

August 5, 2026

Design Review

Committee

Written Public Comments

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Meeting Time: 08-05-26 17:30

eComments Report

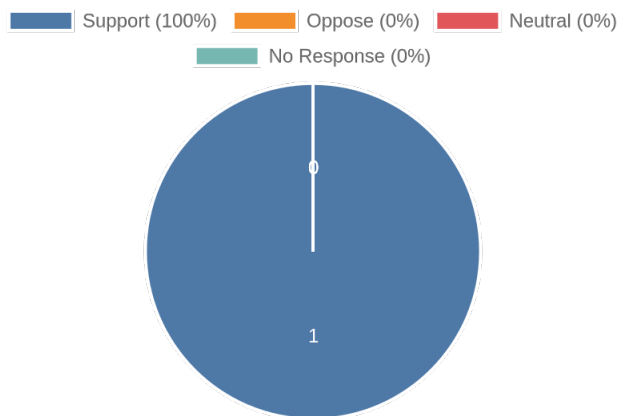
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3.1 Approval of minutes of the City of Orange Design Review Committee Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2026, June 3, 2026, and June 17, 2026.	1	1	0	0
4.1 Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance.	1	1	0	0

Overall Sentiment



Adrienne Gladson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47pm 08-05-26

Happy to provide my E comments.

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Social history is an additional powerful justification to preserve, restore, rehabilitate something. By doing so, community ancestors are respected and remembered. A study of older photographs that are reliable, insurance fire maps, oral histories/interviews, in addition to others all provide evidence of social history and worth understanding. All historic resources and records must be consulted as part of any documentation for listing.

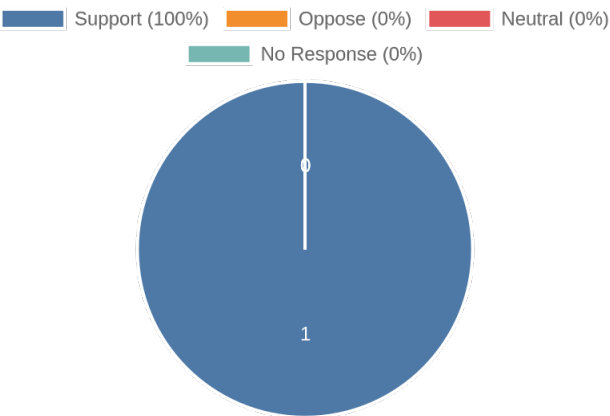
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Agenda Item: eComments for 4.1 Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance.

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