

February 10, 2026
City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

General Public Comment

Corina Perez

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, February 9, 2026 6:52 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

"Single-use plastics and plastic waste more broadly are considered a growing environmental and health problem" that we need to address locally even as CalRecycle is proposing revised regulations of Senate Bill 54, the Plastic Pollution and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act. As with other issues on the state and national levels, we can still make a positive difference to improve our health and environment by reaching out and educating residents and businesses in Orange.

A 15-day public comment period ends Friday for the proposal to revise the regulations for better clarity and implementation, particularly for food commodities. CalRecycle's initial changes "excluded all packaging material related to produce, meat, dairy products, dog food, toothpaste, condoms, shampoo and cereal boxes, among other products."

Senate Bill 54 was designed to make the majority of plastic waste in the state recyclable or compostable by working with the plastic and packaging industries. If the plastics make their way to stores and restaurants we patronize, we have the power to decline them, bring our own utensils and reusable packaging, and to support businesses that offer sustainable options. The City's website and TV channel can inform residents and businesses that our individual actions can have a beneficial effect for all of us.

While one anti-plastic organization believes SB 54 "will NEVER increase the recycling rates" of milk cartons and plastic packaging because they are "fundamentally not technically or economically recyclable," we need to do all we can to prevent plastic waste, which has "overwhelmed waterways and oceans, sickening marine life and threatening human health." In 2023 there were 2.9 million tons of single-use plastic and 171.4 billion single-use plastic components sold, offered for sale or distributed in California, according to one analysis. The percentage of plastics recycled was in just the single digits. Only 2% of polypropylene, labeled as #5 on packaging, is being recycled. It is used for yogurt containers, margarine tubs and microwavable trays. Colored shampoo and detergent bottles, made from polyethylene, or #1 plastic, are being recycled at a rate of just 5%.

Item 4.2

Discuss Prohibiting Smoking in City Parks

Jennifer Connally

From: Christina Masciel
Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 7:16 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Agree with no smoking in orange parks

Christina Masciel ✨

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Meeting Time: 02-10-26 18:00

eComments Report

Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Orange City Council	02-10-26 18:00	44	1	1	0	0

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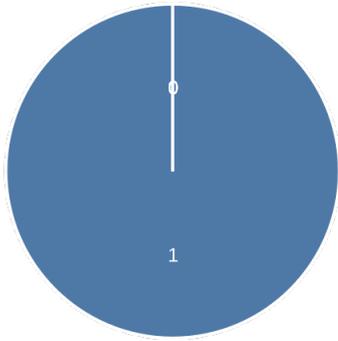
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
8.4. Energy and Performance Contract with Willdan Energy Solutions.	1	1	0	0

Agenda Item: eComments for 8.4. Energy and Performance Contract with Willdan Energy Solutions.

Overall Sentiment

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



Jake Comer

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 02-10-26

I strongly support, please see attached for further explanation.