

November 12, 2025 City Council Meeting

Written Public Comments

Item 3.8

OCTA Congestion Mitigation Grant

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From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2025 7:05 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Agenda Item # 3.8

Air pollution has been reduced by 40 percent in just 10 years in Paris, France, with more than 185 miles of new bike lanes, "making the city cleaner, quieter and healthier." More than 4,000 miles of bike routes crossing 11 countries including France are bringing together cyclists from 16 countries to the COP30 climate conference currently being held in Brazil. Paris is but one example of a city "leading the way . . . in preparing communities for the reality of climate change." As the mayor of Paris noted, "the path to a sustainable future runs through our neighborhoods, our streets, and our communities." Transforming the city, she continued, "with cleaner air, greener transport, and safer public spaces not only immediately improves lives but also ensures this for future generations."

Since transportation is a major source of carbon pollution, cities in California such as San Jose and Sacramento have created bike lanes, which reduce air pollution, encouraging a shift from cars to bikes, lowering vehicle emissions. Bike-friendly cities like Irvine, Long Beach and San Francisco offer protected bike lanes, better infrastructure and lower crash risks for cyclists. Areas of Orange County and elsewhere "remain hazardous due to car-centric designs and a lack of safe cycling routes." The majority of the 145 bicyclists killed in California in 2023 "occurred on roads without adequate bike protections. Poor visibility, high-speed roads, and driver inattention are leading causes of these fatal collisions."

In Orange two bicyclists were killed in September. A male bike rider died after being hit by a car at the intersection of N. Glassell St. and E. Chestnut Ave. Another man was killed when struck by a driver while riding his bike in a crosswalk at the intersection of Canyon View and Skylark. Last year a man was killed when hit by a vehicle while bicycling on Santiago Canyon Road.

Completion of the final 1.5-mile gap of the Santiago Creek Trail with grant funds from OCTA can help provide protection for cyclists and pedestrians while also improving our air quality. The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding awarded does require the City, with its financial crisis, to provide matching funds to complete the environmental and engineering phase of the project, but it is very worthwhile as it can improve our health, even save lives.

Orange City Council

Meeting Time: 11-12-25 18:00

eComments Report

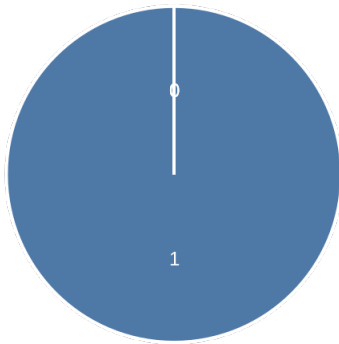
Meetings	Meeting Time	Agenda Items	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Orange City Council	11-12-25 18:00	49	3	3	0	0

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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
3.6. Agreement with Chattel, Inc. for preparation of a Historic Preservation Ordinance.	1	1	0	0
3.8. Acceptance and appropriation of \$853,000 in Orange County Transportation Authority Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program grant funds, and appropriation of \$116,000 in match funds for the Santiago Creek Bike Trail Extension Project.	1	1	0	0
10.1. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 19-25 amending Chapter 2.10 of Title 2 of the Orange Municipal Code relating to controlled committee contributions, as well as the process to incorporate amendments and additional requirements to Chapter 2.10.	1	1	0	0

Overall Sentiment

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



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Location:

Submitted At: 12:42pm 11-12-25

I support the city contracting with Chattel, Inc. to draft the Historic Preservation Ordinance for the City of Orange.

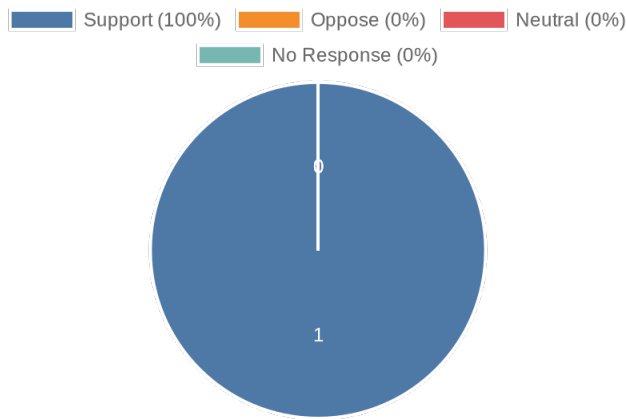
Chattel Inc has a great reputation of maintaining the balance between private sector market demand and guidance on protecting historically contributing structures.

Additionally, a revamp of how the Mills Act is applied and maintained through city hall is important to ongoing contracts and potentially new ones. This program defers the financial challenges of maintaining a historic building/home and offers the commercial sector a discount on their passthrough costs to tenants.

- AJ Ricci

Agenda Item: eComments for 3.8. Acceptance and appropriation of \$853,000 in Orange County Transportation Authority Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program grant funds, and appropriation of \$116,000 in match funds for the Santiago Creek Bike Trail Extension Project.

Overall Sentiment



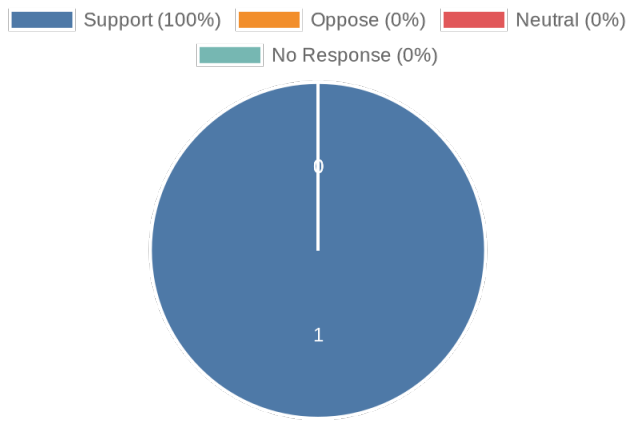
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Location:
Submitted At: 4:27pm 11-12-25

This is long overdue, and I know the biking community shares my enthusiasm to finally Connect the Trails!

Agenda Item: eComments for 10.1. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 19-25 amending Chapter 2.10 of Title 2 of the Orange Municipal Code relating to controlled committee contributions, as well as the process to incorporate amendments and additional requirements to Chapter 2.10.

Overall Sentiment



Judson Brown

Location:
Submitted At: 8:24am 11-12-25

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

My name is Judson Brown and I serve as the Vice-Chair of the County of Orange Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission. I am also a resident of the City of Orange. I want to express my strong support for the First Reading of Ordinance No. 19-25, which amends Orange Municipal Code Sections 2.10.090 and 2.10.240. These amendments will restore critical protections against campaign contribution laundering that were weakened by a prior City Council action last year. Specifically, in May 2024 the Council adopted Ordinance No. 09-24, which removed the City’s long-standing ban on transferring funds between candidate-controlled committees. This change undermined the integrity of our local campaign finance system by allowing candidates to funnel contributions through other committees, effectively enabling campaign contribution “laundering.”

Ordinance No. 19-25 corrects this mistake by fully reinstating the prohibition on inter-candidate transfers and again barring any candidate-controlled or elected-officer-controlled committee from contributing to committees supporting or opposing other City candidates. These restored safeguards realign our local law with its original purpose, to prevent corruption or the appearance of corruption, and to prevent evasion of contribution limits through the funneling of donations, thereby preserving the integrity of our elections and maintaining public trust in our local government.

Additionally, I strongly support the ordinance's inclusion of a new safeguard in Section 2.10.240(C) that any future repeal or weakening of these protections must first be approved by City of Orange voters. This common-sense provision acknowledges the inherent conflict of interest in allowing Councilmembers to dilute campaign finance rules that govern their own elections, and it rightly places such decisions in the hands of the public.

While I serve as Vice-Chair of the County Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission, I am providing this public comment only as a resident of Orange, not on behalf of the Commission. In closing, I respectfully recommend the

City Council to adopt Ordinance No. 19-25, and I offer my full support for its proposed amendments.

Thank you,

Judson Brown

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