

April 23, 2024

City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comments

Jennifer Connally

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 6:33 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item 1.4

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"Mayday! Mayday!" is the international radio distress signal derived from a French term for "come and help me" which is very appropriate for this Earth Week. We need all the help we can get to make our air more breathable, protect our natural spaces and wildlife, decontaminate drinking water and provide clean energy. With Mayor Slater's leadership, the City Council gave the "green light" on December 12 to accept the free offer from Chapman University students to assist with preparing a sustainability plan. City staff was directed to provide the students with the necessary information to proceed. It is encouraging that an update on their semester project is being presented to the City.

A sustainability plan is a necessary prerequisite for the City to apply for federal, state and county funds to help provide renewable energy such as solar for residents and businesses. The City will then be able to take action to help protect our health and environment.

All of us can take action to make our planet more livable and sustainable. National Stop Food Waste on April 24 notes that reducing food waste is one of the leading solutions to climate change, even bigger than composting. Across the country 95% of the food we dispose ends up in landfills, where it emits methane and contributes to global warming, as reported by the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Diverting food waste from landfills by recycling organic waste is still important but many multifamily dwellings have still not been provided with the green bins from CR&R. Residents can recycle their food scraps by collecting food scraps at home to drop off at community and farmers markets, local gardens or compost facilities. Faster and easier than buying an electric vehicle, simply putting food scraps in a cart or bin for composting would have a huge impact in reducing air pollution and hot temperatures by sinking carbon dioxide into the soil, according to the director of CalRecycle.

Item 8.3

Permit Parking on
Wayfield St.

Pamela Coleman

From: . . .
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 5:40 PM
To:

Pamela Coleman
Cc:
Subject: Permit Parking on N. Wayfield Street

Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We represent Orange Square, LLC, owner of the Orange Square shopping center, located on the north side of Chapman Avenue, between Tustin Avenue and Wayfield Street.

Our client was notified by a letter received on Tuesday April 15 that the City Council would consider approval of permit parking on N. Wayfield Street between Chapman Avenue and the cul-de-sac at a meeting tonight.

The primary operating member of my client was out of town when the letter was received. He promptly called Dave Allenbach to ask questions, but did not receive a return call until yesterday afternoon (April 22) - one day before tonight's meeting.

This email is sent to register my client's objection to the conversion of public street parking to permit parking for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Oranewood Villa Apartments, a privately owned apartment property.

Our client has a number of concerns regarding this issue, a few of which are set forth below, but has not had a reasonable amount of time to properly address the matter, due to the very short prior notice of tonight's meeting:

1. Tenants will no longer be able to park in the 44 spaces on the public street adjacent to the shopping center.
2. None of the businesses on the east side of Wayfield will be able to park on the street. One of those businesses is a skate park which has heavy parking demand that will overflow onto the shopping center property.
3. "Permit only" street parking will encourage more of the apartment residents to park on the shopping center property, which is already heavily utilized by our tenants and their customers. This will necessitate posting of notices and towing, which is expensive and annoying for all involved.

My client requests a continuance of this matter to the next meeting of the City Council, to allow a reasonable amount of time for the ownership to address and consider, and communicate with the City of Orange concerning, the significant impacts of converting public

street parking to parking which would be dedicated to, and for the sole benefit of, a single private property.

Steve Kiser

Steven C. Kiser

Item 8.4

**Campaign
Contribution Limits &
Contributions from
Committees**

AGENDA ITEM 8.4 --- SUBMITTED BY SHIRLEY GRINDLE

2.10.090A . "Contributions Transferred from Committees. Contributions from candidate-controlled committees to a City Candidate Committee are prohibited . . . "

BACKGROUND:

IN APRIL 2001 THE ORANGE COUNTY DIST. ATTY. REQUESTED AN OPINION FROM THE ATTY.GEN.'S OFFICE ON WHETHER THIS PROHIBITION IN THE ORANGE COUNTY CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE IS CONSTITUTIONAL.

ON MARCH 11, 2002 THE AG'S OFFICE ISSUED OPINION NO. 01-313 IN WHICH THEY CONCLUDED THE PROHIBITION ON INTER-CANDIDATE TRANSFERS WAS CONSTITUTIONAL BUT ONLY IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS. **THE REASON IT IS CONSTITUTIONAL IS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT VIOLATE ANYBODY'S FREE SPEECH RIGHTS.**

(It has also been ruled constitutional in 78 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen.266(1995), and in State v. Alaska Civil Liberties Union, supra, 978 P.2d 597. The 2002 AG's opinion also stated "we believe that such a ban would meet (Buckley's) test for appropriately addressing the problem of funneling (Id at p. 273).")

IF THIS SECTION IS REMOVED, IT WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO FUNNELING AND LAUNDERING ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH A "CANDIDATE CONTROLLED COMMITTEE". FOR EXAMPLE:

JANE JONES MAXES OUT TO CITY CANDIDATE JOHN SMITH, BUT WANTS TO GIVE HIM MORE. SHE CAN'T LEGALLY DO SO BECAUSE OF THE ORANGE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT. JANE JONES THEN COMES TO AN AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY CANDIDATE HARRY WILSON WHEREIN JONES WILL MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO WILSON'S CONTROLLED COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE WILL THEN ISSUE A CHECK IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO ORANGE CANDIDATE JOHN SMITH, BUT IT WILL APPEAR TO BE FROM COUNTY CANDIDATE WILSON'S COMMITTEE.

THIS IS A FUNNELED AND LAUNDERED CONTRIBUTION THAT IS REPORTED AS COMING FROM WILSON'S CANDIDATE-CONTROLLED COMMITTEE WHEN IN FACT THE TRUE SOURCE OF THE MONEY IS JANE JONES. JANE JONES HAS JUST SUCCESSFULLY, BUT ILLEGALLY, EVADED THE ORANGE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.

BOTH FUNNELING AND LAUNDERING OF CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE PRA AND RESULT IN HEAVY FINES IF CAUGHT. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCOVER THE ABOVE SCHEME BUT PROHIBITING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER CANDIDATE-CONTROLLED COMMITTEES SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTS EVASION OF THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT.

FURTHERMORE, THE PUPOSE AND INTENT OF THE ORANGE CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE INCLUDES:

"6) TO PREVENT EVASION OF CONTRIBUTION LIMITS BY THE FUNNELING OR LAUNDERING OF CONTRIBUTIONS".

I RECOMMEND NO CHANGE TO SEC.2.10.090PartA FOR THE REASONS STATED.

2.10.090B "No committee controlled by a City Candidate or Elective City Officer shall make any contribution to any other committee supporting or opposing a City Candidate for office."

I RECOMMEND SEC.2.10.090Part B BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY.

IT IS TRUE THAT OTHER JURISDICTIONS DO NOT PROHIBIT INTER-CANDIDATE TRANSFERS (Section A) -- THAT IS BECAUSE MANY JURISDICTIONS DO NOT EVEN HAVE CAMPAIGN ORDINANCES AND THE ONES THAT DO ARE LOOSELY WRITTEN BY CITY ATTORNEYS WHO DO NOT SPECIALIZE IN CAMPAIGN LAW NOR ARE THEY KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE VARIOUS WAYS CONTRIBUTION LIMITS CAN BE EVADED.

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