

July 23, 2024
City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comment

Jennifer Connally

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 10:29 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

Grand Jury: Organic Waste is Filling Up OC Landfills, Producing Methane, the headline of a recent news story, is not surprising since numerous multi-family dwellings in Orange still do not have green carts from CR&R. Methane from organic waste is particularly strong in the short-term, contributing to air pollution and our current heatwave. Recycling food and yard waste as well as paper and cardboard, which make up more than half of the trash ending up in landfills, is "one of the fastest and easiest ways" we can improve our climate and health, according to CalRecycle.

When organic waste carts are not provided, food scraps and other waste can end up in garbage containers that are picked up by CR&R and emptied at landfills. For those without carts, the Orange Sustainability Group has been making one available at the Saturday farmers market. Residents have expressed gratitude, stating they are still waiting for the carts at their apartments and condominiums. Another option is taking scraps to community gardens which, like CR&R, can convert them to compost.

Orange is not the only city still not meeting SB 1383 requirements, the statewide effort to reduce organic waste in landfills by 75% before January that aims to "cut climate pollution that amounts to taking three million cars off the road." The Grand Jury found that "most Orange County cities are failing to recycle organic waste." They have "not yet distributed residential waste containers," and "education and outreach have not yet taken place at all in some jurisdictions." In fact, the entire state is failing, per the Grand Jury, citing a Little Hoover Commission report.

Waste haulers view the 2025 goal as "virtually impossible" to meet since, as one of them, Republic Services, stated, "the current organics recycling infrastructure" is "insufficient to meet the demands of what SB 1383 requires." Republic is the contracted waste hauler for Santa Ana, one of two cities, and the County, commended by the Grand Jury for their efforts, "especially their outreach and education efforts." The other city is Mission Viejo, for which Waste Management is the contractor.

Like Orange residents bringing organic waste to the CR&R green cart at the farmers market, the Grand Jury noted that jurisdictions and haulers "frequently rely on a resident actively seeking the information, which requires the resident to have some awareness of the new mandates in the first place." The Grand Jury recommended that cities and the County "diversify methods of education outreach by the end of the year."

Item 3.9

Extension of Tolling Agreements with Milan REI X, LLC



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Re: City Council July 23, 2024, Meeting Consent Agenda Item No. 3.9: Extension of Tolling Agreements with Milan REI X, LLC

Dear Mayor Slater and members of the City Council:

This office represents Milan REI X, LLC (“Milan”), the applicant for two residential projects (the “Projects”) in the City of Orange (“City”). The above-referenced item on the July 23, 2024, City Council agenda concerns the extension of two existing tolling agreements (“Agreements”) between Milan and the City concerning the Projects. We have reviewed the staff report and concur with the recommendation that the City Council extend the Agreements and look forward to working with the City to reach a resolution concerning the Projects that is satisfactory to all parties.

Sincerely,

Alexander M. DeGood

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cc: Michael Vigliotta, City Attorney

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Item 3.17

Second Reading of

Ordinance 19-24

Transfer of

Development Rights

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From:
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 1:05 PM
To:
Subject: Calculation of TDRs - Agenda Item 3.17

City Council:

I may be wrong, but I believe the calculation described on p. 4, paragraph c of Ord.19-24 is incorrect. As written it says to divide the acreage by the density, i.e. 8 acres divided by 6 DU/acre. This doesn't make sense and is mathematically impossible. Instead of **dividing** the acreage by the density, you should **multiply** the acreage by the density -- i.e. 8 acres x 6 DU/acre = 50 DUs.

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