

**City of Garden Grove**  
**WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO**  
**January 11, 2024**

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council      FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager  
Members

**I. DEPARTMENT ITEMS**

A. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public hearing notice is attached for items to be heard at the January 23, 2024 Council Meeting.

B. CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

List of Records Requests for December 2023.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

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

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim  
City Manager

**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER, 11300 STANFORD AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ALL EVIDENCE AND REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE MATTER DESCRIBED BELOW:

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**EXTENSION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2949 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT CENTERS**

The City Council of the City of Garden Grove will consider the adoption of an urgency interim ordinance extending Urgency Ordinance No. 2949 imposing a moratorium on the approval or establishment of substance abuse treatment centers. The principal purpose of Urgency Ordinance No. 2949 is to prohibit any new such uses pending a full and complete zoning study leading to appropriate zoning regulations applicable to these uses.

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ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above, on **January 23, 2024**. If you challenge the application in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing. Further information on the above may be obtained at the Planning Services Division, City Hall, 11222 Acacia Parkway, or by telephone at (714) 741-5312.

DATE: January 10, 2024  
PUBLISH: January 12, 2024

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To: Lisa L. Kim  
From: Teresa Pomeroy  
Dept: City Manager  
Dept: City Clerk  
Subject: RECORDS REQUESTS  
Date: January 11, 2024

OBJECTIVE

To provide the month of December 2023 list of Records Requests.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The attached list is a summary of records requests received by the City Clerk's Office that were processed through the month of December 2023. The list provides the Request number, the date received, the request, the department the request was assigned, and the date the request was closed. Sensitive information and the names of requesters are not included. For those requests that are not assigned, e.g., information that is readily available on the City's website, the Records Coordinator provides the links and closes the request; for requests that have not yet been closed, the request is in process. Statistics are available for review on the City's website at [https://ggcity.org/records\\_request/](https://ggcity.org/records_request/)

SUMMARY

This memo is for information.

Teresa Pomeroy  
City Clerk



By: Amanda Pollock  
Records Coordinator

Attachment

# Montly Requests Log

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
8956	11/30/23	Fulcrum is requesting all available historical building permit records for the address 9872-9876 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92844		12/14/23	12/04/23
8957	11/30/23	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings: November 2023  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	12/14/23	12/08/23
8960	12/01/23	Requesting files related to Fire, Demo, CUPA, LUST, and hazardous materials. Records pertaining to UST/AST treatment, storage, disposal, leaks, spills, cleanups, and releases of hazardous substances and petroleum products. In addition to fire code...		12/14/23	12/04/23
8961	12/01/23	Requesting files related to Fire, Demo, CUPA, LUST, and hazardous materials. Records pertaining to UST/AST treatment, storage, disposal, leaks, spills, cleanups, and releases of hazardous substances and petroleum products. In addition to fire code...	City Manager Public Works	12/14/23	12/08/23
8962	12/01/23	We are doing an environmental site assessment on the property and would like to know if there are any records in regards to underground/aboveground storage tanks, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, septic tanks, and/or any clarifiers on the pro...	City Manager Public Works	12/14/23	12/08/23
8964	12/04/23	I would like to request a listing of new businesses that filed in your jurisdiction for the time period of 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2023. The information should include at a minimum the BUSINESS NAME and BUSINESS ADDRESS, but other details such as the d...	Finance	12/14/23	12/04/23
8965	12/04/23	How much money does the city take in from nonprofit fireworks sales each year? Please provide all documents associated with this	Finance	12/14/23	12/08/23
8966	12/05/23	can i get the new business listing for November in excel, thankyou		12/15/23	12/05/23

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8967	12/05/23	<p>AEC is performing a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on the property located at:            Garden Grove Plaza            13802-13922 Brookhurst Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843            APN: 099-344-13</p> <p>AEC is requesting the following records:            Building Department: C...</p>	Public Works City Manager	12/15/23	12/13/23
8968	12/05/23	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am requesting a copy of all as-builts records for sewer lines on Garden Grove Blvd from Hoover St to Beach Blvd.</p> <p>Thank you</p>		12/15/23	12/05/23
8969	12/05/23	<p>Dear City of Garden Grove,</p> <p>I am requesting electronic records in possession or control of the city pursuant to the California Public Records Act, California Government Code § 7920.000 et seq. ("CPRA"), and Article I, § 3(b) of the California Co...</p>	Information Technology	12/18/23	12/19/23
8970	12/06/23	<p>There is a roach infestation in my apartment complex. And the landlord has acknowledged the issue but refused to do anything for more than 5 years now. It has become so bad that roaches can be seen everywhere within the apartment, and they crawl a...</p>		12/16/23	12/08/23
8971	12/07/23	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please provide all documents/correspondences that can be shared, regarding code enforcements for the property below:</p> <p>15202 STARBOARD ST, GARDEN GROVE</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Community Development	01/09/24	01/09/24
8972	12/08/23	<p>I am requesting a copy of Planning Commission Resolution No. 5720 (approving Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-303-10), adopted December 16, 2010, including "Exhibit A" (conditions of approval) to the Resolution.</p>	Community Development	12/18/23	12/13/23

#	Submitted	Request	Department	Due	Closed
8973	12/08/23	Sewer System Rehabilitation Plan Phase I Sewer Main Lining and Spot Repair Projects 5 & 6  I'm with ConstructConnect. I am writing to ask for the awarded contractor and awarded amount for the above project. I would also like to know the antici...	Public Works	12/18/23	12/08/23
8974	12/09/23	Hi, I am a designer, i need a building record for the property at 12281 Chase Street, garden grove		12/21/23	12/11/23
8975	12/11/23	I'm requesting copy of the blueprints that shows the plumbing drawings for apartment building located 12131 Chapman Ave, Garden Grove, 92840. Reason for the request is for repiping underground plumbing.		12/21/23	12/11/23
8976	12/12/23	Subject 15 Properties; 12131-12222 Tamerlane Drive Requesting email copies of the following: 1. OPEN Building and/or Code Enforcement violaions 2. Original Certificates of Occupancy 3. Planning Department or Zoning concerns or issues		12/22/23	12/13/23
8977	12/12/23	Building drawings (architectural, structural, civil, electrical, plumbing, fire) for 7422 Chapman Ave.		01/02/24	12/13/23
8978	12/12/23	Uncashed Check Listing	Finance	01/02/24	01/02/24
8979	12/12/23	Hello, I am working with the home owner at 11942 Roxbury Road. We would like to request any existing drawings you have on file for this residential property. Please let me know if these can be emailed directly to me or if we will need to come in ...		12/23/23	12/13/23
8980	12/12/23	Notices of violation, hazardous materials business plans/permits, underground storage tank permits, environmental documents for 5802 Santa Catalina Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92845.	Public Works City Manager	01/02/24	12/13/23
8982	12/14/23	Hi, I'm the property owner at 8932 Dakota Ave GG and would like to request a copy of the approval plans and revision plans refer to Permit#21-1876 and for the revision plans 2022-414 (garage converted to ADU). Unfortunately, our previous contracto...		12/24/23	12/14/23

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8983	12/14/23	Hello - I am looking to pull all existing landscape maintenance contracts / contract price for the current company. I would also like to request the bid tabulation sheets that were for the RFP process for those contracts that include who bid it an...	Finance	01/02/24	01/03/24
8984	12/14/23	For Orchard Grove at 12222 Tamerlane Drive, Garden Grove, CA:  1.) Any available approval documents: variance, special use permit, planned development docs, site-specific resolution/conditions of approval 2.) Available copies of Certificate of...		12/24/23	12/14/23
8985	12/16/23	I am requesting a list of all residential properties in your district that have had their water shut off for 60 consecutive days. I only need the property addresses. I do not want any customer information or the reason for shut off. I authorize yo...	Finance	01/09/24	01/02/24
8986	12/16/23	I am requesting a list of all residential properties in your district that have had their water shut off for 60 consecutive days. I only need the property addresses. I do not want any customer information or the reason for shut off. I authorize yo...		01/02/24	12/18/23
8987	12/16/23	Need to find out if the apartment I recently moved into was actually deemed habitable. Address: 12601 Kensington Ln Unit 2, Garden Grove, CA 92840	Community Development	01/09/24	01/02/24
8988	12/18/23	We would like to request copies of documents listed below from the City of Graden Grove Water Services Division and will pay applicable, reasonable copying charges for the requested documents upon request from the City. The documents requested ar...	Public Works	01/30/24	
8989	12/18/23	Hello,  I would like to request a copy of the architectural blueprint for the ADU at 12585 Merrill St. The owner would like to install a separate water meter at the property and was told by the city they need to provide the architectural bluep...	Community Development	01/09/24	01/08/24
8990	12/19/23	Please provide all permits and code enforcement violations from 1957 to present for 13321 Blackbird Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843-2842 APN: 101-433-32	Community Development	01/09/24	01/08/24

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8991	12/19/23	I am requesting the Bid Results for project: Sewer System Rehabilitation Plan Phase I Sewer Main Replacement Project NO. 4 Project NO. CP 1329000 Please email Bid results to joev4vasiljinc@gmail.com		12/20/23	12/19/23
8992	12/20/23	Plan check no. for farm block plans: 2018-820, 821 need to request paper documents.	Community Development	01/24/24	01/11/24
8993	12/20/23	Please email us a copy of the bid docs (including bid bond) for Ramona Inc (the apparent low bidder) on Project No. CP 1329000 Sewer System Rehabilitation Plan Phase 1, Sewer Main Replacement Project No. 4 which bid 12/19/23 @ 11: AM. Please email...	Public Works	01/10/24	01/10/24
8994	12/20/23	Building Permits and Certificate of Occupancy for 12211, 12201, 12181, 12171, 12161, 12141, 12131, 12132, 12142, 12162, 12172, 12182, 12202, 12212, 12222 Tamerlane Drive, Garden Grove, CA		01/10/24	12/21/23
8995	12/20/23	12422 Valley View St, Garden Grove, CA EBI project 1123006231 EBI Consulting (EBI) is conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) at the above-referenced Subject Property. As part of the ESA process, I would like to request access...	Public Works	01/10/24	01/10/24
8996	12/22/23	Hello, Please provide all records regarding code violations for the following address.  11421 Woodbury Rd, Garden Grove, CA 92843  Thank you.	Community Development	01/11/24	01/11/24
8997	12/22/23	Hello, I would like to know/ have the blue prints. Specifically for property line of address of 10272 w. Chapman ave garden grove, CA 92840		01/11/24	12/22/23
8998	12/23/23	Please email as PDF: New Business License Listings December 2023  Bus. name, phone number, owner's name, & any home based, where possible	Finance	01/15/24	01/03/24
8999	12/27/23	Sewer System Rehabilitation Plan Phase 1 Sewer Main Replacement Project No. 4 - CP1329000  I'm with ConstructConnect. I am writing to request a copy of the bid tabulation for the above project, and if available, the awarded contractor. I would...	Public Works	01/15/24	01/03/24



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9000	12/28/23	I need to get the square footage of each and all buildings with occupancy certification on the Christ Cathedral campus on 13280 Chapman Ave. Garden Grove, CA 92840. Buildings SF requested: Main Cathedral, large Gallery, Small Gallery, Hope Tower,...		01/15/24	01/02/24
9001	12/28/23	We would like copies of any and all building permits, inspection records, code enforcement records/violations, & certificate of occupancy for 12681 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, California, 92840. Please include all range of addresses. As well as an...		01/15/24	01/02/24
9002	12/28/23	As-built drawings of sewer improvements in the Garden Grove Superstore area on Westminster Ave and Brookhurst St.		01/15/24	01/02/24

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# **SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS**



# Post Performance

January 4, 2024 - January 10, 2024

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

**Included in this Report**

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 Garden Grove City Hall

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Wed 1/10/2024 4:45 pm PST

#DYK the Winter 2023/Spring 2024 Connections is now available online at [ggcity.org/residents](http://ggcity.org/residents) !? Featured article...



Impressions	—
Potential Reach	<b>4,703</b>
Engagements	—
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	—



Garden Grove City Hall

Wed 1/10/2024 4:45 pm PST

#DYK the Winter 2023/Spring 2024 Connections is now available online !? Learn how #GardenGrove is focusing on...



Impressions	<b>395</b>
Reach	<b>395</b>
Engagements	<b>17</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>4.3%</b>



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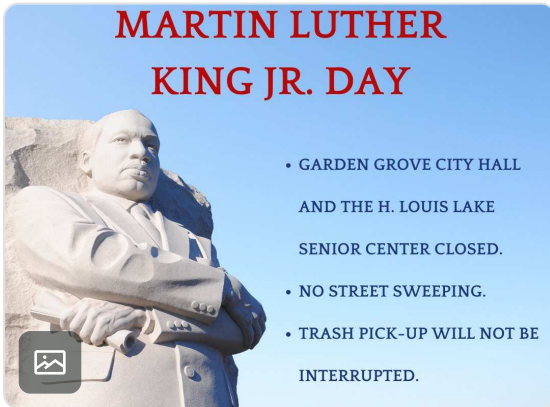
Impressions	<b>1,144</b>
Reach	<b>1,088</b>
Engagements	<b>60</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>5.2%</b>



@CityGardenGrove

Tue 1/9/2024 12:15 pm PST

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed o...



Impressions	92
Potential Reach	4,704
Engagements	0
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	0%



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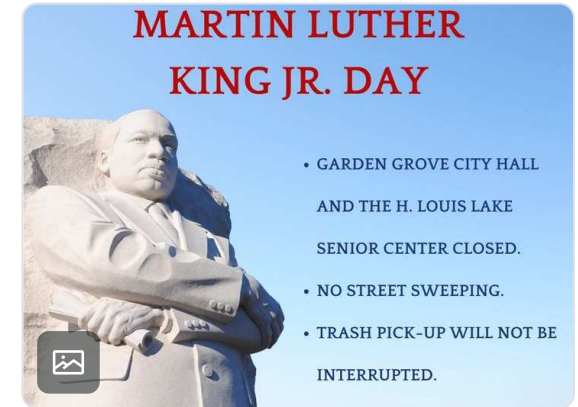
Impressions	689
Reach	667
Engagements	16
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.3%



Garden Grove City Hall

Tue 1/9/2024 12:15 pm PST

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Impressions	372
Reach	368
Engagements	8
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	2.2%



@CityGardenGrove

Mon 1/8/2024 3:57 pm PST

🇰🇷 Student Exchange Program Brings 10 South Korean High School Students to Garden Grove 🇺🇸 [i](#) ...



Impressions	178
Potential Reach	4,705
Engagements	17
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	9.6%



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Mon 1/8/2024 3:53 pm PST

🇰🇷 Student Exchange Program Brings 10 South Korean High School Students to Garden Grove 🇺🇸 On Saturday, Janua...



Impressions	3,018
Reach	2,525
Engagements	247
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	8.2%



Garden Grove City Hall

Mon 1/8/2024 3:38 pm PST

🇰🇷 Student Exchange Program Brings 10 South Korean High School Students to Garden Grove 🇺🇸 On Saturday, Janua...



Impressions	1,008
Reach	1,008
Engagements	157
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	15.6%



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Fri 1/5/2024 3:24 pm PST

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<b>January 27</b> Pacifica High School 6851 Lampson Avenue	<b>March 16</b> Skylark Elementary 11250 Mac Murray Street
<b>May 11</b> Garden Grove Park 9301 Westminster Avenue <small>*Paper shredding opportunity.</small>	<b>July 20</b> Ralston Intermediate 10851 Lampson Avenue
<b>September 14</b> H. Louis Lake Senior Center 11300 Stanford Avenue	<b>November 9</b> Garden Grove Municipal Service Center 13802 Newhope Street

Dates and locations are subject to change. Check the City's website and social media regularly.



Impressions	<b>1,678</b>
Reach	<b>1,567</b>
Engagements	<b>59</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>3.5%</b>



**@CityGardenGrove**

Fri 1/5/2024 3:20 pm PST

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Impressions	<b>210</b>
Potential Reach	<b>5,099</b>
Engagements	<b>17</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>8.1%</b>



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Fri 1/5/2024 3:16 pm PST

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Impressions	<b>3,131</b>
Reach	<b>3,094</b>
Engagements	<b>216</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>6.9%</b>





**Garden Grove City Hall**

Thu 1/4/2024 4:33 pm PST

🌲♻️ Just a friendly reminder, through Friday, January 12, Republic Services will collect your holiday tree during your...



Impressions	<b>1,731</b>
Reach	<b>1,668</b>
Engagements	<b>38</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>2.2%</b>




# Post Performance

January 4, 2024 - January 10, 2024

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**Included in this Report**

 Garden Grove Police Department

 **Garden Grove Police Depa...**  
 Fri 1/5/2024 3:02 pm PST

During the New Year weekend,  
 #GardenGrovePD responded to several  
 reports of car and motorcycle meets in...



Video Views	<b>1,664</b>
Impressions	<b>2,592</b>
Reach	<b>2,514</b>
Engagements	<b>330</b>
Engagement Rate (per Impression)	<b>12.7%</b>

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# **NEWS ARTICLES**



CONTACT: Mark Ladney  
Public Works Department  
(714) 741-5372/[markla@ggcity.org](mailto:markla@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Friday, January 5, 2024



## **CITY HOSTS FREE BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF SITES BEGINNING JANUARY 27**

The City of Garden Grove and Garden Grove Sanitary District, in collaboration with Republic Services, will host a series of community cleanup days, offering residents the opportunity to dispose of bulky items for free. The first of six events will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Pacifica High School, located at 6851 Lampson Avenue.

Residents may bring unwanted bulky items, such as non-refrigerant appliances, furniture, mattresses, and carpets. Electronic waste, including printers, computers, and televisions, and green waste, such as leaves and lawn clippings are also accepted. This will be a self-service event in which residents will be unloading their own items, on a first-come, first-served basis, until bins are full.

Items not accepted include hazardous waste, batteries, LED lights, refrigerators, freezers, AC units, concrete, dirt, and tires.

Cleanup days will be held at various locations throughout the city, every other month, with the next event scheduled on Saturday, March 16, 2024, at Skylark Elementary, at 11250 Mac Murray Street.

Republic Services also provides special collections of bulky items at no charge for single- and multi-family residents. To schedule a pickup, call (714) 238-2444.

For more information, visit [ggcity.org/cleanup-days](http://ggcity.org/cleanup-days).



CONTACT: Ana Pulido  
Public Information Officer  
(714) 741-5280/[anap@ggcity.org](mailto:anap@ggcity.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

Follow the City of Garden Grove on Social Media

Monday, January 8, 2024



**STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM BRINGS 10 SOUTH KOREAN  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GARDEN GROVE**

The City of Garden Grove is pleased to welcome 10 high school students from Anyang, Republic of Korea, as part of the Sister City Association of Garden Grove's Student Exchange Program. The students will arrive on Saturday, January 20, 2024 to begin a 9-day stay in Garden Grove with local host families.

During their stay, the students will meet Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and the Garden Grove City Council, tour Garden Grove Unified School District high schools, and visit areas of interest in Orange County and Los Angeles.

Anyang students will also be honored with a Community Spotlight at the regular Garden Grove City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

During Garden Grove Unified School District's 2024 spring recess, 10 Garden Grove Unified School District high school students will visit Anyang and stay with host families, experiencing Korean culture first-hand.

Promoting cultural understanding and appreciation through education and travel, the Student Exchange Program helps bridge the gap between Garden Grove and its sister city, Anyang, Republic of Korea, while highlighting the unique aspects of Garden Grove. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Student Exchange Program has not been held since 2019.

For more information, visit [ggsistercity.org](http://ggsistercity.org) or email [ggsistercity@gmail.com](mailto:ggsistercity@gmail.com).



# CITY OF GARDEN GROVE NEWS

CONTACT: Karissa Yniguez  
Public Works Department  
(714) 741-5382/[karissay@ggcity.org](mailto:karissay@ggcity.org)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Public Information Office (714) 741-5280

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024



## **CITY HALL CLOSED, NO STREET SWEEPING ON MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

In observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday, Garden Grove City Hall and the H. Louis Lake Senior Center will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024.

Street sweeping services will not be provided on the holiday, and will resume the next day. Trash pick-up will not be interrupted.

For more information on street sweeping, please call (714) 741-5382.

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## **City council will honor GGUSD**

January 3, 2024



Sometimes one government agency takes some time to salute another.

At its first meeting of 2024, the Garden Grove City Council on Tuesday will devote its Community Spotlight to recognize the Garden Grove Unified School District for its accomplishments in 2023.

The GGUSD serves most of Garden Grove and parts of Anaheim, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, Stanton and Westminster.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a written request from West Garden Grove Youth Baseball for co-sponsorship of the 2024 Opening Day parade at a cost of \$6,550.

Additionally there's consideration of a written request from Little Saigon TV to extend the operating hours and make an exception to the city's noise ordinance on Friday, Feb. 9 at the Garden Amp facility in the Village Green on Main Street.

Little Saigon TV will be renting the Garden Amp for a Lunar New Year's Eve broadcasted is requesting to extend the permitted operating hours from 10 p.m. to 12:15 a.m (Sunday) and permit higher noise thresholds after 10 p.m.

The city council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

# City coffers are full ... for now

January 10, 2024



The finances of the City of Garden Grove are strong but there are some warning signs on the horizon.

At Tuesday's meeting of the city council, Finance Director Patricia Song reported that the city had a banner year.

"The audited financials show that for fiscal year 2022-2023 the city had a positive operating result of \$47.3 million due to ... higher tax revenues and increase in investment income," according to Song.

That's an increase of \$10.3 million over the year before.

However, good times may not last forever. While income is projected to exceed expenses at least through the 2027-28 fiscal year, costs are expected to rise at a rate when they will eventually exceed income.

For 2023-2024 (the current year) general fund income over expenses is projected to be \$175.4 million to \$168.8 million. That gap narrows annually until income exceeds expenses by only about \$400,00 in 2026-27 and declines to \$200,000 in 2027-8.

The solution, according to city officials, is to pursue community and economic development to bring in more income and improve infrastructure.

### **Taylor Swift fans 'Shake It Off' in Garden Grove Swifties from all over Southern California united at Garden Amp in Garden Grove on Saturday, Jan. 6.**

*January 7, 2024*



Taylor Swift fans from all over Southern California celebrated the beloved megastar at Garden Amp in Garden Grove during a special tribute evening on Saturday, Jan. 6.

The crowd sang and danced along to Swift's hits courtesy of tribute act Taylor Nation, including tracks several from her ongoing The Eras Tour, a cultural phenomenon so intriguing it has inspired full college courses to study it and publications have hired dedicated staff to cover Swift's every move.

Daniel Park, promoter and talent buyer at Garden Amp, said in a previous interview that the event was booked more specifically for the Southern California Swifties that weren't able to get a hold of or afford the tickets for Swift's The Eras Tour when it hit SoFi Stadium in Inglewood for six sold-out evenings back in August.

Though Swift also released the "Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour" concert film in theaters back in October and it was made available on demand in December, those experiences didn't include the live concert element that created the special moments and bonds between strangers that suddenly became friends by swapping friendship bracelets and singing loudly to each and every song.

## **TP Garden Grove mở các lớp huấn luyện miễn phí để phòng chống thiên tai**

January 1, 2024

Đội CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) của Thành phố sẽ có một lớp huấn luyện kéo dài 20 tiếng miễn phí cho cư dân cộng đồng, giúp chuẩn bị những kỹ năng nếu có thiên tai xảy ra.

Chương trình sẽ huấn luyện trong ngày cuối tuần, trong thời gian 2 tuần lễ, bắt đầu từ các ngày Thứ Năm, 8, 15 và 22 tháng Hai; và vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 24 Tháng Hai. Các lớp học diễn ra vào Thứ Năm từ 6:00 giờ tối đến 9:00 giờ tối; và Thứ Bảy từ 9:00 giờ sáng đến 1:00 giờ trưa. Địa điểm sẽ được thông báo sau khi ghi danh. Để ghi danh vào chương trình, xin coi tại website [ggcity.org/cert](http://ggcity.org/cert) hoặc gửi email về [Imorin@ggcity.org](mailto:Imorin@ggcity.org).

Huấn luyện sẽ bao gồm các kỹ năng ứng phó cơ bản, chẳng hạn như an toàn hỏa hoạn, tìm kiếm và cứu hộ bằng ánh sáng, sơ cứu nếu gặp tai nạn, và sơ cứu căn bản.

Sau khi hoàn thành chương trình kéo dài 20 giờ, những người tham gia sẽ được công nhận là sinh viên tốt nghiệp chương trình và được tuyên thệ. Học viên sẽ được cấp chứng chỉ hoàn thành; chứng chỉ và áo T-shirt CERT.

Những ai muốn tham gia CERT phải trên 18 tuổi (từ 14 tuổi trở lên có thể đi cùng người lớn), sống hoặc làm việc tại Garden Grove.

Chỗ có giới hạn. Để ghi danh, vui lòng truy cập [ggcity.org/cert](http://ggcity.org/cert).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**  
**January 11, 2024**

1. Calendar of Events
2. Notice of cancellation of the January 18, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission meeting.
3. Notice of cancellation of the January 11, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from January 5, 2024 to January 11, 2024.
5. SCAG Regional Council Newsletter January 2024.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 11, 2024 – February 23, 2024

Thursday	January 11	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC Downtown Commission Meeting, CMC Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Friday	January 12		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Monday	January 15		City Hall Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Thursday	January 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC <b>CANCELLED</b>
Tuesday	January 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	January 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	January 26		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Saturday	January 27	9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Community Cleanup Day, Pacifica High School 6851 Lampson Ave.
Thursday	February 1	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Thursday	February 8	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Friday	February 9		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	February 13	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	February 15	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Monday	February 19		City Hall Closed – President’s Day
Friday	February 23		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure



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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**  
**OF THE**  
**GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**JANUARY 18, 2024**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: January 11, 2024

JOSH LINDSAY  
CHAIR



**GARDEN GROVE**

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**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
OF THE  
GARDEN GROVE  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Zoning Administrator scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, is hereby cancelled.

DATED: December 21, 2023

DAVID DENT  
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR





# Newsom's budget proposal maintains most funding commitments, with housing and climate among the exceptions

Jan 10, 2024

*By Cal Cities Staff*

If there are two things Gov. Gavin Newsom wants everyone to take away from this year's \$291.5 billion budget proposal, it's "accountability and stretching those tax dollars." The proposal avoids deep cuts to most programs through a combination of reductions, borrowing, delays, deferrals, and shifts. Climate change and housing received the largest cuts, with existing spending largely maintained in other areas.

Newsom also said the magic word: ongoing. Last week, the League of California Cities called on lawmakers to honor previous funding commitments and create an ongoing funding stream to increase affordable housing and reduce homelessness. Although the latter was noticeably absent, Newsom did not claw back any current commitments on homelessness and acknowledged that conversations about ongoing funding are in play. He also underscored the need for [strong state-local partnerships](#).

"We welcome the Governor's commitment to working closely with the Legislature on additional, ongoing funding to support local governments' response to the homelessness crisis," [said Carolyn Coleman, Cal Cities executive director and CEO](#).

"However, we can't afford to defer or delay the urgent need to put a roof over the heads of all Californians. That's why we are concerned about the roughly \$1 billion in proposed cuts to key housing programs."

The budget proposal is the first step in a lengthy series of negotiations over many months. Complicating this year's negotiations is what the Newsom Administration attributed to a difference in opinion about the state's short-term economic outlook. The Governor is projecting a \$38 billion deficit — far less than the [Legislative Analysts Office \(LAO\) predicted](#).

For its part, the LAO told [KCRA reporter Ashley Zavala](#) that while they are "generally in agreement." However, given that both offices are talking about predicted revenues, "both are almost certain to be wrong to some extent."

Keep reading for an analysis of major funding cuts, allocations, and policy proposals.

*-Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

Revenue and Taxation

Unsurprisingly, the Governor spent the lion's share of his presentation on the budget deficit. Last year's budget forecasted a \$14 billion deficit for fiscal year 2024-25. In

December, the LAO reported that revenues were [well below prior estimates](#), leading to a long-term budget deficit projection of \$68 billion.

The Governor's January budget proposal falls in between those numbers, with Newsom predicting a \$37.86 billion shortfall. According to the Governor, this difference boils down to Prop. 98 savings, workload reductions, new revenues, and "less pessimism" about the near future.

This substantial budget deficit is mostly due to extraordinary prior-year revenue shortfalls. The federal government extended tax filing deadlines multiple times last year in response to extreme winter storms, and California followed suit. As a result, the complete picture of 2022-23 tax collections became clear only after the fiscal year closed and the previous year's budget had passed.

The Governor's proposed budget draws \$13.1 billion from the state's reserve accounts, which the Administration described as an appropriate tool to help balance the deficit. The rest of the shortfall is balanced with \$8.5 billion in reductions, \$5.7 billion in internal borrowing, \$5.1 billion in delays, \$3.4 billion in fund shifts, and \$2.1 billion in deferrals. The Governor's proposed budget maintains \$18.4 billion in budgetary reserves.

This is just the opening salvo in the budget debate. While the current proposal avoids any raids on city coffers, Cal Cities will fight any attempt to backfill the state's budget using local revenue streams that provide essential local services.

- Ben Triffo, *legislative affairs lobbyist*

## Environmental Quality

If there is one clear loser from Gov. Gavin Newsom's budget proposal, it's climate programs. Although the proposed budget maintains noteworthy investments, it also contains substantial reductions and shifts in funding that will impact cities.

The budget still maintains 89% of the \$54 billion (\$48.3 billion) dedicated over five years. However, this proposal increases that timeline to seven years. The proposal also includes \$2.9 billion in reductions, \$1.9 billion in delays of expenditures to future years, and \$1.8 billion in shifts to other funds (primarily the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) for climate-related programs.

These cuts are worrying. Throughout the state, cities are working hard to mitigate and prepare for the impacts of climate change, which are occurring at greater magnitudes and frequencies. The state needs to accelerate its efforts to prepare, not pull back — especially in vulnerable and under-resourced communities.

Below is a breakdown of the major program adjustments proposed in the state budget.

- **Water and Drought Resilience:** Reduces funding by \$1.4 billion from \$8.7 billion in the previous budget to \$7.3 billion committed over multiple years. The largest

reversion is the \$88.4 million General Fund and a reduction of \$350 million over the next two years for various watershed climate resilience programs.

- **Coastal Resilience:** Reduces funding for coastal resilience by \$640 million — from \$1.3 billion over multiple years in the previous budget to \$660 million over multiple years. The largest reduction is a reversion of \$220.9 million for Sea Level Rise activities.
- **Energy:** \$944 million in reductions and \$505 million in delays across funding for various energy-related programs. The budget maintains approximately \$6.6 billion of the previously planned energy investments, including the proposed \$1 billion for the Clean Energy Reliability Investment Plan. However, approximately \$400 million will be delayed this year, with the remaining amount set to be pushed back beginning in 2025-26 and continuing over the next three years.
- **Climate Innovation:** A reduction of the planned investment of \$475 million General Fund in the Climate Innovation Program beginning in 2024-25.
- **Extreme Heat:** Maintains 56% of the total funds allocated in the previous year for extreme heat, down to \$364 million. As in the last budget, the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program had the largest reductions, with a net reduction of \$40.1 million this year.
- **Forests and Wildfires:** Maintains most of the previously available \$2.8 billion in funding from last year, with a reversion of \$100.7 million General Fund for various wildfire programs and an increased funding timeline from 4 years to 5 years. The largest reductions were to the Biomass to Hydrogen/Biofuels pilot (\$43.5 million), Conservancy Project Implementation in High-Risk Regions (\$27.7 million), and the Home Hardening Pilot (\$12 million).
- **Flood Relief:** \$93.9 million one-time from the General Fund to support critical flood safety efforts. The budget also includes \$159.1 million in new investments to support flood protection, levee repair, and the Salton Sea restoration.

- Zack Cefalu, *legislative affairs analyst*

## Public Safety

Many cities have seen a significant increase in retail theft, organized retail theft, and smash and grabs. The Governor's proposed budget maintains existing efforts to reverse this trend, for a total of \$373.5 million over four years starting in 2022-2023. This includes resources for the California Highway Patrol's retail theft task forces and local law enforcement.

Other notable budget proposals include more funding to combat fentanyl, as well as some delays in programs and changes to various fire protection programs. Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's January budget:

- **Retail Theft:** While not specifically listed in the proposed budget, the Governor did reference his [legislative proposals to address retail theft](#).
- **Fentanyl/Opioids:** An increase of \$30 million General Fund to further expand the California Military Department's existing drug interdiction efforts to prevent drug trafficking by transnational criminal organizations throughout the state, with a particular focus on helping federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

- **Cannabis:** A proposed budgetary loan of \$100 million from the Cannabis Tax Fund to the General Fund with funding not currently used for operational or programmatic purposes.
- **Wildfires:** Reversion of \$100.7 million General Fund in various wildfire programs. (See the Environmental Quality section for more information.)
- **Corrections Officers:** The proposed budget includes \$9.6 million General Fund savings in 2024-25, increasing to \$11.1 million ongoing. This reflects a reduction in administrative workload and positions associated with the four prison closures proposed in 2023-24.

#### **Other Public Safety Proposals:**

- **Adult Reentry Grant:** A one-year pause of \$57 million General Fund for the Adult Reentry Grant in 2024-25, with the 2024-25 funding reallocated across three years beginning in 2025-26 at \$19 million each year.
- **Firearm Relinquishment Programs:** Two General Fund reductions for programs that would otherwise have been administered in the current year: \$21 million for the Office of Emergency Services Gun Buyback Program and \$20 million (of the \$40 million appropriated) for the Judicial Council Firearm Relinquishment Grant Program.
- **Public Safety Radio Modernization:** An increase of \$6.4 million State Emergency Telephone Number Account to fund an additional 12 positions to continue implementing the California Radio Interoperable System, a statewide public safety radio system that dramatically improves interoperability.

- *Jolena Voorhis, legislative affairs lobbyist*

#### **Community Services**

Cities can breathe a sigh of relief — for now — when it comes to homelessness funding commitments made in prior budgets. However, while the budget does not propose cuts to these critical programs, it also does not include any new funding allocations. And as in previous years, Newsom reiterated his focus on working with the Legislature to increase oversight and accountability for how local governments utilize state homelessness funding.

Earlier this year, Cal Cities called on the state to both honor previous funding commitments and create [an ongoing, \\$3 billion funding stream](#) to increase affordable housing and reduce homelessness. The Newsom Administration did commit to working closely with lawmakers on additional funding to support local governments' response to the homeless crisis. Cal Cities will continue advocating for ongoing funding while emphasizing that accountability without support to expand or develop cities' capacity will not create meaningful change.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations, reductions, and policies announced in the Governor's January budget.

#### **Homelessness:**

- Maintains \$3.4 billion General Fund in 2023-24 to address homelessness, as committed to in prior budgets. This includes:
  - \$400 million for a third round of encampment resolution grants.
  - \$1 billion for a fifth round of Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention grants.

- Transitions several homelessness grant programs from the California Interagency Council on Homelessness to the Department of Housing and Community Development. This was detailed in last year's housing budget trailer bill, [AB 129 \(Committee on Budget\)](#).

#### **Behavioral Health:**

- Delays \$140.4 million General Fund from 2024-25 to 2025-26, for a total of \$380.7 million for the final round of grants for the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program.
- Delays \$80 million General Fund for the Bringing Families Home Program to 2025-26.
- Delays \$65 million General Fund for the Home Safe Program to 2025-26.
- Delays \$50 million General Fund for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program to 2025-26.
- Delays \$235 million General Fund for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing originally planned for 2024-25 to 2025-26.

#### **Child Care:**

- Maintains funding for subsidized child care slots and includes \$2.1 billion to fund roughly 146,000 new slots expected to be filled by 2024-25, with the goal of creating over 200,000 new slots by 2026-27.

#### **Parks and Open Space:**

- Reduces funding for Outdoor Equity Grants by \$25 million General Fund while also maintaining the \$90 million General Fund previously allocated for this program.

#### **Libraries:**

- Pulls back \$131.3 million one-time General Fund for the Local Library Infrastructure Grant Program and proposes to forgo planned one-time General Fund investments of \$33 million in 2024-25, \$33 million in 2025-26, and \$34 million in 2026-27.
- Pulls back \$34 million of the \$35 million provided to expand statewide library broadband services in isolated and under-served communities.

- *Caroline Grinder, legislative affairs lobbyist*

### [Housing, Community, and Economic Development](#)

The budget proposal contains several concerning cuts to key housing programs. However, the Governor is optimistic that the state can secure additional federal funding, streamline planning processes, and develop strategies for housing construction and adaptive reuse in infill areas to make up for lost funding. The over \$1.7 billion in cuts over the multiyear period include:

- **Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 (REAP 2.0):** A reversion of \$300 million.
- **Multifamily Housing Program:** A reversion of \$250 million, which leaves \$75 million for 2023-24.
- **Foreclosure Intervention Housing Preservation Program:** A reduction of \$247.5 million, which leaves \$85 million in 2024-25, \$100 million in 2025-26, and \$62.5 million in 2026-27.
- **Infill Infrastructure Grant Program:** A reversion of \$200 million, which leaves \$25 million in 2023-24.
- **CalHome Program:** A reversion of \$152.5 million.

- **Veteran Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program:** A reversion of \$50 million
- **Housing Navigators:** A reduction of \$13.7 million.
- **California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Program:** A reduction of \$494 million total. This is a pullback of \$300 million for each year from 2024-29 and a reversion of \$194 million for 2023-24.

Cal Cities' estimated housing cuts, which include reductions for the student housing program, are almost \$500 million higher than the Department of Finance's. There could also be delays in certain programs that impact local housing projects and incentives.

In terms of economic development, the Governor's budget aims to alleviate concerns about a near-term recession. The budget projects modest wage growth, personal income growth, historically low interest rates, and increased residential building permits in 2024. Some notable economic development allocations include:

- **California Competes Program:** Commits \$60 million to extend the California Competes grant program for one additional year.
- **Recapitalization of the Infrastructure State Revolving Fund:** A one-time increase of \$50 million to recapitalize the Infrastructure State Revolving Fund at the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (IBank).

Additional economic development allocations are in the Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations section.

- *Waleed Hojeij, legislative affairs analyst*

### Transportation, Communications, and Public Works

Using a combination of shifting and delaying funds, the Governor's budget proposal upholds many previous transportation commitments to the tune of \$13.6 billion. This includes \$791 million in funds shifted from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and \$3.1 billion in delays across various programs. The proposed budget also maintains \$10 billion — extended over seven years — in investments to further the transition to zero-emission vehicles.

Other notable highlights include \$54.3 million General Fund in Capital Outlay costs for various flood management system projects in the Central Valley, including \$31.3 million for Systemwide Flood Risk Reduction projects and \$23 million for the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program.

Below is a breakdown of major allocations and reductions announced in the Governor's January budget.

- **Transit and Rail:** Delays \$1 billion of formula Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program grant funding from 2024-25 to 2025-26 budget, leaving \$1 billion for this program in 2024-25.
- **High-Speed Rail:** \$4.2 billion Proposition 1A for the HSR Authority to continue building the 119-mile Central Valley Segment from Madera to just north of Bakersfield.

- **Infrastructure:** \$1.2 billion for projects that improve goods movement on rail and roadways at port terminals, including railyard expansions, new bridges, and zero-emission modernization projects.
  - **Active Transportation Program:** \$200 million reduction, leaving the program with \$850 million for clean transportation and mobility programs, such as pedestrian and bicycle pathways.
  - **ZEV Fueling Infrastructure:** Delays \$45 million from the General Fund for grants intended to support zero-emission vehicles.
- Damon Conklin, *legislative affairs lobbyist*

## Governance, Transparency, and Labor Relations

The Governor's budget contains investments aimed at improving worker health and safety programs, unemployment, paid family leave, and workers' compensation wait times. While the budget largely maintains workforce investments, it does propose several reductions and delays in funding for workforce training and apprenticeships.

Below are some related highlights proposed in the Governor's January budget.

### Information Technology System Upgrades and Modernizations

- **Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Loan Interest:** \$331 million one-time funding (\$231 million General Fund) to pay the annual interest payment on the state's Unemployment Insurance loan balance.
- **EDDNext:** \$326.8 million one-time in 2024-25 (\$163.4 million General Fund) to continue the planning and development of EDDNext, for the third year of a five-year plan to modernize the Employment Development Department (EDD).
- **Division of Workers' Compensation:** An increase of \$12.3 million Workers' Compensation Administration Revolving Fund and 71 positions phased in over three years for the Department of Industrial Relations to address increasing workload and reduce hearing wait times.
- **Workers' Compensation Appeals Board:** An increase of \$2.8 million Workers' Compensation Administration Revolving Fund and 13 positions phased in over three years to reduce the backlog at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.
- **Cal/OSHA Data Modernization:** An increase of \$25.2 million Labor and Workforce Development Fund one-time for the Department of Industrial Relations to continue the Cal/OSHA data modernization information technology project to upgrade outdated systems and processes.
- **Electronic Adjudication Management System:** An increase of \$22.1 million Workers Compensation Administration Revolving Fund one-time for the Department of Industrial Relations to continue the Electronic Adjudication Management System.
- **Rural Strategic Engagement Program:** An increase of approximately \$8.3 million Labor and Workforce Development Fund annually for three years for the Department of Industrial Relations and the Agricultural Labor Relations Board to educate rural workers on workplace rights.

### Workforce

- **California Jobs First (formerly the Community Economic Resilience Fund):** A delay of \$300 million General Fund for California Jobs First, an inter-agency partnership between the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, the Office of

Planning and Research, and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to support resilient, equitable, and sustainable regional economies. The budget includes \$100 million General Fund annually in 2024-25 through 2026-27 for this program.

- **High Road Training Partnerships:** A reduction of \$45 million General Fund in 2023-24 for the High Road Training Partnerships program at the California Workforce Development Board. The budget maintains \$90 million over two years for this program.
- **Apprenticeship Innovation Fund:** A delay of \$40 million General Fund to 2025-26 and 2026-27 (\$20 million each year) for the Apprenticeship Innovation Fund at the Department of Industrial Relations.
- **California Youth Apprenticeship Program:** A delay of \$25 million General Fund to 2025-26 for the California Youth Apprenticeship Program at the Department of Industrial Relations.
- **Emergency Medical Technician Training:** A reduction of \$10 million General Fund for the Emergency Medical Technician training program at EDD. The budget maintains \$30 million General Fund for this program over two years.
- **Women in Construction Unit:** A reduction of \$5 million General Fund ongoing for the Women in Construction Unit at the Department of Industrial Relations. The budget maintains \$10 million General Fund ongoing for this program.
- **Labor and Workforce Development Fund Loan:** A budgetary loan of \$125 million from the Labor and Workforce Development Fund to the General Fund is proposed from resources not currently projected for operational or programmatic purposes.

#### **State Unfunded Pension Liability**

- **State Employees' Retirement Contributions:** \$6.9 billion (\$3.5 billion General Fund) for the statutorily required annual state contribution to CalPERS for state pension costs in 2024-25.

- *Johnnie Pina, legislative affairs lobbyist*

#### **Next steps**

It will be several months before the budget is completely ironed out. Newsom has already signaled that many options are still on the table, including more cuts. Indeed, the numbers will likely shift again in his May proposal after Californians file their taxes.

Regardless of what happens, lawmakers must pass a balanced budget by June 15.





## Honoring homelessness funding is positive – but Cal Cities is concerned about cuts to housing programs in proposed 2024-25 State Budget

*Jan 10, 2024*

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Sacramento** — Following Gov. Gavin Newsom’s introduction of the 2024-25 State Budget, League of California Cities Executive Director and CEO Carolyn Coleman issued the statement below:

“The Governor’s proposed 2024-25 State Budget projects a statewide budget shortfall of \$37.9 billion. We are pleased that, as both the state and many cities face a budget deficit, the state is honoring previous commitments to shared state and local priorities. As the crisis of homelessness, affordable housing, mental health, and addiction has accelerated, cities have substantially stepped up their efforts and spending to support and protect their most vulnerable residents. We welcome the Governor’s commitment to working closely with the Legislature on additional, ongoing funding to support local governments’ response to the homelessness crisis.

However, we can’t afford to defer or delay putting roofs over the heads of all Californians. We are concerned about the roughly \$1 billion in proposed cuts to key housing programs. Cities stand firm in our call for an ongoing investment in affordable housing as an integral part of the solution to homelessness. Cities welcome a collaborative approach and partnership to delivering real solutions that serve all Californians as together we weather this economic uncertainty.”

*Established in 1898, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit statewide association that advocates for cities with the state and federal governments and provides education and training services to elected and appointed city officials.*



# CalRecycle unveils draft single-use plastic regulations

Jan 10, 2024

Cal Cities is holding a Jan. 22 roundtable on the draft regulations

*By Melissa Sparks-Kranz, legislative affairs lobbyist*

CalRecycle on Dec. 28 released the first formal draft of a new single-use packaging and plastic food ware regulation: [SB 54 \(Allen, 2022\)](#). The landmark law established an extended producer responsibility program to manage single-use plastics across every sector of the economy.

Formally known as the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, SB 54 is part of a multiyear effort to revamp the state's recycling program and shift the design of plastic and packaging materials. Under SB 54, plastic producers must ensure that packaging and plastic food ware sold in California is 100% recyclable or compostable by 2032.

[Extended producer responsibility](#) programs put the primary responsibility for managing products after their useful life on producers. Unlike private citizens or agencies, these entities can design and market products to be more easily reused or recycled and minimize negative impacts on public health and the environment at every stage of the product's lifecycle.

According to CalRecycle, California alone throws away about 290 Olympic-sized pools of plastic every day. These plastics break down into small fragments that enter our [water](#), food, and even air. Experts say it will likely take years to determine the full impact of these [microplastics](#) on human health.

The 45-day public comment period for SB 54 ends in mid-February. The League of California Cities is holding a Jan. 22 member [roundtable](#) on the draft regulations. The roundtable is an opportunity for members who work on, or have an interest in, plastic recycling to discuss the draft regulations and coordinate public comments submissions. City officials and staff should read the draft regulations in advance and be prepared to discuss the implications, anticipated costs, challenges, and other implementation factors of SB 54.

*For questions or more information about Cal Cities' ongoing work on SB 54, please contact Environmental Quality Lobbyist [Melissa Sparks-Kranz](#).*



## Cal Cities-sponsored bond agency issues \$10 million in tax-exempt nonprofit bonds

*Jan 10, 2024*

*By Cal Cities staff*

The California Statewide Communities Development Authority (CSCDA) issued \$10 million in tax-exempt 501c3 nonprofit bonds for the city of Rancho Cucamonga.

Pepperwood Apartments is the rehabilitation of 230 affordable housing apartments. The apartments will remain 100% affordable and provide studio, one-, and two-bedroom apartments to very low and low-income residents.

CSCDA worked with Rancho Cucamonga and others to provide the bonds. The apartments will undergo extensive interior and exterior renovation, ensuring residents a safe, updated, and affordable community for years to come.

### About CSCDA

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

Visit the organization's [website](#) to learn how CSCDA can help your city.



# Get up to date on objective standards, new housing laws, and more at the 2024 Planning Commissioners Academy

*Jan 10, 2024*

*By Cal Cities Education Staff*

Session information for the 2024 Planning Commissioners Academy is now available! Scheduled for March 6-8 in Long Beach, the academy provides new and seasoned planning commissioners with updates about recent legislative and regulatory changes, as well as role-specific tools and guidance.

This year's academy will cover a range of topics, including the California Environmental Quality Act, objective standards, recent housing streamlining laws, entitlement projects, and public meetings.

Kicking off the academy is keynote speaker Shari Alyse, the host of the television talk show "Good Morning Joy" and an international bestselling author. With two decades in entertainment and wellness, Alyse became a fearless champion of joy after overcoming adversity. Featured on major networks and in top publications as a "joy expert," Alyse's mission is to ignite joy and connection worldwide.

The academy will also include overviews of the basic roles and responsibilities of planning commissioners. The full schedule is available in the "schedule" section of the [academy webpage](#).

## Registration and hotel information

Registration for the full academy starts at \$675 for city officials from any League of California Cities member city. Conference registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Wednesday reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, Friday breakfast, and access to all program materials. The deadline to register is Feb. 28. After this date, officials must register on-site if space is available.

The 2024 Planning Commissioners Academy will be held at the Hilton Long Beach, located at 701 W. Ocean Blvd in Long Beach. The Hilton is seven miles from Long Beach Airport and offers discounted self-parking for attendees staying at the hotel.

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate for conference attendees. The discounted hotel rate cut-off is Feb. 3. Hotels often sell out prior to the deadline, so reserve early!

For more information, visit the [Planning Commissioners Academy](#) webpage. Please direct all registration questions or comments to Conference Registrar [Megan Dunn](#). Please direct any other questions to Associate Manager, Event Program, [Kayla Boutros](#).

# SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



*We regret the offensive disruption at the Jan. 4 Regional Council meeting. The agency is reviewing security protocols to ensure the safe conduct of SCAG's work without compromising the public nature of our meetings.*

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING

### **ACTION**

#### **SCAG TO SPONSOR TWO RHNA REFORM BILLS**

In a vote at the Jan. 4 meeting, the Regional Council authorized staff to pursue two legislative bill concepts related to Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) reform. The first bill would establish procedures for the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to publicize data sources, analyses and methodology, and require a panel of experts to advise HCD on its assumptions, data and analyses, before making its final determination for a region. The second bill would reinstate a trade and transfer option of RHNA units between two jurisdictions, setting limitations so trades continue to advance state housing objectives.

SCAG's advocacy will include securing an author in the California State Legislature for these bills while calling on individual cities and councils of governments to support these legislative efforts. The concepts in this legislative platform grew out of SCAG's stakeholder engagement and the resulting official comment letter to HCD on the RHNA reform process, then prioritized by action of the Legislative/Communication and Membership Committee (LCMC).

### **ACTION**

#### **SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES \$35 MILLION IN COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE REGIONAL UTILITIES SUPPORTING HOUSING PILOT PROGRAM**

On Jan. 4, SCAG's Regional Council approved funding recommendations for the Regional Utilities Supporting Housing Pilot Program (RUSH), [funding 12 projects](#) for a total of \$35 million. RUSH invests in utility infrastructure planning and capital

improvements to support jurisdictions in meeting the housing production goals defined in the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, local housing elements and Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 program objectives. Project awards include infrastructure planning projects and programs, such as green infrastructure plans and capital projects that address current and future utility restrictions in housing development by upgrading infrastructure for sewer, water, stormwater and dry utility systems to enable infill housing.

## **DISCUSSION PRESIDENTIAL PRIORITIES PRESENTATION: CLEAN TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY**

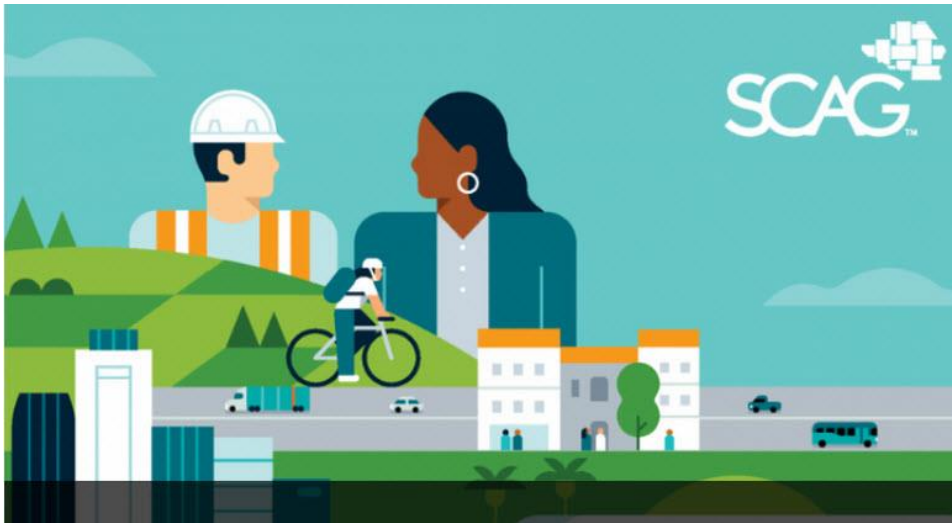
The Jan. 4 Regional Council meeting featured a panel discussion on clean transportation technology. Participants included Stephen Collins, senior manager for strategic planning at Southern California Edison; Carrie Schindler, deputy executive director of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority; and Angelina Galiteva, chief executive officer of the Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems. The presentation will be available [tomorrow](#), Jan. 5, on the [Regional Council video archive](#).

## **GRANT SOLICITATION JOINT STBG/CMAQ/CRP SOLICITATION FOR PROJECT NOMINATIONS**

On Jan. 4, SCAG will begin accepting project nominations for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding. This solicitation has an estimated combined budget of \$278 million across all three funding sources. County transportation commissions in the region will coordinate with eligible entities within their counties to submit prioritized project nominations and required documentation. Local agencies should confer with their county transportation commission for county-specific application deadlines. SCAG will review the county transportation commissions' project submissions against program criteria and develop a list of prioritized projects for approval by the SCAG Regional Council in June.

## **NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT**

## **CONNECT SOCAL 2024 PUBLIC COMMENT UPDATE**



As part of the public comment period for the draft [Connect SoCal 2024](#) Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, SCAG hosted three public hearings and 15 briefings with elected officials in Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. In all, 229 local elected officials, city and county staff, and stakeholders participated in the briefings, where SCAG leadership shared details of the draft Connect SoCal 2024 and discussed implementing the plan’s vision for a more resilient and equitable future. Following SCAG presentations, attendees asked questions about projects in their respective counties and provided critical feedback on the draft Connect SoCal 2024. The comment period closes Jan. 12, after which staff will review comments and revise the draft accordingly; the Regional Council is expected to consider the final Connect SoCal 2024 for adoption in [April 2024](#).

### **ARTESIA MAYOR PRO TEM ALI SAJJAD TAJ APPOINTED TO THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

SCAG Regional Council President Art Brown appointed Artesia Mayor Pro Tem Ali Sajjad Taj to the Energy and Environment Committee. Ali Sajjad Taj was first elected to the Artesia City Council in [December 2013](#), served as mayor [December 2016-17](#) and 2019-20, and is the immediate past president of the California League of Cities.

### **14TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT RECAP**





More than 500 attendees joined SCAG for the [14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit](#) on Dec. 7, 2023, to discuss connections between regional planning and the long-term health of the Southern California economy.

Highlights of the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit included the presentation and publication of the “[Regional Briefing Book](#),” which details the current state of the region’s economy with benchmarks to track throughout the region in the coming year.

Photos and resources from the 14th Annual Southern California Economic Summit are available in the [news brief](#) on the SCAG website.

## NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### SCAG RECEIVES \$12 MILLION FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY INITIATIVES

Last month, the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a \$12 million award for SCAG under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program, [supporting three comprehensive initiatives](#) to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries in Southern California.

With the grant performance period anticipated to begin in late 2024, SCAG will pursue the following activities:

- Develop a Regional Safety Action Plan as the roadmap for new and ongoing safety strategies and support supplemental planning and demonstration activities led by local jurisdictions.
- Expand *Go Human* safety programs, including grants for community-based organizations, complete streets pop-up demonstrations and local safety campaigns.
- Pilot quick-build demonstrations through a competitive call for applications using an equity-centered prioritization methodology.

Established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, SS4A awards \$5 billion over five years to regional, local and Tribal traffic safety initiatives. Learn more about all the selected projects on the [SS4A website](#).

## **SCAG RECEIVES SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION GRANT**

SCAG received a \$500,000 [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation planning grant](#) from the California Department of Conservation to study the economic and fiscal benefits of natural and working lands, including environmental, tourism and recreation benefits. The study will also explore model policies and revenue opportunities to support local and regional efforts to maximize these benefits and support regional economic, social and environmental resilience.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **JANUARY**

16<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee  
16<sup>th</sup> Housing Working Group  
18<sup>th</sup> Technical Working Group  
23<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group  
24<sup>th</sup> Modeling Task Force  
31<sup>st</sup> Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee  
31<sup>st</sup> Executive/Administration Committee

### **FEBRUARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Community, Economic and Human Development Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Energy and Environment Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Transportation Committee  
1<sup>st</sup> Regional Council  
6<sup>th</sup> Aviation Technical Advisory Committee  
8<sup>th</sup> Equity Working Group  
20<sup>th</sup> Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee  
27<sup>th</sup> Transportation Conformity Working Group



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