

September 8, 2020
City Council Meeting
Public Comments

Public Comments

Non-Agenda Item

Jennifer Connally

From: Janice Brownfield <janicebrownfield@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 6, 2020 6:27 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

Affiliates of land owner Milan Capital Management, which wants to build 128 houses on the Sully-Miller site known as Trails at Santiago Creek, gave campaign contributions in 2018 to an incumbent Orange City Council member now seeking re-election. On January 15, 2018, Stefan Nauertz, a property manager with Milan Capital, contributed \$200, and on July 26, 2018, KTG Group, which has represented Milan, gave \$100. All of the council members later voted in favor of Milan, causing 13,381 Orange voters to sign a petition resulting in Measure AA on the November 3rd ballot.

In the past four years Southern California Edison has given campaign contributions of up to \$1,000 to all four members of the council. In 2018 Edison's Senior Vice President of Government Affairs also gave \$100 to a member and \$250 to an incumbent seeking re-election November 3rd. That now-retired Edison VP recently moderated candidates' forums. A former Edison public affairs manager has also given \$100 each to two members and to an incumbent seeking re-election.

Edison is a business client of a candidate whose business, and an employee, made contributions to council members for the last election, then asked for appointment to the council, prepared the past and current campaign website for an incumbent and produced a promotion of local businesses on the City's Message Board featuring that incumbent. Daily airings online and on TV provide free advertising for the incumbent and for the candidate's business.

Unlike individuals and businesses with personal agendas and profit motives, Fridays For Future is a non-profit movement with participants in Orange and should be allowed to have a posting on the City's Message Board for their event in Orange for the September 25th global climate action day.

To avoid even the appearance of undue influence by Edison, the council should decide to at least study Community Choice Energy, CCE, for competitive and lower energy rates. Noting Edison's requested 14.4% residential rate increase effective in January, the City of Irvine is pursuing CCE. At minimal cost, Orange could input our electricity load data into Irvine's feasibility study to determine the amount of savings over Edison's current and projected rate increases.

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Item 8.1

Jennifer Connally

From: swkjb <kjb61swb58@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 11:18 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Plaza out door dinning on Glassell

Honorable Mayor , city council and staff,

My name is Kimberly Bottomley .My address is on file.

I contacted Mayor Murphy on July 10th knowing that our city was going to be opening the plaza for out side dining. I sent him pictures of how Laguna Beach closed down there Main street for outside dinning.

They made it very inviting and beautiful.I showed him what they did with their k rails by sending him pictures. Since our city is keeping this out door dinning at least till November .

It would be nice to decorate k rails and have nice out door awnings instead of what's out there now easy ups with business advertisement .

I contacted Jeanie Randazzo at Chapman university she is the Art Director there . It would be nice to partner with chapman University to decorate k rails.

On next door west side the orange signs being sold at the farmers market and displayed in yard with well wishes for orange durning this troubling time might be nice to replicate that on to the k rails .

To bad this could not have been done before Labor Day since we did not have street fair i'm sure people went to plaza to enjoy dining this Labor Day weekend .

Please beautify the Plaza While we are doing out door dinning I think it would be more inviting which then would bring more people.

I will send 2 photos that I sent to Mayor Murphy to you in separate e-mail Thank you in advance for contacting me on this idea



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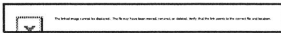


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Item 9.1

Pamela Coleman

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Pamela Coleman
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Jordan Prell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 9.1. Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Orange Amending Title 2, Chapter 2.08 of the Orange Municipal Code Relating to City Council Compensation. Ordinance No. 14-20. (Continued from June 9, 2020)

eComment: I would like to express my support of agenda item 9.1. Based on the amount of effort put forth and necessary by council members in service to the city and it's residents, I believe council members are more than entitled to receive a relatively small stipend of \$600 per month. I would even support health benefits and a car allowance in a future ordinance given the duties involved with serving on the council (as appears to be the practice of many other cities and even Orange in the past). I think service to the community in itself is a reward and monetary compensation is not necessarily "essential" for these roles; however, given the level of dedication and efforts required of a council member, I think it is absolutely fair to provide this level of compensation to somewhat offset the personal sacrifices required to effectively serve on the council. Thank you to the current council for all of your hard work and to future council members who selflessly give back to the community.

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Item 11.2

Pamela Coleman

From: Steve La Motte <slamotte@biasc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Pamela Coleman
Subject: BIAOC Comment
Attachments: BIAOC Comments - City of Orange (TSIP) fees.pdf

City Clerk,

Please submit the attached the letter for the record regarding item 11.2 on this evening's council meeting agenda.

Thank you,

Steve LaMotte
BIAOC

Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc.
ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER



September 8, 2020

Mayor Mark Murphy
Orange City Council
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

RE: Item 11.2 - Transportation System Improvement Program (TSIP) fees.

Dear Mayor and Honorable City Council Members,

The Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Chapter (BIA) is a leading advocate for thousands of building industry leaders who are committed to a better future for California by building communities, creating jobs and ensuring housing opportunities for everyone.

Housing remains a critical issue in California with the situation growing more serious with each passing day. Studies show that the State needs over 180,000 new units each year and at best we are producing 80,000. This has caused a cascading spike in home prices across the region.

To make matters worse, the entire globe has been thrust into the middle of a pandemic. Residents around the Country, especially in California, are being asked to self-quarantine and by extension, limit their access to work. The economic impact of this pandemic will take years to fully comprehend.

With this in mind, the BIA/OC is concerned by the proposed 44% increase to the TSIP impact fee on Single Family Development. While we understand that the City has not updated this fee in quite some time, we ask that such a large increase is not implemented at once but phased in over the course of a specified time period so the development community can adequately plan for the change.

We also ask the City to consider the project list and its price tag that ultimately dictates this fee. We encourage the City to prioritize projects that are reasonable and attainable, compared to a wish list of projects that might not ultimately be realized yet will generate a real fee that our members must pay. By prioritizing projects, the council can understand what projects are necessary and reasonable during these unprecedented times and reduce the burden on the private sector.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steven C. LaMotte
Chapter Executive Officer

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Public Comments

Item 11.3

Jennifer Connally

From: Adam Duberstein <aduberstein@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 1:43 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Official Position of OTPA: Design Review Committee (DRC) Ordinance 13-20
Attachments: Design Review Committee (DRC) Ordinance 13-20.pdf

Please receive the attached document containing the official position of the Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) in response to Design Review Committee (DRC) Ordinance 13-20

Thank you,
Adam Duberstein
on behalf of the OTPA Board of Directors



OLD TOWNE | PRESERVATION
ASSOCIATION

September 4, 2020

To: City of Orange, Mayor, and City Council

Mr Rick Otto, City Manager

Mr. Gary Sheet, City Attorney

Mr. Bill Crouch, Director of Community Development

Mayor Mark Murphy, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Alvarez

Council Member Kimberlee Nichols, Council Member Chip Monaco

Address: 300 East Chapman Avenue Orange, CA 92866

From: Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA)

Adam Feliz, Co-Chair Preservation and Membership

Adam Duberstein Co-Chair Preservation and Membership

Board of Directors: President Sandy Quinn, Vice President Tony Trabucco, Secretary Diana Zdenek, Treasurer Ted Albert, Members-at-Large Tita Smith, Dan Slater, Mignon Whitaker, Carol Craig, Joe Peters, Guy Hinrichs, Victoria Laughlin, Alia Gerard

Re: Design Review Committee (DRC) Ordinance 13-20: Amending Title 12, Title 16 and Title 17 of the O.M.C.

The Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) appreciates our working relationship with the City Council and City of Orange Staff to fulfill our joint mission to preserve, protect and enhance Old Towne Orange.

This one square mile area contains more than 1,400 structures built before 1940 and in 1997, Old Towne Orange became a National Historic District and was placed in the National Registry of Historic Places. This makes it the largest residential Historic District in the State of California. OTPA Membership includes more than 400 Old Towne households with more than 1,100 residents.

As a stakeholder in the community, OTPA supports the intended revision to Ordinance 13-20 as it relates to,

1. making the applicant approval process more efficient and
2. general clean-up of redundancies in verbiage, overlapping Resolutions and/or Ordinances and the intended focus of Historic Districts, Historic Buildings & Structures.

However, OTPA is unable to fully support the ordinance as it is written for the following deficiencies and unclear purview of the Design Review Committee:

1. Section 17.08.020. Landscape was removed from Section D and Section D.1 & D.2

As a stakeholder in the community, OTPA is requesting that Landscaping remain in the purview of the DRC to retain consistency of Historic Districts and Historic Structures & Buildings listed on the Historic Resource Survey. Landscape is key to beautification and to ensure the overall project remains consistent with the surrounding properties.

2. Section 17.10.060. E2 appears to have language that is unclear. "The commission, in considering a site plan review application shall review the recommendations of the Director" should read, "the recommendations of the Director and the DRC", as the DRC is a recommending body in the section.
3. OTPA would like additional clarification on the following items:
 - a. How will projects that fall under the period of significance be reviewed if they are not listed as a Historic District and/or Historic Structures & Buildings listed on the Historic Resource Survey ?
 - b. Section 17.08.020.B2.C : Please define the term "Body" and provide clear language as this is unclear.
 - c. Section 17.08.20.D.2.a : Please define "As appropriate" to ensure definition references the documents that govern the process.
 - d. Section 17.08.20.D.2.b : Final Determination on proposed demolition of Historic Districts and Historic Structures & Buildings listed on the Historic Resource Survey was downgraded to recommendations only. OTPA requests that Final Determinations be reinstated.
 - e. Section 17.10.070.D: The term " At public meeting" appears to be removed. Please provide clarification as to why this was removed as it is unclear if meetings will be public.
 - f. Section 17.10.070.G.F: Please define and provide clarification on the term "integrated design theme". OTPA is unable to determine how this term is defined.

As a stakeholder in the community, OTPA respectfully requests the above-mentioned points be incorporated into the ordinance and clarifications addressed. These additions will further strengthen the DRC's objective and oversight of the Historic District and Historic Structures & Buildings listed on the Historic Resource Survey, ensuring our City's crown jewel, Old Towne Orange, can be enjoyed for generations to come.

Thank you for considering the request of the Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA).

Please contact Adam Feliz via email (feliz.adam@icloud.com) /telephone (714-917-9781) or Adam Duberstein via email (aduberstein@gmail.com) /telephone (949-933-0089) for follow up questions, comments, or related contact concerning this subject matter.

Sincerely,

Old Towne Preservation Association Board of Directors

Bulk Comment Received Titled: Ordinance 13-20: Amending Title 12, Title 16 and Title 17 of the OMC
(Agenda Item No. 11.3)

The attached letter was received from the following members of the public:

Arlene Hillman	Matthew Craig
Bradley Greenwood	Patty Ricci
Carla Parsons	Peggy Calvert
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Jim Rajac	Ron Brown
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Lawrence Tannas Jr.	
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Jennifer Connally

From:
Sent:
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: [BULK] Ordinance 13-20: Amending Title 12, Title 16 and Title 17 of the O.M.C.

Importance:

September 5, 2020

City of Orange
300 East Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

Re: Ordinance 13-20: Amending Title 12, Title 16 and Title 17 of the O.M.C.

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Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

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This e-mail was sent via an email generation form on Safe Form (<https://safeform.org>) regarding Design Review Committee (DRC) Ordinance 13.20 from 172.90.96.97.

From: Tony Trabucco <tjtrabucco@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 1:24 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Public Comment Item #: 11.3 - Proposed Ordinance Amendments.

Mayor and City Council Members,

I am opposed to the proposed ordinance modifications to DRC and the Design Review process for the following reasons:

- Who benefits the most from the proposed changes? Developers? Builders? City Staff? How do these proposed changes benefit the residents of Old Towne Orange (and the other historic districts - i.e. the Eichler Tracts), and Orange residents in general?

- I'm concerned about the shift of critical elements of the ordinance to resolution, vs being embedded in the Municipal Code. While I'm not aware of the difference in process between modifying an ordinance vs modifying a resolution, I suspect that it's easier to change a resolution at some point in the future (otherwise, why change it?). Elements such as the current required qualifications of DRC members, and the requirement that they live within the City of Orange, I would consider critical elements. Any change to those items should take a significant effort. And while the current "intent" may be to merely simplify the code and remove redundancies, we have to take a longer view and envision a time when elected officials may have a different viewpoint, and might choose to exploit the situation to position less preservation-minded (and more pro-development-minded) individuals on to the DRC. We have an excellent Design Review Committee in place - and have for many years -- again what is the benefit to Old Towne Orange and

its residents for changing the formula now (or rather who else is benefiting from this change)?

- My other concern is the nearly total elimination of the DRC's ability to confer "final determinations" on projects, as most of the proposed modifications allow for only "recommendations" to the Community Development Director (CDD) or in some cases the Planning Commission. I'm of the opinion that a body of 5 architectural, landscape, and preservation professionals ultimately inject into a project a wide variety of experience and viewpoints that ultimately result in a better project overall, whether in Old Towne Orange or within the City in general. The proposed modifications impart too much authority and power within a single office (CDD). Again, while our current CDD is excellent, and a known preservationist, we can't know for a fact that that will always be the case. With Sacramento's current focus on "build anything/everywhere" mentality, to focus too much authority within a single office that could more easily be influenced than a Committee of 5 people, can only be detrimental to Old Towne Orange. This, coupled with the fact that we are adjacent to a large University that only houses approximately 50% of it's students, makes the area ripe for developers to continuously chip away at hard-fought preservation gains to recklessly build for-profit student housing in and around our historic district. Streamlining this process doesn't bode well for the community.

Thank you for your consideration and your time.

Sincerely,
Tony Trabucco

Orange CA 92866

Jennifer Connally

From: J.P. McDermott <jpmcd1001@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 5, 2020 3:35 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Public Comment Item #11.3

As a citizen and homeowner in the City of Orange, I am opposed to the changes in the ordinance.

I'm concerned that the impetus behind these changes appears to be an effort to fast-track projects for well-connected developers, regardless of the impact on their surroundings. This appearance is troubling.

Since the 1970s the Design Review Committee and its predecessors have served the citizens of Orange, reviewing projects throughout the city, and protecting the interests of all of our neighborhoods, while maintaining the vitality of our businesses. The discussions and decisions of the DRC have been transparent, and carried out in open public meetings as required by the ordinance.

In the revised ordinance the City takes essentially all authority from the DRC and vests it in a single City employee, the Community Development Director. The revision deletes language requiring that the decision to approve or deny any project be made at a public meeting. The DRC will no longer review any project except those in the historic districts. With minor exceptions, they can make no determination other than a recommendation to the Planning Commission or to the Community Development Director.

It's important to note that we will be vesting all of this power in an unknown quantity. The current Director, who has served the City well, has announced his retirement coincident with the announcement of the changes in the ordinance.

I'm generally concerned about all of this as a citizen of Orange. The quality of the built environment is a key factor in the quality of life in our city, whether in Old Towne, on Tustin Street, off of Katella Avenue or anywhere in Orange. Having significant projects in the City reviewed by a qualified committee of its citizens in open public meetings might inconvenience a developer, but it is surely good governance, and a service to the community.

My concern is even deeper for the changes to the DRC concerning the Old Towne and Eichler historic districts, as well as the many other historic resources that make this city so special. Protecting these treasures should be of paramount importance. Unfortunately, the City does not appear to agree on this point.

Under these revisions, the requirements that DRC members have appropriate qualifications and that they live or work in Orange are stricken from the ordinance and replaced by a resolution that can be easily amended or eliminated should it prove to be expedient to do so.

Also stricken from the ordinance is the requirement that City staff provide expertise in historic preservation and landscaping to the committee. Will a DRC that has no support from City staff be able to make effective recommendations? Will they be able to uphold community standards and preserve what is so special about Orange? Will they be able to appropriately apply the various detailed design standards, that are required to maintain historic designations?

My wife has served on the committee for several years. She and the other committee members are driven by a desire to see good projects built in the City. They put in long hours of review and research, taking their responsibilities to the citizens of Orange seriously. Believe me, they don't do it for the \$50 per meeting.

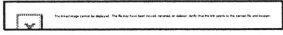
Removing a committee of qualified citizen reviewers from the planning process does not serve the best interests of the people of the City of Orange.

J.P. McDermott

Orange, CA 92866

Pamela Coleman

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Pamela Coleman
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Anne McDermott submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 11.3. Public Hearing to consider Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance amending sections of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places), Title 16 (Subdivisions) and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Orange Municipal Code related to the Design Review Committee. Ordinance No. 13-20.

eComment: Anne Menard McDermott 405 S. Grand St. Orange, CA 92866 (301) 646-6936 anne_menard_mcd@hotmail.com September 7, 2020 The Honorable Mark A. Murphy, Mayor of Orange and Members of the Orange City Council City of Orange, CA 300 E. Chapman Ave. Orange, CA 92866 Dear Mayor Murphy and Members of the City Council, I am a member of the Design Review Committee and I oppose Ordinance No.13-20 because it will remove the authority of the DRC to uphold the community aesthetics of the built environment throughout the City. The proposal will deprive the people of Orange of adequate design review, a transparent decision process, and public participation in the types of building projects that greatly impact the character of all of our neighborhoods, not just historic districts. These changes should be rejected. Architecture does not exist in isolation, it is a product of its surroundings. A diversity of architecture, landscapes, trees, and signage makes up the fabric of our city. The character of these streetscapes, with all of their components, is vitally important to the historic districts, as well as the entire city. A DRC meeting is the earliest opportunity for the public to raise concerns and a time when design changes are more likely to be realized. The removal of committee design review is not the way to achieve increased efficiency. How could we speed up the approval process without degrading the quality of our city? Most of the applications that come before the DRC are qualified, well designed projects. Any issues that have been identified and analyzed by staff can be discussed by the committee and resolved with minor changes by the applicant. These projects are usually approved unanimously with a few conditions at a single meeting. They are already streamlined. Applications that lack complete and accurate information or have feasibility problems have to come back to the DRC after incorporating committee comments. The DRC almost never denies a project. Such projects could be streamlined by stricter staff and SMART review before they are allowed to be placed on the DRC agenda. Difficulties arise when overbuilt projects are crowding the site, impacting residences, deficient in landscaping, or inconsiderate of the pedestrian environment and the streetscape. These are the projects that bring concerned citizens to our meetings asking to be heard. Almost always, careful landscape design that includes trees for shade and screening is a key component in eventually

finding these projects compatible with the community standards. For these projects more design review is required, not less. The citizens deserve a full and fair hearing of these projects and all their impacts, including architecture, site planning, landscaping, and signage. There is already a simple way to increase efficiency. Applications that are accurate and complete after staff review, without any identified issues, can be placed on the DRC consent calendar for approval as submitted, without discussion. This streamlines the process and can be achieved today without any changes to the current ordinance. The DRC works hard to approve projects and help applicants succeed, but we do this work to serve all the citizens, in all parts of Orange. I respectfully ask you to maintain a robust and empowered DRC to ensure the quality and character of the historic districts and all the other districts and neighborhoods throughout the City. Sincerely, Anne Menard McDermott

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Pamela Coleman

From: Carol Fox <cfox@stratosform.com>
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 6:08 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Public Comment, Agenda Item 11.3
Attachments: Letter opposing Ord 13-20.pdf

I oppose Ordinance 13-20. Please see the attached letter for my comments.

Thank You,

Carol Fox
Vice Chair, Design Review Committee

Carol Fox

Orange, CA 92865
cfox@stratosform.com

September 7, 2020

Mayor Mark A. Murphy
Mayor ProTem Mike Alvarez
Councilmember Kim Nichols
Councilmember Chip Monaco
City of Orange
300 East Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

Dear Esteemed City Council,

As a citizen of our great city, an architect with my business based here, and a member of the Design Review Committee, I ask that you vote against Ordinance No. 13-20 for many reasons.

This institution has been in place in our community for 46 years and has had a positive effect on our city. The process of maintaining community aesthetics has helped to create an environment that residents, retailers, restaurateurs and consumers flock to.

Orange's DRC has one of the best reputations in the County amongst design professionals as a reasonable process that reinforces and often improves their good design. It is unlike other Boards and Committees precisely because of the credentials and experience of the Orange DRC members. When qualified design professionals evaluate complex and important projects, the recommendations and conditions are founded in the expertise they bring to the process. When underqualified persons evaluate projects, important details can be missed, and decision making is often arbitrary or politicized.

There have been many proposed designs, too numerous to list here, that would have caused irreparable harm to the community had the DRC not intervened with conditions of approval. A very recent example of this is the Housing Project adjacent to the Moreton Bay Fig Tree in front of Holy Family Cathedral. The conditions of approval included changes to the design in the paving that will greatly reduce the impacts of the development on this magnificent heritage tree and save the applicant money. This project would likely not have come before DRC if Ordinance No. 13-20 were already in place.

At the very least, if you won't vote against Ordinance No. 13-20 in its entirety, please retain the wording of the professional qualification requirements in the current ordinance. The current requirement provides for DRC members that have expertise to bolster the experience of the City Planners. It is important to keep these requirements in the ordinance itself, to maintain continuity over time and depoliticize the process.

I realize that I serve at the pleasure of the Council and have done so faithfully for 8 years. Please consider my comments in your deliberation.

Respectfully,



Carol Fox,
Vice Chair, City of Orange DRC



Orange Park Association
PO Box 2293 Orange, CA 92859

September 7, 2020

Mayor Mark A. Murphy and Members of the City Council
City of Orange
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

CCpubliccomment@cityoforange.org

Re: 11.3. Public Hearing to consider Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 13-20.

Mayor Murphy and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the Orange Park Association (OPA), I am writing you to request that the City Council not adopt Ordinance No. 13-20 that would amend sections of Title 12 (Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places), Title 16 (Subdivisions) and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Orange Municipal Code related to the Design Review Committee.

Bringing this agenda item forward during Covid-19 when the public is shut out of meaningful discussions for this important issue undermines the spirit of good governance. Moreover, this is not an urgent issue.

The Design Review Committee has been key to guaranteeing that design standards are followed, and projects are compatible within neighborhoods. Their steadfast work has added tremendous value to the charm of Orange. We should be thanking them for the expert service they provide our community instead of reducing their purview.

The DRC has worked well for 46 years. They have a reputation of being fair and balanced. DRC members have technical expertise and skillsets that are needed to analysis projects that come before them. They are not influenced by ideology, politics, or big money. Amending this ordinance would change that and would allow decisions to be made behind closed doors without public view or input.

The City Council would be making a grievous error if you approve this ordinance. We count on the City Council to protect the public This ordinance is not in the public's interest nor is it good governance. I urge you to vote no.

Please include this information in the public record for this agenda item.

Sincerely,

Sherry Hart-Panttaja
President, Orange Park Association

Honorable Mayor Mark Murphy & Members of The Orange City Council

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City of Orange

300 E. Chapman Ave.

Orange, Ca 92866

I writing to you because of my concern on what will be unintended consequences that this Resolution would create based upon it's focus as drafted. The purview of this Design Review Committee is just that,..Review of Design Projects in The City of Orange. Having the DRC focus on just one singular District or Resource of the City of Orange shortchanges the Citizens of Orange on the benefit of transparent & public review meetings on all projects, built environments & for The 'Future' of Orange. If our New Development projects are not reviewed by independent qualified Professionals we then have the potential of loss of what could be the creation of truly Meaningful Spaces.

It has been my experience with the Design Review Committee & in the past with the Design Review Commission is that there are consistent results that evolve with projects that come before us. A very well prepared Staff Report highlights issues that are cogent to the proposal. It is a practice of mine to review the report/plans & follow up with a site visit to understand deeper what the project goals are but often times equally as important on how the proposed project fits into the 'Community'.

The Design Review Committee is transparent, independent, & is open to public participation. The DRC often times will approve unanimously on the first meeting due to it's merit,..other projects are either continued to incorporate comments brought up during the meeting by both the applicant & by the DRC members and in some cases from thoughtful members of the public. I can count on 1 hand projects that were denied by The Design Review Committee. Most applicants want their projects to be better thru this process. For the time that I have been on the Design Review Committee it seems to work & most applicants are please with the experience. The best part of this process is the final built project thoughtfully crafted as a team & a proud new member of the City of Orange built Environment.

For all reasons above I would urge you to not adopt this Resolution.

Much Thanks,

Tim McCormack | Landscape Architect

Pamela Coleman

Subject:

FW: ecomment City Council Sept. 8, 2020 Agenda item 11.3

Laura Thomas

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September 8, 2020

Mayor Murphy and Council Members
ecomment
City of Orange
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email: via

Re: Agenda item 11.3

Good evening Mayor and Council members,

I urge the Council to strongly consider retaining the Design Review Committee's current pervue of focus responsibilities and not amend Ordinance No. 13-20.

The committee provides direction to all Orange neighborhoods. These architectural and landscape professionals clearly provide irreplaceable expertise.

I suggest the Council consider reviewing the current design review process from a "streamlining" prospective for all Orange applications with a user friendly goal, rather than limiting their focus to only Old Towne and historic districts.

The notion that the Director of Community Development will take the sole responsibility to decide and approve compared to 5 Design Review Committee members carefully project review recommendations to Planning Commission is a path to disaster in the making

This should not be a burden placed upon a City employee with a full responsibility as Director of Community Development.

Limiting the Design Review Committee's focus to only Old Towne and historic districts clearly tells the Orange Citizens this City Council does not value any other areas of Orange.

You were not elected to give preference to only certain Orange Citizens and marginalize others.

Please retain the DRC for all of Orange. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Laura Thomas
Realtor and 40 year Resident of Orange

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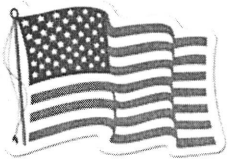
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Pamela Coleman

From: megan turner <redmegz13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:58 PM
To: CCpubliccomment
Subject: Item #11.3
Attachments: City of Orange City Council DRC.pdf

This is a public comment letter related to tonight's City Council Hearing.

City of Orange City Council
City of Orange
300 E. Chapman Ave.
Orange, CA 92866

September 8, 2020

RE: Change to DRC Purview

Dear City of Orange City Council,

Thank you for your support and love for our community. You give of your time and talents to serve us as residents, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate your willingness to give back to our sweet City of Orange.

On that note, I have been made aware that the City Council is in the process of reviewing proposed changes to the purview of the City of Orange Design Review Committee (DRC) that would reduce their review to only the Old Towne Orange area. Like you, this committee is made up of residents who give of their time and energy to preserve the design integrity of our beloved City. They are experts in their line of work, and truly care about the aesthetic qualities that make our City a place where people want to live, work, and play.

As a lifelong resident of this City, I am concerned about this reduction in oversight and community involvement. I think this is detrimental to the exceptional quality of projects that our City is accustomed to building for our residents. The future of our built environment within our entire City limits should not be short changed.

Current DRC focus:

To review development projects, by considering the elements of architectural design, massing and scale, color palette, context, landscaping and signage to ensure that projects are compatible with surrounding development and community aesthetics.

Current DRC qualifications include:

The Design Review Committee shall consist of five members of the public. Committee members shall be persons who, as a result of their training, knowledge and experience, are qualified to analyze and interpret architectural and site planning information, including but not limited to, licensed landscape architects and architects, urban planners, engineers, and licensed general contractors. At least two of the members shall have professional experience in urban planning, architectural history or historic preservation and shall have general knowledge of architectural styles prevalent in Old Towne.

Providing opportunities for professionally qualified residents to be involved in the review and approval process is integral to creating a prosperous City for its residents. The DRC has been functioning in the public interest and discussions and decisions of the DRC have been transparent, and made in meetings open to the public. Their intent is to ensure good quality design on behalf of our residents.

We want to be a business friendly City, but removing procedures that are in place to protect the aesthetic quality of our entire City does not seem like the right answer. Removing a committee of educated qualified citizen reviewers from the planning process does not serve the best interests of the people of the City of Orange. I urge you to reconsider these recommendations and uphold the design preservation of our entire City.

Sincerely,
Megan Penn

Pamela Coleman

Subject: FW: Council Hearing tonight - Agenda Item 11.3 - oppose
Attachments: Ordinance 13-20_oppose.pdf

From: Rick Fox <rfox@stratosform.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:06 PM
To: Jennifer Scudellari <jscudellari@cityoforange.org>
Subject: Council Hearing tonight - Agenda Item 11.3 - oppose

Jennifer:

Item 11.3: I oppose the adoption of Ordinance 13-20. Please read my letter into the record.

Thank you.

Rick Fox | President
Architect, C17775

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RE: Council Meeting – 9/8/2020; Agenda Item 11.3

Honorable Mayor & Members of the Council:

As an Architect, resident and business owner in the City of Orange, I urge you to vote NO on Ordinance 13-20.

Adopting this ordinance that would significantly revise the operation, qualifications, and purview of the Design Review Committee would be a *serious* mistake that, I believe, will cause lasting harm to the community and take decades to repair. Several of the underlying assumptions that form the findings and recommendations contained in the Staff Report and in Planning Commission Resolution PC23-20 are seriously flawed. If you adopt their flawed reasoning, then the ordinance you adopt will be flawed.

Since my initial encounter with the DRC nearly 34 years ago, I have found the Committee members to be highly qualified and conscientious professionals. They take their mandate to uphold community aesthetics very seriously; they care about *ALL* of this wonderful City—its downtown, its neighborhoods, and business districts—not just certain parts of it. As such, their expert viewpoint on a wide array of complex design and planning issues presented by applicants is an enormous benefit to the community in its entirety. The suggestion by some disgruntled applicants that the Committee's expertise is somehow an impediment to development is ludicrous. The suggestion that the committee is *unqualified* to review numerous and complex applications—and this *lack* of expertise causes unnecessary delays in the project approval process—is laughable.

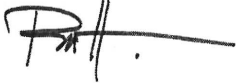
Reducing or eliminating the professional qualifications of prospective Committee members will haunt this community for a very long time, because it threatens to reduce the Committee to a rabble of unqualified hacks and politically-connected "insiders" as happens in so many other jurisdictions I've worked in over the course of my career. Orange is unique among Southern California cities, in that Design Review in this town is professional, independent and credible. This makes me proud to be a practicing professional in this community.

If you adopt Ordinance 13-20 Strategic Plan Goal #5 will be eviscerated—NOT strengthened as the Planning Commission claims. Protecting the city's community aesthetics is about more than a few historic neighborhoods and various "historic" properties. This ordinance is nothing less than an attempt to silence independent professional voices who seek to preserve the integrity of our community.

Just to be clear, adopting this ordinance favors "speedy" applications over thoughtful growth; favors pushy developers over long-term livability; and sacrifices community aesthetics on the alter of expediency. If the genuine motivation is to increase the 'effectiveness' of the *entire* project approval process, adopting Ordinance 13-20 is NOT the best way to do it.

Please preserve our community, do the right thing and vote 'No'.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Fox', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rick Fox,
Architect