

Hall, Jennifer

From: Cesar Mendez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 1:15 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Addressing public intoxication through detention and service offerings

Hello councilmen and Councilwomen and mayor the reason I am emailing you is in support of the discussion for existing state law allows police to detain individuals who are found in any public place under the influence of intoxicating liquor any drug and or controlled substance in a condition that they are unable to exercise care for their own safety or the safety of others or interferes with or obstructs or prevents the free use of any Street sidewalk or other public way per California Penal Code section 647 f and a person that uses or is under the influence of specific control substances that are listed within health and safety code sections 11054-1057 I am in support of this requested item from the council member Phil Becerra and I would appreciate if the rest of the council members and women and the mayor would support this endeavor thank you very much.

Villalobos, Ashley

From: kathy meza [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 2:54 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Addressing public intoxication through detention and service offerings

Good evening distinguish Council women and Council men and honorable mayor Valerie amezcua I am emailing you in support of intoxication detention and service offering policy that council member Phil Becerra requested item. Thank you and City staff for your service and have a good evening.

Hall, Jennifer

From: Rudy Tjiptahadi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:05 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Public comment on Phil Bacerra's request re: police action on public intoxication

To Santa Ana City Council and City Manager:

As a 23-year long Santa Ana resident, I wholeheartedly support Councilman Bacerra's request for SA police to detain anyone publicly intoxicated or high on drugs and provide them with information and assistance to rehab. I have seen public intoxication and drug use more and more visible and prevalent in Santa Ana especially among the unhoused population in front of stores (e.g. 7-11 store at Dyer and Main, 99cent store at Main and 17th St. and the area on First St. near the SA zoo). It is the compassionate thing to do to detain them and encouraged them to get rehab assistance. Doing nothing and looking the other way is the opposite of being compassionate.

Please help clean up Santa Ana by supporting this proposal.

Thank you.

Rudy Tjiptahadi

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92704

Hall, Jennifer

From: susan salvati [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:06 PM
To: eComment
Subject: July 18 Council Meeting Issue on substance abuse

I support the City Council to direct The City Manager, Kristine Ridge, to maintain The SAPD to monitor and arrest anyone in public spaces being under the influence of drugs and other controlled substances in violation of The City of Santa Ana laws. It is not fair to the community, especially our children, to be exposed to people inebriated, passed out, or camping in public spaces. It also is inhumane not to help those who indulge in a vicious cycle of drugs, alcohol, or mental illness. We have a beautiful city with caring people, and we want our city to remain beautiful and safe. Please allow our finest SAPD to keep us safe. Thank you.

Susan Salvati

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana

Hall, Jennifer

From: Kathy Mendez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 10:13 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council member requested item addressing public intoxication through detention and service offerings.

Good evening Mayor Amezcua and council members I am supporting council member Phil Becerra and discussion with existing state law allows police to detain individuals who are found in any public place under the influence of intoxicating liquor any drug and or controlled substance and a condition that they are unable to exercise care for their own safety or the safety of others or interferes with or obstructs or prevent the free use of any streets sidewalk or other public way per California penal code section 647 (f) and a person that uses or is under the influence of specific controlled substances that are listed within health and safety code sections 11054- 1105. I hope that you support this discussion thank you good evening

Hall, Jennifer

From: Lucky Girl [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:14 AM
To: eComment
Subject: RE: passed out drug users

please consider getting these citizens mental & physical health care rather than taking them to jail. housing and jobs would be helpful as well.

kristin mcgowan
[REDACTED]

Orozco, Norma

From: Lissett Mercado [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 10:44 AM
To: eComment
Subject: In favor of Intoxication Detention

I, Lissette Rivera, a resident of the city of Santa Ana for the past 33 years am in favor of the detention of intoxicated individuals in our city regardless of their housing or economic status. We, as a city, cannot continue to allow people to abuse drugs and lay passed out on our city's sidewalks, parks, and bus stops. Existing State Law allows police to detain individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others.

Phil Becerra submitted a Councilmember Requested Item to be discussed at the July 18 City Council meeting to direct the City Manager to have Santa Ana Police Officers consistently detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana who violate those existing state laws and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment services. Allowing rampant and uninterrupted drug use in our city is having a negative impact on our community. Doing nothing can no longer be an option.

If an individual with the economic resources to be fined would be arrested and/or fined for this same behavior, why allow others to get away with these same actions?!

Sincerely,
Lissette Rivera

Orozco, Norma

From: Carol Johnson [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2023 8:45 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Passed out

I agree with Phil Bacerra that we can not leave human beings lying in the streets of Santa Ana. Detain them and take them to jail where they can be processed and given medical attention. Then they need to be put in a motel or facility where they can get assistance to get off drugs or alcohol. Many will need psychiatric care. I am tired of seeing humans laying on the sidewalk on Warner. Please do something.

Carol

Orozco, Norma

From: George Britton [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:30 AM
To: eComment
Subject: July 18 Agenda Item #39

Please support Item #39 - it is critically important our public spaces are free of illegal drug use.

Thank you!
George Britton

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92706
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: Dave Elliott [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:33 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 39 Councilmember Bacerra

Mayor Amezcua and Members of the Council I wanted to personally support this issue presented by councilmember Bacerra. We need to enforce and support the drug abuse issues in our city.

Thank you
Dave Elliott

Orozco, Norma

From: Timothy Rush [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:44 AM
To: eComment
Subject: City Council Meeting 7/18/23, Agenda item No. 39

Dear Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council;

I am writing to you today to implore you to support the above agenda item regarding public safety. This proposal has the support of many neighborhoods and has 100% approval of the G-7 Neighborhood Leaders Alliance which represents the leadership of over a dozen of the city's most involved and active neighborhood associations. While these leaders are not speaking for their associations they are certainly on top of the sentiments of their respective areas. Public safety is important for a vast array of reasons not the least of which is our own residential areas. But look at the spillover effects of public intoxication on the business community. Shoppers are reluctant to frequent areas where they don't feel safe. Just look at what is happening in DTSF where businesses are closing and entire commercial districts are at risk of collapsing. This initiative will protect both our residents and our sales tax revenue.

Thank you for your leadership in this important area and we hope you will carefully consider positively supporting this item to continue to rebuild our community into being a truly safe environment.

Tim Rush

Chairman

The G-7 Neighborhood Leaders Alliance

"Leaders Leading The Way to a Better Santa Ana"

[REDACTED]



Orozco, Norma

From: Tom Lutz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 10:07 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Item #39

I support item #39 to direct the City Manager to have Santa Ana Police Officers consistently detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana that violate existing state law related to individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment services.

Tom & Nancy Lutz
[REDACTED]
SA

Orozco, Norma

From: sue grasse [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 10:35 AM
To: eComment
Cc: John and Lorena Vidaurri; Bacerra, Phil
Subject: Item number 39: enforcement of existing state law

Please add to the comments my support of item 39 on the agenda for July 18, 2023 City Council meeting (Councilman Phil Bacerra).

As a representative for Thornton Park Neighborhood Association, I support the enforcement of the state laws for those individuals who violate said laws regarding intoxication and "under the influence" (drugs).

Furthermore, said individuals who are deemed as intoxicated or under the influence will be transported to the Santa Ana jail for processing and prior to release will be provided with information regarding resources and services for substance abuse.

Respectfully,
Susan Grasse, PhD
Thornton Park NA

Orozco, Norma

From: Virginia Richards [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 10:48 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Proposal by Phil Bacerra

Santa Ana City Councilman Phil Bacerra is taking action against drug abusers who pass out in public areas in our city. Bacerra has added an item to the July 18 City Council meeting agenda which will prompt the City Council to examine what options we have for dealing with this problem. The proposal is to instruct the City Manager to have the Police Department detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana who violate those existing state laws and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment services. Allowing rampant and uninterrupted drug use in our city is having a negative impact on our community. Doing nothing can no longer be an option.

We wholeheartedly support this proposal put forward by Councilman Phil Bacerra. We need to do everything in our power to stop our City becoming another mess like San Francisco!!!

Regards,

Jim and Virginia Richards
Thornton Park

Orozco, Norma

From: William Beaubeaux [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:19 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Yes support on Item #39 July 18 City Council Meeting

Honorable City Council,

I am in support of item 39, July 18 City Council Meeting

It is unacceptable to allow people to pass out on our sidewalks and parks. It has been a growing problem and we need the city's support to support our police officers with the tools needed to clean up our streets and parks.

Thank you in advance for approving this request for helping improve our city streets and helping get information about substance abuse treatment services to the unfortunate people that have fallen to substance abuse.

William Beaubeaux, NCARB

Historic French Park

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92701
[REDACTED]

Orozco, Norma

From: Freddy Lucero [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:34 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Bacerra's Request Item#39

Good morning,

I am a Santa Ana resident and raising my family in this great city. I am tired of people using drugs and alcohol in public areas. My family and I support Council Member Bacerra's item to address public intoxication. We need to clean our city!

Best regards,

Alfredo Lucero
[REDACTED]

Orozco, Norma

From: Rocio Bonilla [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 12:10 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requeste item 39

I support Council Member Baccera's item to address public intoxication.

Orozco, Norma

From: Kenya Gijon [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 12:52 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Bacerras request item #39

To who this may concern, I want to share and make public my personal concern related to council member Phil B.

It is ridiculous the amount of transients that are in our city. It saddens me to have to hide the world to my children while out on a car ride because the public drug use and abuse in our city is out of control.

In addition, our city and public parks are no longer safe for our children. I have encountered multiple situations in which an intoxicated homeless person approached us and my son is afraid and questions why people act like that.

Parks need to be secured at all times with a park ranger and cleaned up daily.
I have located multiple needles and drug paraphernalia when at local parks

I support council member Phil B.

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: David Jirik [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 12:56 PM
To: Hernandez, Johnathan; eComment
Subject: Councilmember Requested Item (Item #39) 7-18-2023

Hello Johnathan,

This is to let you and the rest of the Council know that I support Phil Bacerra's Item 39 giving SAPD the tools to move drug abusers off our public areas. While I know this doesn't address the root causes of the drug problem, it's a step in the right direction to provide a deterrent. Please consider and vote in favor of Phil's resolution.

Thank you,
David Jirik
38 year Washington Square resident and WSNA board member.

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David Jirik
Heliotrope Studios
[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92706
[REDACTED]

Orozco, Norma

From: Noe C [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 12:58 PM
To: Hernandez, Johnathan; eComment
Subject: Item #39- City Council Meeting

Dear Ward 5 Representative.

As a 30 + yrs Santa Ana Resident I would like to show my support the Councilmember requested item #39- this will be discussed at the July, 18th meeting

Thank you

Orozco, Norma

From: Beth Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:19 PM
To: eComment; Hernandez, Johnathan
Cc: David Jirik; Carol Frank; Nina Jirik; Nina Jirik; Beth Thomas
Subject: Support of Item 39 for 7/18 Meeting

Santa Ana City Council Members,

As a 20 year resident and homeowner in the Washington Square neighborhood, we believe our city should not allow people to abuse drugs and lay passed out on our city's sidewalks, parks, and bus stops.

I personally have called and reported individuals who have been passed out in the parking lot entrance at the bail office on the corner of Freeman St. and Civic Center in our neighborhood.

I support the Councilmember Requested Item #39 submitted to be discussed at the July 18 City Council meeting. To direct the City Manager to have Santa Ana Police Officers consistently detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana that violate existing state law related to individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment services.

Allowing rampant and uninterrupted drug use in our city is having a devastating impact on our community. Doing nothing can no longer be an option.

Thank you,

Beth & Kelly Thomas

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana CA 92703

Please forgive any typos or short replies my iPhone doesn't catch.

Orozco, Norma

From: Angelica Nava [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:22 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Becerra's Item to address public intoxication

Hello,

As a resident born and raised in Santa Ana, I support council member Becerra's item to address public intoxication. My family and I live in Ward 2 and it's sad how open drug use is becoming common and an every day thing. I have a 3 year old that we no longer take on walks on Bristol because of all the homeless and open drug use. It's even more sad that as a tax payer of the city of Santa Ana I have to go to another city to do my walks or enjoy their parks because of this open drug use being out of control. Bristol is becoming just like Skid Row and we need to stop this immediately. We deserve better!

Sincerely,
A.N.

Orozco, Norma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:25 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Requested item #39

Early in the mornings my husband and I walk down Bristol. We've witnessed drug users gathering in our shopping centers and along the bike route. We've watched individuals bathing in the gutters, defecating on the sidewalks, and watched groups of individuals lighting crack pipes. Homelessness and mental illness are not crimes but being under the influence of drugs or controlled substances is. It poses a danger to the community and our neighborhoods.

Why is it that when we cross Sunflower into Costa Mesa all noticeable drug usage disappears? Santa Ana City Council needs to set policies that protect our residents, gets these individuals off our streets and provides available substance-abuse treatments to those who are in violation of the law. We support Requested Item #39.

Kathleen Kuilanoff
Southcoastneighborhoodassociation

Orozco, Norma

From: xiv6632 [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:20 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council member requested item #39

Hello

I was born and raised in Santa Ana in the Madison Park area. I've seen over the years Santa Ana's reputation change from one known for gang violence to now one of homelessness and public drug use. We need to make our community safer for everyone and stop enabling or turning a blind eye to the issues that we see daily on the street. Instead of focusing on opening new parks that will never have regular maintenance or thinking of new lights and signs to put up on main street for no reason, we should be focusing on safety. Unless you live and walk or drive around Santa Ana daily you will never know what truly is going on for your residents. We need a stronger hand to lead the city and Councilman Bacerra's proposal is a step in the right direction.

Thank you,
Victor Vega

Orozco, Norma

From: Marco Gonzalez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:30 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

I support Council Member Bacerra's Item to address public intoxication.

Orozco, Norma

From: Christina Valenzuela [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:40 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 39

I support the Councilmember Requested Item (Item #39) that was submitted to be discussed at the July 18 City Council meeting.

Item #39 is to direct the City Manager to have Santa Ana Police Officers consistently detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana that violate existing state law related to individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment.

Sincerely,

Christina Valenzuela

Orozco, Norma

From: D Espi [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 1:33 PM
To: eComment
Cc: Lopez, Jessie
Subject: Requested Item #39 WARD 3 resident

To Santa Ana City Council

I was born and raised in Ward 2 of Santa Ana. In fact most of my family still reside within Ward 2 boundaries and I can confidently say, without any doubt, that they feel the same way about these issues. Today, I am raising my own 2 children in Ward 3 and am hopeful that conditions within our city will improve.

I want to share a story with you all.

When my son was 7, he asked one Sunday if he could have a donut for breakfast. Although on any other day this would be a quick answer "no", today was different, afterall... he was turning 7. We loaded up the family and went to our neighborhood donut shop. You know, the one that has been there for decades serving delicious treats to our city residents. We climbed out of our vehicle only to find that the sidewalk was being blocked by someone clearly under the influence of some sort of substance. My children stopped in their tracks. I wish I could say it was because we had never seen this before. It was not.

Instead of a small simple celebration of a 7 year old child innocently picking up his favorite donut, it became a moment that became a high alert to safety situation which by children have never forgotten.

How does anyone in our City Leadership think that this is ok? That there is nothing that can be done? Do our own Leaders think that our kids deserve to travel our city streets and it be "normal" for someone to be intoxicated, yelling at strangers, blocking bus stops or sidewalks?

THIS IS NOT OK!

As a resident of Ward 3 I am asking you to support Item #39 on the agenda. We need to start putting safety for residents in the forefront. This is a good step in the right direction.

Thank you for your support

Diana Espinoza

Orozco, Norma

From: ENRIQUE FELIX [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 2:36 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 39

I support this item by Phil Bacerra , 20 year resident of Santa Ana.

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 3:49 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council member Bacerra's Requested Item 39 on Public Intoxication and Service Offering

To Santa Ana City Council Members,

Please take action against the rising problem of public intoxication and drug use. Despite that public intoxication is a misdemeanor crime in California, it is rampant in Santa Ana. Currently, not enough is being done to stop it. We need to implement the existing law that allows police to detain individuals who are found in any public place under the influence of intoxicating liquor, any drug, and/or controlled substance to make our city safer. It is not fair that hard working people have nowhere to sit when they are waiting for the bus because a person high on drugs is laying on the bench or that the bench has been urinated on. It is not fair that students have to pass by people shooting up as they walk to school. In one instance, my student came to school visibly upset because she witnessed a man dead from overdose as she walked to school. It is not fair that businesses lose customers and their livelihood because drug users are loitering outside scaring away customers. It isn't fair that we have to wait to get gas and risk running out as we are driving because it is not safe to step foot out of our cars at the gas station. On one occasion, I was surrounded by drug users at the gas station who were threatening me for money and insisting I must have had cash when I didn't. It isn't fair that adults or children are exposed to private body parts because people who are intoxicated don't realize that their pants are down. The people of Santa Ana shouldn't have to deal with scary and disgusting situations like these. We need to get drug users off the streets now. Unfortunately people who are addicted will resort to criminal activity to get money to buy drugs. If nothing is done, problems in Santa Ana will grow. I understand that intoxicated people need to be shown compassion because they are most likely struggling, but ignoring isn't showing compassion. Detaining those who are drunk or high in public is showing compassion because it serves as an opportunity to offer them help.

Orozco, Norma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:00 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Bacerras request item #39

I have been a resident of Santa Ana in Ward 2 and have an increase of open drug use along Bristol every day. The transients that occupy the grass areas along Bristol are always openly using drugs and leave drug paraphernalia behind when they are done using. They leave a lot of trash behind too. There is several transients that hang out and camp out in the grass area next to El Toro market on 1st and Bristol. When school is in session child walk pass those transients on their way to school and its not a fair depiction of what our city has become. Please help take back santa ana and give it back to its tax payers and law bitting citizens.

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Orozco, Norma

From: Marisela Guzman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 4:39 PM
To: eComment; Valerie Amezcua; Bacerra, Phil
Subject: Item #39 - STOP Open Drug Use in Santa Ana

Hello City Council Members and Mayor,

My name is Marisela Guzman, I've been a resident of Ward 4 for the last 39 years. I am writing to you today as this item is very important to me. I have 9 children who have witnessed this issue time and time again. It is sad that our streets are full of people openly using drugs. We have seen our neighborhood with more and more individuals who openly get high all over our community. I am fortunate to reside in a convenient area in which I can walk to my kids doctor, dentist, nearby grocery stores and restaurants, but walking has become a risk of having my kids exposed to people passed out high on the sidewalks, sometimes with glass pipes or needles next to them, other times with peoples genitals or breast exposed. I am asking for the you all, the Mayor and Council Members to support this item and fight against this big issue that is affecting the quality of life in all of Santa Ana.

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Regards,
Marisela Guzman-Davis

~Great minds discuss ideas;
Average minds discuss events;
Small minds discuss people.~
-Eleanor Roosevelt-

Orozco, Norma

From: befranklin dslexreme.com [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 5:10 PM
To: eComment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Santa Ana Council Agenda Item 39 (7/18/23)

Dear Madame Mayor and City Councilmembers,

I am writing to respectfully ask that you support item #39 on your Council agenda, which addresses the ever increasing number of dangerously intoxicated individuals on Santa Ana streets. These folks are a danger to themselves and also to Santa Ana residents. In recent years I have seen rocks thrown at cars on multiple occasions, hallucinating pedestrians walking in front of fast moving traffic, bus stops no longer safe for commuters, and a knife wielding individual race across six lanes of traffic to threaten people waiting at a bus stop. While I understand that this will not solve all of our problems, I believe that it's worth a try to see if it helps.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Brett Franklin
Ward 3 resident

Orozco, Norma

From: Laura Quijada [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:00 PM
To: Hernandez, Johnathan; eComment
Subject: Council member support item#39

Good Afternoon,

My name is Laura Quijada, I am a Santa Ana resident. I have lived in Santa Ana my whole life and I am now raising my children in the same city. I believe item#39 is a fantastic idea, I support item#39. I hope item#39 is a great start to clean up our neighborhoods, parks and streets. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me back.

Thank you!
Laura Quijada
[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Orozco, Norma

From: K Diaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:37 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

I Support Council Member Barrera's item to address public intoxication.

Orozco, Norma

From: Karla Hernandez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:38 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

I Support Council Member Barrera's item to address public intoxication.

Orozco, Norma

From: Luis [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:00 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

I support council member Becerra's to address public intoxication

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: Dale Helvig [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:09 PM
To: eComment; Amezcua, Valerie; Phan, Thai; Vazquez, Benjamin; Lopez, Jessie; Bacerra, Phil; Hernandez, Johnathan; Penaloza, David
Cc: Ridge, Kristine; Carvalho, Sonia R.; Mendoza, Steven; Hall, Jennifer
Subject: 2023-07-18 Letter to City Council-Item 39
Attachments: 2023-07-18 Letter to City Council-Item 39.pdf

Please ensure that only the attachment is posted so that emails are left off.

Thanks,
Dale Helvig
Resident, Santa Ana

Dale Helvig

Resident, Santa Ana CA 92706

July 18, 2023

Mayor Amezcua and Santa Ana City Councilmembers
City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, 8th Floor
Santa Ana CA 92702

Subject: ITEM 39 – Addressing Public Intoxication Through Detention and Service Offering Policy

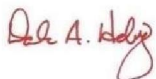
I am in support of Item 39 which will address people who are in need of help as evidence by public intoxication or incapacitated due to drug use. I think it is safe to say that we have all witnessed individuals who need a need a helping hand. But what have we done?

By supporting this discussion, it shows the City is willing to support the vast majority of residents that are tired of seeing what is currently happening. Santa Ana is a beautiful City, but hard decisions need to be made before we reach the stage that other cities are seeing due to inaction. Detaining, providing information and rehab assistance is a step in the right direction.

Doing nothing is not compassionate.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Respectfully,



Dale A Helvig
Resident, Santa Ana

cc: Kristine Ridge,
City Manager, Santa Ana

Sonia Carvalho,
City Attorney, Santa Ana

Steven Mendoza,
Assist. City Manager, Santa Ana

Orozco, Norma

From: L B [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:29 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Support

I am a homeowner and I support Phil Bacera in his quest to fight the problem of people who are intoxicated sleeping in public places

Laura Bejerano

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: Katherine Freeman [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:55 PM
To: eComment
Subject: SUPPORT FOR PHIL BACERRA

In his request to take action for the community to try to curb the problem of passed out people in front of my ALDI store at Bristol and Segerstrom, and in many other places in our city of Santa Ana. If this action will help our Police Department be empowered to take action and arrest these people and help them seek help. It is certainly a good thing for all of us not to be exposed to the decline of our City streets and parks, with drunks/drug addicts and homelessness on so many levels. We need to put forth a positive image to people driving through our City with fewer people on the streets and sidewalks that are lingering and loitering around and especially the ones that feel compelled to be street people passing out lying on sidewalks. We need to have consequences for them when it is so easy for them to take advantage of the minimum penalty for being passed out in public now. This will help our whole City.

Thank you!
Katherine Freeman
President - Republic Homes

Orozco, Norma

From: Liliana Alaniz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 10:16 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council member requested item 39

Attention,
I support council member Bacerras item to address public intoxication.

Regards,
Liliana Alaniz

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: Jeffrey Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:03 PM
To: eComment; Lopez, Jessie
Cc: Bacerra, Phil
Subject: Comments for Agenda Item #39
Attachments: 23-07-17 - Ltr to Jessie Lopez re Item #39_Redacted.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez and Madame Clerk.

Please see the attached comments for Agenda Item #39.

Kesher Law Group

Jeffrey A. Katz | Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]

Santa Ana, CA 92706

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**Jeffrey Katz
Heliotrope Dr.
Santa Ana, CA
Ward 3**

July 17, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Lopez
City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, 8th Floor
Santa Ana CA 92702

Subject: Support for Agenda Item #39 - Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy

Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Lopez,

On behalf myself and the following neighborhoods associations in Ward 3, I am writing to our ward's representative councilwoman to urge your support for Agenda Item #39, which pertains to the implementation of an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy by the Santa Ana Police Department.

1. Riverview
2. Riverglen
3. Case de Santiago
4. Young Square
5. Fairbridge Square
6. Santa Ana Triangle
7. Park Santiago
8. Saddleback View
9. Meredith
10. Parkwood
11. Portola Park
12. Maybury Park

This crucial policy, as proposed by Councilman Bacerra, will play a significant role in addressing the burgeoning homeless issue on the streets of Santa Ana with compassion and empathy.

The increasing homelessness problem in Santa Ana demands ongoing attention and effective measures to support those in need. I believe that the Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy proposed by Mr. Bacerra is a step in the right direction.

By implementing this policy, we can ensure that individuals struggling with substance abuse or intoxication are provided with the necessary assistance and support. Rather than treating them solely as offenders, the policy emphasizes compassion and offers an opportunity to connect individuals with the appropriate resources and services they need to overcome their challenges. It aims to prioritize rehabilitation and support, which is crucial in addressing the root causes of homelessness.

Furthermore, the Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy aligns with the principles of fairness and humanity.

In the absence of enforcement of Penal Code §647, the intoxicated and drugged homeless who reside on our city streets are shuffled from one location to another without serving either our city's residents or the homeless,

Enforcement of Penal Code §647, removes non-compliant individual from our streets, temporarily, thereby protecting the public from harmful actions. By separating offenders from the general population, we create a safer environment for law-abiding citizens. The presence of a criminal justice system that incarcerates offenders helps instill a sense of security within the community. When individuals know that offenders are being held accountable and are being removed from society, they feel safer and more confident in their daily lives. This peace of mind contributes to the overall well-being and quality of life for our community.

Yet, this policy also recognizes that individuals dealing with substance abuse issues require a compassionate approach that focuses on their well-being and offers a chance for rehabilitation. It is an opportunity for Santa Ana to lead by example and show that we value the dignity and worth of every person in our community.

Implementing this policy will not only improve the lives of those affected by homelessness but also contribute to a safer and more cohesive community overall. By addressing one of the most prevalent root causes of homelessness and providing appropriate care and support, we can reduce the strain on our public resources and create a pathway towards stability and self-sufficiency for those who need it most.

In light of these considerations, I kindly request your support for Agenda Item #39. Your endorsement of this policy will demonstrate your commitment to fostering a compassionate and inclusive Santa Ana. By working together, we can make a lasting impact on the lives of our most vulnerable community members and create a city we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust in your wisdom and dedication to serving the community, and I am confident that you will give careful consideration to this important issue. I look forward to seeing Santa Ana adopting novel and proactive steps towards addressing homelessness and providing meaningful support to those in need.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if I can provide any further information on this matter. As your constituents, we appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Katz

Attachments:

1. Email from Elsie Robles, President of Riverview NA
2. Email Lynn Fenton, President of Riverglen NA
3. Email from Joanna Peterson, President of Case de Santiago NA
4. Email from Mary Lou Branch, President of Young Square NA
5. Email from Colin Gawronski, Leader of Fairbridge Square NA
6. Email from Katre Kruus, Leader of Santa Ana Triangle NA
7. Email from Rory Kirk, President of Park Santiago NA
8. Email from Desi Reyes, Leader of Saddleback View NA
9. Meredith (email submitted separately)
10. Parkwood (email submitted separately)
11. Portola Park (email submitted separately)
12. Maybury Park

Addressing Open Drug use



Riverview NA

Today, 4:36 PM

Jeffrey Katz



Inbox

Good Afternoon Jeffery Katz,

You have our support of Councilmember Bacerra's request. Thank you for taking the lead on this.

On behalf of Riverview Neighborhood Association, I urge our councilwoman, Jesse Lopez, to support Councilmember Phil Bacerra's requested item (Agenda Item No. 39) directing the City Manager to have the SAPD immediately implement an Intoxications Detention and Service Offering Policy.

Elsie Robles

President, Riverview NA

Re: Tuesday Council Meeting



Lynn Fenton [REDACTED]

Today, 12:00 PM

Jeffrey Katz ▾

On behalf of the Riverglen Community Association, I urge our councilwoman, Jesse Lopez, to support Councilmember Phil Bacerra's Requested Item (Agenda Item No. 39) directing the City Manager to have the Santa Ana Police Department immediately implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy.

Thank you,

Lynn Fenton, President
Riverglen Community Association

Item 39: Addressing Open Drug Use



ceo4dds [REDACTED]

Today, 5:20 PM

Jeffrey Katz; Danny Vega <vegadanny@live.com> ✓

Inbox

Hello Jeffrey Katz,

On behalf of Casa de Santiago Neighborhood Association, I urge our councilwoman, Jesse Lopez, to support Councilmember Phil Bacerra Requested Item (Agena Item No. 39) directing the City Manager to have the SAPD immediately implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy.

Best Regards,
Joanna Peterson
Casa de Santiago Neighborhood Association President

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



Young Square

Councilmember Jessie Lopez
Santa Ana City Council
20 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Councilmember Lopez,

On behalf of the Young Square neighborhood, I am asking that you support Councilmember Requested Items #39 – Discuss and consider directing the City Manager to have the Santa Ana Police Department immediately implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy – Councilmember Bacerra”.

We believe the Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy will not only assist with the Homeless Task Force ability to speak to people who would benefit from the services they can offer and provide, but also in moving off public streets people who are under the influence and could potentially put themselves in harm's way on a public street.

We realize that this is not a perfect solution, but believe it is a good and necessary first step.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Branch
Young Square Neighborhood Association

Agenda Item No. 39



colin gawronski [REDACTED]

Today, 11:58 AM

Jeffrey Katz ▾

Inbox

On behalf of Fairbridge Square Neighborhood Association, I urge our councilwoman, Jesse Lopez, to support Councilmember Phil Bacerra's Requested Item (Agenda Item No. 39) directing the City Manager to have the SAPD immediately implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy.

Thank you

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Colin Gawronski

Fairbridge Square Neighborhood Association

Councilmember Bacerra Proposal - Public Drug Use



Katre Kruus

Today, 10:52 AM

Jeffrey Katz ↕

Inbox

Good morning Jeff,

I'm fully supporting Councilmember Bacerra proposal to address public intoxication. Thank you for your effort and support with this initiative.

On behalf of Santa Ana Triangle Neighborhood Association, I urge our councilwoman, Jesse Lopez, to support Councilmember Phil Bacerra's requested item (Agenda Item No. 39) directing the City Manager to have the SAPD immediately implement an Intoxications Detention and Service Offering Policy.

Thank you,

Katre Kruus
Santa Ana Triangle



Agenda Item No. 39



Rory Kirk [REDACTED]

Yesterday, 8:23 PM

Jeffrey Katz ▾

Inbox

The Park Santiago Neighborhood, with a collective voice are urging councilwoman, Jessie Lopez, our ward 3 representative to make our voices heard in support of Phil Bacerra's requested item (Agenda Item #39) directing Santa Ana City Manager instructing Santa Ana Police Department to immediately implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy for the welfare of all Santa Ana residents and businesses.

Thank you

Rory Kirk (Park Santiago Neighborhood President)



City of Santa Ana Council

20 Civic Center Plaza

Santa Ana, CA 92701

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez:

On behalf of the Saddleback View neighborhood, I urge you to support Council member Bacerra item 39 on the agenda pertaining to an intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy.

The implementation of the Intoxication Detention and Service Offering program would assist the Homeless Task Force to better coordinate and provide assistance to individuals under the influence on our city streets and parks.

Your consideration and support of this item will be another step towards tackling the current substance abuse situation in our wonderful City of Santa Ana.

Sincerely yours,

Desi Reyes

Saddleback Neighborhood

Orozco, Norma

From: LOREN PERRY [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:28 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Severe drug use in Santa Ana

Please stop this horrid drug use and the devastation it has caused our city people passing out, leaving needles and filth

On our streets, disturbing our private homes by

Robberies, urination, In our yards, in our parks where our children play. Our city is being totally ruined by the homeless, they sleep or pass out in our gardens, on our lawns

Roam streets in drunken stupor. Roam in

Local business, drunk on drugs.

PLEASE STOP THIS NOW, arrest, jail,

Anything it takes to stop this NOW. WE THE PEOPLE DEMAND IT NOW. NOT NEXT YEAR OR WILL INVESTIGATE, THAT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

SUBMITTED BY LOREN PERRY

HOME OWNER FOR 57 YEARS IN SA

Republic homes.

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Orozco, Norma

From: Emma Medina [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:32 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Item #39 @ July 18th City Council meeting

Hello,

I support the Councilmember Phil Bacerra's Requested Item (Item #39) that he submitted to be discussed at the July 18 City Council meeting.

Santa Ana cannot be turned into the skid row of OC with transients doing illegal drugs in public streets, alley's, 7-11's, under bridges, parks, the side of the freeway and the list goes on. If there's illegal activity taking place in public then the police should be able to handle it. That's what they are there for. Over the weekend my husband and I saw a man who frequents the corner of 17th st and Broadway. Previously he littered the new entire corner with trash along the landscape of the brand new Merchant's Bank. This time he had a stolen shopping cart filled with his junk and he proceeds to use it as a weapon to make people in that intersection dodge him and practically crash, hit their brakes, move around him. The folks at the stop light could see what was happening but had no control but to just watch as he taunted the people unexpectedly going through the intersection on a green light. He could have caused a serious accident. Yet, his freedom to do whatever he wants is more important than following the rules and being put away for - being high, crazy, littering, shopping cart theft, jay walking, etc We need to stop this from continuing in order for these grown people that feel they have no consequences to their actions and quality of life to affect everyone else's well being along with theirs. Stand up for what is right! Clean up Santa Ana once and for all!

Thank you.

Washington Square Homeowner and resident since 2005

Orozco, Norma

From: Karina Velez [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:37 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Bacerra's Request Item#39

I support Council Member Bacerra's item to address public intoxication. To All Council members Please support this, please and thank you. I live on First St and Grand Apartments close to the Santa Ana DMV. This is a Very problematic area with the homeless with the public drug intoxication people on the street. I dislike those people being there because they are always there, every single day, every morning that I have to take my kid's to school. My kid's shouldn't have to be looking at that. There's no way to avoid looking at them, since they are also, jaywalker's and while driving they get on my way. I have to stop and let them cross the street. There's a lot more people like that on First and Lyon Outside the Motel's / Hotel's Area. Those people need mental health help. They are a huge danger to themselves and to other's. Please have the police officers take all of them to Jail and keep them there. They also, make our city of Santa Ana look very bad. They trash our city, they get inside the apartments and go through the big blue tras can's and make a mess. One time one African American man followed my kid's and I all the way to my apartment. I think he was intoxicated with drugs and he wanted to get inside my apartment but I walked faster, got my kids inside the apartment and I slammed the door on his face, I locked the door and he left. But I did get scared. I'm always protecting my two son's. Please make this city Safe and clean. I would really appreciate it. Thank You and May God 🙏 help you take the right decisions, give all of you the wisdom and knowledge to lead / run Our City of Santa Ana into the right direction to make it a much better, safer and cleaner place to live in. I'm looking forward to hearing excellent news about this please and thank you. Thank You and God Bless you.

From: Carl Benninger [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 11:41 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Support of #39 on July 18th Agenda

Please note that Metro Classic Neighborhood Association is very supportive of Item 39 that will be presented by Council Member Bacerra. Metro Classic is on the south side. Our NA borders are Alton to Segerstrom and Bear Street to Raitt. Our Ward is number 4

For too long Santa Ana was known as the place to go to do drugs, to be homeless, to avoid arrest warrants. Who paid for all of that but the citizens of the city. It's time to change that. We are spending millions for a group called City Net who by the time they get to a person that person is long gone.

Get the police the direction that if there is a person high on drugs or having emotional issues or homeless in the streets of Santa Ana detente them. Just do not drive by, which has been the direction from the Council for years and years, Please notice GUYs NOT ARREST but Detente them. Notice the Homeless can still refuse help and leave the detention center as they please. But records have shown that the homeless accept help more often once removed from the street. At the detention center those high on drugs will be held until they are off their high. In a safe location saving lifes for sure.

Our present way is not working! So if you truly care for the homeless, the drug victims or the mentally disturbed then support item #39. You vote against #39 because you do not like police then you truly do not care!!!!!!!!

Carl Benninger


Santa Ana, Ca 92704
Steering Committee Metro Classic

Orozco, Norma

From: jason carrig [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 6:17 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 39

I wish to have my support for item #39 added. As a resident in Santa Ana, I want the streets to be safe and free from those under the influence. I implore the members of the council to support this item, thereby supporting a safer city for all. I abide by the rules of the city and the state; why are some exempt from doing the same.

If you are a council member who is not in favor of safer streets, it is time to step aside; something is clouding your judgement.

Regards,
Jason Carig
Historic French Park
Santa Ana

Orozco, Norma

From: April Lopez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7:18 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Support taking actions against drug abusers.

Dear Santa Ana City Council,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the ongoing issues we are facing in our city regarding drug abuse and public disturbances. It is disheartening to witness the distressing scenes of individuals overdosing, engaging in public urination, exposing their genitals, and even collapsing on sidewalks while our children are present. This normalization of trauma is simply unacceptable.

I commend Councilman Phil Bacerra for taking action and addressing this urgent matter. His proposal to have the City Council examine the available options for dealing with this problem is a step in the right direction. Specifically, instructing the Police Department to detain individuals who violate state laws and transporting them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, while also providing information on substance-abuse treatment services prior to their release, demonstrates a comprehensive approach to the issue.

Allowing unchecked drug use to persist within our city is undoubtedly having a detrimental impact on our community. It is imperative that we no longer choose inaction as a response. I wholeheartedly support Councilman Bacerra's initiative and urge the Santa Ana City Council to back this proposal.

Please be assured that taking decisive action to address this problem will not only improve the safety and well-being of our residents but also set an example for other communities grappling with similar challenges. Let us work together to create a city that prioritizes the safety, health, and future of its citizens.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
April Lopez
Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 7:57 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda item #39

Hi,

My name is Alida, I am a resident of Santa Ana and I live in ward 4. I support Phil Bacerras agenda #39 to stop open drug use in Santa Ana. Open drug use is against state law yet our streets and parks are filled with open drug users. I have had to travel out of the city in order for my kids to have a safe space to play. I am a tax payer and homeowner who doesn't get the benefit of enjoying the resources our city has to offer because of the surrounding dangers. This is not a dumping ground for drug users. I, along with many other residents demand adequate change, and I believe this is a great way to start.

Best,
Worried resident

Orozco, Norma

From: Steve Gallegos [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:05 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Item #39

I support item #39. Time to enforce laws in Santa Ana. People are visibly using drugs in our parks, at bus stops and sitting on the sidewalks. The children of Santa Ana are exposed to things in their city that they should not be. ENFORCE THE LAWS!

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

Orozco, Norma

From: Christina Henrie Barker [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:20 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Motion to disrupt public drug abuse

I am in support of Councilman Bacerras position on enforcing state law regarding public drug abuse. Not enforcing these types of things is not only a threat to the safety and quality of life in our communities but also suggests that larger crimes may then also be overlooked and perhaps even encouraged. Thank you City Council pf Santa Ana for being willing to take a stand to protect our city and make it a great place to live. Sincerely, Christina Barker Thornton Park.

Orozco, Norma

From: ste [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 8:26 AM
To: eComment
Subject: item 39

I support item 39 and would like more information on it.

Thank you

Gil Van Der Marliere
Resident of Santa Ana.

Item #39 is to direct the City Manager to have Santa Ana Police Officers consistently detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana that violate existing state law related to individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment services.

Orozco, Norma

From: Janet [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 10:01 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

Good morning

To whom it may concern; I support Council Member Bacerra's Item to address public intoxication. Please we have family young kids who are our future. Let's control it now.

Thank you

Janet Perez

Orozco, Norma

From: Jeffrey Qualey [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 10:26 AM
To: eComment; Hernandez, Johnathan
Subject: Agenda Item Number 39

Hello,

Please support the passage and adoption of item 39. This is really important for the safety of our city, it's children, and everyone actually. I think the help that will be offered may go a long way in helping the people who have addiction problems.

Thank you so much,

Jeff Qualey
Washington Square

PS: I love how wonderful CHristine Ridge is at her job as city manager.

Orozco, Norma

From: Juan Mercado [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 10:39 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Bacerra's Request Item#39

I agree!!!

Best regards,
Juan Mercado

Sent from my iPhone

Orozco, Norma

From: Inbox Graphx [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:10 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Becerra's Request Item#39
Attachments: image0.jpeg

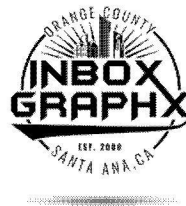
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Hello,

We are a small business in Santa Ana located in Ward 6 and we support Council Member Becerra's Item to address public intoxication.

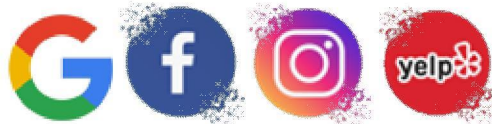
I have attached a video and picture of what is consistently occurring in our business parking lot. Also, would like to add that we are located across the street to a high school and one block away from an Elementary School.
This needs to end now!

Thank you,
Inbox Graphx



[REDACTED] Santa Ana, CA 92707

www.InboxGraphx.com





Orozco, Norma

From: Timothy Marsh [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:20 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 39

City Council,

I support Item 39 in directing the PD to enforce existing local and state laws. It's time to clean up the city for the law abiding residents from all backgrounds. Santa Ana is a diverse city of hardworking, honest people that deserve better.

Sincerely,
T. Marsh

[REDACTED]
92706

Orozco, Norma

From: Lucía Díaz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:35 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Phil Bacerra's Request Item#39

Hello all,

It aches my heart to see what our streets have turned into. We deserve and demand better.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lucia Diaz
Santa Ana Ward #1 resident

Orozco, Norma

From: Greg Perez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:36 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Support for Proposal Addressing Drug Abuse in Santa Ana

Dear Santa Ana City Council Members,

I hope this email finds you well. As a resident of Santa Ana, I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the proposal put forward by Councilman Phil Bacerra to address the issue of drug abusers in our city. I firmly believe that taking action against this problem is crucial for the well-being and safety of our community.

I'm a husband, father, and local church leader in Santa Ana where we believe that "As parents, we have a sacred duty to rear our children in love and righteousness, to provide for their physical and spiritual needs" ([The Family: A Proclamation to the World](#)).

Allowing rampant drug use and individuals passing out in public areas has had a detrimental impact on our beloved city. It not only compromises the quality of life for residents but also poses a significant risk to public health and safety. The proposal to instruct the City Manager to have the Police Department detain individuals who violate state laws related to drug abuse and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing is a proactive step towards addressing this issue.

Furthermore, I appreciate the provision in the proposal that emphasizes the importance of offering information on available substance-abuse treatment services to individuals before their release. This approach demonstrates a commitment to not only deterring drug abuse but also providing an opportunity for those struggling with substance addiction to seek the help they need.

I believe it is crucial for our community to support this proposal and encourage its swift implementation. By taking a strong stance against drug abuse, we can work together to create a safer, healthier, and more vibrant Santa Ana for all residents.

As a concerned resident, I would like to request that you carefully consider the positive impact this proposal can have on our city and support its adoption during the upcoming City Council meeting. I believe it is imperative to prioritize the well-being and safety of our community, and this proposal aligns perfectly with that goal.

Thank you for your dedication to serving the residents of Santa Ana, and I look forward to witnessing the positive changes that this proposal can bring. If there is any additional information or support I can provide, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Perez
[REDACTED]

Santa Ana, CA 92707



Orozco, Norma

From: Susie [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:48 AM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda Item #39, City Council meeting July 18, 2023
Attachments: Agenda #39 Concerns.docx

Please distribute my comments Agenda Item #39 to Mayor Amezcua and Council Members.
Thank you.
Susana Sandoval [REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

City Council meeting, July 18: agenda item #39.

Good day Mayor Valerie Amezcu, Mayor Pro Tem Jessie Lopez and Councilmembers David Penaloza, Thai Viet Phan, Benjamin Vazquez, Phil Bacerra, Johnathan Ryan Hernandez:

First of all, I think we can all agree that individuals abusing drugs on our streets and in neighborhoods are a crisis and we need viable solutions that have an impact for change and safety that protect residents and safety for all those involved. Our children and community are exposed to these devastating and tragic behaviors that significantly impact our mental health, safety, and public health concerns. A new policy must provide long lasting help and support to the individuals engaging in these behaviors.

As a long-standing resident of more than 30 years, I am concerned that the implementation of arresting the individuals intoxicated will be a revolving door where those arrested are back on the streets the next day --- just a temporary bandage for removal. As elected officials whose responsibility it is to protect the community; the Council must assure that standards and the budget are in place for the new policy to work effectively.

Councilmember Becerra is putting forth Agenda Item #39: "Discuss and Consider Directing the City Manager to Have the Santa Ana Police Department Immediately Implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy – Councilmember Bacerra".

In Councilmember Becerra's e proposed Item 39 questions and unknowns have surfaced and need to be answered. There is no data presented to support his position and outcomes. Including what are the support services (need to be specific) offered, and costs to the city for those arrested; what is the process/time to access services; how long will the arrested be legally detained; will those arrested be held in a separate unit within the jail that that provide for medical care and services needed to get clean; will the individual be assigned a social worker for follow-up and placement in housing if needed; or a rehabilitation center; will those arrested have access to a public defender and costs involved; once released where will these individuals go if housing is not available or the individual refuses housing; if person arrested is undocumented, will they be reported to immigration – this is against Santa Ana policy as a sanctuary city.

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Unless convicted of a felony what is the humane policy regarding the arrest of an undocumented person who has no criminal record. Will the police officers receive updated training on how to effectively implement the new policy and who will do the training?

Councilmember Phil Bacerra your intent to protect the community and the individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others is to be respected and a step in the right direction.

I urge you Councilmember Bacerra, and staff assigned to this issue to do the research on the concerns presented, and develop a comprehensive plan of action for the new policy to indeed work effectively for all.

Thank you, Mayor Valerie Amezcua and Councilmembers, for your consideration of my concerns. We all want a safer and healthier environment where we can thrive and have a good quality of life.

Respectfully,

Susana Sandoval

Resident, Wilshire Square



Orozco, Norma

From: Irma Jauregui [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:51 AM
To: eComment; Amezcua, Valerie; Penaloza, David; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai; Hernandez, Johnathan; Vazquez, Benjamin; Lopez, Jessie
Subject: In support of Item 39

Dear Mayor and Council members

I support the item 39 so it can help both protecting our community, having safety and help those that although they are violating state laws and are under the influence, are a danger to themselves and others may be taken off the streets and hopefully then they can be helped with the programs already in existence by having more control and access to direct them for help, treatments and support.

Thank you again,

Irma P Jauregui

Wilshire Square resident

Orozco, Norma

From: Nina Jirik [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:16 PM
To: eComment; Hernandez, Johnathan
Subject: Support of Item 39 for Meeting on 7/18

Santa Ana City Council Members,

As a proud resident and homeowner in the Washington Square neighborhood, I am firmly against allowing people to abuse drugs and lay passed out on our city's sidewalks, parks, and bus stops.

I have personally witnessed this numerous times when passing bus stops, and even entering our neighborhood. In fact, three times in the past 4 months, some of our residents have picked up discarded needles, and bags of crystal/powder drugs in our neighborhood streets. What if our children or animals were to have picked these up?

I support the Councilmember Requested Item #39 submitted to be discussed at the July 18 City Council meeting. To direct the City Manager to have Santa Ana Police Officers consistently detain any individuals within the City of Santa Ana that violate existing state law related to individuals who are found in public places under the influence of drugs or controlled substances where they are a danger to themselves or others and transport them to the Santa Ana Jail for processing, and prior to release, provide them with information on available substance-abuse treatment services.

Allowing rampant and uninterrupted drug use in our city is having a devastating impact on our community. Doing nothing can no longer be an option.

Sincerely,
Nina Jirik

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92706

Orozco, Norma

From: Jeffrey Katz [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:22 PM
To: eComment
Cc: Lopez, Jessie
Subject: Re: Comments for Agenda Item #39
Attachments: Portola Park & Meredith Parkwood Support for #39.pdf

Madame Clerk:

Can you please add the attached email to the report I sent in last night?

Kesher Law Group

Jeffrey A. Katz | Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92706
[REDACTED]

From: Lopez, Jessie <JessieLopez@santa-ana.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:10 PM
To: Jeffrey Katz
Cc: eComment
Subject: Re: Comments for Agenda Item #39

Received. Thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez

Sent from my iPhone. Please expect typos.

On Jul 17, 2023, at 11:02 PM, Jeffrey Katz [REDACTED] wrote:

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez and Madame Clerk.

Please see the attached comments for Agenda Item #39.

Kesher Law Group

Jeffrey A. Katz | Attorney at Law

[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92706
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** SUPPORT FOR ITEM # 39 - SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FOR 7/18/23 **

**Winston R. Covington**

Tue 7/18/2023 1:06 PM

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Inbox

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council;

On behalf of the Portola Park and Meredith / Parkwood Neighborhood Associations, I urge our Councilwoman (Jessie Lopez) to support Councilman Phil Bacerra's Requested Item (Agenda Item # 39) directing the City Manager to have the Santa Ana Police Dept. immediately implement an Intoxication Detention and Service Offering Policy.

As a long time resident of Santa Ana, I have witnessed the negative behavior of those under the influence of drugs and alcohol on our public streets and community parks far too many times. Item # 39 is a policy that is long overdue and I encourage all of you to support this item for the best interest of our residents and local business community.

Thank you,

Winston R. Covington
Chairman
Portola Park and Meredith / Parkwood
Neighborhood Associations

Orozco, Norma

From: Alex Hermosillo [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:48 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Ítem 39

I am a resident of the Downtown Santa Ana neighborhood and I support council member Becerra proposal for SAPD to detain and transport individuals under the influence and in possession of illegal substances. This should have been proposed a long time ago. Neighboring cities do it so we need to follow in order for our families to live and prosper in a clean and safe city. Please direct Chief Valentin to enforce state law. Thank you.

Orozco, Norma

From: Cynthia Corona [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:54 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

I support Council Member Becerra's item to address public intoxication.

Thank you
Cynthia Corona

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Orozco, Norma

From: Efrain Peñaloza [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:28 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Council Member Requested Item 39

I support Council Member Becerra's item 39 to address public intoxication. This a problem that is growing. The individuals who are under the influence, urine and poop in public exposing them selves. They shoot up in front of restaurants like Chick-fil-A on MacArthur and Bristol fir example. Drink in front of the island on that cross street. I seen officers at the street light while this is happening and they simply drive away pretending they didn't see anything. Yesterday I was at Aldi and there was a needle in the shopping car. I definitely think is time for the issue to be addressed and for Santa Ana PD making it a priority to hel out. Every time we call them they say is not a priority or comments like vote differently.

Best Regards,
Efrain Peñaloza

Orozco, Norma

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:35 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Councilman Bacerra - Support Against Drug Dealers

I support Councilman Bacerra's position on dealing with drug dealers in our City. Santa Ana cannot afford to turn a blind eye on this crisis in our City.

Alberta Christy
Former City Council member

Orozco, Norma

From: Larry Irvine [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:41 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Item 39

Honorable City Council,
I am in support of item 39, July 18 City Council Meeting.

Thank you.

Larry Irvine
[REDACTED]
Santa Ana, CA 92706
[REDACTED]

Orozco, Norma

From: Nathan Hittle [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:45 PM
To: eComment
Cc: eComment; Amezcua, Valerie; Lopez, Jessie; Penaloza, David; Hernandez, Johnathan; Vazquez, Benjamin; Bacerra, Phil; Phan, Thai
Subject: Yes - support for Item #39

I am writing in support of Item #39. It is our city's responsibility to care and provide resources for those that can not care for themselves. The current non-enforcement of drug abuse laws, including against the fentanyl epidemic, creates an unsafe environment, especially for our children and seniors. I applaud the efforts bringing attention to these city residents that need our help.

This would have an immediate positive impact on the quality of life for residents of our neighborhood and throughout our City.

Regards,
Nathan Hittle
Historic French Park
Neighborhood Association

Orozco, Norma

From: John Ramirez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 2:54 PM
To: eComment
Subject: Agenda Item 39

Hello,

My name is John Ramirez and Im a resident of Santa Ana for 40+ years and currently residing in Ward 2.

I am emailing today IN SUPPORT of Agenda item 39 to direct the city manager to have Santa Ana Police officers consistently detain individuals who are in public areas of the city who are found to be intoxicated and under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other controlled substances.

This will help to ensure these individuals safety by taking them off the street in addition to providing them with information on available substances abuse programs while they are detained and before they are released.

Thank You,

John Ramirez