

# Memo

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Larry Agran, Councilmember  
(A second is needed)  
Date: May 18, 2021  
Re: **Request to add items on future Irvine City Council Meeting agendas**

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In accordance with City Council rules and procedures, beginning in January of this year I have made numerous requests that certain priority issues be placed on the City Council agenda for presentation, discussion and possible action.

Because of the so-called “Rule of Two” — first adopted by the previous City Council in 2019 and then made permanent by this City Council on a 4-1 vote (Agran voting NO) — a Councilmember must secure the signature of another Councilmember (or the Mayor) in order to have an item placed on the agenda. To date, even though I have asked that a number of important items of City business be placed on meeting agendas, no second signatures have been forthcoming. Accordingly, these items have not been included on the Council business agenda.

**I take this opportunity to again request second signatures to place the following specific items on future City Council agendas.**

- **Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery.** I have yet to have the opportunity to make even a 15-minute presentation that: (1) describes the status of the Veterans Memorial Park & Cemetery project at the voter-selected (and Council-ratified) 125-acre ARDA site at the Great Park; and, (2) calls for consideration of an appropriate resolution to commence preliminary construction of the Veterans Memorial Park without further delay. I now reiterate my request for a second signature, so that this matter can be placed on the May 25 or June 8 City Council meeting agenda.
- **All American Asphalt.** For more than two years, thousands of residents in north Irvine have been adversely affected by toxic chemicals and noxious odors associated with the operations of the All American Asphalt plant. At the behest of these aggrieved residents, I have repeatedly requested that the Mayor schedule a special City Council meeting or place this item on the agenda as part of a regular City Council meeting in order to provide an opportunity for residents to be heard and to present their findings and their grievances. This, in turn, will enable the Council to review, discuss and publicly deliberate on next-steps to address this important public issue.
- **Great Park Residents Advisory Committee.** Residents of the Great Park Neighborhoods have repeatedly complained that while they pay among the highest residential property taxes and special assessments in Irvine — helping to finance development and operations of the Great Park — they have had virtually no say in the selection, planning, design, development and operations of multi-million-dollar features and amenities at the Great Park. These residents have requested that they be officially recognized as a Great Park Residents Advisory Committee, with the opportunity to be

recognized and heard at Great Park Board meetings and related City Council meetings. I again request that this item be placed on the agenda of the Great Park Board — this time for the May 25 meeting or the June 22 meeting.

- **District Elections.** On May 13 I submitted a Memorandum requesting that the subject of transitioning from our current system of at-large City Council elections to a system of Council district elections (a Mayor elected at large and 6 Councilmembers elected from 6 separate geographic districts of about 50,000 people each) be placed on a City Council meeting agenda. Although discussion of our municipal representative democracy is considered by many Irvine residents to be both important and timely — with a pending threat of costly litigation — I have so far not received the requisite second signature to agendize this matter.

I would appreciate a second signature for any of the above requests.

cc: Marianna Marysheva, Interim City Manager  
Carl Petersen, City Clerk