

Board of Directors

OC Fair & Event Center,

88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

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To Board of directors:

OC Fair needs to revamp its operations. It makes people buy tickets in advance. If you try to buy tickets the day of for the family, they will be sold out. However, OC Fair does not allow people to buy parking tickets in advance. When we got there, there were No parking anywhere and not even on the streets or other businesses, after going around and around. The fair makes people spend hundreds of dollars in advance but people cannot even park and go in. Wasted money and wasted hours stuck in traffic. How do you make people buy tickets in advance but not allow advance parking ticket purchase?

Traffic was backed up many exits before on the freeway on the weekends, creating a traffic jam felt throughout the 55 and potential driving hazards. We almost got hit by several dangerous drivers trying to get in from the farthest lane suddenly into the fair exit ramp, partly because of walls of cars blocking Costa Mesa exit near the fair due to insufficient parking but people continue circling around the block in vain for hours and cannot get in. Even if you go to Disney which is much bigger and many more people go, there is no such chaos. It was a terrible waste of time and money, same for many families. If there is not enough parking, you should not allow people to spend money to pay for tickets if people cannot park and go in, because people's money is wasted and profited by the fair.

OC resident