

April 19, 2021

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Item 2.2

Conditional Use Permit No. 3121-20

Shannon Family Mortuary

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Item 3.1

General Plan Annual Progress Report to the
State of California

From: Mildred Perez <mildredp@kennedycommission.org>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Planning Commission Public Comment
Cc: Cesar C
Subject: Public Comment Item 3.1
Attachments: Ltr_Orange_RHNA_4.19.2021.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached comment letter on agenda Item 3.1 by The Kennedy Commission.

Best regards,

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Chair Dave Simpson
Orange Planning Commission
City Council Chamber
300 E. Chapman Avenue
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RE: Item 3.1. General Plan Annual Progress Report to the State of California

Dear Chairman Simpson and Planning Commissioners:

The Kennedy Commission (the Commission) is a broad based coalition of residents and community organizations that advocates for the production of homes affordable for families earning less than \$27,000 annually in Orange County. Formed in 2001, the Commission has been successful in partnering and working with Orange County jurisdictions to create effective housing and land-use policies that has led to the new construction of homes affordable to lower income working families.

The Commission would like to commend the City for its commitment to continue to provide housing for all lifestyles within its diverse population as stated in the Vision for Orange 2030. While many of the implementation activities listed in the General Plan Annual Progress Report provide much needed support for the City's population, these activities should also encourage meeting the City's lower income housing needs. It is important the City review its progress towards meeting its Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation.

For the 2014-2021 Housing Element planning period, the City has a RHNA of 83 very low- and 59 low-income units. Per RHNA Allocation progress reports submitted by the City, the City has built 9 or 11% of the 83 very low-income units and 72 of the 59 low-income units. However, for the above moderate-income units, the City outperformed and exceeded the RHNA by constructing 550 or 355% of the 155 above moderate-income units. While 40 moderate and above moderate units were added in 2020, no units were added at the very low- and low-income levels in that same year. **With a remaining RHNA need of 74 very low-income homes and a new RHNA allocation of 1,671 lower income units, it is important that the City of Orange focus on the development of affordable housing opportunities for lower-income families in the development of its Housing Element.**

The Commission looks forward to partnering with the City to increase housing opportunities for lower-income residents in Orange. Please keep us informed of any updates and meetings regarding strategies to increase affordable homes for lower-income households in the City. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at _____ or cesarc@kennedycommission.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cesar", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cesar Covarrubias
Executive Director