

September 9, 2025

Written Public
Comments

Jennifer Connally

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 5:34 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it is an old saying defied for many years by individuals and organizations taking action to create cooler and cleaner air by reducing greenhouse gases from appliances, vehicles and landfills. The City can help by educating residents and businesses and providing them with support to keep food scraps and other organic waste from landfills, where it produces methane emissions creating air pollution and hot temperatures.

The City of Tustin applied for and received funding to hire a consultant for implementing SB 1383, the State's organic waste recycling mandate. Tustin was "actually ahead of most cities in Orange County" in complying with the September 2024 deadline in having CR&R distribute organic waste recycling carts, including to all 275 multi-family dwellings. Negotiating new or amended contracts with waste haulers such as CR&R to implement the mandate caused many cities "to be a year behind" Tustin.

EcoNomics Inc. is the environmental consulting firm Tustin retained to oversee and monitor CR&R and its accounts to ensure contract performance standards are met, including for the food scrap recycling program. EcoNomics also provides outreach and education to residents and businesses through social media, videos and brochures, and multilingual recycling training. In a video collaboration with Tustin, EcoNomics shares tips and tricks for setting up and maintaining a vermicomposting bin at home, an alternative to putting food scraps in organic waste carts.

For the City of Mission Viejo, another municipal client, EcoNomics created and posted on its website a video of managers from an apartment complex, a restaurant and a deli, and also a church leader, sharing the benefits of using food waste carts from Waste Management, the contracted waste hauler. Orange may not have a paid consultant to perform those services, but there is no shortage of talent willing to volunteer. The City could reach out to Chapman University, which provided a sustainability plan last year, to create similar videos to be posted on the City's website, social media and government channel. Such videos could be presented at meetings of various organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and non-profits.

Jennifer Connally

From: Kimberly Reynoso O'Neill
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 12:38 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Concerns Regarding Tomorrow's Agenda Items: Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation & Resolution Opposing Proposition 50

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Dear Mayor Slater, Mayor Pro Tem Bilodeau, and Members of the City Council,

I am writing as a deeply concerned resident of the City of Orange to express my strong opposition to two items on tomorrow's agenda:

1. **Proclamation Recognizing September 15–October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month**

While I deeply value and celebrate Hispanic heritage, this proclamation feels hollow and performative when our communities are simultaneously being torn apart by immigration raids and federal enforcement actions. It is deeply disheartening to see the City issue proclamations celebrating culture and diversity while failing to take a stand for immigrant families living in fear and facing separation. Words of recognition ring empty if not backed by policies and actions that actually protect and uplift the very people being honored. Our city should be working to create a safe and supportive environment for all residents, especially those most vulnerable, not issuing symbolic statements disconnected from their lived realities.

2. **Item 5.1: Resolution Opposing Proposition 50 (Bilodeau)**

I also strongly oppose the proposed resolution that would put the City of Orange on record against Proposition 50. This measure is for California voters to decide, and it is not appropriate for our City Council to attempt to influence or preempt voter choice. Passing such a resolution undermines democratic participation, politicizes our local government, and alienates residents who deserve to make their own informed decisions about statewide issues. Instead of engaging in partisan battles, I urge this Council to focus on the pressing local challenges—public safety, housing, transportation, and community well-being—that matter most to residents.

Both of these agenda items reflect a troubling trend: symbolic actions and political positioning that fail to serve or represent the true needs of our diverse community. I urge you to reconsider both measures and instead focus on policies that promote inclusivity, empower voters, and strengthen trust in local government.

I also respectfully request that I be **personally contacted by each member of the City Council** regarding these concerns. As a resident and voter, I believe it is essential that the Council hear and respond to the voices of those you represent.

Thank you for your time and service to our community. I appreciate your attention to these issues and look forward to meaningful engagement and action from the full Council.

Sincerely,
Kimberly O'Neill
email:

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Item 9.3

Cost Allocation and Draft Fee Study

Jennifer Connally

From: Noelle Nicole Realtor
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:07 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Opposition Statement – Agenda Item 9.3

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Opposition Statement – Agenda Item 9.3

Orange City Council Meeting – September 9, 2025

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to oppose the proposed fee increases under Agenda Item 9.3 related to the Development Impact Fee Study by the Matrix Consulting Group.

These fee hikes will place a heavy burden on community programs like **Olive Orange Kids**, which provide affordable, essential services for children and families. Increased costs will force us to either raise prices for families or reduce programs—hurting the very residents these services are meant to support.

The draft report focuses on cost recovery but ignores the social value and equity impact on non-profits and youth organizations. We urge the Council to:

- **Delay adoption** of the fee increases;
- **Include input** from affected community groups;
- **Create exemptions or reduced rates** for youth-serving and non-profit organizations.

Please reconsider this approach. These changes risk making community programs less accessible to those who need them most.

Sincerely,

Concerned parent and community member



Noelle Nicole Garcia

Realtor®

Lifestyle and Real Estate | eXp Realty

Jennifer Connally

From: Braden Burns
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 1:21 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda 9.3 Economic Advancement & Fiscal Sustainability

To the Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council,

I am writing this out of an abundance of concern for the agenda item being proposed and discussed this evening, September 9th. My son plays for a youth recreational baseball league at Olive Pony. Having played baseball as a youth for South Sunrise, I can speak to the resilience, teamwork, and discipline that was instilled in me and is now being instilled in my son. The proposed cost increase of 850% for the hourly rate for our non-profit youth organization will ostracize and inevitably have a detrimental impact on dozens of youths within our league, and hundreds, if not thousands more in the not-so-distant future.

My hope is that the Mayor and your Council will reevaluate the independent study that was performed by Matrix Consulting Group and find a different avenue of revenue stream that does not include creating barriers to entry for youth in sports. As a manager of a business, I can appreciate the need for reducing costs while trying to simultaneously add revenues, especially in today's economic climate. That being said, Olive Pony and other not for profit youth leagues that operate in the City of Orange should have to bear the brunt of these increases that are being enacted to counteract a budget deficit. These programs have an incredible impact on the psychosocial development of our youth that improve their mental health while also creating a safe and healthy environment for them to build camaraderie and friendships.

Many of our youth leagues are volunteer ran, including Olive Pony, which allows for our facilities to be interdependent on the efforts of parent and family members to ensure the fields are kept in good repair and the local facilities within the parks need not be maintained by City employees to a greater degree. At Olive Park, our league has also contributed through capital improvements such as fencing, scoreboards, storage solutions, and even turf projects.

I feel I can speak for most parents within the non-profit youth sports organizations that take place in the beautiful City of Orange when I say our programs are being unfairly targeted when other services are being adjusted more moderately. Important to note as well that the sheer volume of hours we utilize the facility, which is year-round, allows for a constant monitoring and abates much vandalism, damage, and unsafe conditions that many cities within Orange County face.

I hope that serious considerations will be made to protect our youth's right to these same community services that have been offered for generations and the City will not institute economic barriers that would either encumber or all but eliminate families from being able to participate in these vital services that our organizations offer. In summation, please vote NO on Agenda item 9.3 in its current form and initiate a broader discussion with community stakeholders before any fee schedule is finalized.

Thank you,

Braden Burns
Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.
Branch Manager | Southern California
Making It Happen For Our Customers!

Corina Perez

From: Elena Bosch
Sent: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 2:47 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item 9.3 ("Fee Study")

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to you out of deep concern regarding the proposed increase in youth sports field fees from \$2 per hour to nearly \$20 per hour.

While I understand the City's need to address budget challenges, the current proposal moves too quickly and does not account for the devastating impact it would have on our community's nonprofit, volunteer-run youth sports organizations.

These organizations are the backbone of youth athletics in Orange. They provide children with safe, structured, and affordable opportunities to grow, learn teamwork, and build lifelong memories. If these new rates go into effect without further review, many of these programs will be forced to shutter, leaving countless children and families without access to community-driven sports here in the City of Orange.

We are grateful for the City's long-standing support of youth sports, and we know you share in our commitment to keeping them accessible. We respectfully urge you not to move forward with these fee increases until there has been adequate review and meaningful input from nonprofit youth sports directors and community stakeholders.

Together, we can find a fair solution that balances the City's fiscal needs with the vital role youth sports play in shaping strong, healthy communities.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. The decisions you make will impact generations of children and families in Orange, and I trust you will take the time needed to ensure those impacts are positive.

With respect and appreciation,
Elena Bosch

Elena Bosch, APR
Community Relations Director, Olive Pony Baseball
Communications Director, Think Together

Orange City Council - Regular Session

Meeting Time: 09-09-25 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Orange City Council - Regular Session	09-09-25 18:00	38	94	4	82	1

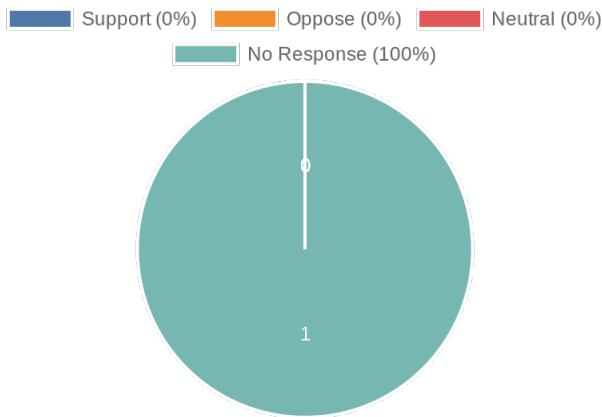
Orange City Council - Regular Session
09-09-25 18:00

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS At this time, members of the public may address the Council on matters not listed on the agenda within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker unless a different time limit is announced.	1	0	0	0
3.10. A Pledge to Become a Clean California Community. Resolution No. 11631.	1	1	0	0
5.1. Consideration of a resolution adopting a position of opposition to Proposition 50 on the November 2025 Special Election ballot. (Bilodeau)	35	1	31	1
9.1. Approve a three-year professional services agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for legislative advocacy and grant writing services.	1	1	0	0
9.3. Results of the Cost Allocation and Draft Fee Study.	55	1	50	0
10.1. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 15-25 amending Section 12.48.105 of the Orange Municipal Code, Park Ordinance - Permits Required.	1	0	1	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Overall Sentiment



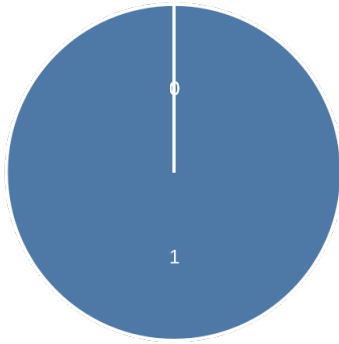
Guest User

Location:
Submitted At: 9:36am 09-06-25

Susan L Petrella, Fullerton CA here. Your historic core parking situation is dire... Several times, after meetings at JWAirport, I've tried to come and shop, no go, no parking anywhere, side streets included... This scenario is during the week! Weekends, I wouldn't even bother driving down, worse, worse... Who's taking all the parking, Chapman students? Tourists? Orange residents? I've been in SoCal, 21 yrs. now, Orange used to be easy to visit/shop, now not ever... Such a shame...

Overall Sentiment

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



Jake Comer

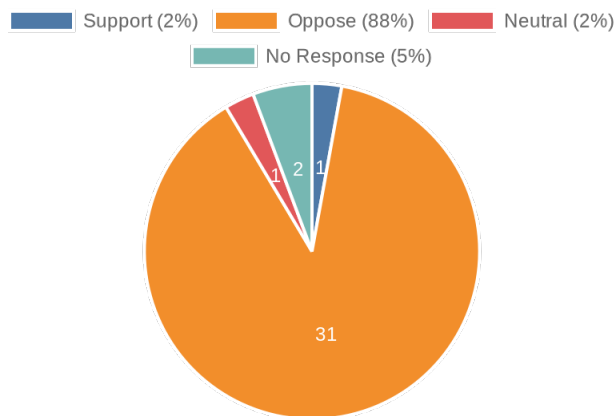
Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 09-09-25

Per the Staff Report, "The program encourages local jurisdictions to commit to...sustainability practices.", ". Current initiatives, including...the installation of trash and recycling receptacles...already in place," and "the City's goals of...supporting environmental stewardship." Although I agree these are wonderful goals, I do not agree that these actions are being taken by the City. I have not seen a recycling receptacle out in public spaces anywhere in Orange and zero actions have been taken from the Orange Sustainability Plan. Lets save staff time by utilizing the Orange Sustainability Plan and improving upon it, in their pursuit to "evaluate the most effective plan to implement the necessary activities to achieve this recognition."

Agenda Item: eComments for 5.1. Consideration of a resolution adopting a position of opposition to Proposition 50 on the November 2025 Special Election ballot. (Bilodeau)

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:21pm 09-09-25

I am a long time resident of Orange, stay focus on the city of Orange, do not get involved in Partisan issues. Remove this from your agenda and focus on our city of immigrants that need your focus on health and safety. Prop 50 is not the City's business. Where were your concerns when Texas went against laws and redistrict. This is not the city's responsibility, when we have too many other issues to focus on. Let the state run one of the largest economies in the world and the council members focus on Orange our city.

Bonnie Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:18pm 09-09-25

I strongly oppose the resolution proposed by City Council Member Bilodeau, adopting a position of opposition to Proposition 50. The Orange City Council members should be focused on city business and the health and safety of Orange residents and those who work in Orange, not partisan politics. Included in the resolution are inaccuracies as to the mapping of Congressional Districts. The City of Orange is already divided in half by the current maps. It so happens, that Prop 50's maps are actually fairer. However, even if the inaccurate clause is removed from the resolution, it is still inappropriate for council members to weigh in on a strictly partisan issue. It is each council member's prerogative to vote as he or she wishes in the election, as it is for all of the citizens of Orange. A unified opinion of the Orange City Council members regarding Proposition 50 is not needed, required and definitely not wanted by the residents of Orange.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:51pm 09-09-25

This isn't a city matter. The council can privately hold whatever opinions they wish. Prop 50 is not for the council to decide.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:24pm 09-09-25

I agree with many of the other commenters that the city should refrain from engaging in national partisan politics. We do have to work to protect the people of Orange, regardless of color, from the increasingly racist attacks by the federal government, but when we can I encourage the community to avoid partisan divides so we can work together to take care of our community together. I support Prop 50 because of the emergency situation we are in as a nation, but I believe the discussion is not appropriate for the City Council. There are pressing budget, housing, and energy matters to attend to instead. I encourage us to devote our time to looking seriously into joining OCPA to save everyone money on electricity bills.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:21pm 09-09-25

I oppose this resolution. The council needs to work on the deficit, not waste time playing around with partisan politics.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:52pm 09-09-25

Donald Trump and Texas Governor Abbott are making an unprecedented power grab to steal congressional seats and rig the 2026 election before voting even begins, silencing Americans across the country based on what we look like, what's in our wallets, or where we live.

Other Trump-supporting governors are following suit. These "bullies for billionaires" want to steal enough seats to control Congress regardless of how the people vote, drawing unfair districts to choose their voters instead of allowing voters to choose their own representatives.

If Californians don't act now, Donald Trump will seize total power for two more years, and it's possible voters will never again have their voices heard - we need to protect our freedom.

California has a duty to defend democracy. When Trump tries to rig elections, we must use every legal tool available to protect the voting rights of Americans.

This measure draws fair maps that represent California's diverse communities and ensure our voices aren't silenced by gerrymandering in other states.

Prop 50 makes sure the 2026 mid-term elections are conducted on a level playing field without an unfair advantage for Trump's regime.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:40pm 09-09-25

I strongly oppose this resolution. This is nothing more than grandstanding and political theater! To paraphrase Mayor Slater, this is a state issue and the city council should stay out of it and Orange is not Huntington Beach! I strongly suggest that the city council members focus on matters that impact Orange residents, including but not limited to preventing the city from bankruptcy!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 09-09-25

Shame on you for even considering spending your time and taxpayer dollars on this. I strongly oppose this consideration and demand the council act for our city and residents, not against it. This is a complete waste of time. Texas is welcoming new residents. Step aside and let people who care for our community lead it.

Jake Comer

Location:

Submitted At: 12:35pm 09-09-25

The city is going bankrupt and THIS is what you decide to spend your time on?

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 09-09-25

I am vehemently opposed to the CITY (not state or federal) of Orange council wasting time and resources to meddle in partisan politics. When there are much larger issues facing Orange. Let the voters decide. We are better than this. The council is willing to play partisan politics on this issue that is against the will of many constituents what is to say they will not do it on others. This has nothing to do with fairness and has everything to do with outside interests trying to keep the city of orange in the dark. Bilodeau is clearly not focusing on city issues and supporting his city in an appropriate way, it is hypocrisy. Let the people vote and do as you were elected to do serve Orange residents.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:07am 09-09-25

Please stay out of partisan politics

Keep prop 50 out of your mouths and AGENDA!

FOCUS ON CITY OF ORANGE BUSINESS

LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE NOT THE ARISTOCRACY

Florice Hoffman

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 09-09-25

I strongly oppose this resolution. Let's be clear: this is not about protecting fairness or democracy. This is about politics. This resolution is being pushed on behalf of the Republican Party, which has consistently fought against independent redistricting commissions across the country when they stand in the way of partisan advantage. To claim that opposing Proposition 50 is somehow a defense of fairness is pure hypocrisy.

If this Council truly cared about fairness, you would acknowledge that the "independent" Citizens Redistricting Commission has already divided Orange. The current maps literally split our city at Glassell, carving up neighborhoods and breaking apart communities of interest. That is not fairness. Proposition 50, by contrast, presents maps that voters themselves will approve. These maps actually keep communities of interest in Orange together and, for the first time, place Latino voters in the appropriate congressional district so their voices are not diluted. That is what real fairness looks like.

And let's not ignore the double standard at work here. This Council is quick to condemn Proposition 50, but you have been silent on states like Texas and others that are actively undermining democracy in the lead-up to the 2026 midterm elections. Where is your condemnation of other states who are changing Congressional maps without a vote of the people?

This is the same Council that was afraid to support a resolution unmasking ICE, that is bankrupting the city by opposing a reasonable sales tax increase, and that joined partisan, anti-immigrant lawsuits in Arizona. To now claim the mantle of protecting democracy is not only inconsistent—it is insulting to the people of Orange.

By adopting this resolution, you are not defending fairness. You are defending a broken status quo and playing partisan politics. The people of Orange deserve better. Proposition 50 deserves to be debated on its merits by voters, not undermined by a City Council more concerned with political theater than true representation.

I urge you to reject this resolution. Stop pretending this is about fairness—it is about power, and it comes at the expense of the very communities you were elected to serve.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 09-09-25

The council should not meddled on this and let the citizens vote

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 09-09-25

Lifelong city of Orange resident here. I am vehemently opposed to the Council even considering taking a position on Proposition 50. It is up to the voters of the city of Orange to decide for themselves if they support redistricting. Do the job you were elected to do in Orange!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:48pm 09-08-25

I am appalled by this attempt to influence and confuse the state's issue by the City of Orange. The special election ballot is going through proper channels and will be voted on by the people of California. The people of Orange deserve better than this waste of time and meeting resources. City issues are pressing and need the work of this body.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:43pm 09-08-25

I love Orange and am proud to live here. I urge my local elected officials to vote NO on Mr. Bilodeau's resolution. The authority of this position, if taken, is actually meaningless other than to serve as theatrical political posturing. It has no reason for existing other than to distract and divide. Please do the jobs you were elected to do, which is to oversee the governance of our City. This resolution has nothing to do with responsible local governance.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02pm 09-08-25

The City has no business voting on this issue, this is a matter for the voters!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 6:13pm 09-08-25

The voters of California will have an opportunity to decide whether it is a good idea. The Orange City Council should stay out of it!

Jordan Prell

Location:

Submitted At: 4:13pm 09-08-25

Why should the city take a position on this? Elections are run and paid for by the county so what is the impact to Orange? Unless you are thinking that the county would pass on special election costs to Orange? Are they able to do that? Seems like the purpose of this discussion is to inject national politics into our local government, and is unnecessary.

Linda Maxwell-Jordan

Location:

Submitted At: 4:07pm 09-08-25

I oppose this resolution. Unlike Texas, our state is putting it to a vote. If you don't like it, show that with your vote. The city council should concentrate on city issues, not political theater.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:07pm 09-08-25

I strongly oppose this City Council taking up this resolution. This is a matter to be taken up by voters statewide and the City has no business acting on Statewide matters. This is a distraction from the City's responsibility

towards its citizens on local matters and not involve itself with Partisan politics.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:21pm 09-08-25

I strongly urge this Council to reject Councilmember Bilodeau's resolution seeking to formally oppose Proposition 50 on the November 2025 Special Election ballot. This resolution does not serve the interests of our community, undermines democratic principles, and distracts from pressing local issues that should be this Council's priority. This resolution is an overreach of local government authority. The City of Orange City Council is a municipal body entrusted with addressing local matters—public safety, infrastructure, housing, parks, and community services—not with telling voters how to view or vote on a statewide ballot proposition. Prop 50 is a matter for California voters to decide collectively, and local governments should not weaponize their platforms to influence state-level political debates. Passing this resolution risks sending a message that our Council is out of touch with residents' right to independently evaluate ballot measures and make decisions without undue pressure from local elected officials. It undermines democratic participation. Our city thrives because residents have the right to vote their conscience, research statewide measures, and engage in robust debate. By adopting an "official" stance against Proposition 50, the Council would effectively be taking sides in a debate that belongs to the voters, not city hall. Such political positioning by local officials erodes trust, discourages participation, and feeds growing cynicism about government. We should encourage dialogue, not dictate it. This is part of a troubling national trend of politicizing local councils for state and national ideological battles. Instead of working to address homelessness, invest in public safety, and improve transportation, our leaders are being asked to pass symbolic resolutions that do nothing to improve life for Orange residents. Our city should not become a stage for partisan theatrics. Councilmember Bilodeau's proposal is a divisive, unnecessary distraction at a time when unity and solutions are what we need most. Rejecting this resolution affirms the rights of voters. California's democratic system empowers each of us to weigh ballot measures independently. Whether one supports or opposes Proposition 50, we should all agree that voters—not local politicians—should decide. Attempting to sway public opinion by attaching the City of Orange's name to a partisan position is inappropriate and disrespectful to the diversity of political thought in our city. Across the country, we have seen the damaging effects of gerrymandering, partisan manipulation, and attacks on voter rights. Our city should rise above these tactics, not replicate them. If we truly value freedom of speech and the right to vote, then the best action this Council can take is to remain neutral and allow residents to make informed decisions on statewide issues. Passing a resolution like this runs contrary to the principles of free expression, representative democracy, and civic engagement that our city is known for. In conclusion, I respectfully urge the Council to vote NO on Councilmember Bilodeau's resolution. Let us focus on solving local challenges, empowering voters, and strengthening trust in government by staying above partisan battles. Orange residents do not need their City Council to tell them how to vote; they need a Council that listens, represents all voices, and respects the democratic process.

Margaret Jordan

Location:

Submitted At: 9:36am 09-08-25

I oppose this resolution. The current choice is strategic gerrymandering in exceptional circumstances or fascism, and the council is choosing the side of fascism. Prop 50 is a statewide issue that does not effect the city council - it is up to Californian voters to decide. Does this resolution have anything to say about what was done in Texas, against the will of Texan voters and in fact without consulting them at all? Orange has bigger problems than performative resolutions meant to appease an authoritarian.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59am 09-08-25

I oppose this resolution. This is political theater and has no place in our city. This council recently voted down a resolution to condemn the actions of ICE and should stay consistent with their opposition to approve politically charged resolutions.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12am 09-08-25

Mind your own city business -

Let the citizens of the city & state decide what's best for them. I fully support meeting this moment with 50.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:11pm 09-07-25

I urge the city to oppose this resolution. The arguments put forth in this statement are entirely partisan and intentionally emotionally charged to elicit support from a particular sect of the political spectrum while withholding or ignoring any legitimate facts regarding Proposition 50 and feigning ignorance about the current congressional maps.

Councilman Bilodeau's statement argues that Prop. 50, "undermines the voter-approved framework for fair redistricting in California." This statement flies in the face of several of the core components of the proposition. First, this redistricting, which is only being put forward in response to the gerrymandering done in Texas at the behest of the president and without the vote of the people, is a temporary measure which will be handed back to the Citizens Redistricting Commission in 2031. Second, included in the language of a bill is an amendment to the California State Constitution which declares, "It is the policy of the State of California to support the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide. The people of the State of California call on the Congress of the United States to pass federal legislation and propose an amendment of the United States Constitution to require the use of fair, independent, and nonpartisan redistricting commissions nationwide." This statement not only supports the Citizens Redistricting Commission that Councilman Bilodeau claims that Prop. 50 seeks to undermine, but calls for states throughout the nation to adopt the same commissions, thereby expanding independent districting. Third, by nature of the matter of redistricting being put to the electorate in the form of a ballot proposition, the state of California has, indeed, not undermined the voters.

Councilman Bilodeau also states many times the threat of Proposition 50 "dividing communities" or "forcing some cities and counties to be split among multiple congressional districts under the measure's new maps and diminishing their voice in Congress." Setting aside how Texas has done this exact thing without any input from the electorate, and states like Missouri are seeking to attempt this same maneuver, Councilman Bilodeau's statement seems to ignore the realities of the current congressional district maps. For example, Councilman Bilodeau represents the City of Orange's Fourth District, which sits in both California's 40th and 46th Congressional District. The City of Orange itself is bisected by CA 40 and 46, while neighboring cities of Anaheim and Fullerton also lie in two separate districts. There also exist districts that span multiple counties. California's 40th District, in the current map, spans across parts of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. California's 49th District reaches from Laguna Niguel to well past Del Mar in San Diego County. It is hard to argue that the current maps "keep cities counties, and local communities together," as Councilman Bilodeau's statement claims, when a map and a decent fact check can clearly show otherwise.

Why must the city use time and resources to adopt an official position on Proposition 50 at all? This emotionally charged, intentionally misleading representation of this proposition (a decision for the electorate to make, not this council) appears to be nothing more than grandstanding for far-right ideologues at the federal level at the expense of a city that needs your attention desperately.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 09-07-25

Why is the council even discussing a partisan political issue? It has nothing to do with the way our city is being run, and governing our city is the ONLY reason we elected you. This is divisive, and I strongly oppose! I would hate to see Orange go the way of Huntington Beach.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:03am 09-07-25

The city council has no legitimate reason influencing voters concerning a statewide proposition. State election propositions have no impact on the business of the city. If this city council passes the resolution, then every city and governmental unit in the state has an equal right and identical justification to pass their own resolutions. Does this city council really want to entice other cities to pass resolutions in support of, or in opposition to,

Proposition 50? The proper business of the city is to remain aloof and let the voters decide. After all, the city's resolution claims to be fully in favor of voter decisions.

Susan Guilford

Location:

Submitted At: 1:47pm 09-06-25

I oppose the proposal that City of Orange formally oppose Prop 50. You need to spend your time and efforts on City business, not partisan issues.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:10pm 09-06-25

I fully support the resistance to the destruction of our democracy by president Trump. I am for Prop. 50 under the exceptional circumstances

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:09pm 09-06-25

Hello City of Orange Council members! I urge you to oppose this resolution! Prop. 50's passage is the very best way to keep democracy alive and well in the USA. Because of the dishonesty of the current administration, it is necessary to ensure that the 2026 midterm election results will ACCURATELY reflect the wishes of all voters throughout the country. CA must show the way and Orange must support Gov. Newsom's plan.
Thank you, Sharon OHara,

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:33pm 09-06-25

The city is going bankrupt and THIS is what you decide to spend your time on? SHAME

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 09-06-25

I oppose the position of opposing Proposition 50. Prop 50 is a necessary response to the obvious gerrymandering of Texas and our country's democracy is at stake. I am fully in support of California taking a stand. If Orange City Council opposes Prop 50, then my city is a disappointment.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 09-06-25

I am opposing the resolution to oppose prop 50. Orange city council should have no perspective on this issue. If you want to have a perspective on this larger issue, why don't you introduce a resolution opposing Texas' unconstitutional gerrymander power grab requiring this response from California?

Guest User

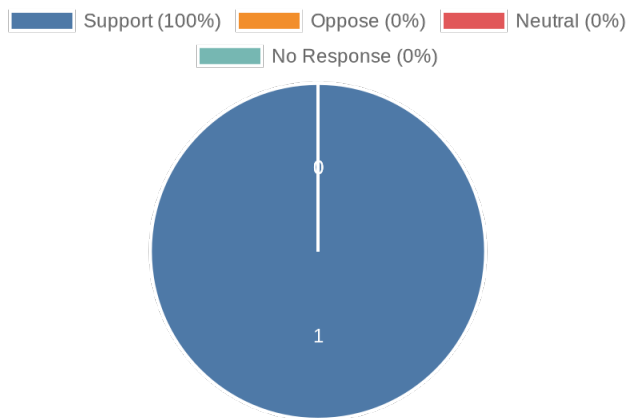
Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 09-06-25

I am opposing the position of opposing Newsom's Prop. 50. I am fully supporting the resistance to the destruction of our democracy by president Trump. I am for Prop. 50 in the present exceptionnal circumstances.

Agenda Item: eComments for 9.1. Approve a three-year professional services agreement with Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. for legislative advocacy and grant writing services.

Overall Sentiment



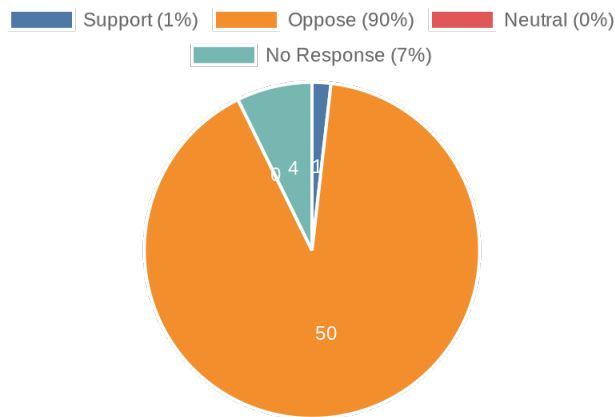
Jake Comer

Location:
Submitted At: 12:40pm 09-09-25

I support Townsend helping the City to receive more grant funding, and would only ask that they dedicate more time towards receiving funding for environmental & sustainability initiatives. Furthermore, I'd like to ask Townsend how competitive the City is in these matters, and how the City can better improve our chances? We have the Orange Sustainability Plan, would implementing this plan and improving on it help?

Agenda Item: eComments for 9.3. Results of the Cost Allocation and Draft Fee Study.

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:58pm 09-09-25

Please do not raise fields fees for families of Orange Little Leagues and other sports leagues. As a mother of four kids who are all active in sports, we would not be able to afford to play baseball in Orange anymore. This would be heartbreaking as my boys have many fond memories at South Sunrise and Olive Pony leagues. Do not place this burden on our families, many of whom are already struggling to make ends meet. Thank you

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:57pm 09-09-25

Dear Orange City Council,

I am a lifetime Orange resident, homeowner and father of three who has my two boys playing baseball for North Sunrise. I went to Handy Elementary and actually played in the League many years ago. I feel as though my experience at North Sunrise was a formative part of my development as a kid who grew up here and I have relationships with many people who go as far back as our time there. This price increase seems to be a gross inflation of the need and though it may generate more funds for the city, the impact on the families that are wanting to maintain the community aspect of youth sports will only suffer. This has the potential to dismantle an already struggling major portion of our community. I strongly oppose this price increase and would ask that the council work towards a more realistic solution that helps earn money while also being supportive of such a vastly important resource for our community and for our children. Thank you!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:53pm 09-09-25

Dear city council members,

As a mother of 3 young children who all participate in a variety of rec sports I strongly oppose this increase as it most directly impacts our youth. All children should be able to participate in rec sports and this steep increase will push families to find other community alternatives or ultimately force SSLL out of business. SSLL has been a

staple of the Orange community and fosters community among families to gather for the love of the game. Living near the fields it is evident that this will impact baseball the most as the fields are clearly not utilized throughout the year to the extent they are during spring baseball. To impact a volunteer run non profit organization to this extent is disheartening. And the biggest impact will be on the youth who have no voice about the matter. I am sure if you heard kids speak about their love for baseball and the memories they have made at the field you would reconsider this unmanageable increase.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:47pm 09-09-25

Dear City Council, as a resident in this beautiful city of Orange I strongly oppose this agenda item!!! In my experience with our local little leagues such as NSLL, Villa Park, SSLL, Tustin LL, and now Olive Pony I've seen the positive impact these programs make on our youth. This proposition will make it not feasible for many families in our communities, and will make a very negative impact on these young athletes. Hoping you will consider an alternative.

Respectfully Cesar Grijalva.

Sabrina Wildermuth

Location:

Submitted At: 5:39pm 09-09-25

Dear Orange City Council,

As an Orange resident born and raised, and who is now raising my own two children in Orange, I am writing to oppose 9.3. While I completely understand needing to increase funds due to the financial crisis our city is in, youth sports is not the way to do this. Our youth are our future. Team sports is an essential piece to their growth and development. It's a way for neighbors across the city to connect and become a team. It's one of the only affordable ways for our children to have access to sports and brings together children across our community. Youth sports is NOT the place to increase funds. Especially at this magnitude of an increase. Little league is a volunteer led non-profit organization. Our families are pouring our hearts out and dedicating hours of our week to these children. It's a time commitment to say the least, but it's achievable and doable with reasonable season fees. Increasing the fees by this percentage is going to no longer make this an accessible sport. It will no longer be the "community" organization that we all cherish. We do fundraisers and raise funds, we are all working hard to make this possible for our kids in a world that is becoming more difficult financially every year. This increase in fees is going to directly hurt the kids who need it most. Please reconsider this proposal. Thank you for your time, Sabrina & Jeremy Wildermuth

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 09-09-25

Dear city council,

I respectfully oppose the massive increase cost for field use for the little leagues. I've been coaching for 10 years, the special-needs baseball team at South sunrise. We currently do not incur any of those costs to the family in part because of the high cost of medical needs for the players. This would create a situation where we may not be able to subsidize those costs and provide those players the opportunity to be a part of the baseball community at South sunrise. Please reconsider your position. Thank you for your time.

Brian Krstich

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 09-09-25

Dear City Council,

An increase in field rental fields would have a significant negative impact on the youth in our city. This increase in costs will make youth sports inaccessible to many. Please consider the negative impact this could have on our youth and community as a whole.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 09-09-25

Not until the City Council accounts for the missing 17 million.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 09-09-25

Dear Orange City Council,

I am writing to respectfully oppose the proposed increase in hourly permit fees for the use of our Little League baseball fields. Our league already invests close to \$40,000 each year to maintain and improve the five fields ourselves, without city assistance beyond basic watering and mowing.

An additional fee increase would unfairly burden our volunteer-led program and the families who make youth sports possible in our community. These fields are not just athletic spaces—they are safe places where children learn teamwork, discipline, and the importance of healthy activity.

I urge the council to reconsider this proposal and instead continue supporting youth access to these essential community resources.

Sincerely,

Bobby Kosch

Fields and Facilities Coordinator

South Sunrise Little League

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:52pm 09-09-25

I am a resident of the city of Orange. I have 3 children who play at North Sunrise Little League. This increase is too much. We need to invest in our children. Do we want them playing organized sports? The experience of community is important to instill in children and this is one of the major ways to do that. Along with all the other benefits of having children play a team sport.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:14pm 09-09-25

Dear City Council Members,

I am in opposition to this proposal. I believe that an increase of this magnitude will have the opposite effect for the desired outcome. With the increase in fees, families will be impacted financially which in turn will cause a decrease in the registration for the sports/community groups that already loyally rent your facilities. With this drop in registrations, the sports/community groups will be forced to close or go elsewhere. So instead of the city receiving increased funds for usage, there will be no usage, resulting in no funds for the city. Please reconsider your proposal.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 09-09-25

Good evening, Mayor and members of the City Council. I am a parent with South Sunrise Little League. I am here tonight to respectfully urge you to vote NO on the proposed increase to field rental fees.

This proposal represents a staggering 950% increase, taking the hourly rate from 2 to a prohibitive 19. For a non-profit, volunteer-run organization like ours, this is not a sustainable adjustment; it is a financial crisis.

If this passes, we will have no choice but to pass this cost directly to our families, which will fundamentally change who can afford to play baseball in our city. It will push families out of a healthy, community-building activity at a time when our children need it most.

In an age of increased screen time and rising youth mental health concerns, organized sports are not just a 'nice-to-have'—they are essential. They provide critical physical activity, teach invaluable life lessons about teamwork and resilience, and offer a vital sense of belonging that is crucial for their mental well-being. This fee increase directly threatens access for hundreds of children.

We understand the city faces financial challenges. However, balancing the budget on the backs of our children and non-profit partners is not the answer.

Our family and our children ask you to reject this proposal and direct staff to work with us on an equitable solution. Let's create a tiered system that protects non-profit youth sports.

Please, do not make youth sports a luxury item in Orange. Vote NO.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
Tan Family

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 3:07pm 09-09-25

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed increase in field usage fees. Youth sports play a vital role in our community, serving as a foundation for building character, promoting teamwork, and fostering a sense of belonging among our children.

As a parent of twin boys, I already find it challenging to afford the current costs associated with their participation in youth sports. An increase in fees would further strain families like mine and could significantly reduce access to these valuable programs for many children.

Youth sports are not just recreational—they are essential, positive outlets that contribute to the healthy development of our young people. I respectfully urge you to reconsider this proposal and prioritize accessibility for all families in our community.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:56pm 09-09-25

Let the kids play! Let the families be able to afford to let their kids play sports and do what they are passionate about. Some kids don't have much to look forward to outside of sports! This is a safe space. Find money from the city elsewhere!!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:55pm 09-09-25

While we understand the city faces financial challenges, cuts to essential youth programs are a shortsighted solution. Many families are already stretched thin by rising costs of living, and adding the burden of expensive sports fees creates an impossible choice between their children's well-being and their household budget. The future health and well-being of our city depend on investing in our children today. We must find alternative solutions to address budget deficits rather than sacrificing the fundamental needs and rights of our youth.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:49pm 09-09-25

I am a parent to two South Sunrise players. I strongly oppose the fee increase. The budget shortfall is certainly a problem, but not one that should be fixed at the expense of our children - ESPECIALLY at the expense of an activity that brings so many people together. Budget problems already got rid of open swim at Hart Park this past summer. Keep our kids active and social, and don't limit these opportunities by making them cost prohibitive.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 2:21pm 09-09-25

As a father of pair of 6 yr old twin boys, I strongly oppose the new master fee schedule proposal! Our boys love to participate in community team sports with their classmates outside of class and to really learn and experience the importance of team work and sportsmanship. The current affable pricing is the only way for this to be possible. We ought to find other ways to get funding instead of simply increase registration fee . Please reconsider!

Mindy Garcia

Location:

Submitted At: 2:08pm 09-09-25

As a resident and property owner in the city of Orange for 40 years I would like to respond to the proposed significant fee increase for field usage for our little league teams. While I do undertand that there are costs to maintain parks and rec areas, and they have increased over the past years, this wieght should NOT be carried by youth sports and the non profit organizations. The City has taken away summer camps and various activities throughout the year that benefit our youth. This plan significantly impacts yet another safe activity for our children to participate in. This increase will drive families out of Orange and into other cities. We encourage you to look to other avenues to reduce spending and generate more income. While a small increase is understandable such a huge one is not. This seems like an easy way for the city to money grab at the expense of youth sports. I strongly urge council to rethink this increase.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:58pm 09-09-25

Dear Orange City Council Members,

I am writing to oppose the proposed fee increases in Agenda Item 9.3, "Results of the Cost Allocation and Draft Fee Study."

Youth sports are a vital part of our community, giving children a safe, healthy, and positive environment. Raising fees will put more financial strain on families, reduce participation, and risk leaving kids on the sidelines. Local leagues already operate on limited budgets, and higher costs could threaten their ability to serve our youth.

I understand the need to recover costs, but I urge the City to seek alternatives that prioritize affordable access for families. The long-term benefits of youth sports—health, teamwork, and community engagement—far outweigh the short-term revenue gained from these increases.

Please reconsider this proposal to ensure every child in Orange continues to have the opportunity to play.

Sincerely,

Tim Chen

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:57pm 09-09-25

Increasing the costs for the field rentals by that much would only increase the costs for each youth to play. It would knock a lot of families out of being able to afford to have one or multiple children play in these sports and push them into other leagues outside of our city. These leagues are already volunteer ran and non-profits. Please reconsider the rate increase and oppose this agenda item.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:43pm 09-09-25

Dear Orange City council,

This proposal does not offer a fair solution toward youth sports. The new amount fees are unreasonable and put

more burden on league members and parents whose have multiple kids in sports. It is more like a punishment because previous council members mismanagement the city budgets. Now, the city council members are trying to squeeze more money from their residents to cover up their mistakes. Parents and the NSLL already volunteered to keep up the field and maintains other fees to help young children enjoy sports to help them develop better social skills and learn how to kind to others as a team not individually.

This proposal would hurt our community, especially the children who benefit from youth sports. Some parents would start looking for an affordable league from other cities to join and leave the league in city of Orange. I think we should try to get people from other cities to sign up for league in city of Orange instead of chasing them away to other cities.

Please considering your proposal and please give a reasonable fees if you have to raise the price.

Thank you

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:42pm 09-09-25

As a resident and property owner in the city of Orange for 17 years this is a response to the proposed significant fee increase for field usage for little league teams. While it ia undertandable that the costs to maintain parks and rec areas have increased over the years this cost should not be placed on the shoulders of youth sports especially non profit organizations. The City should look to other avenues to reduce its spending and generate more income. While a small increase is understandable such an enormous suggested increase is not. This seems like an easy money grab for the city at the expense of youth sports. I strongly urge council to rethink this increase.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:32pm 09-09-25

Please do not raise the cost to rent the baseball fields at McPherson Park. Increasing the cost by at least 950% would make the cost for my son to play at South Sunrise Little League too expensive to continue. I know you have to increase profits but please do not raise it 950%. South Sunrise Little League is so important to our family and community. We truly feel like it's a family and I would be so sad to have to move to another league like Tustin West Little League where we do not know anyone just to play baseball.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15pm 09-09-25

If you as a city think that increasing the fees for our city runs sports that parents are already paying out of the butthole for then I think we should look at the full budget including monthly salaries and benefits before we take away from the kids

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:02pm 09-09-25

This is plain ridiculous. It is already expensive enough with what is paid on top of equipment and other fees that are needed for the kids to play. Sports is a safe place for many kids and something to keep the kids busy and where some families bring their kids to keep them off the street and making bad choices. Many kids love playing sports and get opportunities through sports and you jumping prices this high makes it impossible for families to afford especially if they have more than one child. You are taking away so much opportunity from these kids.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 1:01pm 09-09-25

ssll is a wonderful community asset that largely contributes to field upkeep already, increasing their rent will put little league out of reach for many families and damage a long standing part of the community

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 09-09-25

I don't think the city has any choice. Decades of fiscal mismanagement have brought the City close to bankruptcy. The chickens are finally coming home to roost. Expect these kinds of increases for all city services going forward.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 09-09-25

Dear Orange City Council,

I am a resident of Orange and a parent of a child who plays in the South Sunrise Little League. I was shocked and deeply concerned to learn that the city is considering a 950% increase in the fees for using the fields at McPherson.

Families like mine already invest a significant amount to allow our children to participate in this league. A fee hike of this magnitude would force the league to dramatically raise registration costs—pricing out many families and effectively limiting participation to only those who can afford it.

This proposal does not offer a fair or sustainable solution to the city's financial challenges. Instead, it would hurt our community, especially the children who benefit from youth sports both physically and socially. If fees become unaffordable, many families will be forced to leave the league, and some may even move to leagues in nearby cities like Tustin.

Please reconsider this decision and explore alternatives that won't place such a heavy burden on local families or jeopardize the future of South Sunrise Little League.

Sincerely,
Kimberly DeLehman

Orange, CA, 92869

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:33pm 09-09-25

We strongly oppose this increase in rate. This will make it close to impossible to ensure ALL families who have a child with a love for baseball are able to participate. Families shouldn't have to skip enrolling their kid in a sport due to cost. That is missing the point entirely on what rec sports are supposed to be. It's about building community, confidence and a love for the sport. It keeps kids busy, involved and excited. Making this out of reach for some children would be a disaster for our community.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:23pm 09-09-25

I am writing on behalf of my family to express deep concern regarding the proposed increase in baseball field rates. For us, baseball is not simply a pastime—it is woven into the fabric of our children's childhoods. It is where they've built friendships, learned discipline, and developed a love for teamwork and community. These fields are more than dirt and grass—they are places where memories are made, confidence is built, and lifelong lessons are learned.

Raising the rates would place an unnecessary burden on families like ours, who already do all we can to give our kids opportunities to grow through sports. This increase would make it difficult, and in some cases impossible, for families to continue affording something that has such a positive impact on their children's lives. For many kids, organized sports are what keep them active, engaged, and away from negative influences. Making baseball less accessible because of cost would take away more than a game—it would take away experiences that shape who they are becoming.

We ask that you reconsider this proposal and recognize that the value of youth sports in our community cannot

be measured in dollars alone. Baseball is not just a hobby for us; it is a vital part of raising healthy, resilient, and connected children.

Angie Maldonado

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 09-09-25

If this proposal passes, every family in Olive Pony is looking at \$300 more per child just to play baseball. In T-ball, fees will jump from \$170 to nearly \$500. We're talking about young kids, four, five, six years old. You're going to tell their parents that unless they fork over that kind of money, their kid doesn't get to play a sport that's been accessible and inclusive in this city for decades?

Let's be real, this doesn't look like budgeting. This looks like a calculated attempt to push public leagues out and make space for private, for-profit teams that only serve the few who can afford them. You want to create a system where youth sports are no longer about development, fun, or community—but about money, exclusivity, and elitism.

And honestly, it makes me wonder who the City has been talking to behind closed doors. Are there deals being made? Is someone pushing this from the private sector? Because from where I stand, it sure feels like the City might be in cahoots with someone who benefits from killing off public leagues like Olive.

Olive is a 100% volunteer-run league. We prep the fields. We clean them. We maintain them. We invest in improvements: fencing, nets, scoreboards, storage—all upgrades that improve City-owned assets. We save the City tens of thousands of dollars annually, and we don't ask for much. Just the chance to keep doing what we do: provide affordable, inclusive baseball to hundreds of kids.

Unlike private travel teams, we don't cut kids. We don't charge thousands. We say yes to everyone who wants to play. Because sports should be about opportunity, not income.

And now, this City wants to pull the rug out from under us. No warning. No gradual increase. Just one massive, budget-busting hike that would devastate the program, price families out, and potentially destroy a youth league that's been a bedrock of the community.

If this proposal passes, you're not just approving a fee increase; you're also approving a change in the way we operate. You're taking public space and putting a price tag on it. You're sending a clear message: If you can't pay, you can't play.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 09-09-25

Raising field fees will have a significant impact on South Sunrise Little League's annual budget for the 2026 spring season (and youth sports in the city) and will likely result in a registration fee increase to offset this cost. As a non-profit organization, SSLL has always worked hard to keep fees low for families. This proposed increase, however, could make recreational baseball unaffordable for many, driving more families away from recreational youth sports.

I do not believe that overcharging non-profit recreational leagues is the right solution to budgetary issues. SSLL already invests money annually to maintain the fields. The league should not be expected to pay even more to rent the fields that they already maintain, especially when it is parent/family/volunteer-led and run. We need to have places that kids can play sports, especially affordable youth sports. We spend many hours at the fields and it is an important part of our lives and our community.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 09-09-25

My name is Ryan Carter and I am writing as a parent whose child has been playing baseball with South Sunrise Little League since the start of his baseball career. When I heard about tonight's proposed fee increase from \$2 to \$19 per hour, I honestly couldn't believe it. A 950% increase? That's not just steep—it's completely unrealistic for families in the area.

My son is now 9 and baseball isn't just a hobby for him—it's been a huge part of his childhood and development. Through Little League, he's learned teamwork, discipline, and perseverance. He's made lifelong friendships and stayed active instead of spending all his time on screens. These are the kinds of experiences every kid in Orange

should have access to, regardless of their family's income.

But here's what really bothers me about this proposal: South Sunrise already spends over \$40,000 a year maintaining these fields. As parents, we volunteer our weekends to help with upkeep, we fundraise, and we do everything we can to keep costs low. Now you want us to pay nearly \$20 an hour to rent fields that we're already maintaining ourselves? That doesn't seem right.

I get that the city has financial pressures—we all do. But putting the burden on kids' sports programs feels like the wrong approach. When registration fees inevitably skyrocket because of this increase, a lot of families in our community simply won't be able to afford it anymore. We'll lose kids who love this game, and honestly, we'll probably lose families who decide Orange isn't the family-friendly community they thought it was.

My son has grown up on those fields at McPherson Park. He's learned to slide into home, caught his first fly ball, and celebrated wins with his teammates there. South Sunrise Little League has been part of Orange for 60 years—longer than most of us have lived here. It would be heartbreaking to see that tradition end because the city decided to price out the very families these programs serve.

I'm asking you to please vote no on this increase. Our kids deserve better than being treated like a revenue source. They deserve the chance to play ball without their parents having to choose between baseball and other bills.

I am unable to attend the meeting today due to a prior engagement but wanted to make sure my voice is heard. Thank you.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 09-09-25

I volunteer at one of Orange's Little League and know that this price increase would severely hurt our league. I trust the city will make the right decision and not approve this ridiculous proposal. We can not allow for the city to take away youth sports for our kids.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:38am 09-09-25

As a parent whose child has grown up in South Sunrise Little League, I cannot stay silent. If I wanted to pay travel ball prices, I would have left Little League a long time ago. My family chose this league because it has always stood for affordable, community-based baseball that gives all kids a chance to play.

Little League across the country is already struggling to survive because so many families feel forced into expensive travel programs. Recreational leagues are one of the few remaining spaces where working families can still afford to give their children the joy of baseball, teamwork, and community. To raise rental fees by nearly 1,000% is not just unreasonable—it is shameful.

If this is the direction the City of Orange is choosing to go, then the city should be prepared to take responsibility for creating an equity gap in youth sports that will push countless kids off the field. You will be single-handedly dismantling one of the only affordable, accessible recreational programs left for our children.

This isn't just about balancing a budget. It's about what kind of community we want to build. Do we want a city where only the wealthiest kids can play ball? Or do we want to preserve a league that has given generations of kids—regardless of background—a chance to belong?

South Sunrise Little League is more than just baseball. It is a lifeline for families like mine. Please do not destroy it.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 09-09-25

Good evening Mayor Dan Slater, members of the Council, and City staff,

My name is Ana Resendiz and I have been proudly serving the community of this great City of Orange for over 20 years. I come before you tonight to respectfully express my concern regarding the recent decision to increase the fees for field rental and use.

I fully understand that costs rise over time, and that the city must carefully balance its budget. However, I believe it is critically important to keep these fees as low as possible in order to maintain affordable recreational opportunities for the children and families in our community.

In my professional work at Orange Unified School District, as well as through my many years of volunteer service with South Sunrise Little League and Orange Canyon Girls Softball, I have seen the tremendous impact that accessible, community-based sports programs have on our youth. Our nonprofits not only use the fields but maintain them to exceptional standards. Our fields are some of the best in the county and are a second home to many of our athletes and their family. These leagues are built on collaboration with the city, and because of that partnership, families like mine have been able to keep our children engaged in sports, learning teamwork, building character, and staying active in healthy ways.

An increase in field rental fees places additional strain on nonprofit leagues. That strain inevitably trickles down to families, making it harder for children to participate in activities that are essential for their physical, social, and emotional development. These are not just recreational programs; they are investments in the well-being of our children and in the strength of our community.

I respectfully ask the Council to reconsider this increase and to continue fostering a collaborative relationship with nonprofit organizations. By working together, we can ensure that Orange remains a city that prioritizes affordable, healthy, and enriching opportunities for its community, especially its youngest ones.

Thank you for your time, and for your commitment to serving the great City of Orange.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 09-09-25

The proposed increase is an unfortunate decision that undermine the accessibility and development of youth sports in the Orange community. This is not just about baseball. It's about teamwork, discipline, and sense of belonging for our kids. Raising the cost of field rentals will have a huge impact on families and organizations who rely on these fields to give children the opportunity to play. First, it is very crucial to recognize that youth sports should be accessible to all. The proposed rise in these fees threatens to exclude children from families who may already struggle to afford the fees for them to play, for example, uniforms, equipment, and travel expenses. By increasing field cost, you are pricing out these young athletes who would benefit the most from participating in these organized sports. This will ultimately result in few children benefiting from the life skills and positive experiences that pony and Little League fosters. There are many more alternatives that you guys can seek to raise funds for the city. As a parent of multiple children that play in pony baseball, this would greatly impact our ability for our boys to play. Please consider the opportunity that you would take away from so many children that love the sport so much!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 11:19am 09-09-25

I am writing as a concerned resident and advocate for youth development to respectfully oppose the proposed increase in field rental fees for the City of Orange. These fields provide access to programs that are a cornerstone of our community, offering children from all backgrounds the opportunity to stay active, build friendships, and develop essential life skills. For many families in Orange, especially those with multiple children or limited financial means, these programs are the only accessible option for organized sports. Raising participation costs risks excluding the very youth who benefit most from these opportunities. I understand the fiscal challenges that cities face and the need to maintain quality services. However, I urge the Council to consider alternative funding mechanisms before placing additional financial burdens on families.

Youth sports are not a luxury; they are an investment in the health, safety, and future of our city. By keeping these

programs affordable and inclusive, we strengthen our community and ensure that every child in Orange has the chance to thrive. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 09-09-25

Little League plays a vital role in our community by providing kids with a safe, healthy, and structured environment to learn teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. For many families, it is one of the few affordable recreational opportunities available. An increase in field costs directly impacts registration fees and may limit access for children whose families cannot absorb the added expense.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 09-09-25

This is really unacceptable. I understand that the city has misallocated it's resources, but increasing field use costs almost 1000% for little league baseball to help balance the cities budget issues is ridiculous. I have been a resident in Orange for the last 15 years, and have supported the city over that time, but this crosses a line. Find another way to fix the budget issues. All this is going to do is discourage youth to participate in social and healthy activities.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 09-09-25

Raising field fees will directly drive up the cost of youth sports, making participation unaffordable for many families. Youth sports are not just recreational—they provide vital benefits in health, teamwork, discipline, and community engagement. By increasing costs, we risk excluding children from lower- and middle-income households, reducing access to these opportunities and undermining the values of inclusivity and equity that our programs stand for.

Our leagues are largely volunteer-run and nonprofit. We already work hard to keep fees low, offer scholarships, and ensure every child who wants to play has the chance to do so. A sudden increase in field costs would jeopardize these efforts, force cuts to programs, and reduce participation—ultimately harming the very community the City seeks to serve.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:17am 09-09-25

As a parent and community member I strongly object to trying to balance the city budget on the backs of hard working families. At our current moment in history we are divided by politics, but every week families from all ends of the political spectrum meet at public fields so our kids can participate in the most American of youth activities, little league baseball. Asking hard working families to spend money during a recession to make up for the financial mismanagement of the city of Orange is immoral and unacceptable.

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Location:

Submitted At: 10:12am 09-09-25

Sports teach kids confidence and pride in what they do.

They help children understand teamwork and what it means to be part of a community. Limiting access for several families simply because they can't afford to participate is not only unfair — it's disgraceful. This does not reflect the values that the City of Orange claims to stand for. Every child deserves the chance to play, grow, and belong, regardless of their family's financial situation.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09am 09-09-25

Please work to keep the field rental costs low enough for families to participate in youth sports. My kids love

sports, but increase costs will prevent them for playing, and through these sports they are developing friendships, learning perseverance, sportsmanship, an active lifestyle, and are supported by a community. Sports is a beautiful ways for families to get to know each other and our children, which is vital in a healthy community. Please do not threaten this with increased costs.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 09-09-25

There are many ways to increase city revenues besides taxing youth sports. Youth sports are a way for kids to learn about community, teamwork, differences and inclusion and limiting access by an exponential fee increase on SSLL flies in the face of responsible governance.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04am 09-09-25

Youth sports should be affordable for all the citizens of the city, is this gets approve only the wealthy kids will be able to participate in youth sports as fees will increase dramatically. Sports are foundational to a kids growt.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:03am 09-09-25

Please do not increase fees on sports parks. Parents will not be able to afford to send their kids back to what they love doing. Don't crush these kids dreams!

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01am 09-09-25

Please don't raise the prices for field rental - this would make baseball unaffordable for many local families who love to participate in this sport as a family.

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Location:

Submitted At: 9:57am 09-09-25

To increase this would affect so many families. Youth sports are supposed to be fun and affordable.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48am 09-09-25

Youth rec sports are already suffering and losing players. This fee increase would ensure that leagues would lose even more members and some leagues may close their doors. Please don't make non-profit youth recreational leagues shoulder the burden of the city's debt. It makes no sense.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 8:48am 09-09-25

This would force leagues to increase fees for youth sports that families cannot afford. This would not help the city's budget as families would identify other cities to play for and spend their money elsewhere.

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Location:

Submitted At: 6:45am 09-09-25

No against raising fees for parks to not for profit youth organizations.

Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 09-08-25

I in an effort once again for the City Of Orange to clean up their own fiscal mistakes they're going to let its families shoulder, the cost of their financial ruin. If city Council is really for citizens, then they will oppose.

Adrienne Gladson

Location:
Submitted At: 8:03pm 09-08-25

Need a fair appeal fee! I like what both Laguna Hills (attached - see page 8) and Anaheim (also attached, page 2) do with these requests. Both have a flat fee. I suggest we continue this and add a flat fee of \$1,000 for appeals to the Commission or City Council. It's fair and limits schemes to punish anyone from requesting the next body to take another look at a decision again. Retaliating against someone for speaking up for fairness, ethical governance, and proper planning must be the norm. Any form of harassment has no place in the chamber or part of city business.

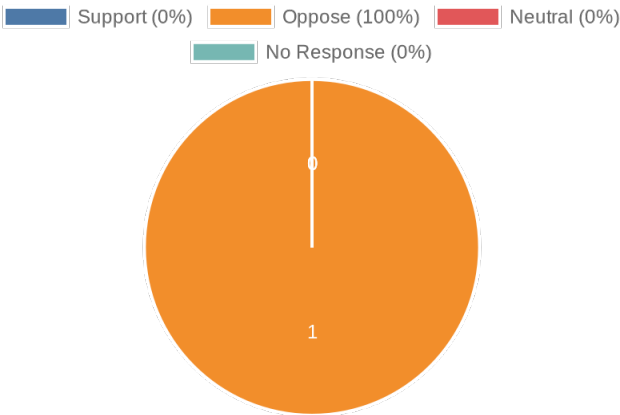
Jordan Prell

Location:
Submitted At: 4:10pm 09-08-25

Within this item is a proposal to increase the fees paid by nonprofit community-ran youth sports field usage by 850%. This could dramatically increase the league's costs which would be passed to Orange families in the form of very significant increases registration costs. Please help protect and not push away important community youth sports!

Agenda Item: eComments for 10.1. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 15-25 amending Section 12.48.105 of the Orange Municipal Code, Park Ordinance - Permits Required.

Overall Sentiment



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Location:
Submitted At: 7:04pm 09-08-25

You should focus on the City of Orange business and not opposing proposition 50. If you were doing your real work there might not be a shortage of funds. Get to work and quit focusing on the issues that are beyond your purview.