

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT 2016-07

February 18, 2016

TO: La Palma City Council

FROM: Laurie A. Murray, City Manager *LAM*

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City Manager's Office News

91 Freeway Closure This Weekend (w\Attachment): As part of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) 91 Project, there will be a 55hour weekend full closure of the 91 in both directions between the 71 and I15 in Corona from Friday, February 19, at 9 p.m. to Monday, February 22, at 4 a.m. This closure will affect some of our employees, so efforts are being made to check schedules and provide information regarding alternate routes.

Community Development Department News

McDonald's Rebuild Date (w\Attachment): Everyone is anxious to have the brand new McDonalds. The current store was constructed in 1972 and is a very tired facility. Last October, the Building and Safety Division issued construction permits to McDonalds to tear down and rebuild their new store. However, with concern for the pending "Godzilla El Nino" they prudently chose to wait out the unpredictable winter weather. McDonalds has made their formal request for permit extension and in that request they disclose their plans to initiate construction on April 1, 2016. They have expectations of completing the project in 120 days and anticipate Grand Reopening on August 1, 2016.

Code Enforcement Perseverance: The City Code does not allow for inoperative vehicles to be parked on driveways, carports, on parking lots, or in yard areas visible to the right-of-way. An inoperative vehicle is one that has cannot operate on the roadway due to flat or missing tires, engine failure, or expired registration tags. There has been an on-again, off-again, code enforcement matter on La Luna dogging past code enforcement officers for six (6) years dealing with a suspected inoperable vehicle. The homeowner has had a rarely used brown Cadillac stored on the driveway that routinely had expired registration tags. Code Enforcement Officer Laura Bradburn's relentless pursuit of addressing this neighborhood eyesore, has finally paid off as you can see from the before and after photos below. Just more testimony as to why Laura was selected as La Palma's Employee of the Year for 2015.



Before



After

Community Services Department News

CAB Member Resigns (w\Attachment): Nitesh Patel has submitted his resignation from CAB which is attached. Mr. Patel was first appointed to CAB on January 6, 2009, and reappointed for a second term on March 5, 2013. Given his tenure on this Committee and in accordance with City Council Policy, Mr. Patel will be recognized with a City Tile at an upcoming City Council meeting.

There may be a few more resignations coming as we have members who are unable to attend meetings, which effects the quorum requirement. Staff is working with them to either resign or commit to attending meetings.

CAB Subcommittee Meeting Agendas Available (w\Attachments): Attached are CAB subcommittee meeting agendas for Concerts in the Park, Arbor Day, and Memorial Day.

Police Department News

Police Interaction with Youth Graduation Held: On Tuesday, February 16, Officer Julian Gonzales graduated 82 sixth grade Los Coyotes students from the Police Interaction with Youth (PIY) Program. This marked the 10 year anniversary of the program, which Officer Gonzales developed after the D.A.R.E program was eliminated due to budget cuts. Since 2006, over 2500 students have graduated from this program, which has been proven successful as it focuses on preparing students on their journey through Junior High and High School. Sergeant Joe Guerrero will facilitate PIY at Miller Elementary School beginning next week.

Patrol Division to Launch a New Patrol Areas Concept: Over the past several months, Sergeant Ron Wilkerson and Captain Terry Kim have been working on a new patrol concept to help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Patrol Division. The concept divides the City into five geographical areas and it lists patrol concerns specific to each area that were identified based on historical crime data and input from Officers and Dispatchers. The new concept will be especially beneficial for the new Officers in developing their intimate knowledge of the community since it provides a systematic checklist for any given area that they may be patrolling during their shifts. Additionally, the concept features ways to track each Officer's patrol efforts, thus helping the Police Department become more accountable and transparent. The concept is expected to be launched later this month once all patrol and dispatch personnel have been trained.

Home Invasion Robbery: February 16, at about 2:45 p.m. Police responded to the 5000 block of Decatur to investigate a possible home invasion robbery. Officers arrived and contacted the victim, a 48 year-old male, and three of his family members outside the residence. Officers checked the interior and exterior of the residence and did not locate any suspects.

Police determined that at about 2:00 p.m., the victim was asleep in an upstairs bedroom when he was awakened by the suspects who covered his head with a blanket. The victim said he did not remember anything after that and felt he may have been "knocked out". The victim said he woke up a short time later and noticed his head was still covered and his feet were tied with a piece of clothing. The victim said he could still hear voices inside the house so he did not move and remained in his bedroom until he was sure the suspects had left. The victim then contacted his wife and daughter via telephone who responded to the residence. The victim then contacted the Police.

Further investigation at the scene revealed the suspects had forced open a kitchen window to gain entry into the residence. Once inside the suspects incapacitated the victim. The suspects then ransacked the interior of the residence by opening several closets and drawers looking for valuables. During the initial investigation, it was discovered that a credit card, belonging to the victim, had been used at a gas station in Los Angeles shortly after the incident. Officers processed the scene for evidence and canvassed the neighborhood for any additional witnesses. The investigation is ongoing.

Citywide News

Personnel Activity	
Position	Status
Police Officer (Eligibility List)	Second interviews held January 26 & 27
Per Diem Dispatcher	Applications being reviewed
Administrative Services Director	First interviews held February 18
Recreation Leader/Sr. Recreation Leader	Closes March 6
Sr. Recreation Leader Day Camp Counselor	Closes March 6

Agenda Planning Guide

(All meetings start at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated)

Items listed on the planning guide are tentative and subject to move to different dates

March 1

Adoption and Second Reading of Ordinance
 Approving Development Agreement for Digital
 Billboard
 2016 Street Closures – City Special Events
 General Plan Annual Progress Report
 Executive Management Resolution of Salary
 and Benefits
 La Palma Professional Employees MOU
 Amendment

March 15

Fiscal Year 2015-16 Mid Year Budget
 Adjustments
 First and Second Quarter Financial Reports FY
 2015-16
 Study Session: Long Term Financial
 Plan/Fiscal Status/Budget Priorities/Draft
 Budget (Overall Picture)/Capital Improvement
 Program

March 22 – Special Budget Workshop

April 5

Presentation of Proposed FY 2016-17 Budget
 Precise Plan Amendment – 6811 Walker
 Precise Plan Amendment – 5418 La Palma
 MWDOC Agreement

**April 12 – Special Budget Workshop (if
 necessary)**

April 19

Budget Questions

May 3

Adoption of FY 2016-17 Budget
 Third Quarter Operations Report

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Please tell Crystal which of the following activities you will be attending and if you would like assistance in registering for any upcoming event.

Date	Event Information	Known Attendees
Friday February 19	OC Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast, 18000 Von Karman, Irvine, 7:00 a.m.	GG, PK, MS, LM

Wednesday February 24	Stanton Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Knott's Berry Farm Hotel, 7675 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park, 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	PK, MS
	La Palma Cub Scout Pack 673 Award Ceremony, Luther Elementary, 6:45 p.m.	MS
	OCTA Central Harbor Transit Corridor Study, Fullerton Community Center, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
Thursday February 25	City of Buena Park Retirement Reception for Director of Public Works James Biery, City Hall Main Conference Room, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	
	OCTA Central Harbor Transit Corridor Study, Garden Grove High School, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
Saturday February 27	Crescent Little League Opening Day, Walker Jr. High School, 10:30 a.m.	SH, PK
	Americana Awards Banquet, Disneyland Hotel, 5:30 p.m. Auction, 7:00 p.m. Dinner	PK, SS, LM
Wednesday March 2	Los Coyotes Elementary Read Across America, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.	LM

91 Project
Date: January 28, 2016
CONSTRUCTION ALERT



[Anuncio en español](#)

**SPECIAL ALERT: 91 Project in Corona to Require Weekend Full Closure
of Eastbound and Westbound 91 between the 71 and I-15
Friday, February 19 at 9 pm to Monday, February 22, 2016 at 4 am**

As part of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's (RCTC) 91 Project, there will be a 55-hour weekend full closure of the 91 in both directions between the 71 and I-15 in Corona from Friday, February 19 at 9 pm to Monday, February 22, 2016 at 4am.

This closure, branded "91 Steer Clear," is needed to perform three major construction activities:

1. Demolish the west side of the Maple Street Bridge over the 91
2. Install support beams for the new westbound Maple Street flyover ramp bridge
3. Pave the new eastbound 91 alignment near I-15

By fully closing the roadway, these significant construction efforts can be consolidated into one weekend, rather than multiple weekends or extending this over a month of weeknight closures. The full closure also will help ensure the safety of construction crews and the traveling public by eliminating cars and construction equipment on the road at the same time.

To minimize travel delays and impacts during the closure, RCTC strongly recommends that motorists plan ahead and completely avoid travel on and near the 91 in Corona or stay home. If travel cannot be avoided, motorists can use the 57, 60 and I-10 as alternate routes. Motorists traveling on the 91, 71 or I-15 near the project area during the closure period can expect delays of three to four hours. Please see detour map below.

A public meeting, focused on local impacts, will be held Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 am to noon at the Corona Public Library, 650 S. Main Street, Corona to provide more information about the closure. Presentations will be held at 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 11:30 am; the presentation will be the same each time. A webcast option will be available for those who are unable to attend in person. To

participate online, go to www.ustream.tv/channel/Rm9qrcU69JR. In addition, a link to a video recording of the meeting presentation will be provided after the meeting. In case of rainstorms or inclement weather, the Feb. 19-22 closure will be postponed to the next weekend, weather permitting.

Once the weekend construction activities are completed, more work is on the way for the Maple Street area during the coming months. Crews will rebuild the Maple Street bridge and construct the flyover ramp bridge across the 91. Nightly full closures of eastbound 91 likely will be required for about a week following the full weekend closure; additional periodic nighttime closures will occur in the future. Once the flyover ramp bridge at Maple Street is completed this summer, another full closure of the 91 may take place to remove the temporary support beams that will be placed the weekend of Feb. 19-22.

For questions, please call the helpline or visit the website noted below. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

NOTE: Information contained in this Notice is subject to change based on weather, field conditions or other operational factors.



Project Helpline
877-770-9191

Project Website
www.sr91project.info





February 12, 2016

City of La Palma
Attn: Paul Melby, Building Official
7822 Walker Street
La Palma, CA 90623

Re: McDonald's Building Permit # 2015-170 – Request for Extension

Dear Mr. Melby,

At this time, we would like to request a permit extension for the subject project located on Orangethorpe Avenue beyond the standard 180 day approval. This project's construction start was delayed due to impending winter weather and a desire by the franchisee to not have the store closed any longer than necessary so as to continue serving their community base. Without knowing what sort of winter was coming and what weather delays may have impacted the construction schedule, the decision was made to wait until spring. Having said that, the current targeted start date for construction is 4/1/16 with a grand re-opening of the store around 8/1/16.

Respectfully submitted,
Brent McDaniel
External Construction Manager
McDonald's USA, LLC
3800 Kilroy Way, Suite 200
Long Beach, CA 90806
Brent.mcdaniel@us.mcd.com
Cell # 714.914.8338

McDonald's Southern California

Belknap, Mike

From: Nitesh Patel <nppatel01@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 11:17 AM
To: Belknap, Mike
Cc: Robinson, Cindy
Subject: Re: CAB

Mike,

I am sorry that I could not commit the time needed. Please accept this letter as my resignation from CAB.

Thank your for the great experience and lasting friendships that I have made during my time on cab.

Best regards
Nitesh

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 17, 2016, at 10:50 AM, Belknap, Mike <MIKEB@cityoflapalma.org> wrote:

Hi Nitesh –

I need to ask you to submit a letter resigning from CAB. We need to be able to fill your seat and ensure we can meet the quorum requirements. I know you've been really busy with all of your ventures, which I hope are going well!

Thank for your service to La Palma! Don't be a stranger, just because you won't be on the Committee doesn't mean you still can't participate and help!

Thank you and take care,
Mike

AGENDA

CONCERTS IN THE PARK SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING LA PALMA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016

4:00 P.M.
Sago Palm Room, Central Park
7821 Walker Street, La Palma

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Subcommittee Members

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Time has been reserved at this point in the Agenda for persons wishing to speak on any item, which is not listed on the Agenda. Law prohibits the Community Activities & Beautification Committee from taking action on such oral comments. The matter will automatically be referred to staff for appropriate action or will be placed on the Agenda of a future Committee meeting. Matters listed on the Agenda may be addressed at the time they are before the Community Activities & Beautification Committee for discussion.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. PROGRAM PLAN/ACTION PLAN**
- II. POTENTIAL THEMES/BANDS**
- III. ADVERTISEMENT/SPONSORSHIPS**

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: As a general rule, staff reports or other written documentation have been prepared or organized with respect to each item of business listed on the Agenda. Copies of these materials are on file in the Recreation & Community Services Department Administrative offices, located in Central Park at 7821 Walker Street, during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have any questions regarding any item of business on the Agenda for this meeting, or any of the staff reports or other documentation relating to any Agenda item, please contact Cindy Robinson, Staff Liaison, at (714) 690-3350.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the Office of the City Clerk at (714) 690-3300. Notification by noon on Monday, February 22, 2016 will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

AGENDA

ARBOR DAY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING LA PALMA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

4:00 P.M.
Fan Palm Room, Central Park
7821 Walker Street, La Palma

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Subcommittee Members

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AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. ACTION PLAN/PROGRAM PLAN**
- II. MARKETING**
- III. ACTIVITIES/ENTERTAINMENT**
- IV. DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIPS**

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDA

MEMORIAL DAY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING LA PALMA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016

4:00 P.M.
Fan Palm Room, Central Park
7821 Walker Street, La Palma

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Subcommittee Members

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

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AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. PROGRAM PLAN/ACTION PLAN**
- II. POTENTIAL THEMES**
- III. SUBCOMMITTEE RESEARCH/ASSIGNMENTS**

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT

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February 2016

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Jan 31	Feb 1	2 11:15am Los Al State of the City (SH, PK, MS) (4745 Yorktown) 7:00pm City Council Meeting (Council Chamber)	3 11:30am Buena Park State of the City (PK, SH, MS) (7675 Crescent Avenue, Buena Park) - City Council	4 10:00am SCAG Energy and Environment 10:30am SCAG Subcommittees (711) 12:30pm SCAG Regional 5:30pm OCFA Best and	5	6
7	8 4:00pm AUHSD Foundation Meeting (District Campus, 501 Crescent Way, Anaheim)	9 11:30am Anaheim State of the City (2200 E.) 6:00pm CAB Committee (City Council) 6:30pm City Council Finance	10 12:00pm OCFA Budget & Committee Meeting (1 Fire 5:00pm O.C. Sanitation (FHRA) Committee (10844 Ellis Avenue,	11 11:00am SCAG MAGLEV Mtg. (SCAG Office) 6:30pm Neighborhood Watch Appreciation Banquet (GG, PK, MS) (Central Park, La	12 City Hall Closed/Flex Day	13
14	15	16 8:30am Police Interaction w/Youth 7:00pm City Council Mtg. (Council) 7:00pm Citizen Committee Meeting	17	18 3:00pm O.C. Vector Control District (13001 Garden Grove Blvd.)	19 7:00am OC Government Leaders' Prayer Breakfast (GG, PK, MS) (18000 Von Karman Ave., Irvine) - City Council	20
21	22	23	24 7:30am Stanton Mayor's Prayer Breakfast (PK, 5:00pm OCTA Open 6:45pm La Palma Cub 7:00pm O.C. Sanitation	25 10:30am OCCOG (OCTA, Conf. Rm. 103/104; 600 S. Main St., 6:00pm OCFA Exec. & Brd. Comm. Mtg. (1	26 City Hall Closed/Flex Day	27 10:30am Crescent Little League (Walker Junior High) - City Council 5:00pm Americana Awards Banquet (SS)
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March 2016

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20	21	22 City Council Special Budget Workshop (TBD as well as Time)	23 7:00pm O.C. Sanitation District Board Mtg. (10844 Ellis Ave., Fountain Valley)	24 10:30am OCCOG (OCTA, Conf. Rm. 103/104; 600 S. Main St., 6:00pm OCFA Exec. & Brd. Comm. Mtg. (1 Fire Authority Road,	25 City Hall Closed/Flex Day	26
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Wilkerson, Crystal

To: Corbin, Chet
Subject: RE: La Palma Branch Library to have new branch manager

From: Reardon, Julia [<mailto:Julia.Reardon@occr.ocgov.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 5:16 PM
To: Webmail - Administration
Subject: La Palma Branch Library to have new branch manager

Hello,

I want to let you know that some changes are coming to the La Palma Branch Library. OC Public Libraries is adopting a more efficient support 'staff to patron ratio' at our branches and striving to provide opportunities for staff members' professional growth and cross-training.

Therefore, I have been transferred to another branch in the north region. The new manager for La Palma has been selected; her name is Mary Pezzetti.

Her first day at La Palma is Monday, February 22. I know she is excited to be coming to La Palma and eager to work with the community here.

The reassignments will greatly benefit the public service goals of OC Public Libraries.

I want to thank each staff person for the city of La Palma for all the support, assistance, and cooperation provided to me and everyone here at La Palma Branch Library.

Julia (Julie) Reardon

Branch Manager
OC Public Libraries | La Palma
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julia.reardon@occr.ocgov.com



From: Tony Cardenas <tcardenas@cacities.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 10:13 AM
To: Tony Cardenas
Subject: Newspaper Briefing - Statewide (February 18)



STATEWIDE NEWSPAPER BRIEFING

2/18/16

CAPITOL POLITICS

California Wants More Disclosure from Bond Issuers -- Issuers would be required to submit an annual debt accountability report to the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission under the bill, introduced by Sen. Bob Hertzberg, D-Los Angeles, at the behest of California Treasurer John Chiang. [The Bond Buyer](#)

Labor group endorses Republican Scott Jones over Bera -- Democratic Rep. Ami Bera, fighting for union supporters he upset by voting to advance a controversial trade agreement, has lost the backing of one labor group in his re-election battle this year. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Brown proposes \$176.6 million cleanup of battery plant -- Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday proposed spending \$176.6 million from the state's General Fund to expedite testing and cleanup of the former Exide battery recycling facility in the Los Angeles industrial city of Vernon. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Gavin Newsom stretches impact of bond initiative -- Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, a candidate for governor in 2018, came out recently against a ballot measure that, if adopted, would force large public works projects to go before voters for approval. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Former lawmaker Florez appointed to California Air Resources Board -- Taking advantage of new authority to shape the California Air Resources Board, the Senate Rules Committee on Wednesday named lobbyist and former Democratic lawmaker Dean Florez to serve the powerful regulator. [Sacramento Bee](#)

Legislators react to coastal chief ouster -- Opponents of the recent ouster of the California Coastal Commission's executive director Charles Lester remain sure his removal was the result of influence by developers who want more sway on building projects along the state's coastline – and not the result of more mundane management issues, as pro-ouster commissioners argued. [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

California Court Interprets Stockton's Term Limit Non-Cumulatively to Allow Repeat Runners -- A California appellate court affirmed that the "two term" term limit provision in the City of Stockton's Charter was non-cumulative rather than cumulative. [PublicCEO](#)

Rancho Cucamonga Involves Spanish-Speaking Community Members in Strategic Planning -- Rancho Cucamonga's Spanish speaking residents had a lot to say about their community. Unfortunately, many of them were not confident enough to voice their concerns and engage in local government. [PublicCEO](#)

LA to hire oil and gas expert to help diffuse controversies -- The Los Angeles City Council voted on Wednesday to hire a petrochemical expert to oversee the city's relationship with oil and gas operations near residential neighborhoods. The person hired will likely manage such issues as the fallout from the Porter Ranch gas leak, controversial oil drilling facilities in South Los Angeles and growing criticism of major refineries in Wilmington. [KPCC](#)

A Movement to End Developer Control Over What L.A. Becomes -- Who decides what L.A.'s 114 diverse neighborhoods should be like? Those who call the communities home? Or real estate developers? [PublicCEO](#)

PENSION REFORM

San Diego Pension-to-401(k) Reform Goes to Court -- A San Diego pension reform approved by voters nearly four years ago, regarded as a model by some, is headed for a court test — but not because all new hires, except police, receive a private sector-style 401(k) retirement plan. [PublicCEO](#)

TRANSPORTATION

California bullet train headed first to San Jose -- a big Bay Area win -- In a huge win for the Bay Area, the state will build the first 250 miles of bullet train track between San Jose and the Bakersfield area and now aims to offer service on the line in less than a decade, according to a report set to be released Friday. [San Jose Mercury](#)

"I Take Public Transit... But I Hate It" -- "I take public transit, but I hate it," says a student intern who works in my downtown Sacramento office. [PublicCEO](#)

Dueling Proposals in San Diego Pit Transit Against Local Infrastructure -- SANDAG is committed to trying to raise taxes on voters countywide this November. They're just not sure yet what they want the money to pay for. [PublicCEO](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cities Can Use This Innovative Technology to Reduce Gun Violence -- Getting to the scene of gunfire quickly and having the situational intelligence necessary for immediate action is key for first responders. [PublicCEO](#)

Gov. Brown Pushes Prison Forgiveness Initiative -- Convinced California's prison population still must be lowered, Gov. Jerry Brown has begun to push a ballot initiative that would forgive some felons. [PublicCEO](#)

New Guides Aimed at Helping Police Build Community Trust -- The Vera Institute of Justice released three guidebooks last week, aimed at helping police build trust with diverse communities and better protect them in the process. [PublicCEO](#)

BUSINESS

California economy is poised to grow in 2016 and 2017, report says -- The state is poised to add more than 650,000 jobs this year and next, pushing down the current 7% unemployment rate to about 5.9% by 2017,

according to an annual forecast released Wednesday by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. [Los Angeles Times](#)

Apple CEO says helping FBI hack into terrorist's iPhone would be 'too dangerous' -- Setting up a pitched battle between Silicon Valley and the counter-terrorism community, Apple's chief executive said Wednesday that his company would fight a court order demanding the tech giant's help in the San Bernardino attack investigation, turning what had been a philosophical dispute into a legal skirmish that could have major ramifications for the tech industry. [Los Angeles Times](#)

Feinstein, GOP urge Apple to help feds access San Bernardino shooter's iPhone -- Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., joined several Republican presidential hopefuls Wednesday in blasting Apple for refusing to help federal agents access encrypted data on the cell phone of one of the San Bernardino shooters. [San Jose Mercury](#)

Utility pleads not guilty in Los Angeles-area gas leak -- Southern California Gas Co. pleaded not guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor criminal charges stemming from a weeklong leak of gas from a storage well that led thousands of nearby Los Angeles residents to relocate. [Associated Press](#)

THE FEDS

Choose carefully: The next president could shape the Supreme Court for decades -- The president was speaking. And from the gymnasium nosebleed seats came a perfectly timed shout: "Liar, liar, pants on fire." [Los Angeles Times](#)

Obama's Successor Could Oversee High Court Makeover -- President Barack Obama's successor could have the chance to orchestrate the biggest re-make of the Supreme Court's composition in four decades, further raising the stakes of the 2016 election cycle. [Roll Call](#)

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Orange County Fire Authority

Weekly Executive Summary

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News & Events

Orange County Fire Authority Fire Station 22 in Laguna Hills was the featured station on [the Fox Morning News Firehouse Friday](#) segment on February 12.

OCFA has recently partnered with [PulsePoint](#) to help save lives. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to like/follow/visit the OCFA [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages to keep up to date on things like the PulsePoint launch, recent incidents, and safety campaigns.

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Board Action

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Weekly Update on Response and Preparedness

[Weekly Fire Activity Report](#): This is a regular status update of available OCFA resources and a list of OCFA out of County resources jurisdiction and a list of out of county resources.

Weather Outlook: *Above Normal Temperatures for February 19 – February 26.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

Fire Outlook –Dry: Little or no risk of large fires in the absence of a "High Risk" event. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



Community Events

- Crew from Station 57 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Cub Scouts from **Aliso Viejo**. The program was on February 17 from 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 64 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Shalom Preschool in **Garden Grove**. The program was on February 17 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 26 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from **Irvine** Community Preschool. The program was on February 16 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 4 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Japanese Students visiting **Irvine**. The program was on February 17 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 58 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Cub Scouts from **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on February 16 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Station 9 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Explorations Charter Homeschool in **Mission Viejo**. The program was on February 16 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 35 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Eastside Christian Preschool in **Placentia**. The program was on February 10 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 34 (C Shift) participated in a Team Kids kickoff event at Morse Elementary in **Placentia**. The program was on February 16 from 1p.m. – 2 p.m.
- Crew from Station 45 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Explorations Charter Homeschool in **Rancho Santa Margarita**. The program was on February 16 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Alexa Pratt provided a disaster preparedness presentation to a group of seniors at Gavilan in **Rancho Mission Viejo**. The program was on February 17 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu provided a presentation on El Niño preparation at a neighborhood association meeting in **Santa Ana**. The program was on February 17 from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
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- Crew from Station 43 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from the City of **Tustin** Play and Learn School. The program was on February 15 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 64 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Westminster**. The program was on February 12 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.



Significant Emergency Incidents

Irvine

Technical Rescue – February 12 - At 7:26 a.m. a Technical Rescue response was dispatched to Spectrum Center Drive in Irvine. First arriving units identified that there were two patients trapped in a window washing rig that had failed approximately twelve feet above the roof. Both patients had been injured when the rig failed. Crews were able to lower the rig back onto the roof; both patients were evaluated and transported to area hospitals for treatment of their minor to moderate injuries.

Incident Commander: **Chief Edwards, B5**

Placentia

Chemical Spill – February 12 - At 12:06 p.m. a Chemical Spill Inside response was dispatched to Orchid Drive in Placentia, for the report of spilled mercury at the residence. First arriving units confirmed that there was a small amount of mercury spilled and possibly coming from a broken candy thermometer that was in a box in the garage. The Incident Commander requested a County Health representative and Placentia PD to assist at the scene. HazMat units arrived on scene and worked with the County Health representative to mitigate the problem. All units had cleared the scene by 2:45 p.m.

Orange

Remote Rescue – February 13 - At 10:27 a.m., Metro Net requested assistance with a Remote Rescue response for a hiker down on a trail east of Santiago Oaks Regional Park. Helicopter 1 with the flight medic and Truck 9 rescuer on board assisted the units on the ground with trail access and remained on scene to provide assistance and hoisting if necessary. The patient was transported BLS by City of Orange ground units.

Incident Commander: **Chief Kovacs, B3**

Modjeska Canyon

Remote Rescue - February 13 - At 2:22 p.m., a Remote Rescue response was dispatched to a biker down on Horse Thief Trail near the Main Divide. The biker was unable to continue down the hill approximately five miles out from the trailhead. Helicopter 1 arrived on scene and inserted the flight medic via hoist. The biker had no injuries and was hoisted into the aircraft via a pick off. He was flown to Plano Trabuco where Engine 31 was waiting and assisted the biker back to his vehicle.

Incident Commander: **Chief Johnson, B6**

Modjeska Canyon

Remote Rescue - February 13 - At 3:16 p.m., a Remote Rescue response was dispatched to a biker down on a trail in Modjeska Canyon. Helicopter 1 located the patient and landed on an unimproved trail inserting the flight medic and Truck 9 rescuer. The 72-year-old biker was found with an altered level of consciousness with multiple punctures and bleeding injuries. He was transported as a trauma to Orange County Global Hospital.

Incident Commander: **Chief Johnson, B6**



Yorba Linda

Remote Rescue – February 14 - At 11:51 a.m. a Remote Rescue response was dispatched to the area of the Pipeline Truck Trail east of Coal Canyon Rd. As ground units were making access to the area described by the Reporting Party Helicopter 1 arrived in the area and began looking for the patient. The patient was located and Helicopter 1 was able to make a flat pitch landing and the rescuers began an assessment of the patient's injuries. It was determined that the patient would be able to ride in a vehicle back down to the Coal Canyon Rd. Anaheim Engine 309 transported the patient while Battalion 2 transported the others in the party. Once back to the pavement the patient refused further treatment and Battalion 2 then transported all parties back to their vehicle off Green River Rd.

Incident Commander: **Chief Covey, B2**

Aliso Viejo

Remote Rescue - February 14 - At 4:04 p.m. a Remote Rescue response was dispatched to the area of Aliso Woods Canyon Park for the report of a hiker that was stuck on a cliff. OC Sherriff's Helicopter Duke1 was first on scene and determined that the hiker was uninjured and just unable to get further up/down the cliff. Ground units arrived in the area and also determined that they were going to be unable to make access to the hiker. Helicopter 1 started the coordination with Battalion 4 for a pick off type rescue. Battalion 4 requested that Laguna Beach Fire send an ALS response to Alta Laguna Park as that was the closest place for the Helicopter 1 to land if need be. The hiker was hoisted into Helicopter 1 at 4:34 p.m. and flown to Alta Laguna Park. The hiker was then taken by Laguna Beach PD back to their vehicle.

Incident Commander: **Chief Johnson, B4**

Trabuco Canyon

Remote Rescue – February 16 - At 11:50 a.m. the ECC received a report for a motorcyclist that had fallen and suffered a knee injury on the Main Divide Rd south of Santiago Peak. Helicopter 1 was in the area of Santiago Peak training, was contacted by ECC and immediately started toward the location. Ground units were sent to the Plano/Trabuco landing sight to await the helicopter/patient if needed. Helicopter 1 was able to locate the victim at 11:52 a.m. and flew a short distance away to make a flat pitch landing in order to reconfigure the aircraft for a hoisting operation. Once back over the scene Helicopter 1 inserted two rescuers with their gear to start evaluation and packaging of the patient. She was determined to in a BLS status, was hoisted into the aircraft and flown to the Plano/Trabuco landing sight and transferred to an awaiting ambulance.

**Incidents By Major Category
for Period: 2/1/2016 - 2/7/2016**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	0	0	35	0	1	7	6	0	2	51
BUENA PARK	2	0	99	0	6	9	3	0	20	139
CYPRESS	1	0	33	2	3	1	3	0	11	54
DANA POINT	1	0	31	1	2	4	3	0	11	53
IRVINE	4	0	162	2	13	22	17	0	37	257
IRVINE - UCI	1	0	11	0	0	1	3	0	3	19
LA PALMA	1	0	18	0	2	0	0	0	4	25
LAGUNA HILLS	2	0	33	1	5	7	4	0	2	54
LAGUNA NIGUEL	2	0	49	1	8	5	8	0	13	86
LAGUNA WOODS	2	0	66	0	10	5	1	0	20	104
LAKE FOREST CITY	4	0	63	0	6	5	1	0	8	87
LOS ALAMITOS	1	0	17	0	0	4	3	0	6	31
MISSION VIEJO	0	0	132	1	2	11	4	0	10	160
PLACENTIA	1	0	42	0	4	3	1	0	18	69
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	1	0	21	0	1	4	1	0	5	33
SAN CLEMENTE	5	0	55	3	6	10	6	0	22	107
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	1	0	62	0	1	9	4	0	4	81
SANTA ANA	10	0	321	5	16	36	15	0	68	471
SEAL BEACH	2	1	74	2	10	6	2	0	8	105
STANTON	1	0	41	0	3	6	0	0	13	64
TUSTIN	1	0	79	0	7	10	5	0	3	105
VILLA PARK	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	6
WESTMINSTER	1	0	125	1	2	11	1	0	22	163
YORBA LINDA	0	0	52	1	2	9	7	0	18	89
UNINCORPORATED	1	1	98	8	9	12	5	0	19	153
TOTAL	46	2	1722	28	119	197	103	0	349	2566

Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

Sports class: Soccer, T-ball, basketball and other sports will be taught to children ages 2 to 6 in the city's TriFytt Multi-Sport class, which runs for five consecutive Saturdays beginning Feb. 20 at Central Park, 7821 Walker St. Registration costs \$59. Information: 714-690-3350 or cityoflapalma.org. Art Marroquin, 714-796-7831 amarroquin@ocregister.com

Monday, Feb. 15, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

City speech: Mayor Gerard Goedhart will deliver the State of the City speech at 7 p.m. on April 26 at the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker St. Rather than host a luncheon, as in previous years, Goedhart will deliver the speech in a free, town hall-style format to increase attendance. Information: 714-690-3350 or cityoflapalma.org/stateofthecity. Art Marroquin, 714-796-7831 amarroquin@ocregister.com

Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

Online registration: The city is scheduled on March 17 to introduce a new online system that will allow residents to pay for programs and view facilities for rent. Users will need to create an account to use the system. Call the Community Services Department for more information: 714-690-3350. Art Marroquin, 714-796-7831

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

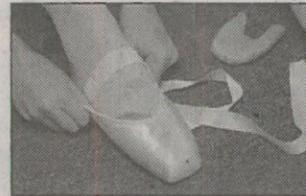
Writing class: Children, ages 7 to 12, can learn how to write persuasive and analytical essays as part of a "Hot Topics" class sponsored by the cities of La Palma and Cypress. Classes run for five consecutive Tuesdays beginning Tuesday at the Cypress Community College. Cost is \$75. Information: 714-690-3350 or cityoflapalma.org. Art Marroquin, 714-796-7831 amarroquin@ocregister.com

Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 | Local 3

LA PALMA

Union contract: The City Council today will consider a two-year contract with the La Palma General Employees Association, which represents 15 full-time city workers. If approved, employees would see a 5 percent pay cut and work hours will be cut to 38 hours a week, leading to \$276,600 in savings through June 2017. Art Marroquin, 714-796-7831 amarroquin@ocregister.com

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 | Local 3



LA PALMA

Dance class: "Ballet and Tap for Tots," an introduction class geared to kids 3 to 5, will be held for 10 consecutive weeks beginning March 5 at the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker St. Cost is \$55 to register for the class, taught by High Fidelity Entertainment. Information: 714-690-3350 or cityoflapalma.org. Art Marroquin, 714-796-7831 amarroquin@ocregister.com



Pictured at the December 19, 2015, H. O.P. E. Food Bank at St. Irenaeus Parish Church in Cypress are members of the La Palma Kiwanis Club preparing a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit and coffee for over 300 people. In front, left to right, are Lauree and Joe Aragona, George Stark, John Alvis, Ismile Noorbaksh, LP Councilman Gerard Goedhart, and Larry Herman. Back row, John Theilen, Jan Jansen and Stephanie Ortega. Photo by Edna Ethington

LA PALMA KIWANIS GOING STRONG

By Edna Ethington

The Kiwanis Club of La Palma is one of the most active service clubs in the city of La Palma. The Kiwanis Club of La Palma was founded in 1965.

Some of the many Service Projects that the La Palma Kiwanis Club does each year include donating over 100 Back to School Back Packs filled with school supplies for students in all the schools in the city, and also for other students outside the city if there is need. Additionally, with the help of students from Walker Jr. High, Kennedy High School, local businesses as well as residents of La Palma, Kiwanians collected loads of canned goods and donated

holiday food baskets and canned goods for the needy for the past ten years.

They also donated canned goods for H.O.P.E., the area Food Bank at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress at Christmas time. At the same time, they provided a free breakfast for over 300 registered clients at the Food Bank.

Kiwanis President, Keith Nelson says there are currently 32 members of the club consisting of men and women who are residents of La Palma including past La Palma Mayors and Council members, past and current City of La Palma employees.

The Kiwanis Club of La Palma meets from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. every Thursday morning at the Community Room of the La Palma Intercommunity Hospital at 7901 Walker Street in La Palma.

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of La Palma, contact Keith Nelson by e-mail at kan26@sbcglobal.net or call 714-349-1227.

Americana Awards coming to Disneyland Hotel

Citizens of the Year from eight communities in Cypress College's primary service area will be honored at the Cypress College Foundation's 41st Annual Americana Awards. The Americana Awards, sponsored by Union Bank, N.A., will be held on Saturday, Feb. 27 in the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom.

Citizens of the Year are selected by a committee from each of the eight cities. This year's honorees are: Stephen and Susan Faessel, Anaheim; Jim Coombs, Buena Park; Theresa Sherrin, Cypress; Errol Giuliano, Garden Grove; Christine Barnes, La Palma; Lt. Col. Thomas E. Lasser, U.S. Army, ret., Los Alamitos/Rossmoor; Harlene Goodrich and Barbara Blackman (recently deceased), Seal Beach; and Elizabeth Ash, Stanton.

During the evening, Lisa Fujimoto will be honored as Woman of the Year. Lisa has served on 12

boards of directors and has been a dedicated member of 21 various organizations. Fujimoto is recognized throughout Orange County as a top leader in the nonprofit field, both through her work and through her volunteerism.

About the Citizens of the Year:

Stephen and Susan Faessel, Anaheim – Stephen and Susan Faessel are active together with Anaheim Historical Society, the Mother Colony Household, the Anaheim Museum, the MUZEO Foundation and the Orange County Symphony. He has written and published books about Anaheim and Susan has been involved with the Anaheim Redevelopment and Library. Jim Coombs, Buena Park – Jim Coombs is principal at Buena Park High School. He has been an integral force for positive change, leading the school to win four awards from the State of Cali-

fornia. He revamped the athletic department, and has provided leadership in the instruction, curricular and physical renewal of the school.

Theresa Sherrin, Cypress – Theresa Sherrin opened her home to a homeless pregnant woman in 1982. Over the next few years, she took in a total of 44 pregnant women who had no place to go. With her supportive family, they found a duplex, remodeled it and in 1989 opened Precious Life Shelter, a 32-bed facility supported by 300 volunteers. Errol Giuliano, Garden Grove – Errol Giuliano moved his business, Giuliano Foods, to Garden Grove in 1986. He soon joined the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce and Garden Grove Rotary. He has held leadership roles in both organizations and has helped distribute defibrillators to the city's high schools, little league fields and parks.

Christine Barnes, La Palma – Christine Barnes has served two terms on the City Council and has been mayor twice. She is a 25-year member of the Cypress School District Education Foundation and a 10-year member of the Kennedy High School Performing Arts Foundation Board. She has also supported the city's elementary, junior high and high schools.

Lt. Col. Thomas Lasser, U.S. Army, retired – Lt. Col. Thomas E. Lasser has a long presence in the City of Los Alamitos. After taking command of the Los Alamitos Airfield, he joined the Chamber of Commerce. He supported the community's 4th of July celebrations, moved the city's 5k/10k race to the base and began hosting the "Wings, Wheels and Rotors" expo on the base.

Harlene Goodrich and Barbara

Blackman, Seal Beach – Harlene Goodrich and Barbara Blackman (recently deceased) have been the backbone of the growth of Interval House, a shelter for abused women and children in Seal Beach.

Each also has a long history of involvement with the Frist Methodist Church. Harlene has written plays and columns for the local paper, and Barbara was active in the PTA and with the Woman's Club.

Elizabeth Ash, Stanton – Elizabeth Ash has served on the Parks and Recreation Committee, Planning commission and Stanton Community Foundation. She and her husband volunteer at the USO at Orange County Airport, and she bakes 14 dozen cookies each week for the LA Kiss Arena Football team. They call her the "Cookie Mom."

La Palma cuts employee pay, approves digital billboard plan

By ART MARROQUIN
STAFF WRITER

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their schedules cut to 38 hours beginning this month under a contract unanimously approved Tuesday by the City Council.

Previous labor contracts with the unions representing police officers and professional workers also included some pay cuts. Taken together, the three pacts will help reduce the city's projected deficit by \$100,000 this fiscal year, City Manager Laurie Murray said.

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nue, the loss of its redevelopment agency, rising insurance costs and the state's requirement to pay down unfunded pension liabilities.

To address the issue, La Palma trimmed staffing in the past three years by 20 percent to 52 city employees – a level not seen since 1985, Murray said. Two department director positions also were eliminated and several citywide events have been canceled or placed on hold.

Despite the cuts, La Palma faces a \$300,000 deficit this year, which is expected to increase to \$700,000 next year and up to \$2.2 million by 2021 if nothing is done, Murray said.

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The council unanimously approved a 30-year contract Tuesday with Foster Interstate Media to build a

15-by-50-foot, double-sided sign that would be 90 feet tall and flash electronic messages to motorists driving on the 91 near Orange-Thorpe Avenue. The council soon will consider whether to allow a second sign to be built in the same area.

Pending final approval from Caltrans, La Palma's struggling coffers would see a \$120,000 boost annually for each sign erected. However, the city wouldn't see that revenue for two years.

Despite the city's fiscal woes, the council on Tuesday night reversed an earlier decision to cancel some community events, projected to cost up to \$32,000.

The change of heart came after several requests from residents, officials said. The events likely will be scrubbed next year, unless the city's finances take a turn for the better, Councilman Steve Hwangbo said.

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016

STATE OF THE CITY BECOMES TOWN HALL

State of the City addresses by mayors are pretty common.

But La Palma Mayor Gerard Goedhart is tweaking his traditional address a little.

Goedhart has changed the format for this year's State of the City, which takes place at 7 p.m. April 26 at the La Palma Community Center, from a luncheon to a town hall.



Goedhart

The mayor said he hopes the more casual format, which will provide an opportunity for questions from attendees to the mayor and city staff, will draw more residents to the free event.

"The city is at a crucial point in its history and the community needs to come together to discuss our financial challenges," Goedhart said in a statement.

No RSVP is necessary and light refreshments will be served.

The Community Center is at 7821 Walker St. Information: cityoflapalma.org/stateofthecity or 714-690-3350.

- Lou Ponsi

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

La Palma will consider digital billboard along 91 Freeway to bolster city coffers

By [ART MARROQUIN](#)

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LA PALMA – A digital billboard – or perhaps, two – could help the city’s financial woes.

The City Council on Tuesday will consider striking a deal with Foster Interstate Media to build a 15-by-50-foot, double-sided sign that would stand 90 feet tall and flash electronic messages to motorists driving along the 91 freeway near Orangethorpe Avenue.

If the 30-year contract is approved, La Palma’s struggling coffers would see a \$120,000 boost annually if Foster Interstate Media builds one digital sign, and up to \$204,000 annually if two signs are erected.

The small, 1.8-mile-square-foot city with 15,500 residents has sought ways to deal with shortfalls in its \$10.5 million operating budget, largely driven by drops in tax revenue, rising insurance costs and the state’s requirement to pay down unfunded pension liabilities.

Revenue from the billboard is expected to help the city’s long-term fiscal sustainability, said a city report.

Along with advertisements, the sign will flash messages about the city as part of an effort to elevate La Palma’s image.

“The proposed project creates an iconic structure that identifies the city of La Palma to passing motorists on the 91 freeway,” the report said. “This community awareness is a key component to the city’s adopted economic development plan, which seeks ways to address La Palma’s lack of identity.”

Foster Media would cover the cost for removing 12 trees to make room for the signs, and pay up to \$25,000 for replacement trees that would be planted elsewhere.

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La Palma teen wins gold medal at Winter Youth Olympic Games

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LA PALMA (CNS) - Chloe Kim of La Palma won the Winter Youth Olympic Games gold medal in women's halfpipe snowboarding today in Oslo, Norway.

Kim's score of 94.25 on the first of her three runs was higher than any of the 16 other riders had on any of their three runs. She had a 96.50 on her second run, which included a McTwist indy and a frontside 720 Lien, and 96.25 on her third.

"I just kept doing the same run, but I felt like I was slowly going bigger and bigger as it was going on," said the 15-year-old Kim, a sophomore at La Palma Christian School. "My first run was super swirly and stuff, but after landing it I was a little more confident going into the second and third."

Kim thanked her parents after receiving her medal.

"I couldn't be here without my parents," Kim said. "I feel like my mom was scared when she first sent me off to the mountain. She was like, 'What am I getting my baby into?'"

"But my dad was always the one who was steering me in the right direction."

Emily Arthur of Australia won the silver medal with a score of 90 on her second run. Yu-rim Jeong of South Korea won the bronze with a score of 84.50 on her second run.

The winner is determined by the highest scoring on a run.

Kim is the youngest person to win a gold medal at the X Games. She would have qualified for the 2014 Winter Olympics, but was too young. She was selected by Time in 2015 as one of the 30 most influential teenagers.

Kim began snowboarding when she was 4 years old and competing for Team Mountain High at age 6. She spent third and fourth grades studying in Geneva and trained in Valais, Switzerland from when she was 8 to 10 years old.

"She's competing on the highest levels and she's winning at the highest levels with older competitors who are much more experienced," head judge Ales Silec said. "I'm a judge so I can't say she's (the best in the world), but she's really good."

Kim carried the U.S. flag during Friday's opening ceremony at Lysgardsbakkene Ski Jumping Arena in Lillehammer, Norway, the same venue used for the opening ceremony of the 1994 Winter Olympics.

Kim is scheduled to compete in Saturday's slopestyle event.

The Winter Youth Olympic Games are conducted by the International Olympic Committee. They began in 2012 and are held every four years. Competitors in this year's Games must be between 15 to 18 years old as of Dec. 31, 2016.

ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

La Palma trims employee pay, approves digital billboard plan to boost finances

By [ART MARROQUIN](#)

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Rather than continue slashing its way to solvency, La Palma is now seeking ways to generate revenue.

The City Council unanimously approved a 30-year contract on Tuesday with Foster Interstate Media to build a 15-by-50-foot, double-sided sign that would stand 90 feet tall and flash electronic messages to motorists driving along the 91 near Orangethorpe Avenue. The council will soon consider whether to allow a second sign to be built in the same area.

Pending final approval from Caltrans, La Palma's struggling coffers would see a \$120,000 boost annually if Foster builds one digital sign and up to \$204,000 annually if two signs are erected. However, the city wouldn't see that revenue for two years.

Despite the city's fiscal woes, the council on Tuesday night reversed an earlier decision to cancel some community events, projected to cost up to \$32,000.

The change of heart came after several requests from residents, officials said. The events will likely be scrubbed next year, unless the city's finances take a turn for the better, Councilman Steve Hwangbo said.

“As a policy maker, whenever I change my mind on an issue, there has to be a good reason,” Hwangbo said.
“Without additional revenue in the next year or so, we cannot continue this event.”

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