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Subject: November 2020 Board Meeting Agenda Item Comments

Dear Board,

I am unable to attend the November 2020 meeting due to the sudden death of my husband Vincent Pollmeier on Monday. I thank you for your reaching out to me and caring about this unfortunate occurrence. This email is the remarks I would have made at the Board meeting. Thank you for taking these remarks into consideration during your decision making process.

Thank you,

Reggie Mundekis

Agenda Item 9F - Correspondence

CDFA is conducting workshops to discuss how state owned fairgrounds should find ways to move from state ownership and management and into other hands such as private non-profit organizations and joint powers authorities referred to as JPA's. A number of troubling issues have come to light with these workshops including a lack of transparency in the process and a CDFA staff member stating the the COVID pandemic presented an opportunity for fairgrounds to leave state control, among other changes, and should not be wasted,

There are additional facts which make the situation even more troubling. Cities such as Costa Mesa and Del Mar were not contacted to participate in the workshops despite the impacts fairgrounds have on those communities. A public records request made to CDFA for records requesting records regarding the transition from state ownership and management produced no records, It is difficult to believe that CDFA is conducting three workshops yet has no records regarding those workshops or the matters being discussed.,

A third and final workshop is being held on Monday, November 23, 2020 from 1 pm to 2:30 via Zoom. The link is in the CDFA letter in the November 2020 Board agenda packet. The Board should consider having at least one Board director listen in on the meeting, at a minimum or even participate.

Agenda Item 10D - Cannabis Policy

It is suggested that the Board table this item pending discussion and agreement with the City of Costa Mesa if cannabis sales can be conducted at the Fairgrounds. While the Fairgrounds is state owned property and technically does not have to follow ordinances of the City of Costa Mesa, it makes for better relations if the Fairgrounds works with the City.

The measure in question is Measure Q, not H as stated in the staff report. Measure Q passed and limits cannabis retail sales to commercially zoned properties. Retail sales within 1,000 feet of schools, playgrounds, child care centers and homeless shelters are prohibited. As the Fairgrounds is not zone for commercial use and is within 1,000 feet of schools (Costa Mesa High School, Davis Magnet School), playgrounds (TeWinkle Park) and child

care centers (preschool at Fairview Community Church at the corner of Fair Dr and Fairview Rd), it is unclear if cannabis sales at the Fairgrounds would be allowed under Measure Q.

Caution may be a prudent path on this matter to good relations with the City.

Agenda Item 10E - Diversity Committee

I support dissolving the current three person Diversity Committee and appointing a two member committee to begin the work of attracting more customers to the Fairgrounds by publishing materials in the multiple languages spoken in Orange County, allowing local food businesses to sell at the OC Fair, and having staff who speak multiple languages to assist patrons, among other needs.

Regarding removal of the rainbow flag, I do not support removal of the rainbow flag and believe the flag should fly year round as a symbol of acceptance of everyone and marginalized communities at our OC Fairgrounds.

Agenda Item 10F - Equestrian Center

A letter sent regarding this matter is part of this agenda packet. Protecting the long term interests of the Equestrian Center requires drafting a RFP and award of a new contract after the competitive bidding process. The Board is requested to take into consideration the use of the Equestrian Center for youth sports and to include contract terms requiring the operator to manage the facility in a manner to provide a safe facility for youth sports including complying with statutes covering youth sports and addressing physical, mental and sexual abuse issues.

Additional steps to protect the long term interests of the Equestrian Center include following up on recommendations made in the infrastructure analysis that a structural engineer be hired to inspect the facilities and recommend needed repairs to the corroded buildings. Costs of the inspection and repairs will be covered by the current operator of the Equestrian Center as required by the contract.