

Last OC Board of Supervisors report for 2016! And here's to 2017.

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A new BOS policy requires all of the public to address the Board at the beginning of the meeting, regardless of the item they wish to address. This resulted in 2 ½ hours of 3-minute speeches starting at 9:30 a.m. and mostly composed of testimonials of airline employees trying to convince the Board of the best choices for leases. ☹ However, 11 of the speakers were asking the Board to approve the CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program. We have 19,000 eligible county citizens for this program of food stamps. It will start with the cities of Santa Ana and Anaheim and gradually increase around the county. Most of the homeless have no means of refrigeration or stove for food preparation, thus making it difficult to buy produce and other healthy foods. Now they will be able to eat at approved restaurants, get their hands washed, and eat warm food! Two speakers stated their appreciation for the Shelter Courtyard (the old transportation station). A charity group offered statistics for *one week of service* there: 296 volunteers offered 623 hours and served 6,808 meals. 28 homeless were also certified exits of success and will no longer be sheltered there.

The 2017 County Priorities are: Property tax allocation and funding flexibility; Addressing the County's homeless population; Flood control and watershed management; County Infrastructure projects; Mental health; Sober living homes; Monitoring nuclear fuel storage issues; and responding to the 2016 ballot propositions.

The OC Grand Jury asked for \$400,000 to enable the State Attorney General to appoint special counsel for them. They are investigating if the OC District Attorney and OC Sheriff's current informant practices conform to the law. They also want to see how the OC DA is implementing the Dec. 2015 evaluation of these informant practices.

Hoping you have a wonderful New Year. Support your League!

