

November 14, 2023 City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

Public Comments

Non-Agenda Item

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From: Janice Brownfield
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Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

It's during this fall harvest season that we have a national holiday of thankfulness for the blessings of the year. So thank you to those who are responsible for placing bins including for compost, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and other recyclables in the Community Room of the main library. The bin marked "Landfill" is an important reminder that if food scraps go there they contribute to increased methane emissions that cause pollution and heat. Thank you also for placing word descriptions and pictures of what to place in each of the bins. The "Compost" label lists "Food Scraps/Leftovers, Compostable Plates & Cups, Coffee Grounds, Meat (no bones), Soiled Pizza Boxes, Uncoated Paper, Plants & Yard Debris, Soiled Paper Towels & Napkins, Tea Bags." The "Compost" label also shows pictures including a hamburger, muffin, egg shells, egg carton, banana peel, apple core and broccoli.

In contrast to the library, the Orange Senior Center, where about 40 to 50 lunches are served each day Monday through Friday, has no recycling bins in sight. Leftover food is not separated from plastic plates, utensils and cups on the premises. A City employee is said to come there to retrieve the trash for processing.

Ready for harvest but left unpicked on trees are many persimmons and other produce. OC Food Access Coalition operated a backyard gleaning program, the Harvest Club, a free service in which volunteer harvesters did the picking and packaging of unwanted fruits and vegetables for transport to local hunger prevention programs. Chapman University had partnered with the Harvest Club to help reduce wasted produce in University-owned homes leased to faculty and staff. At one point 825 pounds of fresh produce including oranges, grapefruits and avocados were harvested from several homes in Old Towne, with more than 2,000 servings donated to the Friendly Center and Mary's Kitchen.

The City of Oceanside for one has partnered with a non-profit, ProduceGood, to rescue surplus backyard produce to feed those in need. Residents there can schedule a pick for direct donation to local food pantries. Oceanside provides a harvest flyer for a seasons of fruit calendar and information on how to schedule a pick. The City of Orange could likewise promote a harvest program, possibly with organizations such as Orange Home Grown Farmers Market with which it has a street closures agreement. A proposed new agreement will give the market credit toward the direct costs of those closures, estimated at \$375 each Saturday, by providing volunteer maintenance of the orange grove at Hart Park.

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Meeting Time: 11-14-23 18:00

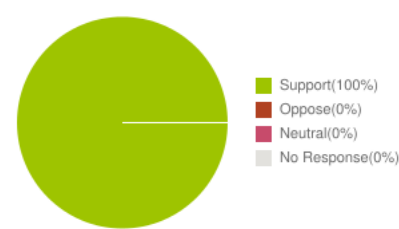
eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council	11-14-23 18:00	53	1	1	0	0

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
8.2. Consideration of a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for security and utilities deposit rental assistance to be funded out of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.	1	1	0	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 8.2. Consideration of a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program for security and utilities deposit rental assistance to be funded out of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

Overall Sentiment



Barry Ross

Location:
Submitted At: 9:02am 11-10-23

The use of HOME funds for security, utility and rental assistance are to be commended. I would encourage the city to include in its priority list pregnant women, as we are seeing pregnant women without shelter. I would also encourage the city to require its partners to determine if the resident is first eligible for a security deposit through Cal Aim, so that the funds do not go to residents who could obtain a one time security deposit through that program.