



City of Lake Forest REQUEST TO SPEAK

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION LEGIBLY

Meeting Date: _____

Please check boxes as appropriate:

- I have read and understood the Rules and Procedures for addressing the City Council.
- I would like to speak on Agenda Item #: consent calendar #9 Bright View
- I am speaking under Public Comments (subjects NOT on the current agenda) evik center

Name: Andrew O'Connor

(OPTIONAL) Email: _____

Council may direct follow up to your inquiry. Providing contact information allows us to communicate with you.

April 15, 2025

TO: City Manager, Finance Director, 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."

Lake Forest Milestones: Lake Forest Incorporates December 1991

Foothill Ranch & Portola Hills Annexed October 15, 1998

Sports Park November 2014 \$86 Million Paid by 10 Residential Developer Fees.

*** No 60 x 90 baseball field***

Civic Center December 2019 \$100M Paid by 10 Residential Developer Fees.

Andrew Hamilton Recalled January 16, 2018.

Scott Voigts sues the residents \$550,000.00 January 18, 2019 settles \$150,000.00

Santiago Fire October 2007

Silverado Fire October 2020 T-Mobile \$4.5M Settlement 04-08-25.

Airport Fire September 2024 County paid \$9.5M to settle homeowner claims.

Serrano Summit Passive Park to IRWD 02-21-23

*****Councilman Yu arrested for Domestic Violence June 2023 again February 2024. Yu has 3 names in the court system: Benjamin Miao Yu; Alias Benjamin M Yu; Alias Miao Yu. Next court appearance 04-17-25 1:30 PM H-2 Santa Ana Appearance #45!!!!***

Civic Center Operating Costs 03-18-25

\$43,500 yearly @\$3,625 Monthly Bright View Civic Center Landscape

\$946,687 yearly @\$78,890 Monthly Kidder-Matthews Maintenance

\$264,000 yearly @\$22,000 Monthly SCE Civic Center Utilities

\$18,000 yearly @\$1,500 Monthly SoCal Gas

\$XXXX yearly @ \$XXXX Monthly IRWD

\$388,596 yearly @\$32,383 Monthly Innovative Cleaning Services

\$1,660,783 Annual costs to operate the Civic Center!!!

Public Comments

- 1.) Shout out to public works and Peggy Samantha responding to my request of burned-out median lamps in all 5 districts. I wonder why the councilman in their districts did not report.
- 2.) Shout out to D-3 Supervisor Don Wagner: The Board of Supervisors passed a vitally important resolution that will allow OC Public Works to abate weeds and combustible vegetation that create a fire hazard. This decision ensures proper measures are taken to mitigate fire dangers that threaten our community's safety.
- 3.) The Orange County Board of Supervisors on 04-08-25 approved a \$4.5 million settlement with T-Mobile for its part in the setting of the 2020 Silverado fire.
- 4.) The county paid out \$9.5 million to settle claims for the Airport Fire. Nobody in county Government has been held accountable.
- 5.) The Aspan project, nobody has answered my question the budget for the demolition. Who is paying for this?

My lawyer has received confirmation from the California Civil Rights Department they have accepted my case against council members Robert Pequeno and Doug Cirbo. When contacted council members please reply to the questions asked from the California Civil Rights Department.

46. This is how many appearances Benjamin Miao Yu has made. Thursday April 17th at 1:30 PM will be his **47th appearance for his violation on 06-27-23 for “corporal injury on a spouse or cohabitant”** With the councilman **FINALLY** enter a plea, or delay once again?

Council Comments at the end of the last meeting where they went to open houses, but no one mentioned the E-BRATS at the sports park, TARGET, WALMART.

Update about the **E-BRATS Ad Hoc Committee?? It's Spring Break their running wild!!!**

0:40:00 Consensus ad hoc with mayor protem Pequeno to discuss policies with OCSD “Thanks for bringing to our attention” (code for, we won't follow up)

0:40:42 D-2 councilman asked CM what is OCSD policy. Response “We have stats on calls for service and citations and anecdotal the deputies have been told that, ***“***what the policy is I don’t know the policy and I would have to defer and come back to you on that.***”***

0:41:00 Cheryl Gimdia “I’m just going to elaborate on what others have said, victim in my neighborhood

0:42:30 Voigts, **“I didn’t know the problems at the sports park, and I didn’t know the sheriff’s department does not intercede and pursue, these are things we will follow up on.”** We’re not supposed to have a dialog back and forth

0:42:48 D-5 Pequeno “as far as chasing e-bikes going to make things worse, chasing for a simple infraction will turn into something a lot bigger. Town hall later on this summer as far as chasing and pursuits, that’s a no go, only for felonies and not infractions.”

Why are you violating city ordinances and being cited for traffic offenses recently?

Consent Calendar

#3 Minutes of the Strategic Planning Workshop March 25, 2025

I have reviewed and I believe we spent \$\$\$ that was not necessary.

\$140K Tru North survey was the same from previous years. Although the cost keeps rising. I have lived in Foothill Ranch for 34 years and have never been contacted. The questions via telephone are long, and I can’t believe anyone can focus that long. I am still reviewing and will have a more in-depth analysis. What the main issue the community wants addressed is the HOMELESS.

\$41K Cultural Edge Consultants. What a debacle this was. Residents did not even know about the Civic Center. The participants were not aware of the city services.

#4 Minutes of the last meeting held April 01, 2025

#9 Agreement with Brightview for Civic Center Landscaping

Discussion Action Items:

#12 Shopping Center Analysis by KOSMONT

Page end.



Case Summary

#12

Case Number: 23HM04775
 DC Pay Number: 11343945
 Originating Court: Harbor - Newport Beach Facility
 Pay or Appear by:
 Traffic School Completion Date:
 Next Payment Date:

6/27/23
 ARREST

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
	02/14/2025	Chambers Work -	C46 Heard
	02/14/2025	Chambers Work -	C46 Heard
	02/14/2025	Chambers Work -	C46 Heard
	02/27/2025	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46 Cancel
	04/17/2025	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46 Cancel

Bond:

Bail Date	Post Amount	Bondsman	Bondsman Address	Surety	Surety Address	Action	Action Date	Amount
07/03/2023	100000.0	Bail Bonds Direct	null	Continental Heritage Insurance Company	null	Active	07/03/2023	100000

Counts:

Seq	S/A	Violation	Section	Statute	OL	Plea	Plea Date	Disposition	Disposition Date
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:

Role	Badge	Agency	Name	Vacation Start	Vacation End
Retained Attorney	RETAT	Bettencourt, William Grant			
District Attorney	OCDA	Larijani, Sherin			
Retained Attorney	RETAT	Bettencourt, Grant			
Victim's Attorney	RETAT	Schwartz, Brady C.			
District Attorney	OCDA	Arshi, Layla			
District Attorney	OCDA	Ha, William			
District Attorney	OCDA	Zoellner, Brennan Lee			

Scheduled Hearing:

Date	Hearing Type - Reason	Courtroom
04/17/2025	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46

Heard Hearings:

45

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
05/08/2024	Pre Trial -	H1	Heard	Reasonable 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	General Time Waiver
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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:
 Next Payment Date:

#13

2/19/24

Arrest
 Felony

Defendant: Yu, Benjamin Miao
 Demographics:

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 Hair: Black
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 Weight (lbs): 225

Names: Last Name First Name Middle Name

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Bond:	Bail Date	Post Amount	Bondsman	Bondsman Address	Surety	Surety Address	Details
	02/21/2024	50000.0	Artisan Bail Bonds	null	United States Fire Insurance Company	null	Active 02/21/2024 50000
	Amendment #:		U				

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

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33 Hearings!!!

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	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
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	01/16/2025	Pre Trial Veterans Court Program Plea	C46	Heard	General Time Waiver



CITY COUNCIL POLICY: ETHICS POLICY

Ratified: January 2, 2019

Preamble

The citizens of the City of Lake Forest are entitled to responsible, fair, and honest City government that operates in an atmosphere of respect and civility. Accordingly, the Lake Forest City Council adopts this policy to:

1. Describe the standards of behavior to which its leaders aspire.
2. Provide an ongoing source of guidance to elected leaders and City officials in their day-to-day service to the City.
3. Promote and maintain a culture of ethics.

Pledge

On May 15, 2018, the City Council of the City of Lake Forest adopted this Ethics Policy which applies to all members of the City Council and members of City boards, commissions, committees, and task forces and requires the following pledge:

ETHICS POLICY

RESPONSIBILITY/PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST

 I comply with the laws of the nation, the State of California, and the City of Lake Forest in the performance of my duties.

 I comply with the Oath of Office I took upon beginning my service for the City of Lake Forest.

 My decisions are consistent with, among other things, the Fair Political Practices Act and other state and local laws.

 I do not accept gifts, services, or other special considerations inconsistent with the Political Reform Act because of my public position.

 I do not give special treatment or consideration to any individual or group beyond that available to any other individual.

 Unless authorized by the City Council, I do not involve myself in the administrative processes for acquiring goods and services.

 I recognize that the City Council and other City Commissions are independent legislative bodies, and I refrain from using my position to unduly influence the deliberations or outcomes of those bodies.



FAIRNESS/ACCOUNTABILITY

- AS I make decisions based on the merits of the issue, including research and facts.
- AS I answer questions directly, telling the truth, and admitting a lack of knowledge if one exists.
- AS I do not knowingly use false or inaccurate information to support my position or views.
- AS I deter rumors and misunderstandings by making factual information available.
- AS If I receive substantive information that is relevant to a matter under consideration from sources outside the public decision-making process, I publicly share it with my fellow Councilmembers or commissioners and staff at the public meeting where the matter is under consideration.

RESPECT FOR FELLOW ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIALS, STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC

- AS I refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges, or verbal attacks upon the character, motives, ethics, morals, or comments of other Councilmembers, commissioners, committee members, staff, and the public.
- AS I do not, in the performance of my duties, discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, medical condition, and actual or perceived gender identity.

PROPER AND EFFICIENT USE OF PUBLIC RESOURCES

- AS I do not use public resources, such as agency staff time, equipment, supplies, or facilities, for private gain or personal purposes.
- AS I make decisions after prudent consideration of their impact on City resources, taking into account the long-term financial needs of the agency, especially its financial stability.
- AS I use my title(s) only when conducting official City business, for information purposes, or as an indication of background and expertise, carefully considering whether I am exceeding or appearing to exceed my authority.
- AS I refrain from making unauthorized commitments or promises of any kind purporting to bind the City.
- AS I refrain from gratuitous comments that may harm the City's position in litigation or potential litigation.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST ETHICS POLICY

All current elected and appointed City officials, including current members of the City Council and City Commissions, will be given a copy of the newly adopted City Ethics Policy following its adoption on May 15, 2018, and will be asked to initial each provision of the Ethics Policy and sign an acknowledgement form at that time.

Thereafter:

Each new member of the City Council and City Commissions will be given a copy of the City Ethics Policy and asked to initial each provision of the Ethics Policy and sign an acknowledgement form prior to their first meeting.

Copies of the City Ethics Policy and acknowledgment forms for elected officials and members of commissions shall be maintained on file with the City Clerk.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

As an elected or appointed official of the City of Lake Forest, California, I certify that I have received a copy of the Ethics Policy of the City of Lake Forest, have been offered training and assistance in understanding the Ethics Policy, and am aware of the provisions of the Policy and its application to my responsibilities. Consistent with the Ethics Policy, I pledge that my conduct will adhere to the requirements of the Policy.

NAME:

Benjamin Yu
(Please type or print your first and last name)

TITLE:

Council member

LEGISLATIVE
BODY:

City Council

SIGNATURE:

[Handwritten Signature]

DATE:

12/07/2022