

OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, March 13 and 27 meetings

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March 13 mtg.: Over \$60,558,000 spent on various contracts for county services. Many of these contracts were for 2 or 3 years. The final agenda is made public on the close of business on Friday before the Tues. mtg. There were 10 new items added and 7 items either deleted, continued, or revised.

March 27 mtg.: Many, many unhappy NIMBYs from Irvine, Laguna Niguel and Irvine spoke against BOS sites suggested for homelessness solutions. This topic will be continued!

ORANGE COUNTY IS THE FIRST CA. COUNTY TO OFFICIALLY OPPOSE STATE LAW, SB 54. THE RESOLUTION "CONDEMNS THE STATE LAW THAT RESTRICTS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ENDANGERS PUBLIC SAFETY. COUNTY COUNSEL IS DIRECTED TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION.

The vote was 4 -0; Chair Do was absent. This was a very long meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Most of this time featured raucous 2 minute each speeches from supporters and opposers, and a 3 minute speech offered by U.S. Rep.. Dana Rohrabacher. (*The OC LWVs spoke in opposition of this resolution.*) It should be noted that Los Alamitos city council also denounced SB 54, known as the "CA Sanctuary State law. Other OC cities are also discussing opposing SB 54, including Yorba Linda, Buena Park, Huntington Beach, and Mission Viejo. Our readers might consider attending and speaking at their next city council meeting.

The OC Health Care Agency has an agreement with Children's Hospital of Orange (CHOC) for Inpatient Mental Health services for Youth, ages 3-17. This 2-year agreement, \$1,125,000, will provide services for younger patients. Parents will have accommodations to stay with their child patient. There are already 32 beds for teenagers.

Dear Reader, you are invited to attend a BOS meeting with me. The April meetings are scheduled on Tuesday 10 and 24. We can have lunch afterwards. ☺

