



AGENDA REPORT

CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting Date: October 17, 2023

Agenda Item: 10A

Department: City Council
Prepared By Andy Hall, City Manager

Subject:
CITY COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE WITH ORANGE COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOLEY

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Summary:

On September 14, 2023, the City Council directed staff to prepare a letter from the City Council to Orange County Supervisor Foley seeking to collaborate on housing projects, specifically permanent supportive housing, that include funding from Orange County. In previous discussions, there has also been an interest expressed in seeking County assistance in getting opportunistic sand placed on the beach areas in San Clemente whenever possible. Because these items are unrelated and involve different departments of County Government, staff has prepared two separate letters for consideration by the City Council.

Background:

City Council policy allows members of the City Council to place items on a future agenda with a second, and with a third, staff is directed to prepare a staff report for consideration. In this instance, at least three members of the City Council directed staff to prepare a letter from the City Council to Supervisor Foley requesting that collaboration between the City and the County occur whenever County funds are used in housing projects, specifically permanent supportive housing, within San Clemente.

The purpose for collaboration is to ensure that the objectives of the City are aligned with those of the County. It is possible that County funding could be provided to a project that results in the displacement of existing residents. In this type of circumstance, the City Council would like the City to be included in the decision-making process to avoid solving one problem only to create another, potentially larger issue. Conversely, there could be circumstances where City involvement may result in an enhanced project with additional units, project consolidation or other benefits to a housing project. Either way, the City Council has determined that better communication will improve the process of County subsidized housing in San Clemente.

An additional request from Supervisor Foley has also been prepared for consideration. Supervisor Foley has contacted the City Manager and requested that the City notify her office if the City is interested in assistance with the provision of sand placed on San Clemente beaches when possible. Several weeks ago, Supervisor Foley was instrumental in getting sand placed on

Capistrano Beach. The City Council is hopeful that future projects would include some of the beach areas in San Clemente.

Council Options:

- Approve the letters as proposed and direct staff to send the correspondence to Supervisor Foley.
- Modify and approve the letters and direct staff to send the correspondence to Supervisor Foley.
- Reject the letters.

Environmental Review/Analysis:

This is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act.

Recommended Actions:

Staff Recommendation

Provide direction in relation to correspondence with Supervisor Foley.

Attachment:

1. Draft letter to Supervisor Foley regarding funding for housing projects
2. Draft letter to Supervisor Foley regarding the potential placement of sand on San Clemente beaches



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Supervisor Katrina Foley
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Supervisor Foley,

Thank you for your efforts to improve life in Orange County and your dedicated representation of San Clemente. We hope you will always feel welcome in our community and can count on our support as you navigate the challenges in insuring that the quality of life for all Orange County residents is maintained.

You have been consistent in your request that we, as a city, reach out with any concerns which would fall under your purview as our elected Supervisor. We would request that you review the following narrative as this situation has created such an issue.

In the past few weeks, a resident, and board member of a local nonprofit, has publicly announced that his organization is actively seeking a property to secure as a Permanent Supportive Housing development here in San Clemente. This individual has further stated that the County has committed to funding the purchase, and renovation, of a local motel to convert into such a facility. This assertion, whether accurate or not, has a large number of our residents concerned. The concern is that the County would actively participate in such a project without consulting with our city officials.

Several years ago, a nonprofit organization purchased an apartment building in San Clemente which they operate as PSH. Pursuant to the process of conversion, several long-time low-income residents were evicted and replaced with new low-income renters. This practice is inconsistent with our city’s desire to serve San Clemente residents who have been fortunate enough to secure affordable housing in this challenging rental market. We want to ensure that our hard-working Hispanic, Asian, Senior, Disabled and Military Veteran residents are not displaced if future projects are proposed. We certainly do not want to experience a situation where funding from the County attempts to solve one problem while creating other, potentially more damaging, issues later. We trust your commitment that the County will not fund alternative housing options in a city, without that city’s intention to do so, still stands. It is our opinion that if such a project were initiated, the odds of success would be greatly enhanced if the County and the impacted city were able to collaborate BEFORE the planning stages.

Once again, thank you for everything you have done while representing your constituents in San Clemente. If you have any questions, or need any clarification presented in this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact our City Manager.

Respectfully,

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Supervisor Foley,

Thank for your efforts to protect and enhance coastal resources in your district. Your success in finding a way to place sand on Capistrano Beach was well received and will benefit both Dana Point and San Clemente. San Clemente is currently working with the County to obtain a Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program Permit (SCOUP) in order to take advantage of future opportunities to obtain sand from a variety of sources and strategically place the sand on the beaches in the City. If such an opportunity arises in regards to procuring sand for our beaches, please let us know. We are eager to take any action that would afford us the ability to replenish any amount of sand for our diminishing coastline.

The City is aware how complex sand placement can be and your efforts should be applauded. Thank you again and we look forward to additional successful sand placement in San Clemente in the future. If you have any questions, or need any clarification presented in this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact our City Manager.

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