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ORANGE COUNTY'S NONPROFIT NEWSROOM

## COMMUNITY OPINION

**Voice of OC** is interested in hearing different perspectives and voices on civic matters that impact Orange County. If you want to submit a community opinion piece email [opinions@voiceofoc.org](mailto:opinions@voiceofoc.org). Let our readers know what your call to action or issue is. Be straightforward. Be civil. Tell us what you're about. If that involves holding an agency or official accountable, aka: calling them out, feel free to do so. Keep in mind that this space is not about attacking others.

**Be credible. Check your facts. Opinions expressed in community opinions belong to the authors and not Voice of OC.**

**Length:** Generally we ask for 750 to 1,000 words.

**Links:** Include links to relevant documents.

**Photos:** Enhance social media sharing by including a front page photo, your own photo, maps or other data. Please include captions and credits. You must have the right to republish included images.

**Excerpt:** Include an excerpt (50 word maximum); a short synopsis of what your piece is about. The excerpt should give the reader a reason to read your community opinion.

**Headline:** Write a headline.

**Bio:** Include the author's first and last name, town of residence and a brief biography (1-2 sentences), including affiliations with lobbying, special interest groups, or political parties if applicable.

**Writing:** AVOID USING ALL CAPS. It's the equivalent of shouting.

**After Publication:** Once your community opinion piece is published share your voice through social media platforms.

**Timing:** Let us know if your issue is time sensitive. Include related events and ways to get involved.