

April 8, 2025

City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

## Item 8.1

Utilizing former Orange  
Fire Department  
Headquarters as a fire  
museum

April 8, 2025

CITY OF ORANGE  
CITY CLERK

Item No. 8.1 Reuse of Old Fire Headquarters

2025 APR -8 PM 4: 46

To The Mayor and Members of the City Council,

I am former City Councilman Mike Alvarez and this letter is to address the Old Fire Headquarters on Grand Ave.

The City Council from 2016 to 2020 discussed this location many time trying to determine it highest and best use once the Fire Dept was move to its new location.

The consensus of the that City Council was to create more parking for the Downtown merchants and restaurants. Having a parking structure on the westside of the Plaza and new additional parking on the east side of the Plaza (Grand Ave) would present the highest and best use. The proposed idea was to set aside funds for an east side parking structure or a grade level parking from Almond St up to the Community Services building.

The benefits for more parking far out weight those of a museum.

The fiscal impact would include, additional parking revenue, increased sales taxes , convenience to the community looking to park and visit the downtown area. If we can park more people downtown, its a benefit to everyone coming to Old Town Orange.

The Fire Dept. already has a history room at the new Fire Headquarters and a barn at Pitcher Park, it doesn't need a museum.

The Old Fire Headquarters as a museum has no fiscal benefit, its already an old building that would be expensive to maintain and that's money the City doesn't have.

Thank you for your considration.

# Item 9.1

Appeal of Planning  
Commission approval  
of Conditional Use  
Permit No. 3225

April 8, 2025

Via email to:

[ccpubliccomment@cityoforange.org](mailto:ccpubliccomment@cityoforange.org)

Re: Agenda Item 9.1- Culinary Dropout CUP

Dear Mayor and Council Members, City of Orange:

This evening I will be appearing before you to discuss the approval of a CUP for Culinary Dropout restaurant, Item #9.1 of the Agenda. I represent Culinary Dropout.

Let me start by saying I am grateful for the city staff's recommendation to approve the CUP application, as well as the time given to me by council members, the mayor and three of the residents of Maple. Everyone has asked relevant questions, been transparent with their concerns and made relevant suggestions.

We've taken all of that feedback and discussed it all in depth with the general manager of the future Culinary Dropout. I write this letter to you to make some commitments to how we will operate Culinary Dropout, if our requests to the CUP are approved. I hope this will show how we can be good neighbors to the residents on Maple and an asset to the city of Orange.

#### Hours of Operation

First, let me express that we will support the new operational hours recommended in the city staff which reduced the North Patio (Maple) hours on the weekends compared to the staff's original recommendation of an 11 pm closure. The city staff's new recommendation is to close the North Patio by 10 pm, seven days a week. We can support that request.

In the current staff report and conditions of approval, however, the city staff modified the operational hours for the West Patio from an 11 pm weekend closure to a 10 pm weekend closure. While we are supportive of the 10 pm closure on the North Patio, we would like to request the West Patio closure time be reinstated to 11 pm on the weekends, which the Planning Committee also supported. We propose:

Permitted Operating Hours for Outdoor Seating		
	West Patio	North Patio (Maple)
Sunday – Thursday	7 am – 10 pm	7 am – 10 pm
Friday – Saturday	7 am – 11 pm	7 am – 10 pm

### Adjustments to the North Patio

Second, because the 24 North Patio seats are closest to our residential neighbors on Maple, we further commit to taking the following operational measures to reduce noise from that North Patio.

1. North Patio Seating Configuration: We will set up the North Patio tables only as individual tables in the evening, to avoid hosting large groups on the North Patio in the evenings. Starting at 6:30 pm, the six tables on the North Patio will be set up only individual tables of four seats each.
2. Landscape Barrier: We will extend the North Patio barrier along Maple to at least 42 inches in height to create a physical barrier between the patio seats and the Maple neighbors. This will further assist in absorbing sound along this frontage.
3. Background Music: We will turn off the background music on the North Patio at 10 pm.
4. Patio Signage: We will post branded signage on the North Patio visible to guests that the patio closes at 10 pm.

We intend to meet with our Maple neighbors after our initial three months of operations to see how we're all doing and where the pinch points exist, if any.

### Background Music

Third and finally, we ask that the City Council approve background music on the restaurant patios, so long as it is not audible at the edge of the property line. That is the standard applied to all other restaurants that are close to residences. We ask that we be treated like our fellow restaurants. It also gives us the ability to use the termination of background music as a signal to any lingering guests on the North Patio that the patio is closed. We believe that signal will be very effective, if needed.

This is a list of some mitigation efforts. It is only the beginning, not the end. We will continue to work with our neighbors and the city through what we expect to be a long and successful relationship.

Thank you for welcoming us to the City of Orange.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leezie Kim', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leezie Kim

Culinary Dropout

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Culinary Dropout - Agenda Item 9.1

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**From:** Lars Walton  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 9:58 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment <ccpubliccomment@cityoforange.org>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Culinary Dropout - Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I'm writing to share my enthusiastic support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a longtime resident of Orange, one of the things I love most about our town is how easy it is to walk to great restaurants. That's something truly special—unlike anywhere else in the county, we have a downtown where locals and visitors can stroll from place to place, enjoying good food and a welcoming atmosphere.

Adding Culinary Dropout to Old Towne would only enhance that experience. It's the kind of spot where families, friends, and neighbors can gather—whether for a casual meal or a night out—right in the heart of our walkable downtown. Its unique menu and lively vibe would be a great fit for the area, and I believe it would complement and support the existing local businesses we all care about.

I hope the City Council will support this project and continue to help grow the kind of downtown that makes Orange such a great place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lars Walton

Orange, CA 92866

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Gina Cunningham  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 10:36 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a resident of Orange, specifically in Old Towne, I believe this exciting addition will bring a fresh dining experience to our community and also tax revenue into the city.

Culinary Dropout provides a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses, which in turn, brings more tax revenue into the city.

I appreciate the commitment the restaurant shows to reinvesting the community through gift card donations and potential sponsorships. The restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Gina R. Cunningham*

Gina Cunningham

Orange, CA 92866



## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Jim Gilmore  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 10:27 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I'm writing to show my support for Culinary Dropout Restaurant. I've lived in Orange for a long time, my family and I love and frequent Old Towne and think this will be a great addition to our special town offering another cool dining experience.

Culinary Dropout should be a great spot for all of us, our friends and family, and of course visitors. Its a unique spot with an ambiance and menu that fits right into our downtown vibe, it'll give us more dining choices and draw in new shoppers for the other businesses. And, as you can appreciate, the restaurant will provide another much-needed source of tax revenue for the city.

I hope the City Council will approve this proposal and support growth in Orange.

Thanks!

Jim

Jim Gilmore

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Christine Villegas  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 11:41 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a resident and business woman in Orange, who makes a habit of taking my friends, family, clients and colleagues to Old Town for our dining and meeting activities, I believe this exciting addition will add a fresh dining experience to our community.

This new restaurant will ensure residents and visitors have ample opportunities to choose from for dining and entertainment.

Culinary Dropout will provide a welcoming space for our families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to this new experience.

Sincerely,  
Christine Villegas

Orange, CA 92869  
EXP Commercial  
DRE 01962672

Sent from my iPhone

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Thomas Bender  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 12:21 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne - Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor & Members of the Orange City Council,

We are writing to express our strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As residents of Old Towne Orange, and frequent visitors to the Plaza, we are very excited for this addition to our community. This dining experience and location will be an excellent option for residents and visitors alike, and will continue to benefit the community's overall growth.

We encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Bender Family

**Jennifer Connally**

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**From:** Jonathan St Clair  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 2:27 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support letter for Culinary Dropout in Old Town Orange - Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the newly proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant located at 191 N. Orange St. As a business owner and resident here in Old Towne Orange I believe that adding Culinary Dropout to our already vibrant restaurant scene will only benefit our city. Over the past 20 years we have seen so many new and great restaurants join our beautiful and one of a kind downtown area. It has made us a destination city with people coming from all over southern California and take part not just in our restaurants but other local businesses. I also believe it will be another great source of tax revenue that can only help our city with its current situation. I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan St. Clair

**Jennifer Connally**

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**From:** David Gillanders  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 3:03 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Subject: Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a resident of Orange, I believe this exciting addition will bring a fresh dining experience to our community. I am a 25 year resident of Old Towne Orange and believe strongly in continuing to enhance the Downtown and Plaza area of Orange.

Culinary Dropout will provide a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
David Gillanders

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Chris Lamm  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 3:55 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 9.1 - Support for Culinary Dropout Restaurant Old Towne Orange

Dear Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am reaching out to convey my enthusiastic support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. Having lived in Orange for many years, I hold a deep appreciation for our community's development, and I am thrilled about this new venture that promises to introduce a novel and exciting dining experience to our beloved city.

Culinary Dropout is set to establish a friendly and welcoming space where families can commemorate special occasions, friends can gather for delightful meals, and tourists can enjoy the famed hospitality of our city. With its carefully designed menu and friendly ambiance, the restaurant will significantly enrich the dining landscape for locals while also drawing new visitors to explore the charm of our downtown area. This influx of people will naturally boost nearby businesses and foster growth within our local economy. Additionally, Culinary Dropout's notable investment in our community signals their dedication to being a valued collaborator in Old Towne's ongoing achievements and the economic prosperity of the City of Orange.

I strongly urge the City Council to approve this exciting proposal and to continue advocating for initiatives that contribute positively to our community's vibrancy and success.

I appreciate your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Chris Lamm

4/7/2025

***Subject: Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1***

Dear Orange City Council,

I am writing you today to share my excitement and support for the proposed Culinary Dropout restaurant planned for the building located at 191 N. Orange St. As a resident of Orange, and someone who lives within walking distance of our sweet Plaza, I believe this exciting addition to our bustling downtown will help bring new and elevated upscale dining opportunities to our community along with enhanced economic support for our City.

Now that The Richland has closed its doors to serving the community, it would be really nice to have another option in this same area that is geared towards neighbors and friends gathering together. We love walking and riding our bikes down to the Plaza with our children and this would be a welcomed option to meet up with friends.

We are hopeful that Culinary Dropout will attract new visitors and benefit the surrounding businesses, but specifically support our local community. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to economic well-being and continued financial support to our City.

I am hopeful the City Council will approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Penn".

Megan Penn

Orange CA 92866

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Nick Delja  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 3:58 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Culinary Dropout Restaurant Support

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a resident of Orange, I believe this exciting addition will bring a fresh dining experience to our community.

Culinary Dropout will provide a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Nick Delja

Orange, Ca 92869



**Jennifer Connally**

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**From:** Judson Brown  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 5:24 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange - Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a long-time resident of Orange, I believe this exciting addition will bring a fresh dining experience to our community.

Culinary Dropout will provide a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Judson Brown

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Tisha Jenkins  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 6:02 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for the restaurant Culinary Dropout in Orange- Agenda 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing this letter in support of Culinary Dropout Restaurant, which we new so excited to see in our town. As a very dedicated resident of Orange, I believe this restaurant will be a fun, fresh dining experience to Old Town Orange.

Culinary Dropout sounds amazing, and I believe it will bring a new space for families, friends, and visitors to get together, and enjoy the vibrance of our downtown. If you have seen the unique menu and the restaurant looks to have a beautiful ambiance. As a business owner, and a supportive member of the Orange community, we will for sure be visiting this establishment.

I encourage all of the members of the City Council to approve their proposal and support this new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,  
Tisha Jenkins

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** James Sallinger  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 7:14 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Culinary Dropout Restaurant - Letter of Our Support  
**Importance:** High

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As proud lifetime residents & part of family spanning 5 generations here in Orange, we are thrilled about the prospect of this exciting addition to our community.

Culinary Dropout promises to provide a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, further enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will offer more dining options for locals while also attracting new visitors, which in turn will benefit surrounding businesses. Moreover, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute significantly to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

We strongly encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
James & Rita Sallinger

**James Sallinger ~ Broker | Principal**  
*SRG Properties / SRG Investments, Inc.*

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** jt owen <  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 9:09 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** CDR in Old Towne ...

To our mayor and members of the city council,

We are writing in support of the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As residents for over 12 years here, so much has changed, making clear restaurants over antique stores has been the council's choice of direction, and as such we think adding something fresh & different to our options a great idea, hopefully providing a fun atmosphere for local families, residents, and visitors from out of town.

Thanks for considering your approval for this restaurant to be open during normal dining hours.

Sincerely,

the Owen family

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Dylan Gormly  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 11:10 AM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a resident of Orange, I believe this exciting addition will bring a fresh dining experience to our community. Our family lives in Orange and our three children attend St. Johns Lutheran School, so we are always in the downtown area and love having quality options for our family to enjoy.

Culinary Dropout will provide a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Sincerely,

Dylan Gormly  
President  
BALBOA TECHNOLOGIES

[www.balboatechnologies.com](http://www.balboatechnologies.com)

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Todd Woody  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 1:40 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Culinary Drop Out

**Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,**

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant in our community. As a proud resident of Orange, I believe this exciting new addition will bring a vibrant dining experience to our city and contribute to the continued growth of our downtown area.

Culinary Dropout will provide an inviting space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, further enhancing the welcoming atmosphere of Old Towne. With its distinctive menu and lively ambiance, the restaurant will offer more dining options for our residents and attract new visitors, benefiting local businesses and boosting tourism in the process. Furthermore, the investment in this project demonstrates a commitment to our community's economic vitality, which will help ensure the long-term success of both Old Towne and the City of Orange as a whole.

I respectfully urge the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses that will enrich our community and strengthen our economy.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd

**Jennifer Connally**

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**From:** Jon Upham  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 2:35 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Re: Support for Culinary Dropout in Old Towne Orange- Agenda Item 9.1

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Culinary Dropout Restaurant. As a property owner in Orange, I believe this exciting addition will bring a fresh dining experience to our community.

Culinary Dropout will provide a welcoming space for families, friends, and visitors to gather, enhancing the vibrant atmosphere of our downtown area. Its unique menu and inviting ambiance will not only offer more dining options for locals but also attract new visitors, benefiting surrounding businesses. Additionally, the restaurant's investment in our community will contribute to the economic vitality of Old Towne and the City of Orange.

I encourage the City Council to approve this proposal and support the addition of new businesses in Orange.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jon Upham

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 4:35 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Support Letter for Culinary Dropout

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Orange City Council,

I'm writing to share my support for the proposed Culinary Dropout restaurant. As a resident of Orange, I believe this business aligns well with the values our city holds dear.

Orange prides itself on being a place where businesses serve their communities—whether that's by offering a space to eat, relax, and enjoy music and games together, or by using their platform and resources to give back. Culinary Dropout reflects both of these ideals.

Their Feed The Soul program stands out as a meaningful commitment to community service, making it clear that they're not just coming to Orange to do business, but to be part of the community. That kind of intentionality matters.

I also appreciate their support for the arts and live music, which helps foster a sense of connection and creativity—something that contributes to the vibrancy and character of our city.

I hope you'll consider supporting this proposal. It represents the kind of thoughtful, community-minded growth that continues to make Orange a special place to live!

Sincerely,  
Cameron Geringer-Pate  
Resident, City of Orange



Item 10.1

**MOU with Mabury  
Ranch Homeowners  
Association**

## Jennifer Connally

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**From:** Janice Brownfield  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 4:29 PM  
**To:** City Council Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment Agenda Item #10.1

Our City's arborist has presented a very informative and detailed report, with many photographs, recommending the removal of numerous trees for well-grounded reasons. While replanting options are limited due to existing landscape and surrounding infrastructure, it is encouraging that the City will try to replace trees where appropriate within the existing tree planting program.

Our air quality will improve with more trees, especially fast-growing ones. "With the increased urbanization and pollution levels in Southern California, the need for trees that absorb pollutants and release oxygen is crucial. Fast-growing trees can contribute significantly to purifying the air," according to one of many published studies.

Crape Myrtle trees are well-known for their fast growth and "vibrant blooms in shades of pink, purple and white during the summer months." They provide ample shade with their wide-spreading canopy. Another, "the Chinese Pistache is a fast-growing deciduous tree that showcases stunning fall foliage colors." Also, "the Tipu Tree is a popular choice for its rapid growth and dense, spreading canopy" and produces "vibrant yellow flowers." Other popular trees include citrus, such as our namesake orange.

At least before our City's financial crisis surfaced, the City provided free trees to residents. The City's eligibility to apply for grants to fund urban tree planting incentives may be enhanced if it completes our Citywide Sustainability Plan, which noted, "Tree coverage was the community members' utmost concern."

We have seen news coverage of the many trees burned and destroyed by wildfires, the mitigation of which is to be discussed by Southern California Edison at a town hall Wednesday, April 9th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church. While California celebrated Arbor Day early on March 7th in honor of horticulturalist Luther Burbank's birthday, our nation will do so on April 25th to recognize the environmental, economic and social benefits of trees.

# City Council

Meeting Time: 04-08-25 18:00

## eComments Report

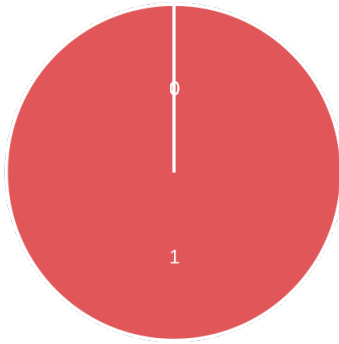
Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
City Council	04-08-25 18:00	46	6	1	1	4

Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
2. PUBLIC COMMENTS	1	0	0	1
3.1. Waive reading in full of all ordinances on the Agenda.	1	0	0	1
3.10. First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Shelter Providers of Orange County to revise the scope of work and total compensation.	1	0	0	1
7.1. Reconsideration of the frequency of the Park Planning and Community Events Commission meetings.	1	0	0	1
8.1. Discussion on possibly utilizing the former Orange Fire Department Headquarters as a fire museum.	1	1	0	0
10.1. Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Orange and the Mabury Ranch Homeowner's Association for tree maintenance. (Continued from March 11, 2025)	1	0	1	0

## Agenda Item: eComments for 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### Overall Sentiment

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



### Guest User

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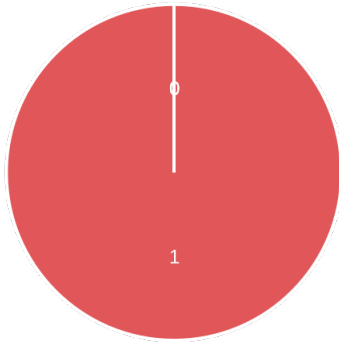
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When using acronyms on any Agenda item, each acronym should be fully noted without having to look on the attachments for actual name of the acronym reference. Example, Item 7.2, Recommended Action No. 1 does not explain the acronym "CDBG" Program Committe.

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.1. Waive reading in full of all ordinances on the Agenda.

Overall Sentiment

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



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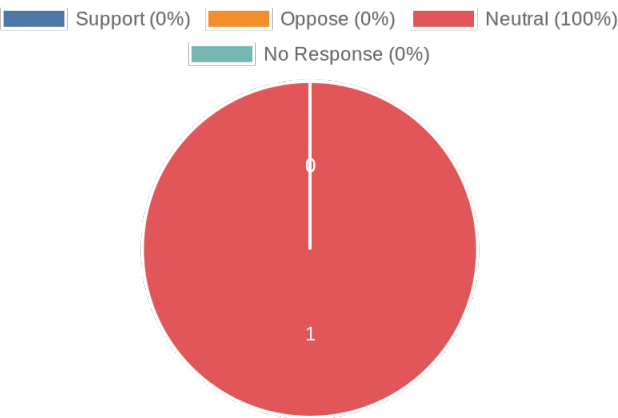
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Submitted At: 3:49pm 04-08-25

All of these Agenda items requesting approval of any funding should include the dollar amount in this section. For example, Item 3.10 for the Subrecipient Agreement does not note the dollar amount. We are forced to go to the attachments for that information.

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.10. First Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Shelter Providers of Orange County to revise the scope of work and total compensation.

Overall Sentiment



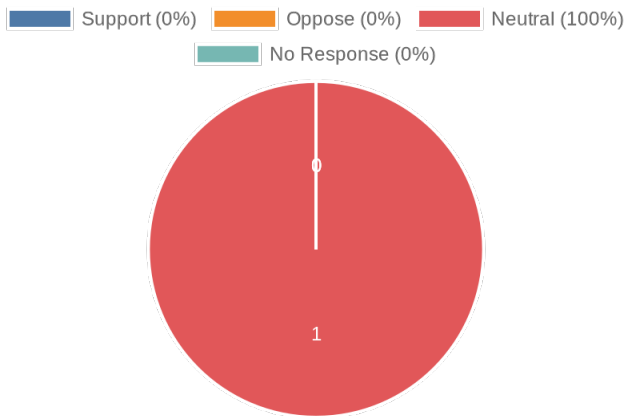
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Location:  
Submitted At: 3:58pm 04-08-25

The actual dollar amount should be noted on this Agenda Item.

Agenda Item: eComments for 7.1. Reconsideration of the frequency of the Park Planning and Community Events Commission meetings.

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 12:04pm 04-08-25

Honorable Mayor and City Council Members - My name is Eugene Fields. I am a homeowner in Orange, a husband, father and I serve at the will of the Council as a member of the Park Planning & Community Events Commission. I apologize for not speaking in person, but I also coach girls' soccer for 9/10-year-olds and this is their practice night. First, I want to thank you for appointing me and allowing me to serve our City. It has been one of the heaviest burdens to carry, yet one of the greatest joys of my adult life.

I am writing for informational purposes regarding the benefit the PP&CE Commission brings.

The City staff brings a valid point that there are currently no City-sponsored events for a commission to plan for. However, two of my colleagues met with City Staff at the end of 2024 for several hours to discuss options, sponsorships and partnerships the City could entertain to share the burden and continue the events. None of these proposals or options were presented to the Commission as a whole or to the City Council for discussion. If the Council decides to not have any City-sponsored events or not partner with local organizations/businesses, I respect the will of the Council, but I humbly suggest having invested members of the community - working with City staff and under the guidelines of the Commission's via the OMC - is a benefit to our City.

Part of that work has been done by several Commissioners - including myself - outside of the time we spend on the dais. Commissioner Ahlswede and I have taken meetings with staff, including a meeting when I was out of state attending to the death of a family member, to advise staff of opportunities to gain funding at regional, state and federal levels. Commissioner deVries reached out to several local businesses, which joined the City sponsorship program. Commissioner Litwin and I have engaged with proponents of a BMX park/pump track, connecting them with staff. Commissioner Kushon continues to seek opportunities through branding opportunities.

The Commission also has engaged with the community re: Park Planning on two projects. And there is a use to give the public an opportunity to have a place to hear about the work of Community Services - as well as to ask questions and voice their displeasure before escalating that to the City Council.

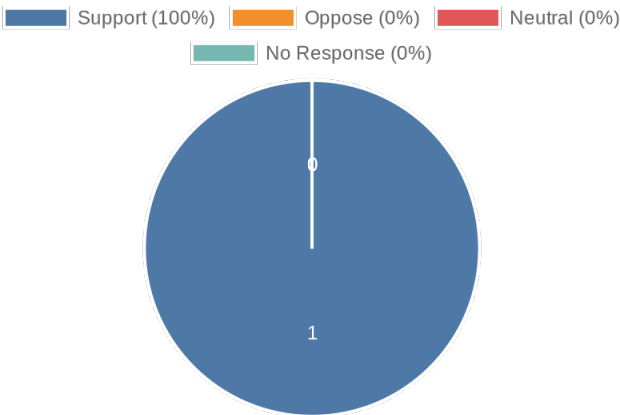
Finally, there is no need to curtail the meeting schedule, as I have made good on the promise to you - the City Council - that we will not meet if there was no need. In 2025, I have trusted our staff regarding that lack of need -



although several of my fellow Commissioners have disagreed - and opted to cancel our first two meetings. I posit that our City is in a fiscal crisis and instead of pulling the oars out of the water and letting the tides carry us, I respectfully request the Council allow us to continue our work: Connecting with the public, businesses, stakeholders and organizations to find a way to continue the events that make Orange Orange - a special place to live, work and play. Let us continue to plan for the Nation's 250th anniversary, as well as Orange's upcoming 140th anniversary. You have put faith in the seven of us to do this work and I humbly ask you to continue to let us work with City staff to serve our City.

Agenda Item: eComments for 8.1. Discussion on possibly utilizing the former Orange Fire Department Headquarters as a fire museum.

Overall Sentiment



Guest User

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:23pm 04-08-25

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the potential use of the former Orange Fire Department Headquarters as a fire museum. The building offers a unique opportunity to honor and celebrate the rich history of firefighting in our community while contributing to the city's cultural and educational landscape.

The opportunity to establish a fire museum in the former Fire Headquarters would not only honor the legacy of our local firefight but also provide an invaluable educational experience for residents and visitors alike.

The proposed museum would be more than just a collection of artifacts. It would serve as a dynamic, interactive center for safety education, where visitors can engage in experiential learning through virtual exhibits, immersive adventures, and multimedia presentations. The majority of the incidents that firefighters respond to are preventable, which makes educational initiatives like this critical to protecting lives and property. With interactive displays, personalized experiences, and rotating galleries, the museum would empower visitors to take proactive steps towards safety and resilience.

I urge the City Council to consider this exciting opportunity and provide direction to City staff to explore the feasibility of transforming the old Fire Headquarters into a vibrant, educational fire museum. This project has the potential to make a lasting impact on our community, preserving history, honoring our first responders, fostering

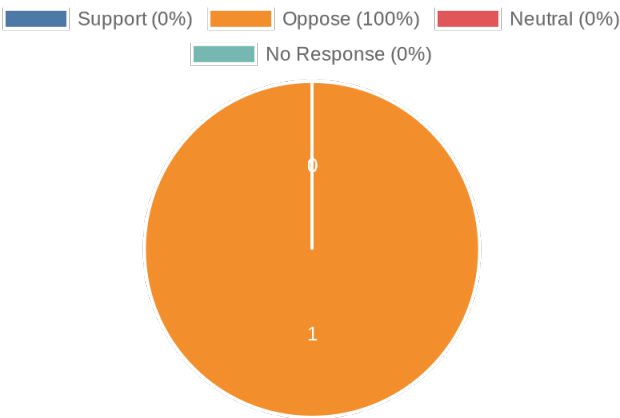
resilience and helping to save lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Henderson and family  
Dana Point, CA

Agenda Item: eComments for 10.1. Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Orange and the Mabury Ranch Homeowner's Association for tree maintenance. (Continued from March 11, 2025)

Overall Sentiment



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Location:  
Submitted At: 4:04pm 04-08-25

As a resident in East Orange, Serrano Heights, I disagree with the removal of the pine trees on Serrano Ave unless they are truly unhealthy. The visual aspect of Serrano Ave will be permanently marred and the shade provided to pedestrians by these trees will be abolished. Was this action actually approved by the Mabury Ranch homeowners?