

December 09, 2025

City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comments

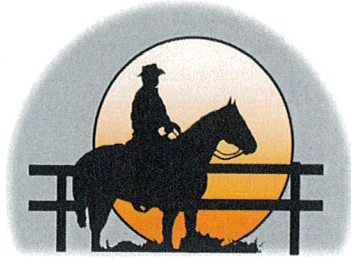
Corina Perez

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, December 8, 2025 5:46 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item #1.4

Another mandatory wood-burning ban in fireplaces and in all indoor and outdoor devices was again in effect over the weekend due to increased air pollution, at least some of which is caused by food ending up in landfills, producing methane gas. On November 30 our air quality was again rated "unhealthy," which is worse than the usual "poor" air we breathe. Food in landfills "causes significant air pollution" by emitting methane, a greenhouse gas "84 times more potent than CO₂ over 20 years." As the food decomposes it also produces other harmful pollutants (PM_{2.5}), contributing to climate change and poor air quality, and "can worsen asthma and other health conditions." About half of what Californians landfill is organic waste, with "food scraps being a major component," around 20-22%.

Reduced methane emissions, healthier communities and economic resilience are some of the "long-term, measurable outcomes" of work being done by Abound Food Care, originally known as Waste Not OC. In 2017 the WNOC model was "recognized as the nation's most effective food recovery program." Abound and a network of other nonprofits are "rescuing food direct from growers, processors, and retailers." Their efforts have resulted in more than 92 million pounds of food recovered, producing 77 million meals, and reducing pollution equivalent to taking 3,000 cars off the roads every year.

Even with all of their efforts, Abound's CEO noted that "30 to 40 percent of all food produced in the U.S. is wasted, and the cost of this waste exceeds all federal nutrition program budgets combined." He pointed out that "eliminating food waste, ending food insecurity, and slowing climate change don't have to be separate goals." His plan for "systemic changes" are aimed to address issues such as volunteers using personal vehicles to transport surplus food, "negatively impacting any environmental benefits associated with reducing food waste." Proposed changes include coordinating logistics such as transportation, and using solar-powered cold storage.



Orange Park Association

PO Box 2293 Orange, CA 92859

December 7, 2025

Subject: Official Clarification for Record: City Council Meeting held Tuesday, July 22, 2025, Agenda Item 3.9 (MOU)

City of Orange -City Clerk
300 East Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

Dear City Clerk,

The Orange Park Association (OPA) is submitting this letter (and attachment) to request an official clarification and correction be placed into the Public Comments record referencing the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, concerning Agenda Item 3.9 (MOU between the City of Orange and Milan REI X, LLC).

This correction addresses a verbal statement made during the meeting by Mayor Slater: "The OPA Association Board is in favor of the MOU."

This statement is inaccurate:

1. The Orange Park Association's official statement, documented in the letter submitted on July 21, 2025, stated that the Orange Park Association "understands that the MOU could be a useful roadmap." Please see attached letter
2. The Orange Park Association is not in favor, approving, or agreeing to any terms and conditions outlined in the MOU. The Orange Park Association only supports the *process* of using an MOU, but not the specific terms at this time.

We respectfully request that this clarification letter and attachment be formally filed in Public Comments and attached to the meeting minutes for the December 9, 2025 City Council meeting referencing the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, concerning Agenda Item 3.9 (MOU between the City of Orange and Milan REI X, LLC), to ensure the public record accurately reflects the Orange Park Association's position.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and confirm its placement in the official record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherry Panttaja". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Sherry Panttaja
President
Orange Park Association



Orange Park Association

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July 18, 2025

Orange City Council
c/o City Manager Tom Kisela
300 East Chapman Avenue
Orange, California 92866
tkisela@cityoforange.org

Re: Agenda Item 3.9 - Memorandum of Understanding between City and Milan REI X, LLC

Dear Council Members:

Orange Park Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1960 to protect the rural-equestrian area known as Orange Park Acres (OPA) that was established in 1928. OPA covers approximately 450 acres. We have a strong interest in the Sully Miller site, as 56 acres is part of the OPA plan that was adopted by the city in 1973.

Orange Park Association understands that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) could be a useful roadmap in resolving the land use issues regarding the Sully Miller and residential properties. It appears the agreement provides the capacity to see the Sully Miller site shift to public open space, in keeping with the OPA Plan and the Orange General Plan's goals for open space.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter and stand ready to participate in the future. Please include OPA in future correspondence or notices.

Sincerely,

Sherry Panttaja

Sherry Panttaja
President, Orange Park Association

Orange City Council

Meeting Time: 12-09-25 18:00

eComments Report

| Meetings | Meeting Time | Agenda Items | Comments | Support | Oppose | Neutral |
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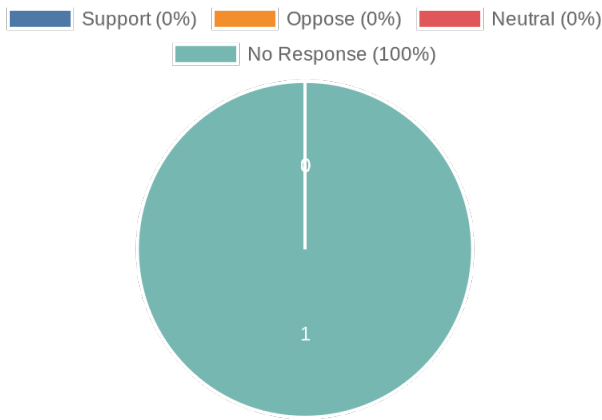
Orange City Council

12-09-25 18:00

| Agenda Name | Comments | Support | Oppose | Neutral |
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| 3.11. Award of Contract to Doane and Hartwig Water Systems, Inc. for purchase and installation of mixers at Reservoirs 2 and 10A. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3.12. Award of Contract to Farwest Corrosion Control Company for Reservoir 5 Exterior Cathodic Protection System Installation Project; Bid No. 25-26.06. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 3.16. Authorization to submit a transportation improvement project application to the Orange County Transportation Authority for funding under Measure M2 of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program. Resolution No. 11645. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 8.1. Consider combining the annual Orange May Parade, Taste of Orange, and the Orange Plaza Rotary Club Car Show events. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.11. Award of Contract to Doane and Hartwig Water Systems, Inc. for purchase and installation of mixers at Reservoirs 2 and 10A.

Overall Sentiment



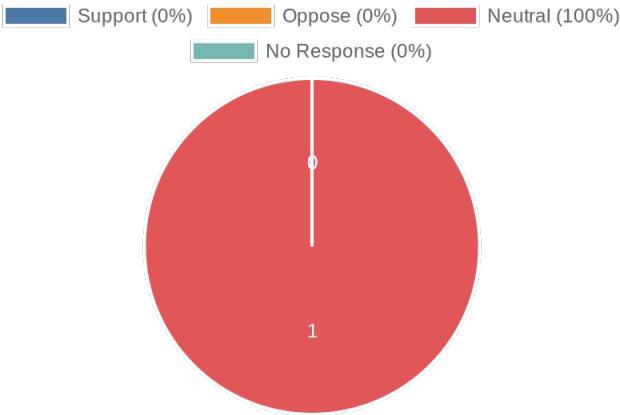
Leslie Manderscheid

Location:
Submitted At: 12:34am 12-09-25

What exactly is a "mixer and where exactly are these reservoirs?

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.12. Award of Contract to Farwest Corrosion Control Company for Reservoir 5 Exterior Cathodic Protection System Installation Project; Bid No. 25-26.06.

Overall Sentiment



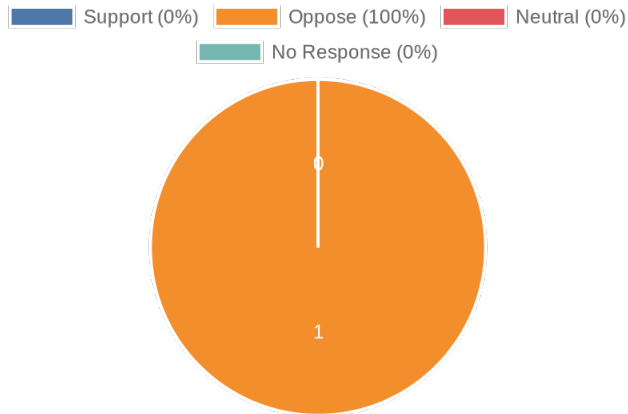
Leslie Manderscheid

Location:
Submitted At: 12:35am 12-09-25

Where is Reservoir 5?

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.16. Authorization to submit a transportation improvement project application to the Orange County Transportation Authority for funding under Measure M2 of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Program. Resolution No. 11645.

Overall Sentiment



Leslie Manderscheid

Location:

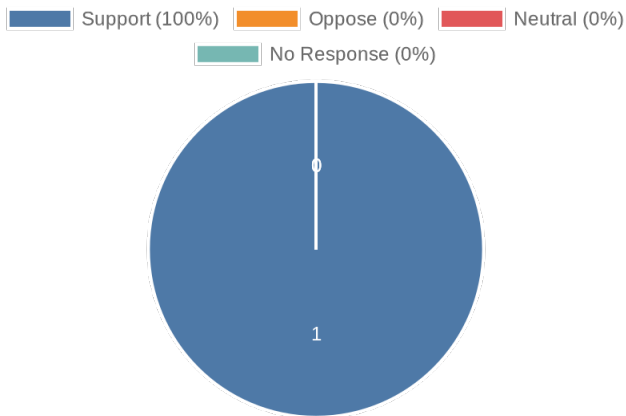
Submitted At: 12:31am 12-09-25

The specific project to be approved is not described in this Agenda Item narrative. The specific project should be identified along with the cost of the project, in particular the cost to the City for matching funds in the amount of \$2,035,031.

Additionally, the Engineering plans must be included. The map provided does not give any indication of the work to be done, nor why it is proposed. Verification is also needed to ensure the construction and roadway changes will serve a purpose and need. It appears the traffic would not be improved north of Serrano nor along Santiago Canyon Rd. And for this the City should spend over \$8 Million in public funds??

Agenda Item: eComments for 8.1. Consider combining the annual Orange May Parade, Taste of Orange, and the Orange Plaza Rotary Club Car Show events.

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29am 12-05-25

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed “Celebrate Orange” weekend—a collaborative, community-wide event showcasing three of our city’s most cherished nonprofit organizations: the Orange Chamber of Commerce Foundation and its historic Orange May Parade, the Orange Plaza Rotary Club and its beloved Car Show, and the Assistance League of Orange Orange Blossoms and their signature Taste of Orange.

Bringing these hallmark events together under one coordinated weekend offers a powerful opportunity to strengthen community engagement, elevate the visibility of these nonprofits, and increase the charitable funds ultimately invested back into the City of Orange. A unified celebration will create a more impactful and memorable experience for residents and visitors alike, amplifying the positive impact each event already brings to our community.

“Celebrate Orange” will also establish a consistent, annual touchstone for our city—one centered on family-friendly programming that captures the spirit, heritage, and warmth that define Orange. A consolidated event weekend allows families to plan ahead, participate more fully, and enjoy a cohesive celebration that reflects the best of our hometown.

Additionally, aligning these events into a single weekend will meaningfully reduce repeated street closures, parking challenges, and general inconvenience for Old Towne businesses and nearby residents. A coordinated schedule provides needed relief while still supporting the economic vitality that these events generate.

Finally, “Celebrate Orange” creates an exciting platform for broader inclusion. By bringing together residents, local nonprofits, restaurants, and retailers, this weekend can become a catalyst for growth—offering new opportunities for community organizations and local businesses to participate, collaborate, and shine. This collective approach strengthens our civic fabric and reinforces the shared pride we all feel for the City of Orange.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage the City Council to support the establishment of "Celebrate Orange." This initiative holds tremendous potential to enrich our community, honor our traditions, and foster a spirit of unity and celebration for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to the well-being of our city.