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Meeting Date: 12-17-24

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- ☐ I would like to speak on Agenda Item #: Public Comments
- ☐ I am speaking under Public Comments (subjects NOT on the current agenda)

Name: Andrew O'Connor

(OPTIONAL) Email: _____

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December 17, 2024

TO: City Manager, City Attorney, Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem, City Council, Deputy City Manager, Assistant City Manager, City Clerk, Police Chief, Communications Manager, Orange County Register, Sean Emery

"THE CITY IS COMMITTED TO OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT AND STRIVES TO CONSISTENTLY MEET ITS COMMUNITY'S EXPECTATION BY PROVIDING EXCELLENT SERVICE IN A POSITIVE, TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT MANNER. IT IS THE DUTY OF CITY GOVERNMENT TO SERVE THE PUBLIC, REACHING ITS DECISIONS AND CONDUCTING ITS ACTIVITIES IN FULL VIEW OF THE PUBLIC."

FR: Andrew O'Connor

RE: Request to speak on the following:

Presentations:

Cirbo: Mockery of the election process declaring yourself the winner November 05, 2024 at 7:35PM from the dais. Are you going to pontificate and brag while being in the public eye? When important issues are addressed, you are nowhere to be accountable. Crime, fire protection, homeless. Still have not addressed the afternoon pick up of FRE students at from the Ralph's shopping center!! Transparency???

Pequeno: 2024 Council Meetings you were quiet as a church mouse for over 90% of the meetings, not participating. During closing comments, you "wake up" cracking a few jokes. In the meantime, D-5 is an eyesore for the entrance to the community travelling east bound along El Toro Road. Day laborers, homeless, empty retail (Coffee Bean and Teal Leaf Saddleback Plaza)

Public Comments

Foothill Plaza ALF ticket to the council #2415366 "RESOLVED" 11-24-24

E-Bike Purchase \$20K what department?

MUSICK when will residents know? (Irvine)Alton beautiful wall. (Lake Forest) Bake Parkway, chain link fence with a tarp and razor wire!!

Benjamin Yu December 05, 2024 hearing “cancelled” Did you update your driver’s license with your new address in Baker Ranch? OCSD investigator went to 28 Forster Baker Ranch to talk about my dash cam video, but the new resident said you don’t live there anymore. DMV violation not updating your current address.

DD form 214 military discharge, still have not produced.

” I was not on the council” when the decision was made about the elementary school. Attended all the community meetings when Toll Brothers were making the presentations.

Rancho Parkway landscaping issue in front of the Mongolian BBQ and Shell gas station, dead grass, overgrown weeds.

Waste Fraud and Abuse is prevalent in this administration, I can say is a cancer. From the CM to the CC, each of you are “doing your own thing” and not responsive for the residents. It’s actually shocking to observe what is happening. The sad thing is you all believe you’re doing a “great job” There is no accountability between the council members. When I as a resident point out a blatant behavior issue, the other council members ignore. Therefore, the behavior continues. Consequences? None!!

The CM works “behind the scenes” by authorizing activities below \$50K threshold. First, for security enforcement for food vendors. This expense was never discussed at a council meeting. Next, purchase of 2 E-Bikes for \$20K and training for \$3K. I’ve asked twice, no reply! Why can’t a resident get a reply for 2 e-bikes what department these are for?

Behind the scenes, city attorney Matthew Richardson is telling the council to keep quiet and don’t answer questions from the public on any subject.

Toll Brothers Meadows site map showing “Proposed School”

Tettermer is a follower, not a leader. Food vendors hiring more police.

Can’t trust Voigts with \$\$\$ wants mileage from home to the Civic Center. \$550K lawsuit. \$5K Sunstar Labs. Took 2 trips to DC, never made a written or oral report how this benefitted Lake Forest Residents.

Discussion/Action Items:

11. Appointment to OCFA Board. Councilman Tettermer has been on the board for many years. All he reports is I “attended the recent meeting”. I want to know when an additional fire station will be built for the 5,112 homes built over the last few years. OCFA Station 54 was built for Foothill Ranch 2,971 residents, now it has the burden of these 10 new neighborhoods:

Baker Ranch	2379
Portola	908
Serrano	608
Whisler	68
Terasina	85
Trumark	72
Brookfield	147
Parkside	195
Meritage	52
Meadows (1)	541
Meadows (2)	57
TOTAL:	5,112

FR	2,791
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TOTAL: 7,903 total homes serviced by OCFA station #54.

Foothill Ranch residents paid Mello-Roos which included funding to build OCFA Station 54. These 10 developers promoted “No Mello-Roos” yet OCFA station #54 services these neighborhoods!!

#1212 Selection of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for 2025.

On January 29, 2019, Voigts and his wife filed a Complaint against Defendant in Orange County Superior Court, Case No. 30-2019-01047566 ("the Lawsuit") Sued the residents for \$550,000.00 with a frivolous lawsuit claiming the “divot” in the sidewalk at Pittsford Park caused Voigts to fall out of his wheelchair causing a leg injury. Actually, his own dog pulled him out of the wheelchair causing the injury. \$150,000.00 settlement \$15,000.00 pain and suffering to the wife.

SUNSTAR Labs:

Voigts 460 report of campaign contributors no report of the \$5K contribution from Sun Star Labs. There are very strict rules about contributions, even receiving sporting tickets and dinners must be reported."

At the June 15, 2021 council meeting, a resident submitted a written comment to the council on Item 12 - the repeal of the weed lab testing 331 Ordinance. It's posted under the supplemental material.

The resident brought the council's attention to Voigts's persistence in getting the weed testing labs approved.

Of interest, back on November 15, 2016 Voigts voted to enact Ordinance #289 - which banned all weed operations in Lake Forest, to include MJ testing. He never said that he wanted testing removed from the Ordinance.

Then On September 17, 2019 our city council reviewed a zoning code amendment that would allow marijuana testing in Lake Forest. After prolonged discussion, Voigts motioned to approve the amendment. The motion died for lack of a second.

Next, on January 07, 2020, Voigts motioned to agendize and bring back another attempt to establish marijuana lab testing in Lake Forest. This time Voigt received consensus, which set the wheels in motion for Ordinance 331.

In March 2020 Ordinance 331 passed by a 3-2 vote.

The discussion of the repeal of Ord. 331 (marijuana lab testing) in 2021 was preceded by a public statement made by then Chief of Police Services of Lake Forest, OCSD Captain Chad Taylor, at a council meeting that his department declined to do background checks on the 2 permitted businesses since the ordinance was associated with a violation of Federal law. Shortly thereafter, a motion was made to revoke Ordinance 331.

About a year later, on March 16, 2021, the council discussed the repeal of Ordinance 331 (Item 19). Mayor Voigts motioned to table the item indefinitely with no established date to bring the matter back for more discussion. The motion died for lack of a second. Once Voigts realized that there was no support from any of his colleagues, he capitulated and voted to prepare the necessary paperwork to repeal Ordinance 331. 5-0 vote!

On June 1, 2021, Item 11 was a discussion over the repeal. At 1:16:25 time stamp Voigts said "our youth and MANY of our senior citizens are using it" (how would he know that?) but added a disclaimer that he doesn't touch the stuff. Since he knew he was the odd man out and that the rest of the council was going to vote to repeal - he voted to repeal as well, even though he was the stinking ringleader who fought to have weed testing approved in LF. The epitome of a phony.

On June 15, 2021, the council formally adopted Ordinance 347, the repeal (Item 12). Voigts was absent from the meeting.

In the meantime, city attorney Mal Richardson from BB&K watched this circus, and continued billing the city, at a cost of over \$100,000.00!!

Very, very strange course of events. Connect the dots.

Campaign Contributions: Raised \$20K, but ran unopposed, why were contributions accepted. Where is the \$20K???

Mileage Reimbursement: Submitted numerous mileage reimbursement from home to the Civic Center,

ALDI Grand Opening: November 2024, took a \$10 gift card that was for a resident "waiting in line"

JUNKETS Attends conferences, ACC-OC & League of California Cities spending thousands of dollars. Never making a written or "oral report" to the residents. Spring 2024 travelled to Washington DC for the ACC-OC Conference never reporting verbally or written reports. Spending \$1,800 with no report to the residents.

Conflict of Interest "Chief of Staff" to D-2 OC Supervisor Don Wagner, does not recuse himself when voting on county contracts, OCSD annual budget.

Harassment Complaint filed by a previous female city council member who later resigned.

Benjamin Miao Yu:

"Small Business Owner" Refuses to report what these "small business are!! What is Omni Partners LLC?

Benjamin Yu allowed to be on the council with 2 domestic violence arrests! with a felony is ridiculous. I want Benjamin Yu off the council until the 2 cases are judicated. I don't care if Yu wants to "sue the city". Go ahead, let's see now if he

continues to “kick the can down the alley” It is ridiculous Yu is allowed to serve while his victims suffer. This is what I said in my beginning statement that there is no accountability amongst the council members.

On Dec 17, 2024, the council will once again appoint our new Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem for 2025. Moreover, my opinion is that Mr. YU should not be considered for Mayor Pro Tem for 2025, even though, once again, he is next in line sequentially for that position. Criminal charges against Mr. YU, to include felony domestic violence, are still being adjudicated in our justice system. These pending charges place the City of Lake Forest in a very precarious situation. As an elected official, Mr. YU's legal matters are a reflection upon our City. In the best interests of our city, and until Mr. YU's criminal charges are fully adjudicated and resolved, I believe he should not be appointed to a position of even greater authority.

11 appearances in Court for 2 domestic violence arrests in June 2023 and February 2024, still hasn't entered a plea of guilty or not guilty.

Arrested for a DUI Irvine California.

#13 Recognition for Mayor Tettemer for his “Leadership”

Not a good “poker player” when stressed answering a question, his forehead shows stress cracks.

MUSICK Jail???? Town Hall Meeting. Alton side has a beautiful 12-foot-high wall, Bake side (Lake Forest) has a chain link fence with a faded green tarp and barb-wire. EYESORE, are we safe??

- 1.) Failure, you retired from IRWD you don't know the damage done to the storm drains with the food grease.
- 2.) Took 1 year to solve the illegal food vendors at 4 locations.
- 3.) Public Safety, CHASE armed robbery a gun was discharged, could have been killed the teller-employee!
- 4.) OCTA you're not independent of their operations, your now on the board, you need to decide to resign from LFCC.
- 5.) Park pavers replaced

Never challenges the City Manager and the council agenda expenditures.

Refuses to meet with residents (Andy) however has breakfast with congresswoman Young Kim CA-40 and other meetings with different agencies etc. and never reports back about the meetings to the residents.

Didn't allow Leah Basile become mayor "there's no city ordinance saying the councilwoman should be elevated to mayor"

Serrano Summit residents' community park was literally "taken away from them" land grab with IRWD. Smirked about it!!! IRWD Atta boy!!! Parents denied "open space" for their families to play on grass.

Residents don't know how much we are paying OCFA.

Braggs about the success of Mountain View affordable housing. Less than 50% are Lake Forest residents. Thinks National Core is a great partner with the COLF.

Slow to react when the DMV closed the Laguna Hills office.

Allowed Benjamin Miao Yu to remain on the city council.

Toll Brothers Meadows site map showing proposed school. Mis led future buyers.

OCSD residents lost an SRO; 598 homes added at the Meadows, "Gushing" with property tax revenues. No courage to push back to DEMAND additional deputies.

Follower not a leader CM and BB&K run the city

Corporations closed or moved from Lake Forest: Panasonic Avionics, Ossur, Loan Depot, CHASE at El Toro at Rockfield have moved to Irvine. Closed restaurants, Denny's, Pizza Hut, Pick Up Styx, Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf.

Costly Membership in organizations that have shown no benefit to the residents. League of California Cities, ACCOC.

Consultants. Allowing extensions with huge increases! EcoNomics \$140,000.00 for one year extension.

Recently appointed to the OCTA Board without knowing the operations of METROLINK, OC ACCESS, OC STREET CAR, 405 freeway HOV lanes for the "Elitist" not the general Public.

"Thank You for Your Comments" is insincere.

14 Comments by the Outgoing Mayor, try not to cry" you have a habit of crying, be a MAN!!

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Case Summary

Case Number: 24HF0373
OC Pay Number: 11541512
Originating Court: Harbor - Newport Beach Facility
Pay or Appear by:
Traffic School Completion Date:

#8

Next Payment Date:

Defendant: Yu, Benjamin Miao

Demographics:

Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Height(ft/in) : 6'0"
Weight (lbs): 225

Names:

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Type
Yu	Benjamin	Miao	Real Name
Yu	Benjamin	M	Alias
Yu	Miao		Alias

Case Status:

Status: Open
Case Stage: Entered
Release Status: Released on Bail
Warrant: N
DMV Hold : N
Charging Document: Complaint
Mandatory Appearance: Y
Owner's Resp: N
Amendment #: 0

Counts:

Seq	S/A	Violation	Date	Section	Statute	OL	Violation	Plea	Plea Date	Disposition	Disposition Date
1	0	02/19/2024	273.5(a)	PC	F	Corporal injury - on spouse/cohabitant	NOT GUILTY	02/26/2024			
2	0	02/19/2024	166(c)(1)	PC	M	Violation of protective/stay away order	NOT GUILTY	02/26/2024			
3	0	02/19/2024	148(a)(1)	PC	M	Resisting public or peace officer	NOT GUILTY	02/26/2024			

Participants:

Role	Badge	Agency	Name	Vacation Start	Vacation End
District Attorney		OCDA	Larijani, Sherin		
Retained Attorney		RETAT	Bettencourt, Grant		
District Attorney		OCDA	Ha, William		
Victim's Attorney		RETAT	Geller, Mark		

Scheduled Hearing:

Date	Hearing Type - Reason	Courtroom
01/16/2025	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program	Plea C46

Heard Hearings:

Date	Hearing Type - Reason	Courtroom	Hearing Status	Special Hearing Result
02/26/2024	Arraignment -	H1	Heard	10 court days/60 calendar days
02/26/2024	Arraignment -	H1	Heard	General Time Waiver
05/08/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	General Time Waiver
05/08/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
05/08/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	General Time Waiver
07/16/2024	Hearing Veterans Court Program Evaluation	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
07/16/2024	Hearing Veterans Court Program Evaluation	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
07/18/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Cancel	
07/30/2024	Hearing Veterans Court Program Evaluation	C46	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
07/30/2024	Hearing Veterans Court Program Evaluation	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
07/30/2024	Hearing Veterans Court Program Evaluation	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
08/14/2024	Preliminary Hearing -	H1	Cancel	
08/27/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
08/27/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
08/27/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
08/29/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Cancel	
09/19/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
09/19/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
09/19/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
10/03/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
10/03/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
10/03/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
10/24/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	Reasonable Time Waiver
10/24/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
10/24/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver
12/05/2024	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Cancel	

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1	0	06/27/2023	273.5(a)	PC	M	Corporal injury - on spouse/cohabitant	NOT GUILTY	09/21/2023			
2	0	07/01/2023	236	PC	M	False imprisonment	NOT GUILTY	09/21/2023			

Participants:

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Retained Attorney	RETAT	Bettencourt, William	Grant		
District Attorney	OCDA	Larijani, Sherin			
Retained Attorney	RETAT	Bettencourt, Grant			
District Attorney	OCDA	Ha, William			
Victim's Attorney	RETAT	Schwartz, Brady C.			
District Attorney	OCDA	Zoellner, Brennan Lee			
District Attorney	OCDA	Arshi, Layla			

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Date	Hearing Type - Reason	Courtroom
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Heard Hearings:

Date	Hearing Type - Reason	Courtroom	Hearing Status	Special Hearing Result
07/07/2023	Arraignment -	H2	Heard	Waives arraignment today
07/11/2023	Chambers Work -	H2	Heard	
07/12/2023	Arraignment -	H8	Heard	
07/12/2023	Hearing Protective Order Modification	H8	Heard	Waives arraignment today
08/23/2023	Arraignment -	H8	Heard	Waives arraignment today
09/07/2023	Arraignment -	H8	Heard	Waives arraignment today
09/21/2023	Arraignment -	H8	Heard	General Time Waiver
11/20/2023	Pre Trial -	H10	Cancel	
11/20/2023	Pre Trial -	H7	Heard	General Time Waiver
12/06/2023	Pre Trial -	H10	Heard	General Time Waiver
01/19/2024	Pre Trial -	H10	Heard	General Time Waiver
02/26/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	General Time Waiver
02/26/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	10 court days/60 calendar days
02/29/2024	Pre Trial -	H10	Cancel	
05/08/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	General Time Waiver
05/08/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	General Time Waiver
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Panasonic Avionics in Lake Forest laying off 221 workers in September

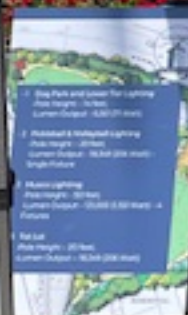


"At this time, you should consider your separation to be permanent and you should not count on being recalled to employment with Panasonic Avionics again," the vice president of the company's human resources department wrote affected employees.

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ORANGE COUNTY FIRE STATION 54

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**Aroma Pizza & Pasta**

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It's me again. For those who don't know me, my name is Ace and my family runs Aroma Pizza & Pasta in our Foothill Ranch community. We were again victims of a break in last night, where two people shattered our glass door from the front, took our computers, trashed the place, and broke a few of our equipment pieces in the process.

I got a call from the Sheriff but it was after the fact of course, and too little too late. We thought we took most of the precautions that we learned from the last time, but still there is little that is possible once this happens.

I know we shouldn't take it personal, but you just wonder, why is it me again, while drowning in some self pity. Even though it happened last year, it still hurts. Financially but more so emotionally. So much goes into the restaurant daily



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