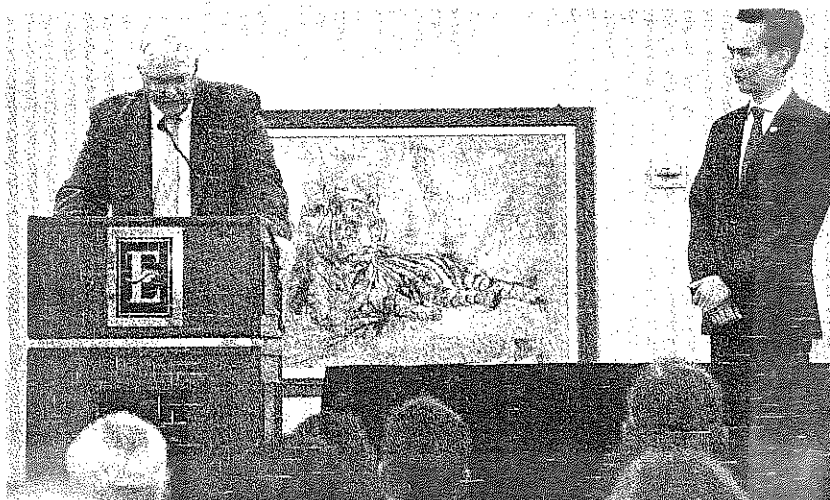
By the end of this calendar year, the district will have the fastest fiber-optic, 40Gbps, broadband system in the region. The district will serve as the "back-up" system for the Orange County Department of Education. Mayor Nguyen was a proponent of developing this robust network.

The district believes that long term partnerships can improve the quality of the district and the community. Some ideas for consideration are:

- Mentoring and intern programs for high school students with the city, chamber, and local colleges and universities;
 - Participation in the Next Century Cities initiative to enhance communication and internet accessibility;
- Increased use of school facilities when school is not in session - every school is a potential neighborhood community center, health clinic, or site where computers can be utilized;
- And, cooperation in improving existing sports facilities and expanding the number of gymnasiums;

We are very proud to be part of the City of Garden Grove.

SPEECH:



Courtesy photo

School Board President George West delivers the state of the schools address as Mayor Bao Nguyen looks on.

New mayor distinguishes himself from predecessor

Dapper, dashing Bao Nguyen couldn't be more different from no-frills Bruce Broadwater



Tony on the Town

By Tony Cheong

Newly-elected Mayor Bao Nguyen can't be any more different from the guy he replaced: former Mayor Bruce Broadwater.

That was on display at last week's State of the City address. How many mayors talk about karma while addressing 400 people? For that matter, what mayor talks about the moral and spiritual health of residents? Nguyen, who received his master's degree in Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies, did both.

It was quite a contrast from Broadwater's address last year,

in which he mainly focused on generating tax revenue for city coffers.

The most startling fact that came out of the address was when George West, the president of the Garden Grove Unified School District Board of Trustees, noted that about 70 percent of students in the district - a thriving district, by the way - live below the poverty line.

I didn't know the number was even close to that, and I thought: unacceptable.

The Southern Section All CIF team was announced recently, and some of my townies tell me Westminster High all-purpose player Humberto Maciel got robbed. Sure, he made the team. That was a no brainer. But they think he should have been named Offensive Player of the Year (that honor went to Rancho Alamitos quarterback "Slingin" Nick Brown, who set an Orange County record by tossing 52 touchdown passes).

As for Maciel? The term "all-purpose" is fitting. The 5-foot-9, 190 pound senior does everything. First and foremost, he's a top-notch running back. He's also a kicker. And a punter. The main point: He scores a lot of points.

Last season, he scored more than 150 when you combine his rushing touchdowns, PATs and field goals.

Then again, there's an argument to be made for "Slingin" Nick, who also threw for more than 3,000 yards and led his team to the CIF finals, where they lost to Garden Grove High.

Stanton has implemented a program that I think every city should have. It's called "Honor a Veteran a Month." Once a month, at a City Council meeting, the council will honor a veteran for his or her service. The first recipient of the award was Past Flotilla Coast Guard Commander John Doogan.

Garden Grove and Westminster should follow suits. They are both cities with strong military histories. Thousands of veterans of the Vietnam War for instance - both born in America and Vietnamese-American - are in our midst. And Garden Grove holds the unfortunate distinction of losing more troops in that ghastly war than any city in Orange County. The number is 41, for the record.

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Gov. Brown appoints 5 to posts

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Gov. Brown Jr. announced the following appointments last week.

Jennifer Kent, 41, of Sacramento, has been appointed director of the California Department of Health Care Services. Kent has been executive director at Local Health Plans of California since 2013. She was principal at Health Management Associates from 2011 to 2013 and served as associate director at the California Department of Health Care Services in 2011, where she served as deputy director of legislative and governmental affairs from 2004 to 2007. Kent served as a deputy legislative secretary in the Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger from 2008 to 2010, associate secretary of legislative affairs at the California Health and Human Services Agency from 2007 to 2008 and was director of government and external affairs at the California Optometric Association from 1999 to 2004. Kent earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$182,021. Kent is registered without party preference.

Garin Casaleggio, 38, of Sacramento, has been appointed deputy secretary for communications at the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Casaleggio has served as deputy communications director in the California State Controller's Office since 2003. He served as special assistant to the chief of staff in the Office of Governor Gray Davis from 2000 to 2003. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$111,504. Casaleggio is a Democrat.

Jim Houston, 37, of Sacramento, has been appointed undersecretary at the California Department of Food and Agriculture, where he has served as deputy secretary of

legislation and public engagement since 2011. He was a senior account representative at BGS Group Consulting Inc. from 2004 to 2010. Houston served as legislative director in the Office of California State Assemblymember Simon Salinas from 2001 to 2004 and as information technology manager in the Office of the California Assembly Democratic Leadership from 2000 to 2001. Houston earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$141,024. Houston is a Democrat.

Jennifer Moffitt, 34, of Davis, has been appointed deputy secretary for legislation and special assistant to the secretary at the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Moffitt has been managing director at Dixon Ridge Farms since 2005. She was an education, outreach and research specialist at the American Farmland Trust from 2004 to 2005, where she was a land projects coordinator from 2002 to 2004. Moffitt is vice chair of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board and a member of the California Department of Food and Agriculture California Organic Products Advisory Committee. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$131,124. Moffitt is a Democrat.

Joseph Lyou, 54, of Hawthorne, has been reappointed to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, where he has served since 2007. Lyou has been president and chief executive officer at the Coalition for Clean Air since 2010. He was executive director at the California Environmental Rights Alliance from 2003 to 2010 and director of programs and interim executive director for the California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund from 2000 to 2002.

Sweethearts dance

Senior sweethearts are invited to attend a romantic night at the annual Sweetheart Dance hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue.

The event is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13.

Cost of admission is \$10, pre-sale only. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, Feb. 11.

For more information, call the H. Louis Lake Senior Center at 714-741-5253.

Spelling bee

The local school district has a history of sending smart students to the Orange County Spelling Competition, and often winning.

Outstanding spellers from the Garden Grove Unified School District's intermediate schools will participate in the annual spelling bee for seventh- and eighth-grade students on Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Each of the district's 10 intermediate schools is sending four representatives to the competition hosted at Edgar School/District Meeting Center, 6202 Cerulean Ave. in Garden Grove.

The district champion and nine runners-up will represent the district in the Orange County Spelling Competition at the Orange County Department of Education in Costa Mesa, with the written segment scheduled for Feb. 23 followed by the deciding oral spelling round on Feb. 28.

For more information, call 714-663-6006.

Bank holds event

As part of its ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion, and in celebration of Lunar New Year, Union Bank welcomes the Year of the Sheep by hosting Wishing Trees at participating California branches, including in Garden Grove and Westminster.

In the spirit of the Year of the Sheep, customers who visit 15 participating Union Bank branches throughout California through March 14 will have an opportunity to share their wishes and support their local community by making a contribution to a local non-profit organization.

Donations will be matched (up to \$2,500 per organization) by the MUFJ Union Bank Foundation.

"Celebrating diversity and inclusion is part of our heritage at Union Bank, and we're excited to join the community to honor traditions such as Lunar New Year," said Union Bank Multicultural Strategy Manager Frank Robinson.



Courtesy photo

Kids at Magnolia Park can now play basketball at night, thanks to three residents who made sure the courts have lighting.

Magnolia park gets lights, thanks to 3 locals

Kids can play hoops at night now at Magnolia Park.

And they have three local gentlemen to thank for it.

A widely-used, but until recently, unlit public basketball court at Magnolia Park in Garden Grove is now illuminated for night play,

courtesy of the collaborative efforts of a neighborhood pastor, a non-profit group, and an Orange County businessman.

The partnership of Pastor Sam Barela, from Calvary Chapel NorthGrove, David Atwood, founder of Building Blocks

for Hope, Inc., and Nate Goldblum, an account manager with Walter's Wholesale Electric retail chain, were recognized on Jan. 27.

Mayor Bao Nguyen and the Garden Grove City Council of-

LIGHTS-

officially dedicated two, 20-foot light poles, made possible by the trio, and which now tower over a freshly-paved and striped basketball court at Magnolia Park, 11402 Magnolia Street.

Barela, a Garden Grove resident for more than 30 years, noticed youths using flashlights to play basketball in the evening at Magnolia Park. He brought this safety issue to Atwood, who then coordinated the donation of two light towers and fixtures

with Nate Goldblum, an employee with Walter's Wholesale Electric.

The poles and floodlights, valued at \$2,500, were wired and cemented onto concrete bases by staff from the city's Public Works Department. The energy saving light poles feature an optic eye sensor, triggered each evening at sunset.

So go ahead young men and you women. Trek over to Magnolia Park after nightfall and play some playground basketball.

For more information, contact the recreation division at 714-741-5200.



Photo by Dave Smithson

Rancho Alamitos High's Nate Brown and Garden Grove High's Sufyan Siddiqi jostle for position on a free throw during a game last week at Rancho. Grove won, 86-58.

GG High wins thriller over

Santiago in league play



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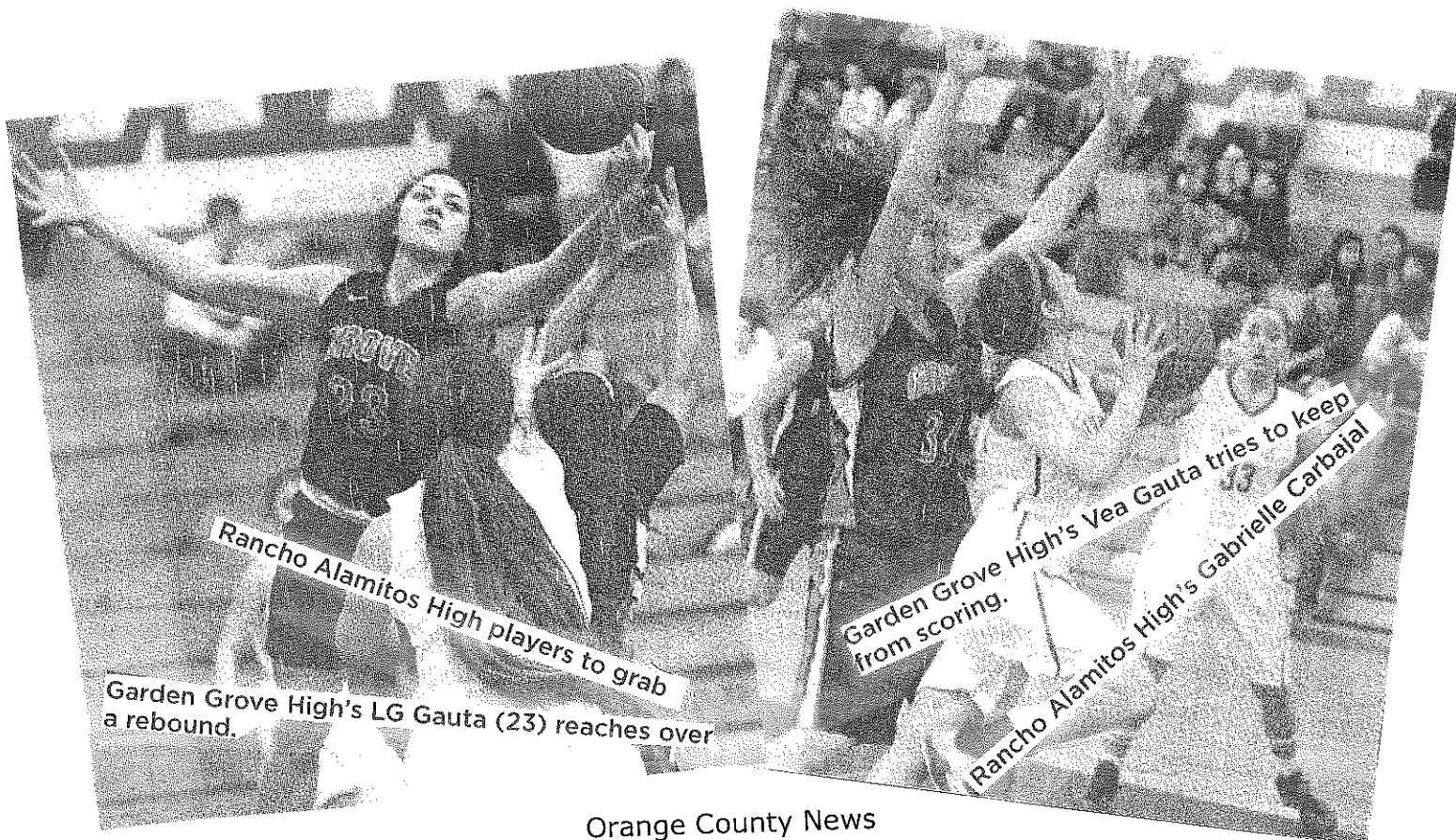
Mayor Bao Nguyen, far left, and other City Council members dedicate two, 20-foot light poles at Magnolia Park.

Argos win nail-biter



Rancho Alamitos High coach Anh Than goes over the next play with his players late in the fourth quarter of last week's game against Garden Grove High at Rancho. Grove won the thriller by a score of 35-34.

Photos by Dave Smithson



Rancho Alamitos High players to grab

Garden Grove High's LG Gauta (23) reaches over a rebound.

Garden Grove High's Vea Gauta tries to keep from scoring.

Rancho Alamitos High's Gabrielle Carbajal

battle to the finish

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Photo by Jesus Ruiz

A Garden Grove High player rounds the corner against Santiago High in a match last week. Garden Grove High won, 2-1. The rain meant keeping possession of the ball was harder than usual and mistakes on defense were evermore decisive. Grove coach Matt Grenert made it clear to his team that they needed to focus on to walking away with their second win of the season. "I told my guys before the SHS game to not give the ball away cheaply. Make them work for every ball," said Grenert. "I knew Santiago would be hard to beat because they are always a good side and playing on their field is never easy."

By Jesus A. Ruiz

Garden Grove High's boys soccer team continued its league campaign last week with a thrilling 2-1 win over Santiago High.

"It was a game that I will remember forever," said Grove's head coach Matt Grenert. "It was extra special that it was the [Vasquez] brothers who scored against Santiago. Andres, a senior at Grove, and Jesus Vasquez, a junior, who scored the game winner."

The Argonauts faced a resilient Cavalier side that is no pushover in any condition. And last week Grove faced the Garden Grove league leaders amid rainy, slippery conditions.

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The Argos started off the afternoon with a one goal advantage from Andres' knuckleball strike just before halftime. Santiago scored the equalizer early in the second half and Vasquez rose to the occasion as he out-jumped the tallest Mustang defender to secure the three points for the Argos.

"It was nice to score the game

winner against a good team. Santiago played well and my team played great," said Jesus Vasquez. "When it was my turn I did what I needed to do, I worked as hard as I could, and the ball went in. My team worked real hard to get me the ball and I did what I had to do."

With the win, Grove secured its second place spot for the moment. Later in the week the Argos would have to face a team that they've beaten before but also a team that had won three games in a row.

On Thursday Jan. 29, Rancho Alamitos strung together a fourth consecutive league victory and its first victory over the Argonauts this season. The loss put the title race up in the air for Grove as now they share the second place spot and an identical 4-2 record with Rancho.

"I know the season is far from over and the championship will probably come down to the last game of the season when we play Santiago again at Grove," said Grenert.

Rancho's win at Grove last week applied pressure to the Argonauts, who travel to Bolsa Grande on today, Feb. 4. The Argos will face yet another team they've beaten earlier this season and they will need to come up with another away win to stay in the title race. Rancho has the potential to come out of next week's match fixtures on top of the Garden Grove League if they beat league leaders Santiago on today and Grove also loses to Bolsa.

The potential to drop as low as third in the league means the Argonauts will need all three points when they face Bolsa this week.

Community Calendar

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Ongoing

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

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

Grief support

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

Learn about Alzheimer's

The Alzheimer's Association of
Orange County hosts a support
group to provide an opportunity
to meet other caregivers and

families, share experiences and
exchange ideas. These meet-
ings are free and open to all
caregivers and family members
of individuals with dementia.
All groups listed are in compli-
ance with chapter and national
standards. This is a faith-based
meeting and may include prayer
or pastoral speaker, and will
take place at 1 p.m. Saturdays
at the Crystal Cathedral Arbore-
tum, 12141 Lewis St. in Garden
Grove. For more information,
call Peggy Woelke at 714-634-
2161.

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

Eco-friendly storytime

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The Oversight Board to The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Oversight Board) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34181(f), at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer), pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

All interested persons or organizations may attend the Public Hearing or submit written comments on the proposed Transfer prior to the meeting. Please submit any written comments to the Garden Grove City Clerk, 11222 Acacia Parkway, P.O. Box 3070, Garden Grove, California, 92842-3070. Written correspondence received before 3:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the Public Hearing will be given to the Oversight Board prior to the meeting. Information received after that time will be given to the Oversight Board at the time of the meeting.

If you challenge the action taken at this Public Hearing, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written comments delivered to the City Clerk's Office prior to or at the Public Hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at (714) 741 5040. Notification by Noon on Thursday, February 5, 2015, will enable reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting.

Further information regarding the proposed Transfer may be obtained by contacting Jim DellaLunga, Senior Project Manager, at (714) 741-5788.

Kathleen Bailor, CMC
Secretary

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE GARDEN GROVE AGENCY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, The City of Garden Grove as Successor Agency to the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development (Successor Agency) will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33431, at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center located at 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, California. A Property Transfer (Transfer) pursuant to the approved Long Range Property Management Plan, between the Successor Agency and City of Garden Grove of certain real property located at 12361 Chapman Avenue, 12222 Harbor Boulevard, 12252 Harbor Boulevard, 12262 Harbor Boulevard, 12272 Harbor Boulevard, 12292 Harbor Boulevard, 12551 Twintree Avenue, 12571 Twintree Avenue, and 12239 Choisser Road, Garden Grove, will be considered.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2853

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT NO. DA 001-2014 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AND JAMBOREE HOUSING CORPORATION

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance approves a Development Agreement by and between the City of Garden Grove and Jamboree Housing Corporation, the developer of a 47-unit affordable housing development for low to very-low income seniors and families on a 5.2 acre site, constructed as part of a mixed used development with the Garden Grove United Methodist Church, for parcels located on the west side of Main Street, north of Acacia Parkway, south of Stanford Avenue, at 12741 Main Street and 10882 Stanford Avenue, Assessor's Parcel Nos. 089-202-54 and 089-202-28. The agreement provides that the developer will be entitled to build the project in accordance with the land use entitlements approved pursuant to Site Plan No. SP 014-2014, Variance No. V-008-2014, and Lot Line Adjustment No. LLA-008-2014 for a period of four years. The agreement further provides for a development agreement payment to the City of Garden Grove in an amount not to exceed \$90,052.00.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 27th day of January 2015.

ATTEST: /s/ BAO NGUYEN
MAYOR
/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) SS:
CITY OF GARDEN GROVE)

I, KATHLEEN BAILOR, City Clerk of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading and passed to second reading on January 13, 2014, with a vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (5)
BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)

and was passed on January 27, 2015, by the following vote:

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BEARD, BUI, JONES, PHAN, NGUYEN
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: (0)

/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK
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ORDINANCE NO. 2852

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING ZONE CHANGE AMENDMENT NO. A 012 2014, CHANGING THE ZONING DESIGNATION OF A RESIDENTIAL PARCEL LOCATED AT 10882 STANFORD AVENUE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO. 089 202 28, FROM CCSP-CCR20 (COMMUNITY CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN COMMUNITY CENTER RESIDENTIAL AREA 20) TO CC-3 (CIVIC CENTER CORE)

City Attorney Summary

This Ordinance approves a zone change and corresponding amendment to the City's Zone Map with respect to an approximately 61-acre vacant parcel located on the south side of Stanford Avenue, west of Main Street, at 10882 Stanford Avenue, Assessor's Parcel No. 089-202-28, to change the zoning designation from CCSP-CCR20 (Community Center Specific Plan - Community Center Residential Area 20) to CC-3 (Civic Center-Core), in order to facilitate the development of 47 affordable housing units, including 16 units on the subject parcel, as part of an integrated mixed use project in conjunction with the Garden Grove United Methodist Church property located at 12741 Main Street, Assessor's Parcel No. 089-202-54.

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/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
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/s/ KATHLEEN BAILOR, CMC
CITY CLERK
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Narrow tactics win wide election

Little Saigon proves critical battleground in supervisor race.

BY MEGHANN M. CUNIFF
and CHRIS HAINE
STAFF WRITERS

After seven weeks of campaigning to a quarter of a million voters and upward of tens of thousands spent, the Orange County Board of Supervisors 1st District election came down to 43 votes.

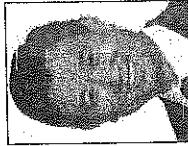
How a political novice secured such a tight victory in a sprawling and diverse district exemplified a classic campaign strategy - get voters to the polls. But in this case, the strategy was surprisingly

narrow.

While virtually unknown to much of Orange County, Andrew Do - who is to be sworn in today as 1st District county supervisor - worked to become a household name in Little Saigon.

"There were probably three times as many campaign signs for Andrew than the other candidates," said Linh Nguyen, a reporter for the nonpartisan Nguoi Viet Daily newspaper.

The 51-year-old Republican spoke on Vietnamese radio shows, talked to Vietnamese-language newspapers, appeared



MATT MASIN, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Andrew Do, with his wife, Cheri Pham, speaks last week at an election party at Azteca Restaurant in Garden Grove. Do won the 1st District seat by 43 votes.

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on Vietnamese television news shows and campaigned at community gatherings that drew people from the district's powerful Vietnamese American voting block.

Local experts see Do's win as yet another step in the growing political prominence of the Vietnamese community.

"It shows how active the Vietnamese community is and how mainstream the community is," said Frances Nguyen, a longtime Vietnamese activist and Westminster resident. "We are participating in the voting process, and it is increasing the power Vietnamese Americans have."

Said David Gilliard, who worked on state Sen. Janet Nguyen's successful campaign, as well as Michelle Park Steel's successful bid for the Board of Supervisors last fall and was Do's consultant: "I'd say 85 to 90 percent of our resources we were able to concentrate in the Vietnamese American community."

The strategy worked well: An early analysis of vote-by-mail ballots by the Sacramento-based consulting company Political Data found more Vietnamese Americans voted in the election than voters of any other ethnicity.

Meanwhile, Latinos voters, on whom Gilliard said he presumed Democrat Lou Correa would be concentrating, lagged.

KPCC, quoting O.C. Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley, reported that Correa on Monday night requested a recount.

Local Republicans say Do's victory also reflects their efforts to connect with

Asian voters.

"I really think it's a hallmark of a terrific trend for us, especially with Asian voters in central and north Orange County," said Fred Whitaker, chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County.

He added that candidates like Do connect well with their constituents, something he said the GOP is working to do better everywhere.

"I think we have to evolve with the times and be able to reach people where they're at," Whitaker said. "And we're getting much better."

Do wasn't the only Vietnam-born candidate who tried to win Vietnamese votes. Two other candidates, Chris Phan and

"We are participating in the voting process and it is increasing the power Vietnamese Americans have."

FRANCES NGUYEN
VIETNAMESE ACTIVIST

Chuyen Van Nguyen, concentrated their campaigns in Little Saigon. But Do enjoyed the support of Janet Nguyen and the momentum of her historic state Senate election last fall.

Neil Nguyen, president of the Vietnamese American Federation of Southern California, said he thought Correa would win because Vietnamese voters would be split among Do, Phan and Van Nguyen.

"But Andrew had the money to throw at the campaign with signs and ads, and that is what I think helped him," Neil Nguyen said. "That and the help of Janet Nguyen."

Janet Nguyen rehired Do, a lawyer who used to

own a sandwich shop with Nguyen's husband, as her chief of staff for the Board of Supervisors last summer. Do joined her throughout her Senate campaign, and she returned home to Orange County from Sacramento on weekends to campaign for him.

"He had been out of the arena for quite a while," Janet Nguyen said Monday. But "I needed my winning team back... I knew the Senate race was going to be a very bitter and very expensive race."

Still, Janet Nguyen said winning in the 1st District means appealing to all voters and not concentrating on just one group.

"It's a district that you have to campaign three ways in, no matter what," Nguyen said, referring to English, Spanish and Vietnamese speakers.

But Gilliard said he drew from his experiences with Nguyen and Steel's campaigns, which saw heavy support from Asian American voters. Gilliard said when he helped Do strategize, "We saw what could happen with Asian American voters."

With just seven weeks to campaign, Gilliard said, the focus was limited. Instead of telling voters why they should vote for him, Do concentrated on getting out the Little Saigon vote. "We were going for turnout," Gilliard said, "not much for targeted messaging."

Do, too, had a strong ally in radio show host Tam "Nick" Lecong, who retired from Nguyen's staff early last year. Lecong has the 10 p.m. to midnight spot on Little Saigon Radio - considered a crucial time-slot for campaigns because it has a strong elderly audience.

"It's a very prominent time," Linh Nguyen of Nguoi Viet Daily said. "And he supported Do all the way."

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The Rev. Schuller hospitalized for procedure



The Rev. Robert Schuller, 88, learned he had esophageal cancer in 2013.

ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO

BY CHRIS HAIRE
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • The Rev. Robert H. Schuller, the televangelist of the "The Hour of Power" TV show and the founder of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, Friday for an extended hospital procedure may receive a stent in his esophagus if the tract has narrowed too much. His condition was not considered critical, said Carol Schuller Milner, a daughter of the reverend. But it was unknown he would be released from the hospital.

"He's been eating — the other night he ate two bowls of lentil soup — so the goal is to keep him living his lifestyle," Milner said. Schuller, 88, learned in 2013 he had esophageal cancer, which had spread to his lymph nodes. An oncologist at the time said chemotherapy and radiation could extend

his life two years. But, Milner said, he has had an "amazing" recovery since his received treatments since in February, Arvella Schuller, died in

bruary. "The tumor is far less angry," Milner said. "He never got sick. He didn't lose his hair."

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Officer shoots at robbery suspect

BY JENNA CHANDLER
STAFF WRITER

convenience store at 12732 Brookhurst St. when the shooting occurred, police said.

After the shooting, Loia ran off but was found nearby, and police recovered a loaded handgun, Bogue said. Loia did not fire a weapon at the officer, Bogue said.

GARDEN GROVE • A Garden Grove police officer shot at a man suspected of robbing a 7-Eleven store early Sunday morning, according to the Garden Grove Police Department.

The suspect, identified as Steven Joshua Loia, 23, of Garden Grove, was not injured, police Lt. Bob Bogue said.

The officer was responding to a report of an armed robbery at 1:35 a.m. at the

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ASIAN AMERICANS ASK OBAMA

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TO EASE VISA BACKLOG

Relatives have been waiting two decades to enter U.S., groups say.

More than 40 Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations are calling on President Barack Obama to ease a visa backlog that is blocking relatives from entering the United States, a move that could affect Orange County's sizable Asian population.



**ROXANA
KOPETMAN**
STAFF
WRITER

"Many have been waiting more than 20 years for family members to join them in the United States. The current system is clearly not working, and it particularly impacts the Asian American community because nearly half of the 4 million waiting in the backlog are from Asian countries," Mee Moua, president and executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice in Washington, D.C., said this week.

Meanwhile, six in 10 Americans say they are dissatisfied with the level of immigration into the country, according to a Gallup poll released Thursday. The survey, which does not distinguish between legal and illegal immigration, polled 804 adults Jan. 5-8.

An estimated 13 million Asian Americans reside in the United States illegally — about 10 percent of the nation's un-



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A lion dance opens up the Bowers Museum's Asian Lunar New Year Free Family Festival on Sunday. Dance troupe JC Culture Foundation of Cerritos has provided the lion dance at the festival for years.

documented population. The U.S. Census Bureau reported in 2010 that the Asian population grew faster than any other race group over the past decade.

Orange County is home to the third-largest Asian American population in the country: nearly 600,000 Asians and more than 19,000 native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders, according to the U.S. Census.

Their presence isn't limited to Orange County's Little Saigon, the bustling Vietnamese business neighborhood in Westminster, or Little Seoul, the Korean Business District in Garden Grove.

Irvine, with a large percentage of Chinese and Koreans, is home to 212,375 Asians, the largest number in the county and fourth-highest in terms of percentage of the city's population, according to the census. Among the county's cities with 5,000 or more Asian Americans, the populations that grew the fastest between 2000 and 2010 were Brea, Irvine and Newport Beach, according to a 2014 report by Asian Americans Advancing Justice and the Orange County



ANA VENEGAS, FILE PHOTO

Attendees at the 2012 Tet Flower Festival in Westminster's Little Saigon enjoy their new purchases. Asians are the fastest growing ethnic group of the past decade.

ASIAN

5 Orange County cities with biggest Asian populations

1. Irvine - 212,375 (39 percent of city population)
2. Garden Grove - 170,883 (37 percent)
3. Fullerton - 135,161 (23 percent)
4. Westminster - 89,701 (47 percent)
5. Buena Park - 80,530 (27 percent)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance.

"Our community members come to the U.S. in various ways - as students, family members, workers, or refugees and asylees," the Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations wrote in a letter this week to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

In November, Obama announced that he would

create a Visa Modernization Task Force.

The organizations asked the president to take four steps to ease the backlog of visas, including maximizing available visas in the future by counting dependent family members as part of the same family unit. A family of four, for example, would count as one visa, not four.

Another suggestion urges the administration to use

its discretionary parole power to reunite family members of citizens and legal permanent residents. This has been done previously to assist Haitian orphans, immediate relatives of U.S. Army members and Haitian family members of U.S. citizens and legal residents, according to the letter, delivered Thursday.

Among the groups seeking the changes are the Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles and the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance-LA.

The organizations commended Obama for using his executive authority to pave the way for some 5 million people living in the country illegally to apply for temporary work permits and deferment from deportation.

But Obama's actions have come under fire. More than two dozen states are suing the administration to block the policy moves, saying the president overstepped his constitutional authority. The U.S. House recently passed a spending bill that would cut off funding for the president's plan.

Congressional Republicans are weighing whether to file a lawsuit against Obama.

Welcoming Asian New Year

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY
ANA VENEGAS
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In anticipation of Asian New Year on Feb. 19, the Bowers Museum dedicated Sunday to Asian culture.

The Asian Lunar New Year Free Family Festival included dance, music, food and art activities. Bowers' monthly cultural celebrations are free gatherings for families.

On Sunday, kids like Liam Tamme of Laguna Niguel watched dancing, decorated Asian umbrellas and



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

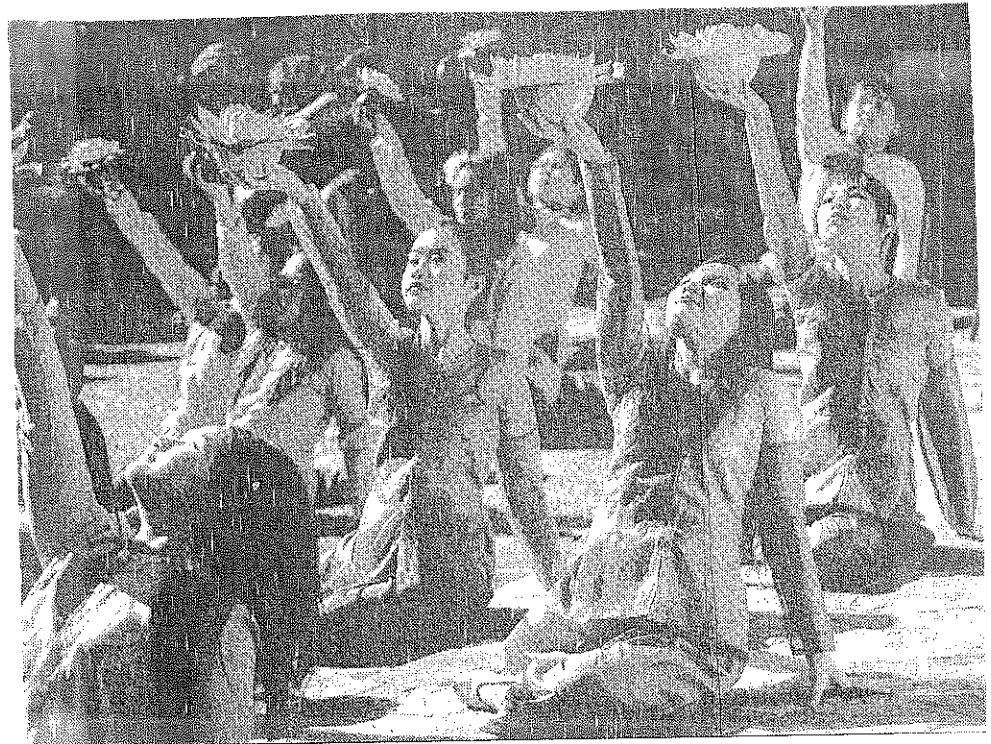
Chloe Nguyen, 9, of Irvine sports a face painting and a dragon she created festival.

made dragon flags.

"He really is having fun," said Sabrina Tamme. "He especially loves the cookies."

Rita McMillan hopes such events keeps her fami-

ly in touch with its roots. "I want them to keep the tradition of respecting their parents and to know about the culture they came from."



Viet Cam Dance of Garden Grove performs traditional Vietnamese dances at the Bowers Museum's Asian Lunar New Year Free Family Festival on Sunday.

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“I never regret one word that I said. If you don't speak your mind, you can't write.”

BRIGITTE HUYNH
LITTLE SAIGON DAILY NEWS PUBLISHER



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A defiant Brigitte Huynh, the owner and editor-in-chief of The Little Saigon Daily News, was hit with a \$4.5 million defamation court judgment in favor of Nguoi Viet News, a rival Little Saigon newspaper.

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In a Westminster office adorned with photographs of her grandchildren and a statue of the Buddha, publisher Brigitte Huynh waved a copy of her Little Saigon Daily News, jabbing a bright pink fingernail at a banner across the front page.



MARGOT ROOSEVELT
STAFF WRITER

"It says 'The Voice of the Non-Communist Vietnamese,'" she translated, her voice rising to a near shout. "I created this newspaper because I have one dream: I want to see the Communist government collapse!"

In Orange County's Little Saigon, Huynh counts as a media mogul. Her Vietnamese-language weekly magazine, with a local staff of 19 and a stable of freelancers, claims a circulation of 70,000 in 31 cities from Seattle to Washington, D.C. At 120 pages, it is fat-

about her love life."

Hoang testified that she has never been unfaithful to her husband, yet the column spread across the Internet and caused members of her church to shun her. "I have the feeling that ... I have a huge open scar in front of my face, in my heart," she said. "I have to carry this humiliation for the rest of my life."

The Little Saigon News publisher testified in court that she had printed "rumors" about Hoang's private life, for which she had "no evidence."

Despite that, Huynh has refused to retract the column. "I never regret one word that I said. If you don't speak your mind, you can't write," she said in an interview.

Huynh recalled that a Vietnamese radio host once labeled her "a prostitute," which caused her to lodge a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission. Lately, the epithet has been recirculated by her critics on the Internet, she said, adding with a chuckle, "At my age, when I read that, I take it like a compliment."

Huynh contended that her column had nothing to do with commercial competition and that it discussed Nguoi Viet News's politics in a "humorous" fashion.

Still, she said, when Nguoi Viet "keeps repeating things that are pro-Communist, then of course people are angry."



MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dat Phan, left, the CEO of Nguoi Viet News, chats with the newspaper's human rights writer, Doan Thanh Liem, on Jan. 20.



We are very anti-Communist, but we are always being accused of being pro-Communist."

DAT PHAN
NGUOI VIET NEWS CEO

Indeed, over the years, no publication has been so besieged by anti-Communist critics as Nguoi Viet News. "We are very anti-Communist, but we are always being accused of being pro-Communist," Phan said.

In 2008, hundreds of protesters demonstrated for months outside the newspaper's offices after it published a photograph of a foot spa painted in the red-and-yellow colors of the South Vietnamese flag.

The foot spa was a student art project intended to honor the artist's mother-in-law, who worked in a nail salon. But protesters charged that printing the photograph, which was on page 194 of a Lunar New Year special section, was disrespectful to the flag.

They hanged effigies of a Nguoi Viet News executive, two local Vietnamese politicians and North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh on a pickup truck outside the newspaper's offices. They

also circulated decade-old photographs of a Nguoi Viet News editor meeting Communist officials at Vietnam's San Francisco consulate.

The newspaper sued several protestors, saying that they had assaulted staff, screamed obscenities at customers, urinated on cars and shredded newspapers. A judge issued a restraining order, and a jury found that the protestors were trespassing. The lawsuit was settled after the protestors agreed to withdraw their demonstrations to public property.

Then, in July 2012, Nguoi Viet News published a letter from a reader calling himself Son Hao, celebrating the Communist victory and denigrating South Vietnamese nationalists as "Americans' traitorous Vietnamese lackeys."

Phan said the letter came over the Internet and an editor printed it without knowing anything about the author because he thought it was "funny."

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NGUOI VIET NEWS

- **Website:** nguoi-viet.com
- **Headquarters:** Westminster
- **Founded:** 1978
- **Circulation:** 14,000 print; 70,000 online
- **Workforce:** 48 staffers, 51 free-lancers
- **Ownership:** employee stock ownership plan
- **CEO:** Dat Phan
- **Annual Revenue:** undisclosed

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That was "a dangerous mistake," Phan acknowledged. "Our readership is so sensitive. They still feel the hurt from what they suffered under the Communists."

The editor responsible for publishing the letter was fired and Phan apologized publicly in a meeting with community leaders.

Nonetheless, a manifesto signed by 151 organizations and individuals launched a boycott, accusing Nguoi Viet News of "acting repeatedly in a traitorous manner"

LITTLE SAIGON NEWS

- **Headquarters:** Westminster
- **Founded:** 1985
- **Circulation:** 70,000 in 31 U.S. cities
- **Workforce:** 19 staffers, six free-lancers, 20 sales agents
- **Owner & publisher:** Brigitte Huynh, also known as Hoang Duoc Thao
- **Annual revenue:** about \$3.5 million



MINDY SCHAUER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Framed newspapers adorn the office of Nguoi Viet News CEO Dat Phan. Nguoi Viet has been accused of being "traitorous" by anti-Communist activists in recent years.

against the nationalist ideology to benefit the Vietnamese Communist Party."

Huynh's column fueled the controversy: 23 Orange County grocery stores and other retailers stopped carrying Nguoi Viet News and its magazines folded in Minnesota, Texas and Nevada.

Brody, the Cal State Fullerton professor, applauds the December jury verdict. Until recently, he said, Vietnamese media "were unfamiliar with American libel law. They didn't sue. And publications had no assets, so a victory would get you nothing.

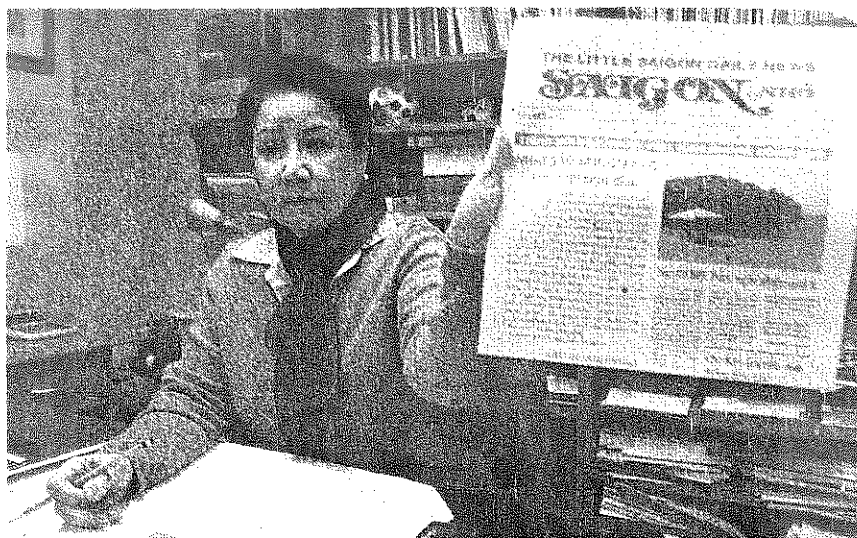
"But in the last few years, Vietnamese Americans have turned to the American justice system to seek remedy against red-baiting," he added, citing recent cases in Colorado, Texas, Minnesota and Washington state.

The willingness to go to court comes as the generation that fought the Vietnam War is aging and their children have become Americanized. Money and care packages flow from Orange County to Vietnam. Holiday flights are often booked with émigrés visiting relatives back home.

Nonetheless, a divide persists in the media.

Nguoi Viet News embraces the mainstream ethic. "We are trying to be professional, unbiased and accurate," Phan said.

The paper wouldn't consider carrying an anti-Communist banner, such as the one that ran on the front page of Little Saigon Daily News. "We don't need a slogan," Phan said. "It would be kind of ridiculous."



ANA VENEGAS, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"The war is not over with us. When your country is in war, you have to choose sides," says Brigitte Huynh, the owner and editor-in-chief of The Little Saigon Daily News.

Bitter
newspaper war
in Little Saigon
is about
ideology, not
just circulation.

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But Huynh rejects the idea of an "independent" newspaper. She wouldn't report any positive news about Vietnam's government, she said. "The war is not over with us. When your country is in war, you have to choose sides."

Huynh has assets, including a warehouse building and printing presses. But she said she lost \$1.5 million from 2008 to 2013 on her daily newspaper spinoff, and she owes \$250,000 in legal fees. Her magazine "breaks even," she said.

In the past few weeks, a legal defense fund has sprung up to raise money for her appeal. But if the \$4.5 million verdict stands, and Little Saigon News goes out of business, she said, "The Vietnamese anti-Communist community will survive after I am gone."

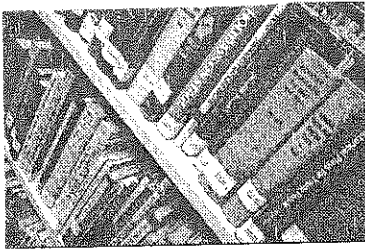
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Name change: The Garden Grove West Library will be named after 85-year-old Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Tibor Rubin. Rubin is a Holocaust survivor and was a Chinese prisoner of war during the Korean conflict. The library will become the Garden Grove Tibor Rubin Library. The City Council approved the name change on Tuesday.

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Teen program: The Garden Grove Regional Library, at 11200 Stanford Ave., hosts a teenager program from 3 to 5 p.m. every Tuesday. The library organizes a variety of events, from screening films to helping with job searches and resumes. Anyone between 13 and 18 years old is welcome. Information: 714-530-0711. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
chaire@ocregister.com

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GARDEN GROVE

Puppy mills: Pet stores soon may be unable to sell dogs from so-called puppy mills. The City Council is scheduled on Feb. 10 to consider banning puppies that come from commercial breeders, which some animal rights activists consider cruel. The 6:30 p.m. meeting is be in the council chambers, 11300 Stanford Ave. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Light poles: Basketball players can hoop it up at night at Magnolia Park now that two 20-foot-tall light poles are illuminating the park, at 11402 Magnolia St. The lights were installed by the city's Public Works Department. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

Wanted: Jeanette Ponce, 46, a doctor who has lost her license, is wanted. She is accused by police of fraudulently prescribing Oxycontin for her boyfriend from July 2013 to July 2014. Anyone with information on her whereabouts is asked to call Detective John Casaccia at 714-741-540.



Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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GARDEN GROVE

School moving: Hare Continuation High School, at 12012 Magnolia St., is hopping to a larger facility next school year, the Chapman Hettinga Education Center, at Chapman Avenue and Knott Street. The school allows students who may have fallen behind in their coursework to make up credits in accelerated classes. Chris Haire, 714-704-3707
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Do elected O.C. supervisor

The victory gives the board an Asian American majority, a first for Southland.

By ANH DO

Former Garden Grove Councilman Andrew Do has won a seat on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, marking the first such Asian American majority in Southern California, according to Friday's unofficial results for the special election.

Do, who campaigned aggressively in the county's sprawling Vietnamese district, collected 18,905 votes to

Lou Correa's 18,862, according to returns. Correa, a former state senator, was by far the better-known candidate in the race featuring five candidates.

Do and Correa could not immediately be reached for comment.

Do's election would give the county Board of Supervisors an Asian American majority — a first in Southern California, said Fred Smoller, political science professor at Chapman University. Michelle Steel, a Korean immigrant, and Lisa Barbiett, a Japanese American, won election to the five-member board in November.

"This is a campaign won with votes by mail," Smoller said.

"The Asians have mastered this strategy and they are using it to their utmost advantage," he said.

Neal Kelley, registrar of voters, said he expected to certify the election by 8 p.m. Friday.

The candidates have five days to request a recount.

Historically, Vietnamese American candidates have done well with absentee ballots because activists in the immigrant community focus heavily on registering voters, especially senior citizens, urging them to use translated written materials and to send their choices by mail.

Do has twice served as former Supervisor Janet Nguyen's chief of staff and

will replace his old boss, who lobbied intensely for him in the Vietnamese-language media. Nguyen was elected to the state Senate last fall. Do was elected to the Garden Grove City Council in 2008 and resigned there. He will now represent the county's 1st District, with about 600,000 residents living in Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley and parts of Santa Ana.

Finishing third in the special election was Chris Phan with 7,857 votes, followed by Chuyen Van Nguyen with 1,879 votes and Lupe Morfin-Moreno with 834 votes.



ANDREW DO was chief of staff to former Supervisor Janet Nguyen.

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Legality of ex-chief's settlement questioned

Garden Grove mayor wants an investigation into Dave Barlag's resignation deal.

BY CHRIS HAIRE and
SALVADOR HERNANDEZ
STAFF WRITERS

GARDEN GROVE • Mayor Bao Nguyen is urging his City Council colleagues to sign on to a letter asking the Orange County District Attorney's Office and the state Attorney General's Office to investigate the legality of a recent settlement with former Fire Chief Dave Barlag.

The city and Barlag signed the agreement Sept. 30, the same day he resigned from the Fire Department to end his 28-year career in the wake of criticism over alleged nepotism and the department's failure to conduct mandatory hazardous-materials inspections.

The settlement was approved by the City Council before November's election

changed the panel's makeup. It keeps Barlag employed for two years in return for him not pursuing a wrongful-termination suit against the city.

The council will likely vote on whether to send the letter during its regular meeting on Feb. 10.

"There are questions I have about the agreement and the work that is supposed to be done," said Nguyen, who added that he believes the settlement was too generous. "If there are criminal findings, I hope there would be a willingness to prosecute."

The mayor said laws might have been broken but didn't specify which ones.

Before that Feb. 10 meeting, interim City Manager Allan Roeder will seek input from the offices of the district attorney and the attorney general concerning whether it is appropriate for either agency to investigate.

However, there is an indi-



Barlag

cation an investigation into the department may already be underway. Three battalion chiefs from the Garden Grove Fire Department have been served subpoenas to testify in front of the Orange County grand jury in mid-February, according to sources with knowledge of the subpoenas who requested anonymity because of the panel's secretive procedures. It is unclear why they were subpoenaed.

All three battalion chiefs were part of the interview panel when Jeremy Broadwater, former Mayor Bruce Broadwater's son, was hired in October 2013 despite a criminal record during a highly competitive hiring process; later, superiors recommended that he be fired for poor performance.

The subpoenas could be linked instead to hazmat inspections.

City documents say the Fire Department inspected nearly 100 businesses for hazardous materials in 2012, although a Register investigation found that wasn't the case even though the department charged the businesses more than \$150,000 collectively.

Barlag, who received a no-confidence vote from

the firefighters' union in early 2014, did not return calls for comment.

Some council members question the need for an investigation.

"From a prosecutor's perspective, it would be hard to prove criminal activity," said Councilman Chris Phan, also a deputy district attorney for Orange County. "We want to move past this, especially since none of them (Barlag, former Mayor Broadwater and former City Manager Matt Fertal) are here anymore."

After his resignation, Barlag became the city's public safety administrative officer, a newly created consultant position with a \$226,380 salary. Barlag's duties include overseeing the Public Safety Master Plan, which includes the construction of a new Fire Department headquarters.

City officials, including Nguyen and Roeder, said they haven't seen him around City Hall much in recent months. Roeder, who became the interim city manager on Jan. 1, said he has met with the ex-chief a couple of times and is creating a work schedule for him.

"He does not currently have a work schedule that I am aware of," Roeder said.

"I'd like to see him take on additional projects, because there are more pressing needs in public safety," he said.

Race for supervisor still a cliffhanger

Fewer than 100 votes separate Do and Correa. Final results are expected today.

BY MECHANN M. CUNIFF
STAFF WRITER

Andrew Do's lead over Lou Correa in the Orange County Board of Supervisors 1st District election tightened to 85 votes Thursday evening after election officials counted 1,360 more ballots.

On Tuesday night, Correa was ahead by several hundred votes. Then, Do pulled ahead by just two votes. Do's lead grew Wednesday to 239, then shrank Thursday.

Both Do and Correa said they were awaiting final results.

Election officials expect to certify results of the special election today after counting the last absentee ballots received by mail.

The battle between Do and Correa to replace newly minted state Sen. Janet Nguyen as 1st District supervisor generated more

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than \$140,000 in donations between the two and has been too close to call since election night.

The remaining ballots to be counted are those that were postmarked on or before Tuesday and arrived today or earlier. Registrar Neal Kelley doesn't expect many ballots.

His office is prepared to recount the ballots if a candidate requests it.

That can't happen until after the results are certified.

Do, 51, is a lawyer with the firm FitzGerald, Yap & Kreditor and a former two-time chief of staff to Nguyen when she was supervisor. He was elected to the Garden Grove City Council in 2008; he resigned in 2011. He also resigned as Nguyen's chief of staff in 2010 but was rehired last summer.

Latest results

Here are Thursday's main tallies in the 1st District Board of Supervisors race:

Andrew Do: 18,698, 39.1 percent

Lou Correa: 18,613, 39 percent

Absentee ballots cast: 40,602

Ballots cast: 48,045

Total registered voters: 215,503

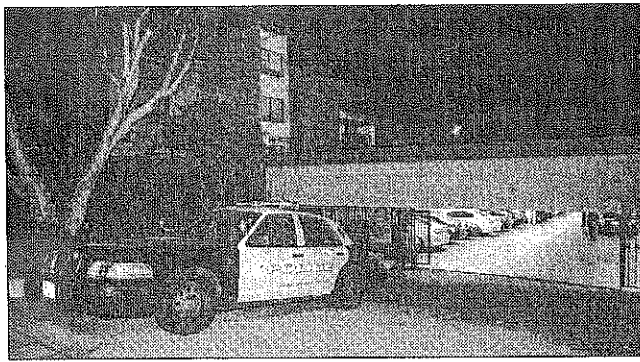
Source: Orange County Registrar of Voters Office, ocvote.com

Correa, 57, is one of Orange County's longest-standing leaders, having served in the state Assembly from 1998 through 2004 and for two years as 1st District Supervisor before being elected to the state Senate.

Do and Correa each have about 39 percent of the vote.

Candidate Chris Phan, a Garden Grove city councilman, got about 16 percent. He had campaigned as a Republican alternative to Do.

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Garden Grove police say a man and woman were robbed at gunpoint early Thursday.

Woman injured in robbery at Garden Grove parking complex

BY ALYSSA DURANTY
STAFF WRITER

GARDEN GROVE • A woman was injured while she and a man were robbed at gunpoint early Thursday morning in an underground level of an apartment complex parking structure, police said.

Garden Grove police responded to a robbery call around 1:30 a.m. at the Crystal View Apartments, 12091 Bayport St.

A woman and a man were getting out of a parked car in the structure, about to head home, when they set a laptop and cellphone on the roof

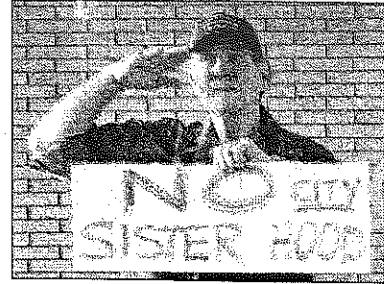
of the car, police Lt. Bob Bogue said.

Officials said a man approached the woman from behind and placed a gun to the back of her head.

The man attempted to calm the robber down and offered him cash. The robber kicked the woman in the back of the leg, causing her to fall on the ground, before he fled the garage with the laptop and cellphone, Bogue said.

The robber is described as a white man in his late 30s, about 6 feet tall, between 180 and 200 pounds and wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

Anyone with information about the robbery or any possible witnesses are asked to call the Garden Grove Police Department at 714-741-5704.



TERRY PIERSON, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ruben Rasso, a Vietnam veteran, protests Riverside's friendship with a Vietnamese city Thursday.

Riverside's new ties with city in Vietnam decried

O.C. Vietnamese community takes sister city protest to Riverside City Hall.

BY ALICIA ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

RIVERSIDE • Some 200 Vietnamese Americans from Orange County who headed to Riverside on Thursday didn't get what they wanted: to put the kibosh on a sister city program with a Vietnamese city.

But they're not giving up.

"We're determined. We cannot imagine how on Earth a civilized city like Riverside can have a relationship with a barbarian like Vietnam," Garden Grove City Councilman Phat Bui, a spokesman for the protesters, said by phone Thurs-

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day night.

The Riverside City Council voted in March to make Can Tho the city's ninth sister city. Officials from both cities signed a formal agreement last week. Leaders in Orange County's Little Saigon - home to the largest number of Vietnamese outside Vietnam - took action.

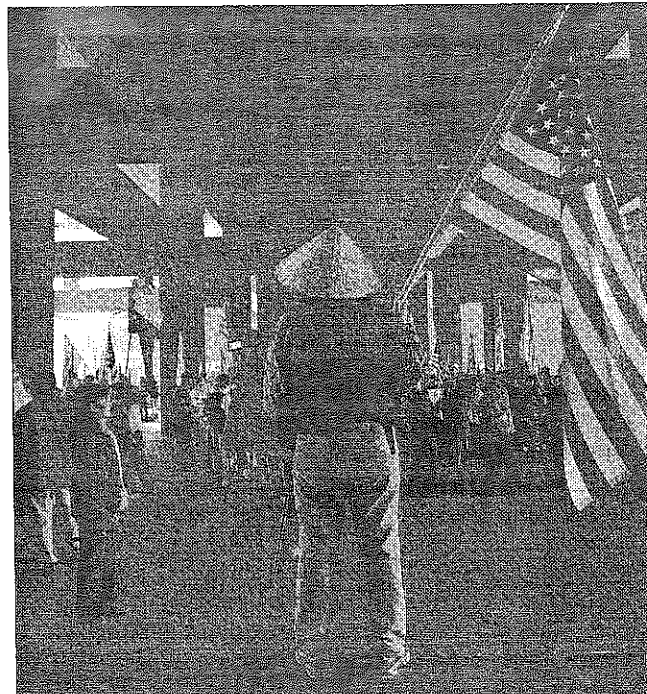
Chanting "Freedom" and holding signs with slogans like, "No relationship with human rights violators!" about 200 protesters filled the plaza in front of Riverside City Hall on Thursday to demand that the city sever its new sister city ties with Can Tho.

Protesters from Garden Grove and Westminster, as well as Riverside and other Inland cities, carried American and South Vietnamese flags. Some wore camouflage, military uniforms or scarves knitted like the flag's design: yellow with three red stripes. One man held an effigy of former communist leader Ho Chi Minh dangling from a pole.

People oppose the relationship because they're "very strongly concerned about what the communist government is doing there right now," said Van Hoang, a 51-year-old Moreno Valley resident who came to the U.S. with his family as refugees after the Vietnam war.

Vietnam's government is corrupt, doesn't respect human rights, and anyone who doesn't obey its demands is subject to "brutal, ruthless harassment," said Bui, who was at the protest representing himself and not the city.

The Westminster City Council voted Wednesday to send Riverside a letter urging that it dissolve the relationship with Can Tho. Garden Grove officials on Feb. 10 will discuss sending a similar letter.



Protesters say Riverside's relationship with Can Tho endorses Vietnam's communist government.

Other elected officials who have asked Riverside to revisit the sister city agreement include state Sen. Janet Nguyen, R-Garden Grove, whose district includes Westminster and Garden Grove; and Rep. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, who also represents those cities.

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It's unclear whether Riverside will revisit the matter. Two of the four council members who voted for the partnership said they stand by their decision.

Inland demonstrators said they had a petition with about 1,000 signatures asking the council to reconsid-

er its decision.

Bui said Riverside can expect to hear from Vietnamese Americans until it reverses its decision. He said the protesters are starting a national campaign, seeking the endorsement of other congressional members, and organizing a media effort to alert cities nationwide not to engage in sister city programs with Vietnam.

'CONDONING' COMMUNISM?

Some Inland veterans were against the sister city relationship when Riverside began discussing it in 2012, but supporters held meetings to answer questions and overcame some opposition.

Riverside officials have said the sister city friendship is about people-to-people relationships and aims to promote cultural, educational and business exchange between the cities. They say the relationship is between the citizens, not their governments, but protesters say they don't buy that argument.

Papers formalizing the



PHOTOS: TERRY PIERSON, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Huu Dinh Vo, center, speaks for Orange County Vietnamese Americans who oppose Riverside's sister city friendship with Can Tho, Vietnam, during a protest Thursday at Riverside City Hall.

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friendship were signed by both cities' mayors, Bui said, so "this is clearly an agreement and a relationship between the two governing bodies of the cities."

Some Vietnamese Americans see establishing a sister city relationship as endorsing a communist government that violates human rights.

Garden Grove City Councilman Christopher Phan told the crowd that it is their duty to stand up for democracy and oppose Vietnam's regime.

Phan is a Vietnamese refugee. His mother took to selling bread on the streets after the communists took over and his family lost everything nearly overnight, he has said. Bui also escaped Vietnam with his family. After they left the country, Bui said they learned his grandfather had been buried alive.

"It's not what they did to so many, but what they continue to do: to oppress the citizens of Vietnam," Bui said.

If Riverside doesn't rescind the agreement, Phan

said, "You're basically condoning, accepting all the bad things that communists stand for."

Several Vietnam veterans came to support the protest, including Jack Soto, a 75-year-old Riverside resident. A retired Marine, Soto said Vietnamese citizens want the freedoms Americans have, but their government won't give it to them.

Others said Riverside officials must not know enough about political conditions in Vietnam, or they wouldn't have reached out to Can Tho. Bui and other organizers presented Mayor William "Rusty" Bailey's office with petitions and a list of websites they urged council members to look at.

Riverside officials visited Can Tho in 2012, but that wouldn't paint an accurate picture because the government there would make everything seem positive, said Chien Huynh, a 65-year-old Riverside resident and a former South Vietnamese Army officer who said he spent six years in a re-education camp.

COUNCIL MEMBERS SPLIT

Riverside City Councilman Mike Gardner said Wednesday that he doesn't think the city should cancel its relationship with Can Tho. Councilman Andy Melendrez, who walked through the plaza during the protest, said he still supports the council's decision.

But Councilman Steve Adams told protesters, "I support you 100 percent," and said he expects the issue to come up again.

He voted against the agreement last year.

"I still don't believe it's the appropriate time to do this," Adams said.

Staff Writer Roxana Kopetman contributed to this report.

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Measles continues to spread in Orange County

There are now twenty (20) confirmed measles cases in Orange County, signaling ongoing measles transmission in Orange County and at Disneyland Parks. Ten of the reported measles cases in Orange County, along with others throughout California and in other states, are connected to visiting Disneyland or Disneyland California Adventure Park in December. The source of the infection for the six most recent cases is not known; they were not exposed at Disneyland and had no known contact to any of the confirmed Disney-associated cases. The identification of six measles cases with acquisition from unknown community contacts indicates exposure to measles is more widespread throughout the county. The Health Care Agency expects that the measles outbreak will continue to spread,

so all should be aware of the signs and symptoms of measles. Health officials remind the public that the best way to prevent the measles is by getting vaccinated. Measles is a highly contagious and potentially severe disease that causes fever, rash, cough, and red, watery eyes. Children too young to be immunized, pregnant women and people with compromised immune systems are at the greatest risk for severe illness. Measles spreads very easily by air and by direct contact with an infected person.

People are contagious from approximately four days before the rash appears through four days after the rash appears. Anyone suspecting they have measles should CALL their medical provider BEFORE arriving at the medical office to avoid exposing others to the measles virus. Protect Yourself and Family from

Measles:

Children should receive their first MMR vaccine at 12-15 months of age. The second dose of MMR is given at 4 to 6 years of age before going to school.

Vaccinating children, adolescents and adults is the best way to protect infants who are too young to receive the MMR vaccine.

Vaccinations are very safe. The benefits far outweigh any risks. Side effects are usually mild, such as soreness where the shot was given.

Measles is found in many parts of the world, including Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Vaccination before traveling is recommended.

Measles vaccine is widely available in the community, and free and low-cost vaccinations are available. A complete list is available at www.ochealthinfo.com

Assemblyman Travis Allen (R-Huntington Beach) was honored by the Republican Party of Orange County with the 2014 Legislator of the Year Award.

The award highlights the Assemblyman's desire to help maintain and build Orange County's role as the stronghold of California's Republican Party and the catalyst for rebuilding a Republican majority in California.

"As companies and jobs leave California in record numbers the time has come for responsible leadership that lowers our highest in the nation taxes and reduces our historic government over-regulation. By electing Republicans at all levels of government we can begin rebuilding a California where job creation, company formation, and the ability to achieve the American Dream for all Californians are our state's highest priorities. I am deeply honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing to work to rebuild California," said Allen, who represents Garden Grove, Westminster and other cities.

"Assemblyman Allen has been a tireless advocate for the Republi-

can brand here in Orange County and across the state. During this election cycle he traveled across the state in order to get more Republicans elected and contributed to the success we saw in November. His commitment to growing the party, advocating for small government and lower taxes, and personally leading the deployment of hundreds of daily canvassers during this past campaign cycle makes Allen the natural choice for our Legislator of the Year," said Fred Whitaker, Chairman, Republican Party of Orange County.

Since being elected in 2012, Assemblyman Allen has recruited for and led the largest volunteer precinct walks for familiar names such as Mayor Kevin Faulconer in San Diego, Sen. Andy Vidak in the Central Valley, Assemblywoman Catherine Baker in the Bay Area, Tom Lackey in the Desert, and for Young Kim and Janet Nguyen in Orange County. During the general election his professional statewide political army employed over 250 people that knocked on over 250,000 doors and made hundreds of thousands of phone calls.

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**Travis Allen
named
Legislator
of the Year**

Local Assemblyman lauded for his efforts on jobs, tax cuts

GG School District to hold resource fair

On Feb. 5, the Garden Grove Unified School District is hosting Life After High School, a resource fair for special education students, their parents and the community. During the event, students and their parents will be provided information about post-secondary options and transitional services for adults with disabilities. Attendees are invited to come to drop in any time between 6 and 8 p.m. at Rancho Alamitos High School (11351 Dale St. in Garden Grove.

Throughout the evening, representatives from several local agencies will present information, distribute brochures and answer questions. The following agencies will be in attendance with more to be added: North Orange County Community College District's School of Continuing Education, Goodwill, UCLA Extension, Orange County Adult Achievement Center and Elwyn California.

Parents and students will also be provided information about requirements to receive a high school diploma or certificate of completion and coursework needed for college admission.

Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean. Childcare will be available for children ages two through 10.

For more information, call the Parent and Community Outreach Office at 714-663-6084.

College grads have shot at senate jobs

State Sen. Janet Nguyen announced last week the availability of applications for the 2015-2016 California Senate Fellows program. The program provides college graduates an opportunity to become full-time Senate staff members at the state Capitol in Sacramento for 11 months beginning in October 2015. Fellows are assigned to the personal or committee staff of a senator and also participate in academic seminars with senators, senior staff, journalists, lobbyists, and state government officials. The fellowship program is jointly operated by the California Senate and the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State University.

Fellows are paid a stipend of \$2,550 per month plus health, vision, and dental benefits. They also earn 6 units of graduate credit from Sacramento State University for the academic portion of the program.

"Being a Fellow provides an excellent opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of the legislative process," said Nguyen. "Whether your career goals are in the public or private sector, the Senate Fellows program provides valuable training."

Former Senate Fellows include current members of Congress and the California Legislature, constitutional officers, judges, and numerous other elected officials and community leaders. Senator Nguyen said Fellows experience the broad range of activities conducted in busy Senate offices. Responsibilities include researching public policy issues, helping develop legislative proposals, analyzing and staffing legislation, assisting with constituent inquiries and casework, participating in meetings as the Senator's representative, writing press releases and speeches, and performing other delegated

tasks. A five-week orientation at the beginning of the program provides background on state government, the legislative process, and major policy issues. Anyone who will be at least 20 years of age and a graduate of a four-year college or university by Sept. 1, 2015, is eligible to apply. There is no preferred major, but applicants should have a demonstrated interest in state government and public policy. Individuals with advanced degrees and those in mid-career are encouraged to apply.

Applications and brochures are also available on the Senate's website (<http://stela.senate.ca.gov/>) and the program Web site (www.csus.edu/calst/senate).

The deadline for submitting applications is Feb. 9, 2015. Eighteen Fellows will be selected in May after an initial screening of applications and a subsequent panel interview of finalists.

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Photo by Loreen Berlin

Members of the Garden Grove Senior Center gather for a fun picture during the recent Pajama Party at H. Louis Lake Senior Center, 1300 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove.

Local seniors party down in pajamas

H. Louis Lake Senior Center holds fun event; many more planned

By Loreen Berlin

Seniors have a lot of activities to look forward to at the H. Louis Lake Senior Center in Garden Grove.

To start the year off, seniors were invited to wear their pajamas to a "PJ" party recently held at the center, where staff joined in, wearing their finest sleepwear too.

"We have lots of things coming up," said Recreation and Human Services Coordinator Juan Medina, with the Garden Grove Community Services Department. "Thursday, Jan. 29, is our Super Bowl party and our Valentine's Day Party is Wednesday, Feb. 11."

The Valentine Party is free at

10 a.m. and costs \$10. The party goes from 6 to 10 p.m., where there will be dancing, food and entertainment by the live band, The Serenaders.

"We try to keep the seniors active," said Medina, "And we offer a transportation program for those Garden Grove residents who can't drive any longer."

Also, there's a Saint Patrick's Day Party planned for Tuesday, March 17, where entertainment is a "One-man band," and Easter is next on the docket, which will include an Easter Bunny for picture-taking in a specially-decorated location, which has been taking place for more nearly 25 years.

Last week's event was attended by nearly 100 seniors, ranging in

age from 50 to 94, who seemed to be having fun playing Wii games; Family Feud, Pictionary and Bingo directed by staff Office Assistant Brianna Moore and Activity Coordinator Lori Ochoa.

There was a raffle, with \$5 gift cards, Subway gift cards and there were appetizers, pizza bites, chips and dips, Danish and hot chocolate.

Dances are held once a month, on special occasions such as Mother's Day and other holiday events, according to Medina. "But every Wednesday is dance time from 10 a.m. to noon," he said.

For information about H. Louis Lake Senior Center, call 714-741-5253 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GG girl tries out for Pageant of the Masters

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Nine-year-old Emily Priscilla has already started making her own YouTube videos

By Loreen Berlin

The Pageant of the Masters has completed its annual interviewing/tryouts this month, even though the production doesn't take place until July.

Emily Priscilla, 9, from Garden Grove was one of those who attended the tryouts and was measured, with a hopeful eye to being chosen for a part in this year's pageant, themed "The Pursuit of Happiness."

"I like art, so I decided to try out this year," said Emily. "I've started making my own YouTube videos and have my own YouTube channel about beauty; it's instructional beauty videos."

By the evening's end, 1,229 people had turned out for the interview and everyone associated with the production understands the pageant wouldn't be possible without that spirit of the volunteer's dedication.

Each week, as the pageant production crew creates a new set (life-sized picture) for the pageant, they then look through the pictures and measurements they took of each person trying out, to see which person or persons best fits that scene.

Director of Marketing and Public Relations Sharbie Higuchi said rehearsals begin in February on Thursday evenings where two-to-three sets are rehearsed through the month of June.

"The youngest person to participate thus far was a 4-year-old child and the most "senior" person to volunteer was an 80-plus-year person," said Higuchi.

People of all sizes and ages are needed for cast members in the tableaux vivants and all volunteers are measured and photographed, then enjoy refreshments and meet the behind-the-scenes pageant staff.

No theater experience is necessary. The only requirement is the ability to stand still and have fun.

"More than 500 volunteers, both onstage and behind-the-scenes, are needed to produce the show," said Pageant Director

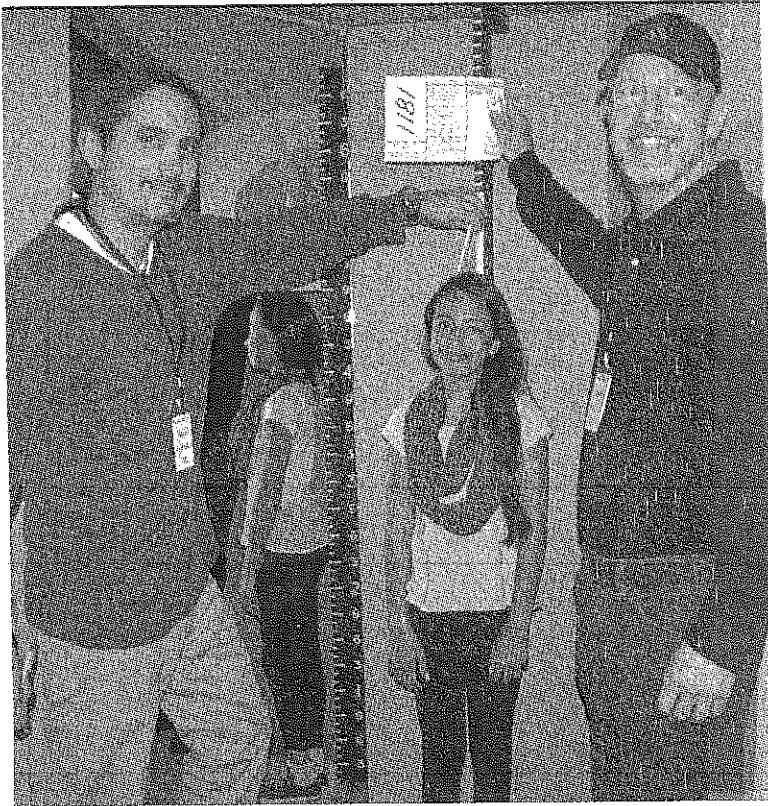


Photo by Loreen Berlin

Emily Priscilla (center), from Garden Grove, is measured for a possible part in the up-coming annual Pageant of the Masters. Doing the measuring from left are Pageant of the Masters Master Carpenter David Talbot and Scenic Artistic Director David Rymar.

Diane Challis Davy.

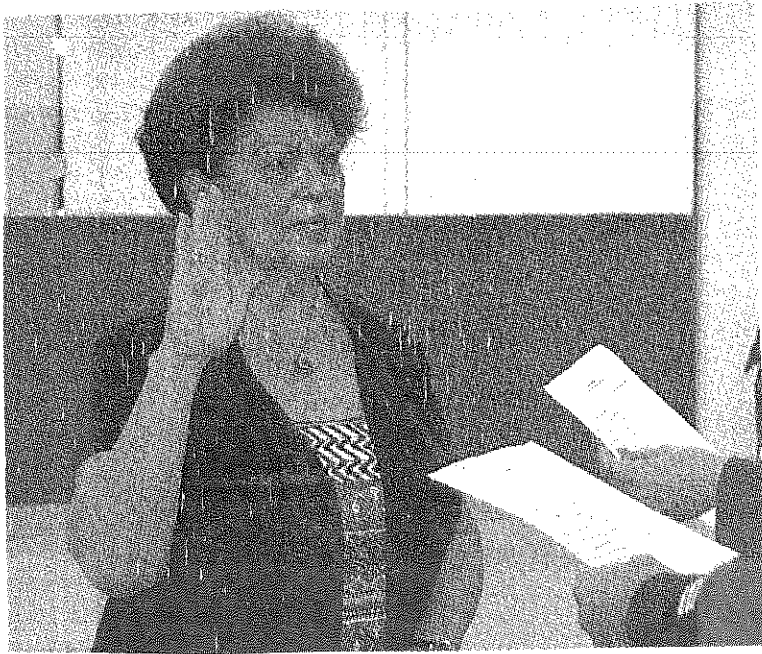
Pageant volunteers are also used in the wardrobe, make up, and headress departments as well as cast area coordinators and refreshment servers, along with other positions and students can earn credit toward community service requirements.

Challis-Davy is serious about her continued devotion to the daunting logistics of putting on the pageant, with its two casts of hundreds of volunteers, the orchestra, a narrator and a crew of backstage artists and technicians, which makes the Pageant of the Masters every bit as complex as a big-budget movie shoot, with the biggest difference being that a movie only has to get a shot right once.

"What are movies but a series of still pictures," Challis-Davy said. "The pageant is a series of still (but living) pictures."

"In a way, these tableaux vivants were the original 'freeze frames,'" said longtime pageant scriptwriter Dan Duling. "The pageant's combination of art and theater alters the way we look at art and looking at masterpieces through the viewfinder of motion pictures provides a fascinating view."

"I'm fortunate to be surrounded by people who love the hard work it takes to produce a very elaborate show," said Challis-Davy. "I get inspiration from the scriptwriter, staff, composers, and from the scores of enthusiastic research-volunteers who come up with great suggestions."



**School
district
names
new board
member**

The Garden Grove Unified Board of Education has approved Theresa (Teri) Rocco to fill the vacancy left when Bao Nguyen was elected Mayor of Garden Grove in December.

Rocco worked for the district for 42 years before retiring in 2014.

George West, president of the board, said, "Throughout Ms. Rocco's tenure she was always committed to putting students first and helped empower parents to be advocates for their child's education. We are very happy that she is joining our board."

Rocco worked for 12 years as

**Theresa Rocco will fill the
vacancy left by Bao Nguyen,
who is now the GG mayor**

an instructional aide and school community liaison; was a first grade bilingual teacher, district bilingual mentor teacher and a parent educator for 19 years; and retired after nearly 10 years as the supervisor of Parent and Community Outreach.

During her time in the Parent and Community Outreach Department, Rocco built strong relationships with the district's diverse community of parents and more than 40 educational partners. She was also a key part in creating the district's new vision and mission statements and its first ever districtwide strategic plan.

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Her intimate knowledge of the Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan gives her a unique insight that will benefit the community and the district.

After being sworn in by Garden Grove Police Department Sgt. John Reynolds and district Superintendent Gabriela Mafi, Rocco addressed the board and the audience, "I assure you that I do not take this responsibility lightly. Thank you all so much for the opportunity to continue to live my passion!"

Pursuant to Education Code 5091, unless a petition calling for a special election is filed in the office of the county superintendent within 30 days of the appointment, this appointment shall be effective until the 2016 election.

MEMBER:

Religious services directory

Following are some faith-based organizations that you can call with questions about services:

Stanton Asamblea de Dios Centro Evange- listico Rios de Agua Viva 10901 Beach Blvd. Stanton, CA 90680 714-995-3619	of The Nazarene 10871 Western Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-828-3899	Orange County 10750 Lampson Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-839-2320
Calvary Assembly Church of God 7272 Cerritos Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-503-6824	Santa Ana Samoan Sda 10591 Flower Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-485-9014	Evangelical Free Church of Gar- den Grove 13735 Yockey St. Garden Grove, CA 92844 714-636-1624
Lighthouse Community Church of The Nazarene 10871 Western Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-828-3899	St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	First Baptist Church of Garden Grove 12761 Euclid St. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-894-4177
Santa Ana Samoan Sda 10591 Flower Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-485-9014	Garden Grove Bupwahng Sa Korean Buddhist Temple 12921 Adelle St. Garden Grove, CA 92841 714-530-2052	First Christian Church of Garden Grove 11231 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-534-1742
St Polycarp Catholic Church 8100 Chapman Ave. Stanton, CA 90680 714-892-3158	Chapman Avenue Baptist Church 10241 Chapman Ave. # 668 Garden Grove, CA 92840 714-636-9483	Cross Country Christian Church 9822 Russell Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92844 714-537-4900
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Community Calendar

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CALENDAR

Regional Library, 11200 Stanford Ave. in Garden Grove. For more information, call 714-530-0711.

Rotary Club to meet
The Rotary Club of Garden Grove meets at 12:10 p.m. Grove hosts dinner meetings at 7 p.m. Thursdays at Kiwanisland, 9840 Larson Ave. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call 714-892-7267. School Board to meet

Wednesdays at The Marriott Hotel, at Chapman Avenue and Harbor Boulevard in Garden Grove.

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

Ready, young Rembrandts?
Elementary and preschool students are eager to learn and a joy to teach. Your young artist will learn to draw using our step-by-step process in this class, held on Tuesdays at the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster. Give your child a head start in being handwriting-ready by developing his/her fine motor skills. There will be new lessons each week at the preschool and elementary level. Students ages 3-5 meet at 3:15 p.m. and ages 6-12 meet at 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.westminster-ca.gov.

Cartoonist lessons offered
Artists ages 6-12 will have fun drawing and coloring a myriad of expressive characters while learning how to stay on task,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learn about Alzheimer's

follow directions, and be visually, spatially organized. There will be new lessons each week, even for previous students. The next class will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Westminster Civic Center craft room, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

Commission set to meet
The City of Westminster Planning Commission holds its regular meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Blvd. in Westminster.

Chamber set to meet
The Westminster Chamber of Commerce holds legislative meetings at 8 a.m. the first Wednesday of each month in its offices, at 14491 Beach Blvd. in Westminster.

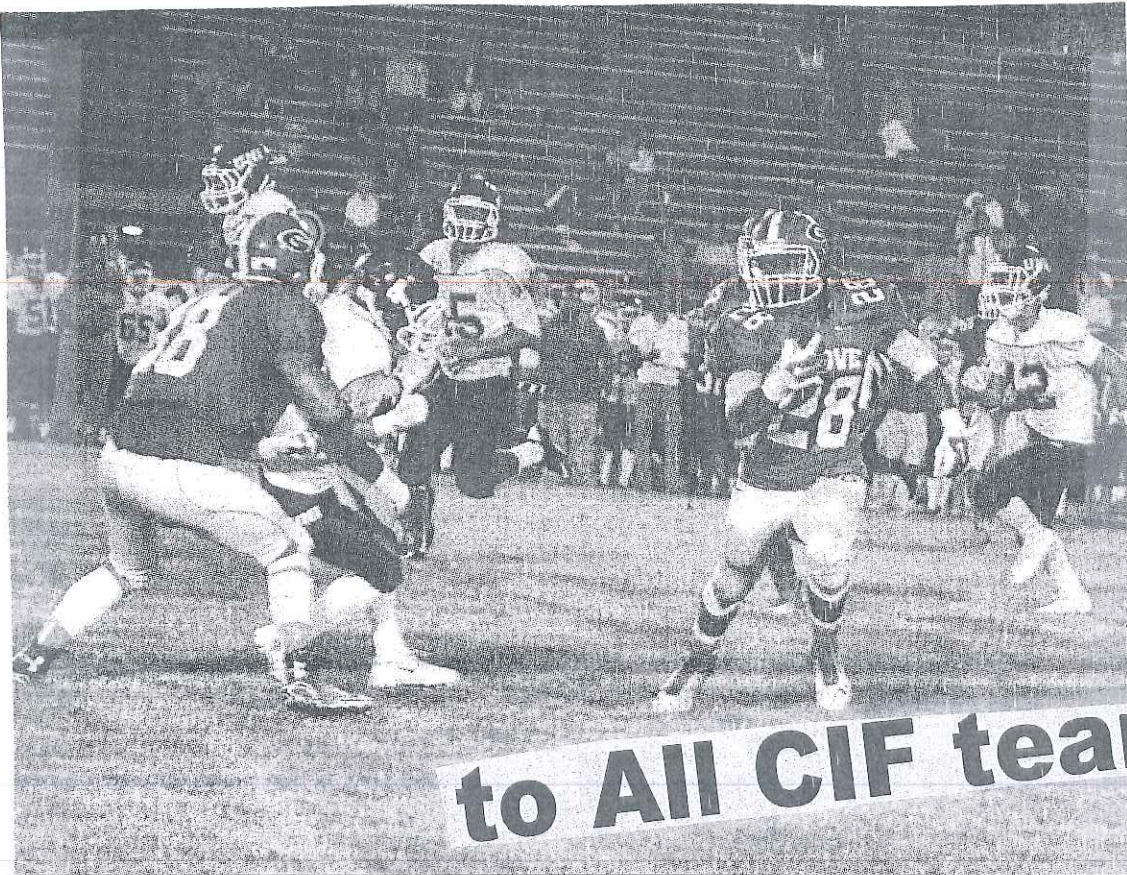
Board meetings on Fridays
The Chamber of Commerce holds a regular board of directors meeting at 8 a.m. the fourth Friday of every month at the chamber's location, 14491 Beach Blvd. in Westminster. For more information, call the chamber at 714-898-9648.

Join preschool storytime hour
Join the Westminster Public Library for stories, songs, and crafts at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesday with your preschool-aged child. The Westminster Library is at 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Contact the children's librarian, Anna, with questions at 714-893-5057.

A crafty day at library
Kids are invited for a special craft program at 3:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Westminster Public Library, 8180 13th St. in Westminster. Come after school for a fun creative afternoon. For more information, call Anna at 714-893-5057.

Bookworms: get ready
Join the Westminster Public Library for a book discussion group at 10:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. The Westminster Library is at 8180 13th St. in Westminster. For more information, call 714-893-5057.

City Hall to be shuttered
The Westminster City Hall, at 8200 Westminster Blvd., will be closed on alternating Fridays.



to All CIF team

Photos by Dave Smithson

Above, Garden Grove High running back Jordan Antunez was named to the All CIF Southern Section team, which was announced recently. Below, Rancho Alamitos High's Matt Finona, a two-way player, also made the team. Garden Grove League players dominated the all star team, with sixteen players making the grade. It's no surprise. Four league teams made the playoffs and Garden Grove High won the CIF title in the finals against Rancho Alamitos. See story on page 7. For a slew of prep sports photos, check out photographer Dave Smithson's site at Rahssports.wordpress.com.



16 locals named

City of Garden Grove

Notice Inviting Sealed Bids (IFB)

Project No. S-1159

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 (1) New and Unused Extended Cab/Super Cab Utility Truck. 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 2:00p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. Bids received after that exact time will not be considered.

Dated: January 30, 2015

Sandra Segawa, C.P.M., CPPB
Purchasing Agent
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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Memo to super spellers: start studying!

School district plans annual spelling bee

Can you spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S?

Outstanding spellers from the Garden Grove Unified School District's intermediate schools will participate in the annual spelling bee for seventh- and eighth-grade students on Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Each of the district's 10 intermediate schools is sending four representatives to the competition hosted at Edgar School/District Meeting Center, 6202 Cerulean Ave. in Garden Grove. Parents are invited to attend.

The district champion and nine runners-up will represent the district in the Orange County Spelling Competition at the Orange County Department of Education in Costa Mesa, with the written segment scheduled for Feb. 23 followed by the deciding oral spelling round on Feb. 28.

For more information, call 714-663-6006.

Business smashed

Last week, Garden Grove police officers were sent to the 10900 block of Garden Grove Blvd., where BJ's Discount Plumbing stands, regarding a burglary alarm activation.

Officers arrived and located a white 2001 white Lexus IS300 4-door that had crashed into the building. The building sustained major damage. The driver and passenger fled on foot from the vehicle. Another officer located the driver a short distance away and a short foot pursuit took place.

The driver was taken into custody.

The driver was taken to Garden Grove Medical Center because of a laceration from the crash. The passenger was not found. The driver was charged with misdemeanor DUI/Hit-and-Run. No booking photo of the suspect was obtained.

Twenty players honored, eight on offense and 12 on defense



GG, WM players dominate ALL-CIF team Lady Vaqs use 'D' for victory

Photos by Dave Smithson

Rancho Alamitos High's Jocelyn Reed brings the ball upcourt trailed by Bolsa Grande High's Jasmine Martinez (50) during a game last week at Bolsa Grande gym. Rancho won, 54-37, mostly owing to a stifling defense.

By Brady Rhoades

The 2014-15 All CIF Southern Section football teams is checked with players from Garden Grove and Westminster.

Rancho Alamitos High quarterback "Slingin" Nick Brown, who threw for an Orange County record 52 touchdown passes, was named Offensive Player of the Year. Garden Grove High utility defender Alejandro Ceja, just 6-foot-1 and 170 pounds but with a nose for the ball, was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Rancho and Garden Grove High met in the CIF title game,

with Garden Grove High prevailing.

Other players who were honored were: Los Amigos running back Moby Contreras, Garden Grove High running back Jordan Antunez, Westminster High running back Humberto Maciel, Rancho Alamitos wide receivers Devin Velez and Joe Lainez, Garden Grove High offensive linemen Gerardo Rodarte and Marcos Orduno, Westminster High offensive lineman Brian Mejia, Rancho Alamitos defensive back Matt Finona, Los Amigos defensive back Abel Amesquita,



Bolsa Grande High's Jessica Tran looks to get around Rancho Alamitos High's Angel Ruedas.

Garden Grove High defensive back Austen Christian, Westminster High defensive back Josh Pedraza, Garden Grove High linebackers Reily Hoalton and Malik Bilal, Santiago High linebacker Mario Monroe, Westminster High defensive lineman Steven Vu, Garden Grove High defensive linemen Nathan Garcia and Antonio Gilgiore and Los Amigos defensive lineman Diego Nunez.

All schools mentioned other than Westminster High play in the Garden Grove League. Westminster High plays in the Golden West League.

Bolsa boys



Bolsa Grande High's Sebastian Waked easily pulls in a defensive rebound.



Bolsa Grande High's Noah Santiago pulls in a defensive rebound against Rancho Alamitos High.



Photos by Dave Smithson

Rancho Alamitos High's Rafael Rodriguez and Bolsa Grande High's Noah Santiago jostle for position for a rebound during a Garden Grove League game last week at Bolsa Grande gym. Bolsa won, 69-58.

beat Rancho

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CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Kim Huy (714) 741-5280
Community Services Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Thursday, February 5, 2015

GARDEN GROVE STANDS UP TO BULLYING

In observance of International Stand Up to Bullying Day on Thursday, February 27, 2015, the City of Garden Grove will join others across the globe to speak out against bullying by hosting an anti-bullying and cyber-bullying prevention event at Village Green park from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1, 2015. The Mayor and Garden Grove City Council will open the program at noon on Saturday, February 28.

The two-day event is part of the local "Not One More" campaign devoted to raising awareness of the serious and complex issues of bullying, as well as finding private funding streams to provide supplemental anti-bullying resources in local schools.

The campaign was started several years ago by Garden Grove resident, Justin Phan. Phan began seeing the signs of bullying in his daughter, who is now six years old, and has a physical and mental disability. He hopes the campaign's initiative will lead to solutions that provide a safe physical and emotional environment for every child.

Phan, along with local supporters, will display a vigil at the two-day event, consisting of 100 wooden figurines representing children around the world who have lost their lives as a result of bullying. The vigil will serve a dual purpose of providing a clear visual of the effects of bullying, while also honoring children who have died.

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Special guests from the non-profit organization Challenge Day will host an interactive workshop during both days of the event. The workshop aims to provide teens and adults with tools to tear down the walls of separation and inspire participants to live, study, and work in an encouraging environment. Challenge Day has been seen on the Oprah Winfrey Show, MTV, and Prime Time Special.

In addition, a "Stand Up to Bullying Day in Garden Grove" proclamation will be on the agenda for the next City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015.

For more information about the "Not One More" campaign, please visit <http://www.yolusa.com/>. For more information about the Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Prevention Event, call the City's Office of Community Relations at (714) 741-5280.

To view photos of the two-day event, please visit the City's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GardenGroveCityHall>, on Monday, March 2, 2015.

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Public Works Department

Friday, January 30, 2015

CITY HALL CLOSED ON PRESIDENTS DAY

In observance of the Presidents Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015. No street sweeping services will be provided on the holiday. Streets will be swept as scheduled on all other days. However, trash pick-up is still scheduled for that day.

For more information on street sweeping, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 741-5375.

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THÔNG TIN

Từ Thành Phố Garden Grove

Để phổ biến trên các phương tiện truyền thông
Văn phòng thông tin liên lạc: (714) 741-5280

Liên lạc: Lt. Bob Bogue (714) 741-5786
Thuộc Sở Cảnh Sát

Thứ Hai, 2/2/2015

TIỆC TRI ÂN NHỮNG CÔNG DÂN CAN ĐẢM BẢO VỆ CUỘC SỐNG NGƯỜI DÂN TRONG CỘNG ĐỒNG

Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove (GGPD) sẽ tổ chức lễ trao đồng tiền thưởng lệ hàng năm, được gọi là "Chiefs Coin for Merit", nhằm vinh danh những người dân sống trong cộng đồng đã chứng tỏ những hành vi từ tâm, can đảm phi thường trong năm 2014.

Buổi tiệc sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Tư, 4 tháng Hai, 2015 vào lúc 6:00 giờ chiều, tại Community Meeting Center, tọa lạc tại 11300 Stanford Avenue. Cảnh Sát Trưởng Todd Elgin của GGPD chia sẻ, "Đây là một cách thức để Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove nói lời cảm ơn đối với những vị anh hùng trong cộng đồng chúng ta, vì họ đã gác qua sự an toàn và những mối lo ngại của chính bản thân để giúp cho cộng đồng trở thành một nơi an toàn và tốt đẹp hơn. Đây là một niềm vinh dự vô song, mà Thành phố và cộng đồng rất lấy làm hạnh diện."

Trong năm 2014, hơn 200 nhân viên trong Sở Cảnh Sát nhận một đồng tiền tròn, và chỉ thị cho họ dùng đồng tiền ấy thưởng cho những ai từng hành động phi thường và giúp đỡ người khác đang gặp nguy hiểm.

Từ đó đến nay, có 400 đồng tiền tưởng lệ đã được trao tặng cho những thành viên trong cộng đồng đã hành động một cách dũng cảm và vị tha, giúp đỡ những người cần sự hỗ trợ.

Để biết thêm chi tiết, xin liên lạc Trung Úy Bob Bogue tại (714) 741-5786.

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Thị Trường Bão Nguyễn Nói Về Tình Hình Garden Grove

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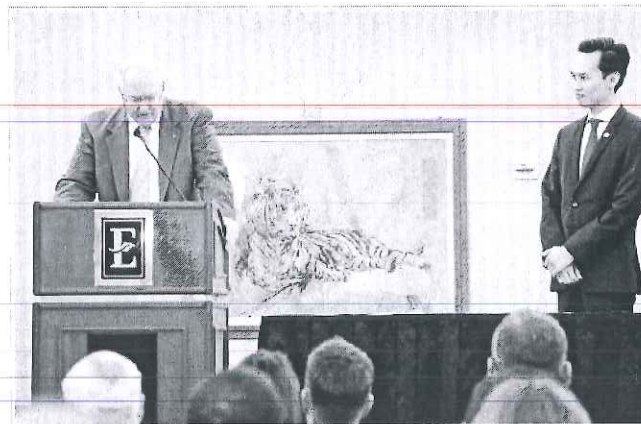
GARDEN GROVE (VB) -- Nói chuyện trước đám đông 400 người trong bữa ăn trưa Tình Hình Thành Phố Garden Grove, Thị Trường Bão Nguyễn nói rằng gắn bó với sinh hoạt cộng đồng là nguyên tắc căn bản và là lực đẩy chính để hướng dẫn tương lai thành phố.



Thị trường Bão Nguyễn của Garden Grove.

Ông nói Hội Đồng Thành Phố tin rằng dựa vào cộng đồng mới đưa thành phố tới trước được.

Bão Nguyễn đưa ra kế hoạch làm việc với các cơ sở kinh doanh địa phương và các khu phố để nhận diện nhu cầu và cung cấp được nguồn lực.



Thị trường Bão Nguyễn của Garden Grove.

Bão Nguyễn nói thất nghiệp ở Garden Grove là dưới 5%, thấp nhất kể từ 2008, tuy nhiên giá nhà lại cao so với những người lần đầu muốn mua nhà.


Ông cũng nhấn mạnh về giáo dục và đầu tư vào giới trẻ là 2 điều áp ủ trong tim ông, khi ông mời Chủ Tịch Hội Đồng Giáo Dục Garden Grove, Tiến sĩ George West, lên nói về tình hình ở Học Khu GG.



Thị trường Bảo Nguyễn của Garden Grove.

Một điểm đặc biệt là Thị Trường Bảo Nguyễn nói:

"Như nhiều người trong quý vị có thể biết, tôi có văn bằng Cao học về Nghiên Cứu Phật Giáo Tây Tạng - Ấn Độ, nên tôi tin sâu vào "nghiệp lực." Theo lời giảng Phật pháp, đời sống húng ta và tất cả những gì xảy ra trong đời là kết quả nghiệp lực. Cái thiện lối sống đạ đức và tinh thần sẽ làm tốt cho tất cả chúng ta. Cùng nhau, chúng ta sẽ làm điều tốt đẹp cho thành phố, và cho điều tốt đẹp của cộng đồng chúng ta, gia đình chúng ta, khu phố chúng ta và các cơ sở kinh doanh địa phương của chúng ta. Chúng ta không thể gọi điều gì là thành công, cho tới khi chúng ta biết đó là điều thành công cho mọi người."

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VIỆTBÁO

Cảnh Sát Garden Grove Mở Tiệc Tri An Công Dân Can Đảm Bảo Vệ Cuộc Sống Người Dân Trong Cộng Đồng

03/02/2015 00:00:00


Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove (GGPD) sẽ tổ chức lễ trao đồng tiền thưởng lệ hàng năm, được gọi là "Chiefs Coin for Merit", nhằm vinh danh những người dân sống trong cộng đồng đã chứng tỏ những hành vi tử tâm, can đảm phi thường trong năm 2014.

Buổi tiệc sẽ được tổ chức vào ngày Thứ Tư, 4 tháng Hai, 2015 vào lúc 6:00 giờ chiều, tại Community Meeting Center, tọa lạc tại 11300 Stanford Avenue. Cảnh Sát Trưởng Todd Elgin của GGPD chia sẻ, "Đây là một cách thức để Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove nói lời cảm ơn đối với những vị anh hùng trong cộng đồng chúng ta, vì họ đã gác qua sự an toàn và những mối lo ngại của chính bản thân để giúp cho cộng đồng trở thành một nơi an toàn và tốt đẹp hơn. Đây là một niềm vinh dự vô song, mà Thành phố và cộng đồng rất lấy làm hạnh diện."

Trong năm 2014, hơn 200 nhân viên trong Sở Cảnh Sát nhận một đồng tiền tròn, và chỉ thị cho họ dùng đồng tiền ấy thưởng cho những ai từng hành động phi thường và giúp đỡ người khác đang gặp nguy hiểm.

Từ đó đến nay, có 400 đồng tiền tưởng lệ đã được trao tặng cho những thành viên trong cộng đồng đã hành động một cách dũng cảm và vị tha, giúp đỡ những người cần sự hỗ trợ.

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Wednesday, February 04, 2015



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Cảnh sát Garden Grove vinh danh công dân can đảm

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GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) - Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove sẽ tổ chức lễ trao "đồng tiền tưởng lệ" (Chiefs Coin for Merit) hàng năm, vào lúc 6 giờ chiều Thứ Tư, 4 Tháng Hai tại Trung Tâm Sinh Hoạt Cộng Đồng, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840, nhằm vinh danh những công dân trong cộng đồng, có hành động phi thường, lòng từ tâm và can đảm trong năm 2014, theo thông cáo báo chí của cơ quan công lực này.

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Mặt trước của đồng tiền do Cảnh Sát Trưởng Garden Grove trao tặng công dân tốt và can đảm hồi năm ngoái. (Hình: Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove)

"Đây là một hình thức để Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove nói lời cảm ơn đối với những vị anh hùng trong cộng đồng chúng ta, vì họ đã gác qua sự an toàn và lo ngại của chính bản thân, để giúp cho cộng đồng trở thành một nơi an toàn và tốt đẹp hơn. Đây là một niềm vinh dự vô song, mà thành phố và cộng đồng rất lấy làm hạnh diện," Cảnh Sát Trưởng Todd Elgin của Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove chia sẻ.

Trong năm 2014, hơn 200 nhân viên trong sở cảnh sát nhận một đồng tiền tròn, với chỉ thị cho họ là dùng đồng tiền ấy, để thưởng cho những ai có hành động phi thường và giúp đỡ người khác trong cơn nguy hiểm.

Từ đó đến nay, 400 đồng tiền tưởng lệ được trao tặng cho những thành viên trong cộng đồng có hành động dũng cảm và lòng vị tha, giúp đỡ những người cần sự hỗ trợ.

Đồng tiền tưởng lệ, mặt trước mang tên cựu Cảnh Sát Trưởng Kevin J. Raney, người từng phục vụ Sở Cảnh Sát Garden Grove từ năm 1976, thăng chức trung úy năm 1991, chức đại úy năm

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'30 Tháng Tư, 1975 – 2015: Tị Nạn và Hội Nhập'

Hãy Viết Cùng Chúng Tôi

"30 Tháng Tư, 1975 – 2015: Tị Nạn và Hội Nhập" là trang mục đặc biệt trên Người Việt Online và Nhật Báo Người Việt, trong chương trình tưởng niệm 40 năm biến cố 30 tháng Tư, 1975.

Tòa Soạn xin mời quý độc giả cùng chia sẻ những hồi ức của quý vị về biến cố này cũng như kinh nghiệm trải qua trong những ngày đầu định cư tại quê hương mới. Mỗi cá nhân, cho dầu rời Việt Nam bằng phương cách nào, tị nạn, thuyền nhân, H.O. hay đoàn tụ gia đình, đều có những kinh nghiệm rất riêng, cần được kể lại.

Chẳng hạn, quý độc giả có thể viết về cảm tưởng của mình khi nghe Tổng Thống Dương Văn Minh đọc lời đầu hàng ngày 30 tháng Tư, 1975. Thời khắc đó, quý vị đang làm gì, ở đâu, và nghĩ gì?

Quý vị cũng có thể viết về những kỷ niệm, kinh nghiệm, trong những ngày đầu ở trại tị nạn, ở trại tiếp cư hay khi hội nhập vào đời sống ở Mỹ hay các quốc gia đến tị nạn.

Quý vị cũng có thể kể về sự vượt khó của con cái thế hệ thuyền nhân hay chương trình H.O., ngay cả những kinh nghiệm học tập trong các trường trung học, đại học... và hơn hết là thành công của quý vị trong ngày hôm nay.

Bài viết xin gửi về Tòa Soạn tại địa chỉ email: toasoan@nguoi-viet.com, hoặc gửi bằng thư tay đến Nhật Báo Người Việt, 14771 Moran Street, Westminster, CA 92683.

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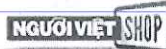
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Người Việt vs. Saigon Nhỏ: Lịch sử công ty Người Việt (kỳ 9)

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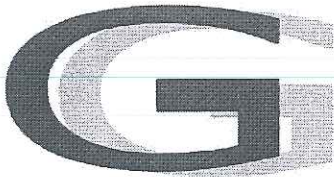
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

February 5, 2015

1. Calendar of Events
2. Minutes from the January 22 and agenda for the February 12, 2015 Zoning Administrator meeting.
3. Cities Advocates dated January 30, February 2 and 5, 2015.



GARDEN GROVE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 5, 2015 – February 25, 2015

Thursday	February 5	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	February 6		City Hall Closed
Tuesday	February 10	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	February 11	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber (CANCELLED)
Thursday	February 12	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting City Hall, 3 rd Floor Training Room
Friday	February 13	6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	Sweetheart Dance hosted by the H. Louis Lake Senior Center, Community Meeting Center
Friday- Sunday	February 13- February 15		Hearts for the Arts presents "City of Angels" Gem Theater
Saturday	February 14	8:00 a.m.- Noon	Project "GO" Graffiti Off, Municipal Service Center
Monday	February 16		City Hall Closed
Thursday	February 19		Casual Day – Valentine's Day Theme (Wear Red or Pink Shirts)
		7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, Council Chamber
Friday	February 20		City Hall Closed
Friday- Sunday	February 20- February 22		Garden Grove Tet Festival 2015 - Year of the Goat Garden Grove Park, 9301 Westminster Ave.
Tuesday	February 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, Founders Room Housing Authority Meeting, Council Chamber Sanitary District Meeting, Council Chamber Successor Agency Meeting, Council Chamber City Council Meeting, Council Chamber
Wednesday	February 25	2:00 p.m.	Oversight Board Meeting, Council Chamber

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

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-027-2014

Applicant: Nghia Pham
Location: 12127 Brookhurst Street
Date: January 22, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant, Bluesky Restaurant, within an existing eating establishment tenant space, located at 12127 Brookhurst Street, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control "Type 41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speakers: Mr. Nghia Pham.

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1707-14.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-028-2015

Applicant: Claws Restaurant, Inc.
Location: 12125 Brookhurst Street
Date: January 22, 2015

Request: Conditional Use Permit approval to upgrade an existing Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License to a new Alcoholic Beverage Control Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License for an existing 5,520 square foot restaurant, Claws Restaurant. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

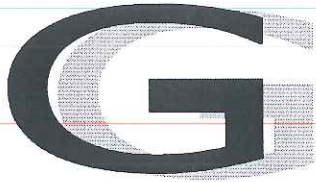
Action: Public Hearing Held. Speakers: Mr. Yacine Abdous and Mr. Allen Ha.

Action: Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1708-15.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., in the City Hall Third Floor Training Room, 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove.

Judith Moore, Recording Secretary



GARDEN GROVE

AGENDA

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

City Hall
11222 Acacia Parkway

February 12, 2015
Third Floor – Training Room

9:00 a.m.

Members of the public desiring to speak on any item of public interest, including any item on the agenda except public hearings, must do so during Comments by the Public. Each speaker shall 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.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services due to a disability should contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 741-5035 to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

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

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM(S):

a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-029-2015

APPLICANT: Submarine Crab
LOCATION: 10130 Garden Grove Boulevard, #129

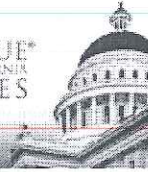
REQUEST: To operate an existing restaurant, Submarine Crab, with a State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Premises) License. The site is in the GGMU1 (Garden Grove Mixed Use 1) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 – Existing Facilities.

b. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-030-2015

APPLICANT: Doug Coleman
LOCATION: 12900 Main Street

REQUEST: To upgrade an existing Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer and Wine, Public Eating Place) License to a new ABC Type "47" (On-Sale, General, Public Eating Place) License for an existing restaurant, Doug's Downtown Grill. The site is in the CC-2 (Civic Center Main Street) zone. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Section 15301 - Existing Facilities.

2. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC
3. ADJOURNMENT



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California City Solutions: Federal Bridge Grant Allows La Cañada Flintridge to Invest in Bridge Replacement

This story is part of an ongoing series featuring Helen Putnam Award entries. The 2014 entries are available on the League's website as a resource for cities in a searchable database called California City Solutions. The Jessen Drive Bridge project was submitted in 2014 for the Public Works, Infrastructure, and Transportation award category.

Local street and road repairs are costly for any city and when the city of La Cañada Flintridge learned that one of its essential bridges rated below standard sufficiency rating in 2010, it needed to search for funding to develop a construction plan to replace the bridge. The bridge load was restricted to a maximum of 12 tons due to the lowered sufficiency rate. This prevented heavy vehicles such as fire trucks, trash trucks and utility vehicles from using the crossroad to provide timely services to residents in that particular area. The bridge replacement was essential to order to improve services. *For more, see Page 2.*



Register Today for the League's Feb. 18 Land Use 101 Webinar

Join the City Attorneys Department of the League of California Cities on Feb. 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. for an informative webinar on land use. Attorney participants can receive 1.5 hours of MCLE credit. *For more, see Page 3.*



City Managers Department Announces Award Winners

Each year, the League of California Cities' City Managers' Department accepts nominations for three prestigious awards honoring distinguished members of the department: the Wes Clure Award of Distinction, the John H. Nail Memorial Award and the Award for the Advance of Diverse Communities. This year the department selected just two winners, who were proudly announced at the City Managers Department conference this week in San Francisco. *For more, see Page 3.*

The city of La Cañada Flintridge is in north Los Angeles County in the San Gabriel Mountains foothills. Located in the heart of the city is the Jessen Drive Bridge, built in 1940 and reconstructed in 1961. The original bridge was a timber "A" frame truss bridge with steel rod hangers and tension ties, a timber plank deck with an asphalt concrete overlay on timber stringers which was supported by steel pile abutments. It spanned 41 feet and was 27 feet wide with a 4 foot wide sidewalk and a 23 foot roadway, providing essential access to neighborhood homes, an elementary school and a primary thoroughfare for main city services.

The bridge was initially put on the 2000 Eligible Bridge List (EBL) of the Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP), which is currently known as the Highway Bridge Program (HBP). In 2010, it received a sufficiency rating of 44.6, with a SR of 50 or less being eligible for replacement. The city knew that replacing the bridge would be costly and involve vast coordination with several agencies, but it was up for the challenge.

Since the project would be such a huge undertaking, it would be essential to coordinate with neighborhood residents, the nearby elementary school and the public safety. Additionally, since the bridge had been on the Caltrans deficient bridge list, there was limited time before the bridge continued to deteriorate to the point that further restrictions would have to be put in place, causing serious risk to the residents.

The Jessen Drive Bridge project would be an investment in the state and local infrastructure, support job growth and provide economic opportunities access to the other side of town would increase with the completion. Building effective partnerships between state and local officials, as well as other organizations to promote local authority to meet the community's needs, would be integral to the process. The city experienced emergency evacuations and needed fire access during the Station Fire in 2009, and the mudslides following in 2010. While the city lost no structures and the access was adequate enough to use, the city determined at that time that it would apply for funding for the new bridge.

Protecting native plants, trees and the local wildlife habitat would also be crucial because the bridge is located in an environmentally sensitive area and stretches over a significant drainage canyon. Construction of the bridge would involve planning and rerouting several city services, as the delivery of six 70-foot long precast and pre-stressed reinforced concrete girders would need to be taken through narrow and winding streets. Additionally, overhead electrical lines would have to be de-energized to facilitate the massive crane necessary to set the girders in place. Some other challenges would be maintaining traffic circulation of the adjacent elementary school, relocating existing utilities (sewer, gas, water, and power), and maintaining access for the adjacent properties.

The city secured a \$1.6 million Federal Highway Bridge Program grant and also contributed \$200,000, combined these funds were enough to complete the project. After funding was in place, the city began working with many agencies to prepare for the construction of the project including Los Angeles County, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the State Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Game, and the Sheriff's Department.

Several meetings were held to coordinate construction and traffic management plans for the duration of the project. The Public Works & Traffic Commission discussed the selection of the bridge barrier and railing and a community meeting was held prior to the commencement of the project to discuss the projects impacts on traffic flow. In addition, a city council meeting was held, as well as numerous meetings joining the various utility companies, local elementary school and school district. The public was very informed and involved throughout the project and provided valuable feedback.

Construction of the new Jessen Drive Bridge began in March of 2012 and opened to traffic in November of that year. All emergency and heavy public service vehicles now use the passageway without any restrictions, which allows them to provide better public safety and services to the area. School officials and parents were also pleased with the outcome of the project and shared their positive comments.

The city completed a desperately needed bridge replacement project, going from an insufficient rating to fully sufficient, with a minimal financial contribution and did the project in an environmentally-friendly way.

The new bridge has a reinforced concrete deck on pre-stressed concrete girders on reinforced concrete abutments and footings. The new bridge is 71 feet long and 40 feet wide with a 5-foot wide sidewalk and 32-foot wide roadway. The delivery of the six 70-foot long girders was taken through winding roads safely and without incident. New technologies in strength in the steel girder bridge, replacing the old wooden bridge, were definitely utilized for structural integrity.

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Webinar Details

San Luis Obispo City Christine Dietrick will give a practical overview of the constitutional, legal and planning frameworks governing the most important land use decisions through which California cities implement development and preservation of community character.

Specifically the webinar will cover a general overview of the fundamentals of city land use practice including:

- Foundations of city land use authority through the constitutional police power;
- Requirements for and relationships between general plans;
- Specific plans, zoning and subdivision regulations and development agreements;
- Basic environmental review requirements under CEQA;
- Vested rights principles;
- An overview of design, conservation, and historic preservation tools;
- General rules governing development fees, exactions and takings analyses;
- State and local affordable housing requirements; and
- The requirements for due process proceedings and administrative findings in the land use context.

A question and answer session will be included and a resource paper will be provided to all webinar virtual attendees, serving as a practical check list and land use "field guide" for the municipal attorney.

Registration

Please [register online](#) for the Feb. 18 Land Use 101 webinar by Feb. 16.

The webinar fees are \$50 for League members, \$75 for League Partners and \$175 for non-members.

'CM Awards' Continued from Page 1...

John H. Nail Memorial Award: Linda Daniels, assistant city manager, Rancho Cucamonga

The John H. Nail Memorial Award was created by the League's City Managers' Department during the 1978 Annual Spring Conference, in honor and memory of a highly regarded city manager and individual. The award is presented to an outstanding municipal assistant who has contributed significantly to his or her city government and to the advancement of the community as a whole.

Wes McClure Award of Distinction: John F. Shirey, city manager, Sacramento

The Wes McClure Award of Distinction recognizes the values and principles deemed essential to city managers' professional conduct. This award recognizes a city manager's outstanding career service, leadership, ethics, expertise and innovation in the field of city management as observed by their colleagues. The award is given to recognize those who make a difference to the profession.

California Financing Coordinating Committee Announces 2015 Infrastructure Funding Fair Dates

The California Financing Coordinating Committee (CFCC) will be hosting six different free funding fairs throughout the state between April and September of this year. These events are designed to provide information about currently available infrastructure grant, loan and bond financing programs and options. Attendees will also have an opportunity to speak directly with program staff about specific projects and issues affecting their communities.

CFCC agencies fund primarily the following types of infrastructure projects:

- Drinking water;
- Wastewater;
- Water quality;
- Water supply;
- Water conservation;
- Water use efficiency;
- Energy efficiency; and
- Flood management.

Some participating agencies also fund other infrastructure projects including:

- Streets and highways;
- Emergency response vehicles;
- Solid waste; and
- Community facilities.

2015 Fair Schedule

At each location, the event will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- April 2: San Diego
- May 6: Tulare
- June 3: Eureka
- Aug. 5: Truckee
- Sept. 2: Watsonville
- Sept. 23: Sacramento

Registration

To register for one of the six fairs, please visit www.cfcc.ca.gov and click on Funding Fairs.

Please direct questions to (916) 447-9832, ext. 1029.

Additional information, including the schedule, CFCC member directory and more can be found on the [CFCC website](#).

The League Needs Pictures of Your City Hall

The League and *Western City* are looking for a wide range of city hall images to help showcase the diversity of California city government. City halls serve as a hub of community engagement, and these buildings are essential elements of. In many cases, a city hall's architectural style reflects the time period when the city was formed. In other cases, city halls are repurposed buildings given a second life.

The types of images we are seeking include:

- City hall exterior with city hall signage;
- Council chambers, both empty and with a meeting in progress;

- Events at city hall that feature people — for example, students visiting city hall, a cultural event at city hall or other community meeting; and
- City hall renovations that combine an original facility with a new addition.

The League and *Western City* are also interested in learning about your city hall and what makes it unique. Cities that submit photos should also include a paragraph or two describing the building and its history.

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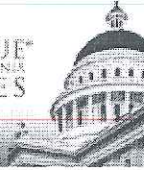
Photos must be high resolution, a minimum of 300 dpi (dots per inch) at 5 x 7 inches or larger size, and in color. Caption information must be included in a separate file or in the text of the email. Please do not embed the caption in the image.

Image Submission

Send your photos, captions and brief description of your city hall's history to *Western City* at westerncitymag@gmail.com.

Western City and the League will give credit to the photographer and/or city of origin. By submitting images, you agree that *Western City* and the League have permission to use them in a variety of formats and capacities.

Help make your city hall a star, and assist the League in building its archive.



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Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Grant Application Process Opens *Cities Must Act Quickly: Concept Applications due by Feb. 19*

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), in conjunction with the Strategic Growth Council (SCG), have opened the application process for the FY 2014-15 Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program grants. Up to \$120 million in grants will be awarded this fiscal year. The application period is extremely compacted; cities will need to act quickly. *For more, see Page 2.*



HUTA Estimates for FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 Now Available *Sharp Decline Anticipated*

CaliforniaCityFinance.com on Friday posted new city by city estimates of FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 HUTA (gas tax) allocations. The estimates are based on new statewide revenue estimates from the California Department of Finance released in January with Gov. Jerry Brown's FY 2015-16 state budget proposal. In particular, cities should note the approximate 20 to 25 percent downturn in revenue for FY 2015-16 from the prior year. This is largely due to falling gasoline prices and consumption as well as "true ups" under the fuel tax swap system. *For more, see Page 2.*



Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee Meets *Inaugural Meeting Sets Tone for Discussion*

The California Transportation Commissions' Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee held its inaugural meeting on Friday, Jan. 23 in Sacramento. Established by last year's SB 1077 (DeSaulnier, Chapter 835), the committee is tasked with studying the feasibility of a road usage charge as an alternative to a gas tax. *For more, see Page 2.*

Application Process

Concept proposal application and instructions will be available on [HCD's website](#) by close of business today, Monday, Feb 2. Concept proposals are due by 5 p.m. on Feb. 19.

Applications chosen will be notified by March 11. If your city's project is chosen, the deadline to submit the full application will be Apr. 15.

The AHSC program will provide grants and/or loans to projects intended to achieve greenhouse reductions by increasing accessibility of affordable housing, employment centers and key destinations via low-carbon transportation options like walking, biking and transit.

Half of the program's funding must be used for affordable housing and half must benefit disadvantaged communities (see *CA Cities Advocate* story titled "[List Identifies Disadvantaged Communities](#)").

Questions about the grants and the AHSC program can be directed to AHSC@hcd.ca.gov.

Grant Application Workshops

In the next two weeks, SGC will also be hosting a [series of workshops](#) throughout California for cities interested in applying for AHSC grant money.

Workshop locations and dates are as follows:

- San Diego: Feb. 4
- San Bernardino: Feb. 5
- Los Angeles: Feb. 6
- Bakersfield: Feb. 9
- Stockton: Feb. 10
- Oakland: Feb. 12

[Registration](#) for the workshops is available online. The League is also coordinating a webinar-based workshop with SGC. Details on the webinar will be available soon.

League Cap-and-Trade Resources

The League's AHSC program information sheet can be found under the housing tab on the [Cap-and-Trade](#) hot issues webpage.

For transportation-related questions, please contact League Assistant Legislative Director [Jennifer Whiting](#). For housing questions, please contact League Legislative Representative [Kirstin Kolpitcke](#).

The sharp decrease in transportation revenues is garnering significant attention from the Governor, Legislature, and press. Discussions on how to increase transportation funding while providing more stability are intensifying. Many are looking to a road usage for a long-term solution, but the League is joining many other transportation stakeholders to let the Legislature and Governor know that there is a crisis now. For years the League has argued that it is a matter of paying now or paying much more in the future. Results from the [2014 Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment](#) support that fact: today's \$40 billion backlog will grow to \$51 billion in just five years if additional investment is not made quickly.

In addition, the League is actively advocating that some measure needs to be put in place to stabilize gas tax revenues before the start of FY 2015-16. Impacts of the 2010 gas tax swap have been strongly felt since its enactment. It is time for the Legislature and Governor to act to minimize the wild swing of revenues that make it difficult to plan multi-year transportation projects.

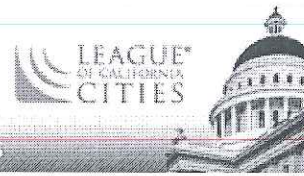
A full discussion of transportation revenues and the 2010 gas tax swap can be found in the report.

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The committee will hold monthly meetings over the next year to study and develop recommendations for a road usage charge. The recommendations will be submitted to the California State Transportation Agency, which is charged with developing a demonstration project based on the recommendations.

The committee comprises 15 members that represent a variety of interests including the legislature, privacy concerns, local government, highway user groups, data security, telecommunications, academia, and business.

At the first meeting, committee members were briefed on the state of transportation funding in California as well as pilot programs and implementation processes in Washington and Oregon. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26.



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Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins Announces Transportation Funding Proposal
Transportation Leaders Meet in Sacramento to Discuss Priorities

Today in Sacramento, transportation leaders from across California and across the nation gathered at the California Transportation Foundation to discuss priorities and new transportation proposals. Several themes were evident throughout the day: our transportation system and funding systems are broke, technology is quickly moving the transportation world forward, and without additional investment, California's economy will suffer. *For more, see Page 2.*



Webinar: How to get Cap-and-Trade Funds

Join state agency presenters, the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for a webinar being held on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon to help local governments apply for a portion of up to \$120 million in Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program funds. *For more, see Page 2.*



Feb. 10 Hearing Planned on Water Bond Implementation

The Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife will be holding an oversight hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 10 to discuss the implementation of Proposition 1 (2014), the Water Bond. The hearing will commence after a 9:30 a.m. bill hearing and will cover background on the bond, state entities with proposed Prop. 1 funding and stakeholder recommendations. More information can be found on the [committee webpage](#).

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Wrapping up the conference, Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego) announced a proposal to increase transportation investment by \$2 billion annually. The Assembly proposal would impose a Road User Fee (not to be confused with the Road Usage Charge demonstration project meant to replace the gas tax) to:

- \$1 billion per year by returning truck Weight Fees to transportation instead of using them to repay general obligation debt;
- \$200 million per year for transportation funding by accelerating repayment of transportation loans; and
- \$800 million per year in new net funds for transportation.

There have been several proposals to shift weight fees back to pay-as-you-go projects in the past. Those projects were unable to garner support from Governor Brown's Administration because they had a \$1 billion impact to the state's General Fund. Speaker Atkins answers that concern by designating a funding source.

Cities may remember that they have not been traditional recipients of weights fees. However, several recent proposals have included requirements for cities and counties to receive part of the funding. Details regarding allocations are not yet available for Speaker Atkins proposal, but the League will be following up with her office to begin that discussion.

Several other speakers also made comments that may be of interest to cities:

- Senator Jim Beall, chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, said that funding must be the priority. He stressed that while we are in a period of transition on how transportation is paid for, it is not feasible to wait four to five years for those changes to be in place. California, he believes, must act now to avoid even higher taxes and fees in the future. With any increase in funding, California must also implement accountability measures for Caltrans and other agencies using transportation funding. Sen. Beall said that if these two steps are not quickly taken, California's basic economy is threatened.
- Assembly Member Frazier, chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee said that the transportation community has lost its focus, and that voters have lost their faith as a result. He called on the transportation community and the state to give CalTrans a clear and achievable objective, fund that objective, and get out of the way.
- Gregory Nadeau, acting administrator of the Federal Highway Administration discussed the need for the next federal transportation reauthorization to include additional investments. He also noted that US Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx was recently in California to share his vision of the next 30 years in transportation and his new initiative Beyond Transportation 2045. Through the initiative he invites the public to have a discussion about what the transportation system should look like in 30 years.
- Several speakers discussed the benefits and disadvantages of self-help counties. There are currently 20 counties in California that have local transportation measures. Successful campaigns point to the fact that local measures deliver on their promises, something the state needs to work on. However, speakers were concerned about an over-reliance on local measures because there are some areas of the state that will never support tax increases. An over-reliance will lead to a transportation system of the "haves" and "have-nots."

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Webinar speakers include:

- Allison Joe, deputy director, Strategic Growth Council;
- Eugene Lee, section chief, Division of Financial Assistance, Department of Housing and Community Development; and
- Jennifer Seeger, housing policy manager, Department of Housing and Community Development.

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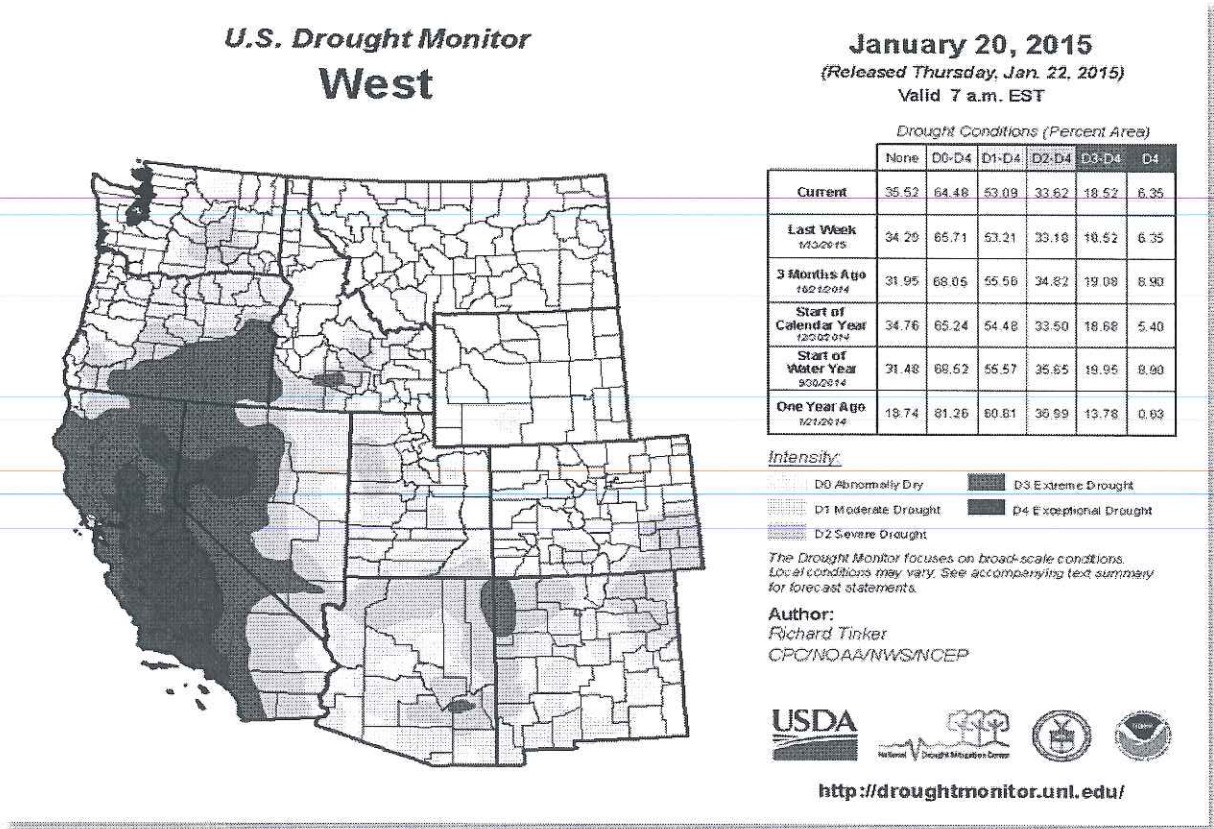
Please register [online](#) for this webinar no later than Feb. 9. Cost to participate is free for League and CSAC members and partners; \$100 for non-members. For registration questions, please contact [Megan Dunn](#). Registrants should use their agency email address when registering for the webinar in order to avoid a charge.

Cities Encouraged to Complete National League of Cities Survey to Improve Water Infrastructure and Policy

The recent droughts in many parts of the Western United States have raised the importance of local water policy and the urgent need to improve water infrastructure. The National League of Cities (NLC), in partnership with the American Water Works Association, the Walton Family Foundation, and WaterNow, is gathering information about how municipal leaders interact with their local water service providers.

If you have any involvement or interest in your local water policy, please take a few minutes to [complete this survey](#).

Your response will help NLC and its partners better understand the level of knowledge and engagement among municipal leaders, at any level of expertise. The information gathered will help create new programs and resources that are more useful in your city and strengthen NLC's advocacy efforts in Washington, D.C.



If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Cooper Martin](#), program director of the Sustainable Cities Institute. NLC would like to thank cities for participating in this survey.