

February 25, 2025 City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comment

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Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

As Councilmember Barrios said at the last meeting, "We all care about clean air and safety," referring to proposed new rules from the South Coast Air Quality Management District that include residences transitioning from gas to electric furnaces and water heaters. The Council supported her proposal that staff prepare a letter for Mayor Slater to sign asking the AQMD to delay implementing its proposal due to cost concerns. Grants to assist with retrofits are also proposed by the AQMD. Mayor Pro Tem Bilodeau, who said he worked at the AQMD for nine years and is familiar with its rule-making process, noted that water heater gas pilot lights are on 24/7 and a transition to electric would remove nine tons of particulates a day from the air we breathe.

Since our air quality continues to be mostly "poor," switching to electric would cause an improvement. Solar energy would help even more, and would save the City money; it is recommended by our Citywide Sustainability Plan prepared by a Chapman University class. Councilmember Gyllenhammer said he has been researching solar energy companies and power purchase agreements, which reduce energy costs by 20 to 30 percent and the City would pay "nothing" for the infrastructure. He noted that about four City buildings already have solar panels. Councilmember Dumitru said solar initiatives for the City are a "great idea" that "makes sense" as he is "very interested" in ways for the City to save money so "we should be chasing it." Mayor Slater said he is "very intrigued" and "very supportive," concluding that is the "direction we would like to head."

Councilmember Dumitru also said the City of Tustin is considering Veregy, which is a "decarbonization company offering energy efficiency, EV infrastructure, clean energy, and smart building solutions." Tustin is in preliminary discussions about alternative energy with Veregy and several other companies, including NORESO. In 2023 the City of Fullerton contracted with NORESO, a part of Carrier, to implement an \$8.4 million energy efficiency project guaranteed to save \$12.1 million during the contract period. Funded entirely from generated savings, the project included carport-mounted solar panels at its city hall and police department to provide shaded parking and renewable energy. The project is expected to reduce Fullerton's carbon dioxide emissions by 2,793,572 pounds each year. The total expected reduction in greenhouse gases equates to planting 1,306 acres of trees. The project was also reported to utilize local subcontractors and create at least 50 local jobs.

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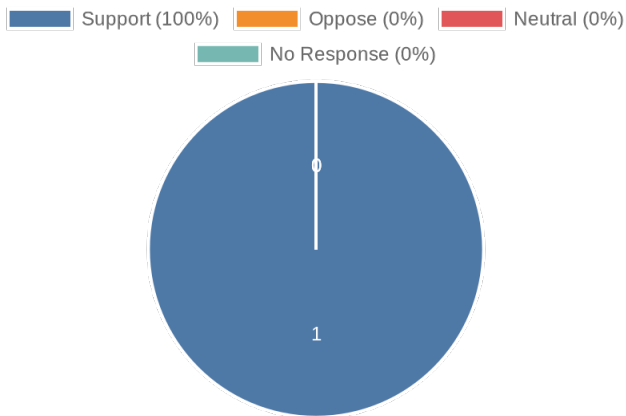
Meeting Time: 02-25-25 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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Overall Sentiment



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Location:

Submitted At: 12:40pm 02-25-25

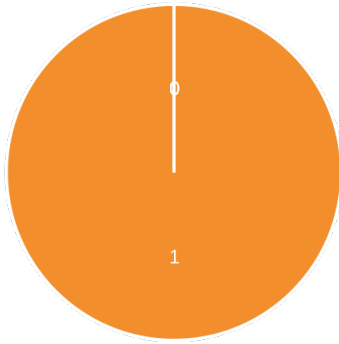
I want to thank the City for making improvements to its Storm Drain System, especially with the installation of 11 connector pipe screens, and two full trash capture units. As a Civil Engineer I've inspected over 500 catch basins and have seen firsthand how these improvements can greatly reduce trash entering our drains and waterways. I strongly encourage the City to explore more of these opportunities, however, unless we tackle trash pollution at the source, I fear this issue will never cease.

I know the City is not willing to pass any laws to limit or ban single-use plastic or Styrofoam containers and utensils, so I ask that you begin a public outreach initiative to better educate residents and businesses about the harms of trash pollution, the existing laws in place that currently prohibit them (i.e., Assembly Bill No. 1884 that limits restaurants to only offer straws upon request⁰, and alternative compostable containers. This public outreach initiative should be coordinated with CR&R, so as to amplify the message and at the same time better educate residents and businesses about proper recycling and organic waste collections/disposal. Our Orange Sustainability Group will gladly help the City in any capacity, and are already doing so in various ways. Other organizations specialize in this, like the Surfrider Foundation and Green Business Network. Together lets work to clean up our City and its environment!

Agenda Item: eComments for 9.3. Fiscal Year 2025-2030 Citywide Strategic Plan Quarterly Update.

Overall Sentiment

Support (0%) Oppose (100%) Neutral (0%)
No Response (0%)



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Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 02-20-25

The city survey of resident's priorities have indicated that affordable housing is one of their top priorities, yet there is nothing in the strategic plan to address this. I recommend that the strategic plan be amended to add a goal and strategies relating to the city applying for CA pro housing designation. Thank you.