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MEETING OF THE OCFEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
32nd District Agricultural Association

Thursday, June 11, 2020

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## Via Zoom Videoconference

9:00 a.m. - 10:28 a.m.

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VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: I'm going to go ahead and start the meeting, call the meeting to order now. Just so everybody knows, Chair Cervantes needs to step off a little earlier so I'm going to go ahead and start and lead the meeting today.

At this time I call the meeting to order. All matters noticed on this agenda in any category may be considered for action as listed. Any item not so noticed may not be considered. Items listed on this agenda may be considered in any order at the discretion of the chairperson.

The mission of the Orange County Fair and Events Center is celebration of Orange County communities, interest, agriculture, and heritage.

At this I would like to call for pledge of allegiance. And, Director Pham, would you like to lead us in the pledge?

DIRECTOR PHAM: Sure. Please place your

1 right hand over your heart.

2 (Pledge of Allegiance)

3 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: At this  
4 time, Summer, could you please take roll call.

5 SECRETARY ANGUS: Chair Cervantes? Chair  
6 Cervantes? We'll come back.

7 Vice Chair Rubalcava- Garcia?

8 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Present.

9 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Ruiz?  
10 Director Ruiz?

11 DIRECTOR RUIZ: Present.

12 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Bagneris?  
13 Director Aitken?

14 DIRECTOR AITKEN: Present.

15 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director La Belle?

16 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Present.

17 SECRETARY ANGUS: And Director Pham?

18 DIRECTOR PHAM: Present.

19 SECRETARY ANGUS: And Director  
20 Kovacevich?

21 DIRECTOR KOVACEVICH: Present.

22 SECRETARY ANGUS:

23 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you,  
24 Summer.

25 At this time I would like to note for the

1 record that we will be taking Item Number 7 closed  
2 session at this time. During this period Summer  
3 will be taking anybody who is interested in public  
4 comments, so please coordinate with summer.

5 SECRETARY ANGUS: Directors, you'll have  
6 to log off your Zoom or pause and mute your Zoom  
7 and call in on the conference call line that  
8 Attorney Caplan provided.

9 (Closed session from 9:07 until 9:55.)

10 SECRETARY ANGUS: We'll wait for all the  
11 directors to come back, and we'll get the meeting  
12 going again.

13 DIRECTOR BAGNERIS: This is Director  
14 Bagneris.

15 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Director  
16 Bagneris.

17 DIRECTOR RUIZ: This is Director Ruiz.

18 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Director  
19 Ruiz.

20 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA: Hi Summer, this is  
21 Natalie Rubalcava.

22 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you.

23 Directors, once you come back into the  
24 call, if you can go ahead and identify yourself.  
25 If you're dialing in, you'll need to press star 6

1 to unmute yourself.

2 DIRECTOR PHAM: Newton is on.

3 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Director  
4 Pham.

5 DIRECTOR KOVACEVICH: Nick Kovacevich  
6 here.

7 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Aitken, are  
8 you with us?

9 DIRECTOR AITKEN: Yes, I am.

10 SECRETARY ANGUS: And, Chair Cervantes,  
11 are you with us? Was Chair Cervantes going to be  
12 joining us, or did she have to leave?

13 DIRECTOR KOVACEVICH: I think she's going  
14 to be in and out. She was on the closed session.  
15 Maybe she'll jump in here in a little bit.

16 SECRETARY ANGUS: Then I just want to,  
17 for the record, Director Bagneris did join the  
18 board in closed session at 9:45.

19 With that, Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia,  
20 I'll turn it back over to you.

21 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thanks,  
22 Summer.

23 The 32nd DAA Board of Directors  
24 considered the advice of legal counsel on the  
25 actions identified on the closed session portion

1 of the agenda and has nothing further to report at  
2 this time.

3 Now we would like to move onto matters of  
4 public comment. Public comment is allowed on  
5 issues not on the current agenda. However, no  
6 debate by the board shall be permitted on such  
7 public comments, and no action will be taken on  
8 such public comments items at this time.

9 As law requires, formal public notice  
10 prior to any action on a docket item, speakers are  
11 requested to sign in prior to the start of the  
12 meeting and are limited to three minutes.

13 Comments will be accepted on agenda items during  
14 the meeting. Speakers wishing to address the  
15 board on items on the agenda are requested to sign  
16 in prior.

17 Summer, I believe we have one general  
18 public comment.

19 SECRETARY ANGUS: We do.

20 Vincent Pollmeier when you are ready.

21 MR. POLLMEIER: Hello, thank you. This  
22 is Vincent Pollmeier from Friends and Neighbors of  
23 Orange County Fairgrounds.

24 I just want to take this opportunity to  
25 thank the board and give due recognition to the

1 fact that you guys are dealing with a special  
2 meeting -- that may not be the correct legal  
3 term -- a non-normally scheduled monthly meeting  
4 to deal with this item, and I think that shows --  
5 I think that's worthy of grace, and then I thank  
6 you. And I hope we'll be doing more of that in  
7 the future, especially if we can continue doing  
8 these virtual meetings even after the pandemic  
9 ends. Thank you.

10 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Vincent.

11 That's it for public comments, Vice Chair  
12 Rubalcava-Garcia.

13 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you.

14 Now on the governance process, Agenda  
15 Item 6A, discuss the May 2020 letter from Spectra  
16 regarding termination of OC Marketplace Rental  
17 Agreement, and vote on whether to take specific  
18 actions including enforcement, termination or  
19 renegotiation of OC Marketplace Agreement.

20 At this time, Summer, can we go ahead and  
21 take public comment first?

22 SECRETARY ANGUS: We sure can.

23 We have -- I'll call the first three  
24 speakers: Greg Silva, Jeanine Robbins, Mike  
25 Robbins, in that order.

Greg Silva, when you are ready.

I'll call one more time, Greg Silva, when you're ready. We can always circle back.

MR. SILVA: Good morning. Can you hear me?

SECRETARY ANGUS: We can hear you. Thank you.

MR. SILVA: Good morning. My name is Greg Silva. I've been a vendor out in the Orange County Marketplace for 30 years, been in the swap meet business for 45, and my family has been in for 60 years. So that's all we've done for many, many years. I'm hoping that you can guys come to some decision soon on what's going to happen with the Marketplace. I have many vendors and customers calling me asking me what's going on. Since I've been there so long, they seem to think I know what's going on.

I've been speaking to quite a few people, and they want this Marketplace back. I know right now it's a tough time, and many businesses are struggling and the Marketplace is one of them. I know a lot of places of retail are struggling, and their landlords are trying to do the best to keep them in business and the government is trying to

1 help with these loans and all these type of  
2 things. We do need help, and I'm hoping that we  
3 will reopen sooner than later, and I hope that you  
4 will come to the decision really quick. Thank you  
5 very much.

6 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you.

7 Jeanine Robbins, when you are ready.

8 MS. ROBBINS: Thank you, Summer.

9 My name is Jeanine Robbins, and we are  
10 also vendors of the Orange County Marketplace.

11 I'm speaking today to ask that you please  
12 proceed with renegotiations with Spectra for the  
13 Orange County Marketplace, otherwise known as the  
14 swap meet. The swap meet was open in 1969 in an  
15 empty parking lot here at the fairgrounds. Since  
16 that time it has been through many ups and downs,  
17 as with any longtime business.

18 It has grown and shrunk many times over  
19 the last 51 years. We personally have witnessed  
20 this as we have been vendors there since 1979, so  
21 41 years.

22 The swap meet has always community  
23 institution. It is the meeting place for the  
24 surrounding communities, drawing customers from  
25 all over Southern California as well as even from

1 other states.

2 Let's talk COVID-19. Some of the  
3 hardest -- everybody agrees that some of the  
4 hardest hit by this virus have been small  
5 businesses, so much so, in fact, that every  
6 governmental body from federal to state to local  
7 government is attempting to save small businesses.  
8 Let me point out that the swap meet is made up of  
9 hundreds of small businesses for whom the  
10 Marketplace is their primary retail location.  
11 These are businesses that are smaller than average  
12 and do not qualify for much of the aid that is  
13 being for various reasons. The primary reason  
14 being that we are not brick and mortar businesses.

15 Now we are asking for help. We ask you,  
16 please, to renegotiate with Spectra. There is no  
17 business small or large who is not attempting to  
18 renegotiate with their landlords at this time.  
19 Every business has had to make difficult  
20 decisions, as I'm sure you are aware.

21 This situation is a little different,  
22 though, and that thousands of small business are  
23 thousands of employees are dependent on this  
24 renegotiation. Help us rebuild. Let the Orange  
25 County Marketplace bring back that sense of

1 community that you feel is lost with the  
2 cancellation of the Orange County Fair. The  
3 vendors are anxious to get back to work. I get  
4 text messages each week from vendors as well as  
5 customers, and the question is always the same;  
6 when will the swap meet be open?

7 Please assist us, your 51-year partner,  
8 in reopening and rebuilding the Orange County  
9 Marketplace. The vendors will help in any way  
10 possible. Please don't let hundreds of small  
11 businesses go under. Thank you so much.

12 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Jeanine.

13 Mike Robbins, when you are ready.

14 MR. ROBBINS: I'm stuck. The phone is  
15 stuck. This is Mike Robbins. I've been at the  
16 Marketplace now for 41 years. So I want to talk  
17 about us. You know, there are many brick and  
18 mortar businesses and businesses in malls that  
19 have big investments. Well, our investment in the  
20 Marketplace in inventory and display is about a  
21 quarter million dollars. It's got to be  
22 equivalent to most any business out there, whether  
23 it's in a brick and mortar or in a mall. And we  
24 need to commitment now from the fairgrounds to  
25 keep small businesses in business.

1                   So I hope that the -- you guys will work  
2 on negotiations, will get everything cleared up,  
3 and most important for me, in my opinion, is the  
4 negotiations should consider a rent relief package  
5 at the end of the year, same thing they're doing  
6 for rent for brick and mortars and malls and  
7 restaurants and everything else, not only here in  
8 the United States but literally around the world.

9                   So you know we want to stay in business.  
10 We want all small businesses to stay in business.  
11 I think the fairgrounds right now, if you look at  
12 the budget, they're well fitted dollar-wise to  
13 support us to the tune of -- if they gave us free  
14 rent to the end of the year, it would be \$750,000.  
15 And certainly that would be a very small amount to  
16 support a small business, but a business that has  
17 supported the fairgrounds now for 51 years, which  
18 is the Marketplace, and I believe it contributed  
19 hundreds of millions of dollars to the  
20 fairgrounds. If you guys could check with  
21 management on that, it's hundreds of millions of  
22 dollars, and also contributed to the fairgrounds  
23 it's net, net, net.

24                   That's just money that they get. There's  
25 no overhead costs to the fairgrounds, or very

1       little overhead cost to the fairgrounds. Anyway,  
2       we're small business. We need your help. Please  
3       do your best. And some sort of relief at the end  
4       of the year would be probably essential for us to  
5       survive and to move forward in this environment.

6               I hope everybody is safe, and I thank you  
7       all for listening. Hopefully I'll talk to you all  
8       soon. Thank you so much.

9               SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Mike.

10              Next we have Reggie Mundekis followed by  
11       Vincent Pollmeier.

12              Reggie, when you're ready.

13              MS. MUNDEKIS: Hi, good morning. I'm  
14       Reggie Mundekis, and thank you for this  
15       opportunity to address you this morning.

16              I want to start with a little history of  
17       OC Marketplace. The OC Marketplace was started in  
18       1969, which is over 50 years ago and little has  
19       changed in the business model since then, while  
20       companies such as Ebay, Rakutan, Etsy, Amazon  
21       Marketplace, and numerous other Internet and  
22       e-commerce sites have come up and dramatically  
23       changed the way we buy and sell merchandise. The  
24       OC Marketplace has retained the same business  
25       model.

1                   As the staff report makes very clear, the  
2 Marketplace has been in a steady decline for many  
3 years, and it has been made clear in many  
4 presentations by the staff over the last couple of  
5 years. A lack of parking on the weekends limits  
6 the types of events that can be held at the OC  
7 Fairgrounds on the weekends.

8                   Spectra, which currently operates the  
9 Marketplace, was already paid to take over the  
10 lease for the Marketplace by a multi-year  
11 extension of their highly lucrative food,  
12 beverage, and alcohol contract.

13                   Spectra is part of the mega corporation,  
14 Comcast NBC, which is filled with very sharp  
15 business people, and quite frankly, if Spectra  
16 wanted to stay in the marketplace business, they  
17 would stay in the marketplace business, and  
18 Spectra has more than enough resources from their  
19 parent company, Comcast NBC to fund any  
20 improvements to the marketplace or to give free  
21 rent to their tenants. They don't need a state  
22 handout for this.

23                   Subsidizing OC Marketplace operations  
24 could be viewed as a gift of public funds, which  
25 is prohibited under the California Constitution,

1 and we need to stay out of that issue. The board  
2 should take advantage of Spectra's desire to get  
3 out of this contract and follow the lead of  
4 Spectra's Philadelphia management and accept their  
5 offer in exchange for signing over any real estate  
6 property, including the buildings in the parking  
7 lot and other property owned by Spectra at the  
8 Marketplace.

9 We're a little bit hampered in this  
10 negotiation because Spectra has refused to release  
11 the asset purchase agreement, which actually  
12 states what they purchased from Tel Phil.

13 We also have an opportunity here to  
14 reexamine what we could be doing with those  
15 parking lots on the weekends both from a parking  
16 standpoint and from an event standpoint. I and  
17 others recommend that staff should work with  
18 Tandem to determine what could be used for those  
19 parking lots instead of the OC Marketplace before  
20 plans are finalized. The OC Marketplace can be  
21 operated on an interim basis either by Spectra or  
22 by the OC Fairgrounds. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Summer, is  
24 that all for public comment?

25 SECRETARY ANGUS: We have one more.

Vincent Pollmeier, when you're ready.

MR. POLLMEIER: Thank you, Summer, thank you, Board.

Blockbuster, Tower Records, Circuit City, Montgomery Ward, Pier 1, all of these were once highly successful business ventures that were overcome by the passage of time and changes in business reality. They each have their DOTs, and they passionately hoped to extend those companies' existences. But devotion and passion cannot change the reality of evolving business models.

I have great affection for the OC Marketplace vendors. I've attended many times, and I've been a customer of a few of them, and hope to continue to be customers of some of them just not at the OC Marketplace.

The OC Marketplace's business model has not substantially changed in its 51 years of operation. In 1969 the OC Fairgrounds hosted one annual event, the OC Fair, and its parking lots and facilities stood idle most weekends. That's simply no longer the case. Moreover, the OC Marketplace has been in steady decline for more than a decade as a result of online sales, the changing nature of our economy, and the changing

nature of Orange County. These are not open to ups and downs; this is a secular trend.

Spectra's basis for asserting it can end its agreement may not be valid but the 32nd DAA should take this opportunity to let Spectra bow out.

In return we should require Spectra to return all the property rights and all tangible and intangible and all rights to structures it has in the parking lots to the 32nd DAA, so the 32nd DAA can focus on the future. Freeing the more than 3,000 parking spaces that are tied up by the OC Marketplace would allow for the scheduling of offsite events, and it would provide efficient parking to schedule multiple weekend events simultaneously, and it could allow the 32nd DAA to move louder events to Lot H in the south part of Lot A, which is farther from schools, parks, and church, and the residents of College Park.

It might even allow the 32nd DAA to perhaps become the future host of the highly successful OC Bureau Farmers Market. That's a function which is in more in keeping with the 32nd DAA's mission and role.

The 32nd DAA should work with its

1 long-time partner for marketing and sales to end  
2 the partnerships to determine options for how to  
3 proceed.

4 Tandem knows the market for events. They  
5 know the 32nd DAA. They can figure out and advise  
6 us the best ways to go in the future, but we need  
7 to come out with a clean slate to move forward,  
8 not subsidize a 50-year business model trapped in  
9 amber. Thank you.

10 SECRETARY ANGUS: Thank you, Vincent.

11 Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia, that  
12 concludes public comments.

13 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you,  
14 Summer. Thanks to all of our public comments.

15 Now I'd like to open it up to the board  
16 for discussion.

17 I'm going to start, just with a question  
18 to staff, Michele, can you give us -- I know we  
19 talked about this at the last meeting -- but can  
20 you give us a little bit of overview on the  
21 agreement between -- the Fair is not the operator  
22 of the OC Marketplace, that's Spectra? So Spectra  
23 could open up the Marketplace this Saturday if  
24 they would like to?

25 MS. RICHARDS: Yes. The County of Orange

1 received approval from the State to move into  
2 stage 2 over Memorial Day weekend. They released  
3 guidelines for the operations of malls, shopping  
4 centers, and swap meets, released those mid-May,  
5 and so what the process that is required is that  
6 the owner of the business attest to meeting the  
7 guidelines put out by the California Department of  
8 Public Health. Once they meet those guidelines,  
9 they were free to open.

10 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: And that  
11 would be something that the operator, or the owner  
12 being Spectra, would have to work with the County  
13 specifically to attain, not the 32nd DAA or OC  
14 Fair?

15 MS. RICHARDS: Yes, that's correct.

16 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you.

17 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Vice Chair  
18 Rubalcava-Garcia, this is Doug, I do have a couple  
19 questions for Michele, if I can move forward with  
20 that?

21 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Please.

22 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Could you -- I know  
23 it's in the staff report, but for benefit of those  
24 who may be listening in that do not have the staff  
25 report, can you review for the board the revenues

1 that are generated on an annual basis by Spectra  
2 as a part of the third management agreement and as  
3 a part of the Marketplace rental agreement.

4 MS. RICHARDS: Sure.

5 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Also, do we have a  
6 number of vendors that are actually at the  
7 Marketplace now in relation to during the peak  
8 years, if there's any comparison we have of those?

9 MS. RICHARDS: Yes. Let me answer the  
10 revenue question. And you're correct, Director  
11 La Belle, that this information is included for  
12 the public as well in the staff report. The base  
13 rent that Spectra pays including -- included in  
14 the annual revenue that's generated in the  
15 calendar year 2019, Spectra generated \$6.9 million  
16 in revenue to the District, 2 million of that came  
17 from the Marketplace rental agreement, that base  
18 rent that's paid every month. 4.8 million came  
19 from Food and Beverage Commission on the Spectra  
20 food service side, and then there's a \$100,000 in  
21 the annual capital contribution.

22 I don't have an exact number on the  
23 current Marketplace vendors. I know in its hay  
24 day the Marketplace had well over 2,000 merchants,  
25 and our estimate is that it's currently somewhere

1       between 2 and 400 merchants on any given weekend.  
2       You know, an exact number I don't have at this  
3       time.

4                   DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Thank you, Michele.

5                   MS. RICHARDS: Uh-huh.

6                   DIRECTOR KOVACEVICH: This is Director  
7       Kovacevich. I'll make a comment. I'm new on the  
8       board, and I've gotten up to speed, and I've been  
9       in business for a long time running my own  
10      companies, and I've leased several facilities, and  
11      from my understanding we are leasing this to  
12      Spectra to operate. And, you know, as much as we  
13      want to support the small businesses and get this  
14      open, we can't take action and do that. It is up  
15      to Spectra, the tenant to do that, and we're  
16      encouraging them to do so. We'd love to see the  
17      Marketplace to open and for the vendors to be  
18      allowed to sell their products. We're hoping that  
19      takes place.

20                  In regards to the comments about the  
21       model. Obviously business models evolve over  
22       time, and we're certainly, at least from my  
23       perspective, we would like to see the Marketplace  
24       model continue to evolve and improve. Ultimately,  
25       again, it's up to the tenant to be able to do

1 that. If we were leasing a retail store, for  
2 example, and we wanted to make it more engaging to  
3 the public to be able to come in, it wouldn't be  
4 the landlord's responsibility to redo the layout  
5 of that store, it's up to the tenant.

6 So as much as we want to help, we are bit  
7 limited, and we're hoping that Spectra can take  
8 action here to, number 1, reopen and allow for the  
9 vendors to come back, and, number 2, work to  
10 improve the business model over the remainder of  
11 their contract to be able to make it more  
12 conducive to what the public is hoping to get out  
13 of this facility. And when the contract is up at  
14 the termination of it, certainly the board is  
15 going to evaluate every possible option, including  
16 taking back over the facility, but we do have a  
17 legal contract, and at this point we're not in a  
18 position to override that and come in and take our  
19 own action, because we have given the rights to  
20 that over to the tenant, which is Spectra.

21 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you.

22 Any additional comments on this  
23 discussion item or action item?

24 DIRECTORAITKEN: This is Director  
25 Aitken, I just want to echo Director Kovecevich's

1 comments. We are in a bit of a difficult  
2 position, and I know everybody on the board is  
3 sympathetic to the vendors that want to reopen. I  
4 can assure you as a board, we are trying to work  
5 hard with Spectra to get them to reopen, but we  
6 are not in that position to take unilateral  
7 action. We bound by a contract, and we're going  
8 to adhere to the terms of that contract.

9 I would like to say that it's also the  
10 responsibility of Spectra to work the County  
11 Health Care Agency and submit the proper paperwork  
12 to reopen, given the swap meet has been allowed to  
13 reopen and those guidelines are out there, given  
14 that some of their concession stands are fixed  
15 structures and they can operate them under the  
16 current guidelines, we are asking them to reopen,  
17 we are asking them to be a partner, not just with  
18 the fair, but with the swap meet community, and we  
19 open to see them open very soon within the next  
20 week or two.

21 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you,  
22 Director Aitken, well said.

23 Any additional comments on this item?

24 Hearing that there is none, I think at  
25 this time there is no action to take, unless

1 there's a motion that somebody would like to make  
2 from the board. Anything to add, Michele?

3 MS. RICHARDS: I don't have anything.

4 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Okay. At  
5 this time I think we could go ahead and table this  
6 until the June meeting, which is on -- yeah, the  
7 June meeting, which is June 25th. Since I'm  
8 hearing no further discussion on the item, I think  
9 that would be the course of action to take.

10 MR. CAPLAN: Director Rubalcava-Garcia,  
11 this is Josh. For the benefit of our court  
12 reporter and members on the phone, maybe if there  
13 could be a motion and a second to table this  
14 agenda item to the next board meeting and then  
15 have a roll call vote to confirm that there's  
16 consensus.

17 DIRECTOR AITKEN: This is Director  
18 Aitken, I agree to make that motion.

19 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: I second.

20 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Perfect.  
21 Thank you, Director Ashleigh, thank you, Director  
22 La Belle, thank you, Director Aitken.

23 SECRETARY ANGUS: I will go ahead and  
24 take the roll call vote.

25 Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia?

1 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Yes.

2 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Ruiz?

3 I'll come back.

4 Director Bagneris?

5 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Aitken?

6 DIRECTOR AITKEN: Yes.

7 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director La Bella?

8 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Yes.

9 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Pham?

10 Director Pham?

11 SECRETARY ANGUS: Director Kovacevich?

12 DIRECTOR KOVACEVICH: Yes.

13 SECRETARY ANGUS: I'm going to circle

14 back, Director Ruiz?

15 DIRECTOR BAGNERIS: It may be he's on

16 mute. He needs to press star 6.

17 SECRETARY ANGUS: I'm looking now. If

18 you may be muted, you might need to press star 6,

19 Director Pham or Director Ruiz for the roll call

20 vote.

21 We have five yes votes. Josh, can we

22 leave it at that?

23 MR. CAPLAN: Yeah, that's a majority.

24 Can you just, again, because we're not in the same

25 room and it's challenging, can you read out who

1 the five "yes" votes were.

2 SECRETARY ANGUS: Yes votes: Vice Chair  
3 Rubalcava-Garcia, Director Bagneris, Director  
4 Aitken, Director La Belle, and Director  
5 Kovacevich.

6 MR. KAPLAN: Yes, thank you. The motion  
7 carries with that. Thank you.

8 SECRETARY ANGUS:

9 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you,  
10 I'm going to go ahead and just do final comments  
11 from the board, and then we will adjourn the  
12 meeting. We'll go ahead and start with Director  
13 Aitken.

14 DIRECTOR AITKEN: Thank you. I'm really  
15 glad we were all able to take the time to discuss  
16 this important issue. I'm glad everybody is safe  
17 and doing well. I just wanted to make a general  
18 comment about some of the things that are going  
19 on, and I wanted to thank both Chair Cervantes and  
20 Vice Chair Rubalcava-Garcia for agendizing at our  
21 next board meeting an agenda item that's going to  
22 center around creating a diversity committee for  
23 this fair board. We are all horrified by what is  
24 going on in our community, and we want to do  
25 everything we can to say and commit to our

1 community at large that we stand with our diverse  
2 community, we stand with our African American  
3 brothers and sisters in Orange County, and we, as  
4 board, are going to meet and do everything we can  
5 to reaffirm our commitment to be an open,  
6 welcoming and affirming space for everyone. Thank  
7 you very much.

8 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you.  
9 Director Bagneris.

10 DIRECTOR BAGNERIS: Yes, echoing what  
11 Director Aitken just said, but I want to share my  
12 story so bad. These are tough times as a member  
13 of the black community and having been black since  
14 been birth, there have been so many issues that  
15 I'm hoping that during this time will get  
16 resolved. I pray for the family of George Floyd.  
17 I pray for all of the people who are out in the  
18 Black Lives Matter marching across this country  
19 and I just ask for peace in this nation that  
20 hopefully get to that time.

21 I'm glad that the fair board is going to  
22 be looking at this and will have a statement on  
23 it. That is all. Thank you.

24 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you,  
25 Director Bagneris.

1 Director La Belle.

2 DIRECTOR LA BELLE: Just stay safe  
3 everyone, and we'll talk again at the next meeting  
4 on the 25th.

5 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you.

6 Director Kovacevich.

7 DIRECTOR KOVACEVICH: Thank you everyone  
8 for making the time to do this meeting today. I'm  
9 glad we got to do it. I want to reiterate our  
10 support for the vendors at the Marketplace. We've  
11 heard from a lot of them, and certainly we're very  
12 hopeful the marketplace can reopen, and we can --  
13 I can get to meet everybody and participate.

14 Thank you guys for reaching out. We're going to  
15 continue to monitor this and do the best we can,  
16 and I think that's what you expect from us and  
17 just know we're working on it constantly and look  
18 forward the next board meeting.

19 Thank you, guys.

20 VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you.

21 Director Ruiz.

22 DIRECTOR RUIZ: Hi good morning,  
23 everyone. I apologize, I was having an issue with  
24 my mute button earlier, and that's why I wasn't  
25 able to respond to the vote. I just wanted to

1 say, I don't have much to say other than to tell  
2 everyone to stay safe out there. We're not out  
3 of the woods yet with this pandemic. I'm hoping  
4 we can do that here sooner rather than later, and  
5 I'm hoping we can have a in-person meeting again  
6 here soon so I can see everyone again.

7                   Other than that, have a nice weekend  
8 coming up. Thank you.

9                   VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: Thank you  
10 Director Ruiz. I'm not sure if Director Pham is  
11 still on the call, but I will go ahead and call  
12 him just in case.

13                   Director Pham.

14                   SECRETARY ANGUS: I did get a text from  
15 him. His phone ended up dying.

16                   VICE CHAIR RUBALCAVA-GARCIA: I think I  
17 got covered everyone. Chair Cervantes is not on  
18 the call.

19                   I just wanted to mention that this past  
20 weekend Michele and several members of the staff  
21 including Kim, Marie, Joan, Monica, Bee, Evelyn,  
22 Carol, as well as Director Ruiz and myself were at  
23 the tower of 1 CAPFDD, Community Action  
24 Partnership Food Distribution Drive. We were able  
25 to give out 2500 food packages. So it was a

1 really wonderful experience. This will take place  
2 every Saturday until we're unable to do so. I do  
3 encourage people to volunteer and also get the  
4 word out, because there's still a significant  
5 amount of need in Orange County and in surrounding  
6 areas that I think this can provide some  
7 supplement resources for families who need extra  
8 food. I highly recommend it. It was a rewarding  
9 experience for myself, and it was fun to catch up  
10 with some of the staff, and Michele. It was a  
11 great experience.

12                   Please make sure that you let people  
13 know, and, everybody, meeting is adjourned.

14                   (WHEREUPON THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT  
15 10:28 A.M.)

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