

September 14, 2021
City Council Meeting
Public Comments

General Public Comment

Jennifer Connally

From: Gabriel Ortiz ·
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 5:30 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-agenda Item

Dear Councilwoman Barrios,

I feel you have made an ignorant statement when you drew a similarity between Mary's Kitchen and a 1921 gas station. Automobiles are a relatively new appearance compared to poverty. The giving of alms predates recorded history, and the act of feeding such unfortunates is much older. Not much has changed since then, helping someone out, is still, helping someone out.

Further I feel, at a casual glance at your record, the only person you've been active in helping is yourself.

We've been blessed as people of vision, we should help the poor, not help yourself to the poor.

Thank you for your time,
Gabriel Ortiz

Gabriel Ortiz

Jennifer Connally

From: Janice Brownfield
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 6:47 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment Non-Agenda Item

"It's a great idea," states Chapman University's Fred Smoller, a leader in promoting sustainable solutions to climate change, citing eight new clean energy school buses that have begun transporting students in the Anaheim Elementary School District. Studies show that one electric school bus on the road could eliminate 23 tons of greenhouse gas emissions each year. The buses are funded by the California Energy Commission's School Bus Replacement Program which aims to replace diesel-powered buses with clean energy electric ones to help the state reach its climate goals, meet clean air standards and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. Diesel-powered buses are not safe for children's developing lungs, which are particularly vulnerable to harmful air pollution.

Smoller recently helped obtain a \$5 million grant to organize the Orange County Sustainability Decathlon in 2023 for college students to design and build replicable housing units to accelerate sustainable development throughout the state and country. "We know for certain climate change is real. Just look around at the wildfires, the water shortages and the extreme weather events," said Smoller, an associate political science professor.

Climate change needs to be addressed now, it can't wait for the COVID-19 pandemic to end, is the recent warning to world leaders by more than 230 medical journals in a first-ever joint statement. They declared a 1.5-degree-Celsius rise in global temperatures the "greatest threat to global public health." The world is on track to warm by around 3 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels by 2100, which would be impossible to reverse. There is no "safe" rise in temperature. The more than 600 people who died in the Pacific Northwest during this summer's record-breaking heat would have been "virtually impossible without climate change," according to climate scientists.

As members of the Orange City Council, you can do more than meet the state's requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Go beyond your targets and commit to more resilience and extreme weather preparedness to help stop the warming trend that can soon become irreversible.

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Pamela Coleman; Jennifer Connally
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Jennifer Jayne Bell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

eComment: Proclamation recognizing September as Hunger Action Month This September, choose to stand against hunger. Sharing, volunteering, pledging, fundraising, and donating are just a few ways to help end the impossible choices of hunger. Orange City Council, You have a choice to make, and history will record your decision. You also have an opportunity. One that will position the great city of Orange as a leader and a solution provider that can, and should be, modeled in every city in the country. We are a civilized society and, as such, have a division of people into social and economic classes. The unhoused are here to stay. We know that. What many don't know is how to address this societal concern in a civilized way. Mary's Kitchen and its many volunteers do know. And since its most humble and organic beginning, the city of Orange has been a part of the solution through the existence of Mary's Kitchen. As homelessness has grown, so has the need. Mary's Kitchen, through its own force, powered by goodwill, has risen to this challenge and has made the city of Orange a leader in offering one hundred percent donor-funded, sustainable, compassionate, and actionable assistance. Please don't miss this opportunity to allow our city to shine as an example. Please think creatively and compassionately about how Mary's Kitchen can fit into the city's plan. Please put your progressive caps on and think about how a modern "mixed-use" city plan should serve all of a community's residents. And how by doing so, the greater good is served. You have the power to turn lives around at best, and at the least, provide a safe, non-public space neutral zone that allows these residents of our city to enjoy better health, cooperation, and liberty, which benefits all residents of Orange, and in fact Orange County. The cityoforange.org under Housing states, "The Housing team is committed to supporting affordable housing and community-based projects benefiting low and moderate-income households." What about for those who have no household and little prospective of attaining one? In the absence of Mary's Kitchen, what is the plan? I am proud of Mary's Kitchen. Orange's history of support of this organization is something for which we all should be proud. If we lose Mary's Kitchen, the city does not lose the conditions from which it was born. Whatever perceived "problem" which is driving out Mary's Kitchen will not go away. Mary's Kitchen is the solution. Please let logic and compassion drive your decision. And, don't please don't be shortsighted and let Mary's Kitchen move to another city; one that undoubtedly recognizes this diamond in the rough. Don't let history record that this other city was bold, progressive, forward-thinking, and rose to the occasion to accommodate its unhoused

population. Don't let it take the credit. This distinction belongs to Orange! And Mary's Kitchen belongs in Orange. Jennifer Jayne Bell Orange, CA

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Jennifer Connally

From: Jordan P
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:18 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public comment - Item 2

To the honorable Mayor Murphy and City Council,

I would like to express my gratitude regarding my appointment to the Audit Committee at the August 10th meeting. Thank you for placing trust in me to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with you all in the future. I anticipate your future appointments to the Audit Committee so that we can achieve quorum and get to work serving our community.

Sincerely,
Jordan Prell

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Pamela Coleman; Jennifer Connally
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Alan Kinkaid submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

eComment: Opposition to File #21-0444 Kornerstone Cemetery 2205 E. Palmyra Avenue My family and I live and own a home in the College Park neighborhood just south of the proposed location of the Kornerstone Cemetery (File #21-0444), and I need to officially state my opposition to this project. Our neighborhood is very small, quiet, and safe, and I fear that a 3,360 occupancy cemetery would jeopardize the most desirable traits of the neighborhood. My primary concern is the amount of traffic the cemetery would generate; there are only two small entry streets into our neighborhood of only 120 homes, Palmyra Avenue and E. Karan Lane, through which all traffic to and from the cemetery would travel. According to City documents, normal hours of operation are 8am - 5pm seven days a week, but also delivery of the deceased could occur "sometime during the hours of 5pm to 8am" - meaning that cemetery traffic may occur anytime 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Even though the project provides 51 parking stalls - estimated services 25 times a month, the visiting of up to 3,360 families throughout the year, with obligatory "visitation for prayers" increasing during certain times of the year could turn our neighborhood into a continual stream of vehicles and a gigantic parking lot. The community will also be subject to construction traffic & noise for the first year, and I understand from the documentation that excavation equipment will frequently be digging new graves over the next 20 years, creating more noise & construction traffic. This is a huge burden to place upon a small neighborhood. The immediately adjacent homes will be further impacted by the traffic passing in front of their windows & driveways and their views would now be either blocked by high walls or very stark white stone gravesites which, from the sample photos, are very glaring, sparse, and very unattractive. The property is currently zoned as "Recreation Open Space" and the General Plan categorizes it as "Open Space Park" and "Low Density Residential". The property was given to the City by the Yorba family for recreational/children's use - neither of which is satisfied by this project. Modification to both zoning regulations and the General Plan would create a negative impact on the community and deny the intent of the Yorba family. Thank you for taking this into consideration when reviewing the project. Sincerely, Alan Kinkaid
Orange, CA 92869

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Item 3.11

5th Amendment to
Agreement w/
Granicus for Boards
& Commissions
Management System

Jennifer Connally

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 6:06 PM
To: Pamela Coleman; Jennifer Connally
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Jordan Prell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 3.11. Fifth Amendment to Agreement with Granicus LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Company, for Boards and Commissions Management system.

eComment: I fully support this item. As a new audit committee member I have experienced the current manual process from the applicant perspective. I think the city would be wise and better served to invest in this Granicus module. The cost seems reasonable and the benefits appear to be great.

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Item 3.32

Declaring Property at
171 N Cypress and
177 N Cypress
surplus to City's
Needs

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From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Pamela Coleman; Jennifer Connally
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Jordan Prell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 3.32. Declaring the property located at 171 North Cypress Street as surplus to the City's needs and finding that the property located at 177 N. Cypress is exempt surplus to the City's needs, and authorizing the disposal of both properties. Resolution No. 11352.

eComment: I support this action. I read a recent story about Chef Dee Nguyen and I believe he would be a great addition to the City of Orange. <https://www.ocregister.com/2021/08/06/laguna-hills-restaurant-break-of-dawn-will-close-this-month-before-moving-to-orange/>

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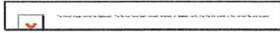
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Item 7.1

Membership of the Planning Commission

Jennifer Connally

From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Pamela Coleman; Jennifer Connally
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Jordan Prell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 7.1. Membership of the Planning Commission. (Continued from August 10, 2021)

eComment: The staff report mentions members receive \$60 per meeting. Where in the code is this established? I checked Chapter 2.64 but did not see any mention of this.

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Jennifer Connally

From: Jordan P
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:39 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Comment Item 7.1

I would like to support making the Planning Commission 7 members in total, with each member representing a council district. I think this composition better aligns the representatives in the same way the council does.

Jordan Prell

Item: 7.2

Master

Encroachment

Agreement with

Verizon Wireless

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From: noreply@granicusideas.com
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Pamela Coleman; Jennifer Connally
Subject: New eComment for City Council



New eComment for City Council

Jordan Prell submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council

Item: 7.2. Master Encroachment Agreement with Verizon Wireless for the installation of small cell facilities in the public right-of-way.

eComment: I support this. I request Verizon address lack of cell coverage in my neighborhood (East Ryals Lane between Renee and Bobwhite). I believe AT&T recently put one of these small cell facilities on a light pole on my street. It would be great if Verizon could do the same to improve coverage in our neighborhood. I see a huge benefit to this, especially considering reaching emergency services by cell phone would be much more reliable with this implementation. Thank you.

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Item 8.1

Mary's Kitchen Update

Jennifer Connally

From: Andree OBrien
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 12:23 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Item 8: Reports from City Manager

Please do not close Mary's Kitchen until you have provided the means for these unhoused people to have basic human needs such as; food, shelter with the ability to maintain basic personal hygiene, medical & mental evaluations. The closing would not resolve the problems, it would only make matters worse for these people to have nowhere to go. Just put yourselves in these unfortunate people's place.

Thank you in advance for your compassionate decision.

Andree O'Brien

Former Volunteer at Mary's Kitchen

Jennifer Connally

From: Janebivona
Sent: Sunday, September 12, 2021 4:59 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Item 8 Mary's Kitchen Sept. 14

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I have volunteered with Mary's kitchen for three years. I have talk to the homeless and have heard their stories.

Some of them have lost their jobs suddenly and where not able to keep up with expenses; such as rent on their apartments and payments on their car. After they sold everything in their residence, they started to live in their car.

Mary's Kitchen offered them the opportunity to take a shower, receive clean clothes plus wash the clothes they do own. In addition they can receive two hot meals and a bagged supper.

Some of the people are estranged from their families because of former drug use, gambling problems, which can lead to stealing from loved ones.

The volunteers have always treated the homeless with respect. They are "down on their luck" so to say.

Gloria Suess has dedicated her life to the welfare of people who need a helping hand, especially the homeless. Mrs. Suess has hired private security to intervene with the guests.

Mary's Kitchen has a Navigator to help sign the guests up for food stamps medical insurance and help in acquiring housing.

This is the time when we need to all work together to help each and every one of us.

Sincerely,
Jane Bivona

Sent from my iPad

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CITY OF SANTA ANA

September 7, 2021

Orange City Council
300 E Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

Dear Orange City Council:

As a Councilmember for the City of Santa Ana, I oppose the decision by the City of Orange to prematurely terminate their contract with Mary's Kitchen, and the subsequent looming shutdown of this non-profit organization that has been serving the City for over three decades. Mary's Kitchen is community-wide effort to offer food and services to the less fortunate homeless population in the city. Shutting down the only means of aid that some of these individuals have access to is not only unfair to the widespread support that this organization has offered; it is inhumane to do so amid an ongoing pandemic.

Mary's Kitchen is a communal effort of around 25 daily volunteers to help those in need through three hot meals a day, services such as showers and laundry services, and much more. By offering an accepting and easily accessible place for the homeless community to receive help and receive vital services, Mary's Kitchen has proven to be an integral part of the community. Many of the lives affected by this organization share a common sense of passion and appreciation for Mary's Kitchen. Without a set plan to alleviate the sudden removal of Mary's Kitchen and its decades-long positive impact on the City of Orange, the homeless community that this organization has served for so long will be subsequently abandoned and left with no immediate alternative following the proposed shutdown. This will have lasting impacts on the community, as the homeless population will disperse across the city in search of resources that can attempt to fill the void that the sudden removal of Mary's Kitchen will leave. In turn, the homelessness crisis will further expand across the city and the distribution of city resources to alleviate this issue will be that much more difficult to enact.

The homelessness crisis affects all of Orange County, and I acknowledge the efforts by individual cities to provide support services to individuals experiencing homelessness. I strongly encourage the Orange City Council to reconsider the removal of this decades-long non-profit organization which has been an integral part of the community for so long.

If you have any questions relating to the contents of this letter, or if you would like to discuss further, please contact me at (714) 647-6900.

Sincerely,

Jessie Lopez
Councilmember

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CITY MANAGER
Kristine Ridge

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Jennifer Connally

From: Annette Bethune
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:46 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Mary Kitchen

Please find a solution rather than close it down.. They have help so many homeless & low income people,

Thank you,
Annette Bethune

Jennifer Connally

From: Felicity
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 3:03 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Cc:
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT on Non-Agenda item

Dear Councilmembers:

I'm writing today to urge the Orange City Council to take action to ensure that Mary's Kitchen remains open and continues serving the needs of our unhoused neighbors and community in Orange. The City of Orange should be proud of the lifesaving legacy of Mary's Kitchen and they should give positive recognition for the valuable and meaningful contributions to the city, and neighboring cities that Mary's Kitchen has provided for decades. It is especially crucial during a period in which the unhoused in Orange County are dying at a growing and alarming rate due in large part to an ongoing global pandemic.

Please do the right thing and allow Mary's Kitchen to continue its life-saving work.

Thank you --

Felicity Figueroa

Jennifer Connally

From: Michele Musacchio
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 2:59 PM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment on Item #8.1 Mary's Kitchen update

September 14, 2021

To the Orange City Council

I'm urging you to honor the full lease and keep Mary's Kitchen open. I live in an Irvine neighborhood where many high school students have done volunteer work their and have now grown up to contribute to their own neighborhoods and innovate community solutions as college graduates. Mary's kitchen has had a galvanizing effect on instilling values of support and independence in Orange County residenets for many years. Do not throw this legacy away.

We expect our elected officials to act in a compassionate, supportive manner. We urge the Council to partner in helping to provide wrap-around services and improve whatever deficits the city believes Mary's Kitchen has. Shutting down the only location in Orange that is providing vital services and basic human needs to the City's most vulnerable is a step in the wrong direction that will put hundreds at risk even further.

Respectfully,

Michele Musacchio
Irvine, CA

Jennifer Connally

From: Sarah Kahn
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 2:48 PM
To: City Council Public Comment

- Dear council members,
- I am a resident of Orange writing to urge you to keep Mary's Kitchen open.
- We urge the Orange City Council to take action to ensure that Mary's Kitchen remains open and continues serving the needs of our unhoused neighbors and community in Orange. The City of Orange should be proud of the lifesaving legacy of Mary's Kitchen and they should give positive recognition for the valuable and meaningful contributions to the city, and neighboring cities that Mary's Kitchen has provided for decades. It is especially crucial during a period in which the unhoused in Orange County are dying at a growing and alarming rate due in large part to an ongoing global pandemic.
- Please do not close Mary's Kitchen, they provide a vital program and are the only of its kind in the city serving this population. We urge the City Council to reignite and continue to support Mary's Kitchen's legacy of compassion and service to the less fortunate.
- We expect our elected officials to act in a compassionate, supportive manner. We urge the Council to partner in helping to provide wrap-around services and improve whatever deficits the city believes Mary's Kitchen has. Shutting down the only location in Orange that is providing vital services and basic human needs to the City's most vulnerable is a step in the wrong direction that will put hundreds at risk even further.
- There are NO other programs in the City of Orange that exist to serve the unhoused in our community and many service providers in the county closed their doors during the ongoing public health crisis, but Mary's Kitchen stayed open the entire time, serving three meals a day, six days a week to approximately 200+ people each day.
- The provision of basic human needs (healthy meals) has been their primary mission for over 30 years, and Mary's Kitchen has grown to do so much more by providing showers, laundry facilities, clothing and a mailing address; including, being a destination for mobile health, dental and eye clinics that serve the guests regularly. Additionally, local homeless outreach teams are on-site weekly, including mental health services. Many of those served at Mary's Kitchen are seniors and disabled people awaiting housing assistance through the county government.
- We ask that the City Council does not turn its back on Mary's Kitchen and throws the most vulnerable in our community on the street with no access to food. This is simply inhumane. The decision to close Mary's Kitchen will, in fact, force the unhoused community to look for a non-existent replacement of Mary's Kitchen throughout the city and neighboring cities in search for food and services.
- We urge the City Council to reevaluate and use the time left on the Mary's Kitchen lease. Please research and support finding a new, comparable, or improved location that Mary's Kitchen can move to in 2024. A proactive and collaborative approach to working with Mary's Kitchen is the best way forward.



CITY OF SANTA ANA

September 8, 2021

Orange City Council
300 E Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

Dear Orange City Council:

As the Mayor of the City of Santa Ana, I write to declare my support for Mary's Kitchen, a communal effort of around 25 daily volunteers to support vulnerable members of the community through three hot meals a day, services such as showers and laundry services, and more. Mary's Kitchen is an integral part of the community that helps fill a need for people experiencing homelessness. Without a plan to alleviate the removal of Mary's Kitchen, people experiencing homelessness will no longer have a place to receive services they need.

I oppose the City of Orange's decision to terminate their agreement with Mary's Kitchen and its subsequent closure. Mary's Kitchen. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at vsarmiento@santa-ana.org or (714) 647-6900.

Sincerely,

Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

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September 14, 2021

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Orange County City Council Meeting
Public Comments – Written, Item 8.1

Dear Mayor Murphy and City Council Members:

Thank you for your time. I am a provider of legal services to survivors of domestic violence in the City of Orange. Mary's Kitchen has provided sorely needed humanitarian resources to many of my clients over the years, and their services have become even more imperative during the pandemic. For the safety of my clients and other residents of Orange, I hope the city will come together with advocates and providers to ensure that Mary's Kitchen can continue to provide its life-saving services.

The Bette & Wylie Aitken Family Protection Clinic provides legal assistance to low-income survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and related crimes. Many of our clients are living in their cars, in temporary shelters, or struggle to find a safe place to sleep at night. Many go without meals and worry about how they will feed their children. They need a mailing address to ensure their presence at critical court hearings, clothing for job interviews, and an array of social services for themselves and their children. All of this is currently provided by Mary's Kitchen. No social service is perfect, but Mary's Kitchen is the one homeless service provider about which I have never heard a complaint.

In early 2018, our Clinic founded the Homelessness/Domestic Violence Survivor Task Force of the Orange County Family Violence Council in an effort to better serve the growing number of domestic violence and sexual assault survivors who have been rendered homeless by intimate violence or who have been assaulted while unhoused. Per Orange County data, 40% of unhoused women are domestic violence survivors – many homeless as a direct result of the domestic violence. In 2020, my students and I bore witness as yet more of our clients lost their housing. Many of our clients are older, traumatized, and alone on the street. Others are mothers looking for a safe place to find resources as they parent or work to reunify with their children. When these women speak about Mary's Kitchen, they speak about the comfort, the nourishment, the physical safety, and the emotional stability that it has provided to them. It is their trusted lifeline.

The closure of Mary's Kitchen would bring an end to the sorely needed humanitarian support they provide, resulting in increased levels of trauma, hunger, and homelessness in our community. My clinic and I would love to be of any assistance as the City moves forward with this issue; I'm sure we can put our collective heads together to reach a solution that serves the city's best interest. Please feel free to contact me at

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of this very important issue.

Wendy Seiden
Clinical Professor of Law
Director, Aitken Family Protection Clinic
Chapman University Fowler School of Law

Jennifer Connally

From: Jackie Barnett
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:32 PM
To:

Subject: Agenda Item 8.1 "Mary's Kitchen Update"

re: City of Orange, City Manager Update

Agenda Item 8.1 "Mary's Kitchen Update"
City Council Meeting
September 14, 2021

#SaveMarysKitchen

Saint Mary sends an open letter to Orange City Council: 9/14/2021

"A warning to knuckleheads on Orange City Council: murder charges coming as you partake in directly causing unnecessary pain, suffering, starvation and death to our earth citizens. As hundreds and thousands die out here on these Orange County streets, Wake Up! You said

"Drop-dead September 18th Mary's Kitchen"! Mark, Kim, Chip, Arianna, Jon, Kathy, Ana, Rick! You must be crazy!

We are appalled and ashamed at the actions of the City of Orange, that they would play such a deadly game as shutting down a SOUP KITCHEN in times such as these end-of-days. You must be out-of-mind, so corrupt to try to extinguish life-saving services, sending us out in the cold! Shame on Orange City Council. What is your grand plan? As we sit with BILLIONS of dollars in relief funds, your demand to vacate premises amounts to murder on the hands of our government officials. Shame on Orange County that Mary's Kitchen is under death threat! Thou shalt not kill! We must protect our precious resources and the human beings they so graciously serve!

Don't mess with Mary!
Ask Her what she needs!
She needs funds, safety and security!
To carry this on into the future, our Legacy.
God Bless America

Reporting live from the field,
I AM
Jackie Santa Ana

Item 10.1
Development
Standards &
Streamlined
Subdivision and
Entitlement
Procedures for Small
Lot Subdivisions

Jennifer Connally

From: Charisse Okamoto ·
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 8:16 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Title 16/17 Ordinance

Morning,

I am a homeowner and local realtor and the passing of this ordinance would help with the shortage of homes we currently have in the city. The passing of this ordinance would definitely help to alleviate the stresses most home buyers are facing right now.

Thanks,

Charisse Okamoto

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Jennifer Connally

From: Rocio Ledesma
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 10:37 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Small Lot Subdivisions

As property owners, we support the City of Orange staff's recommendation to allow small lot subdivisions.

Respectfully,

Rick and Rocio Ledesma

Orange, CA 92869

Jennifer Connally

From: Hugh Siler
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 9:26 AM
To: City Council Public Comment
Subject: Public Comment: Small Lot Subdivision

Respectfully Submitted To Mayor Murphy, Members of the City Council and City Staff:

I would like to voice my support for the proposed small lot subdivisions currently being recommended by City of Orange Staff.

Enacting the small lot ordinance gives property owners throughout the city a higher degree of control and flexibility of their property -- the single largest financial asset they have. More importantly, it enhances and promotes quality of life in the community and enhances attractive, diverse living environments.

For example, a property owner with three single family, detached homes that happen to be on one lot, is encumbered with what amounts to be an all or nothing situation. If the property owner wants to keep or sell the property, under today's standards they would need to either keep all three or sell all three. Why? Because of an antiquated, outdated ordinance that does NOT allow for subdividing a property -- which handcuffs the property owner.

Allowing a property to be subdivided enables residents to have greater flexibility in managing their real estate asset(s). And, and as a result, a small lot subdivision ordinance will lead to the creation of additional homeownership opportunities -- something that is severely lacking in the City of Orange and throughout California.

On behalf of the residents and property owners in Orange, I ask you to please take into consideration the staff's recommendation and vote yes for the small lot subdivision implementation.

Sincerely,

Hugh Siler
2019 President's Award Winner: Old Towne Preservation Association