

**Guillen, Dora**

**From:** Jo Carol <jocarol@ix.netcom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 11:52 AM  
**To:** Protectbackbay@gmail.com; COB\_Response; Katrina Foley  
**Subject:** Please STOP from Selling ...

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

PLEASE STOP FROM SELLING 1/3 ACRE OF BAY FRONT PARK LAND TO A PRIVATE HOMEOWNER FOR \$13,000.

**I have a strong desire that our public parklands be preserved (restored and unfenced) -- not sold -- and urging the Board of Supervisors to vote "no" on May 11.**

Dated April 22, 2021

I am a registered voter

Jo Carol Hunter

4220 Park Newport

Newport Beach, CA.



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**From:** Robyn Ashton <ashtonfamily@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 12:01 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** back bay property sale

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Print name Robyn Ashton

Sign name Robyn Ashton

Address 1972 Port Chelsea Place

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Date 4/22/2021 Are you a registered voter? X yes no

Mail/Email by May 8 to Friends of the Back Bay Park, 2549 Eastbluff Dr., Suite 727, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Email [protectbackbay@gmail.com](mailto:protectbackbay@gmail.com)

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**From:** Becky Nguyen <beckynn99@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 26, 2021 4:09 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** PETITION TO STOP THE OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM SELLING  
**Attachments:** Signed PETITION TO STOP THE OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FROM SELLING.pdf

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Please see my signed petition.  
Thank you

PETITION TO STOP THE OC BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS FROM SELLING 1/3 ACRE OF BAY  
FRONT PARK LAND TO A PRIVATE HOMEOWNER  
FOR \$13,000

As crazy as it sounds, the OC Board of Supervisors is preparing to declare 1/3 acre of a dedicated bay front park 'abandoned' and sell it for \$13,000. If 200 voters to sign a petition against this plan, we can stop this sale.

This land is adjacent to the Back Bay walking trail in front of 2600 Mesa Drive and was dedicated as a park in 1989. Sometime in the past, the adjacent homeowner fenced in this land and is now asking that it be declared 'abandoned' and sold to him for a nominal fee. The county used an appraisal by the homeowner to set the purchase price of \$13,000 and is prepared to make the sale. For comparison, smaller lots nearby are selling for over a million dollars. We feel that this land should NOT be sold but should remain park land (and be unfenced.)

The law to declare a park 'abandoned' states that if 200 Orange County registered voters sign a petition against this, the park cannot be declared abandoned. Please help us by (legibly) signing the petition below and mailing it to Friends of the Back Bay Park, 2549 Eastbluff Dr., Suite 727, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Please mail it before May 8.

You may also Email your comments to the OC Board of Supervisors at [response@ocgov.com](mailto:response@ocgov.com).

Please make copies of this petition to give to like-minded friends and neighbors and help us protect the park land in the Back Bay nature reserve.

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Print name Becky Nguyen

Sign name Becky Nguyen

Address 12819 Newhope St

Garden Grove CA 92840

Date 04/23/2021 Are you a registered voter? X yes no

Mail by May 8 to Friends of the Back Bay Park, 2549 Eastbluff Dr., Suite 727,  
Newport Beach, CA 92660. Alternatively, sign and send a screen shot to  
[Protectbackbay@gmail.com](mailto:Protectbackbay@gmail.com) Thank you for caring and helping.

Guillen, Dora

CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD DATE: 5/11/21 ITEM: 46

**From:** Michael Wellborn <wellborn.michael@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:34 AM  
**To:** Protectbackbay@gmail.com; COB\_Response; Blackwood, Stacy  
**Subject:** Opposition to Parkland Abandonment Proposal  
**Attachments:** 4-27-21 Petition.pdf

*Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.*

*Good morning ~*

*I urge the County Board of Supervisors to NOT approve the abandonment of park property in Upper Newport Bay.*

Michael Wellborn  
9840 La Amapola Avenue  
Fountain Valley, CA 92708



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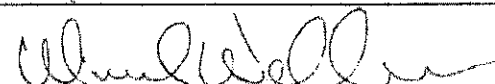
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Print name

Michael Wellborn

Sign name



Address

9840 LA ANAPOLA

FOUNTAIN VALLEY 92708

Date

4-27-21

Are you a registered voter?

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yes

☐ no

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**From:** Marilyn Brewer <maybrew@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:30 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Back Bay Property

**Attention:** This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.  
"Gift of public funds"  
Board of Supervisors,

It has recently come to my attention that the OC Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution of intent to abandon Property lo

located in back Bay.

It is inconceivable to me why you would take property already in public domain and is used by countless Orange County residents and sell it for a pittance. This property needs to remain in the OC Parks system for everyone's enjoyment.

I would like to point out to you that if this property is sold for below market value, it is considered a "gift of public funds". This action is against the law and violates your oath of office.

Please reconsider the action taken and abandon this proceedings. Serve the people who put you in office.

Best regards,  
Assemblywoman Marilyn C. Brewer, ret.  
4 Rue Chamonix, Newport Beach Calif. 92660

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CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD DATE: 5/11/21 ITEM: 4/0

From: Megan Delaney <megandelaney@ca.rr.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:32 PM  
To: COB\_Response  
Subject: OC's intent to abandon the parcel of parkland APN 439-051-14, PR47D-301

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors

While walking on the path around the back bay, my husband, son and I came upon documentation hanging on a fence post describing the proposed sale of an "abandoned" parcel of parkland to a homeowner. As longtime residents of Costa Mesa, the Back Bay Park is one of our favorite places to take a nature walk. We think this proposed sale is appalling:

1. There must be a compelling reason to **EVER** sell public parkland into private hands. There is no good reason this property should be sold as "abandoned." It's part of the setback from the original proposed University Road that was abandoned and relocated at least 20 years ago.
2. All the properties along Mesa Drive have big setbacks from the walking trail that preserve the sense of wilderness. Allowing this property to be sold as private property and developed would be detrimental to the park. This piece of property comes right down to within a few yards of the trail.
3. This sale will provide a precedent for the sale of other adjacent parcels of the Parkland, further eroding the Back Bay Park's size and quality.
4. I have read that the proposed price for this 13,000 square foot parcel (with a view) is \$13,000. I have a house on 6,200 square feet of land – and it's worth a lot more than \$13,000. **IF** this sale continues, it should be for a reasonable amount of money that is confirmed by an independent appraiser.
5. **As an OC voter, the optics are really, really bad, and this is a bipartisan issue.** It is interesting that a major Republican donor is getting a steal of a deal using a seldom used abandonment process for a giveaway. My registered Republican friends are upset about this.

The fact that the homeowner put up an illegal fence should also be addressed. It should be removed and the land that has been affected should be remediated.

I hope you all do the right thing and stop this appalling and illegal sale of public property.

Thank you,

Megan Delaney, Michael Bigelow and Samuel Bigelow

Guillen, Dora

CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD DATE: 5/11/21 ITEM: 46

From: Linda Lynes <lindaclynes@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 8:44 PM  
Subject: Petition AGAINST Back Bay Park Land Sale

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Robert Sparks <j\_bsparks@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 8:54 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Petition to stop sale of Back Bay parkland  
**Attachments:** Petition .pdf

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Attached is my signed petition against the sale of park land to a private party.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Julie Sparks

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Print name JULIE N. SPARKS

Sign name Julie N. Sparks

Address 2201 PRIVATE RD

NEWPORT BEACH CA 92660

Date 4/30/21 Are you a registered voter? ☒ yes ☐ no

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**From:** Aloha Tisha <alohatisha@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 2:11 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Petition for Newport Back Bay  
**Attachments:** Back Bay Petition.pdf

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Tisha Benson

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11



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By my signature below, I am requesting that the abandonment proceeding be terminated. Moreover, I am also requesting that the private fence around our public property be removed.

Print name Tisha Bero

Sign name Tisha Bero

Address 2047 Eastbluff Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Date 4/29/2021

Are you a registered voter? ☒ yes ☐ no

**Guillen, Dora**

**From:** Charlene MacDonald <charm7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 30, 2021 1:02 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Abandoned Property on Back Bay at 2600 Mesa Drive

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Dear OC Board of Supervisors,

I live across the bay from said property and watched the fence issue progress. This property has been confiscated by the property owner, not abandoned by the county parks. The walking trail is used by many - some on bikes, some on horses, some walking and running. We need this property to stay as park land for all to enjoy!!!

As for the appraisal by the homeowner, did they consider the property taxes that have not been paid by them? And the value of bayside property today? \$13,000 for 1/3 acre does not relate to reality in 2021.

Thanks you for your attention to this matter,

Charlene MacDonald

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**From:** Pam Carrie <pamanddoug@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 02, 2021 10:42 PM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Sale of the Upper Back Bay, Newport Beach

*Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.*

*Hello Members of the BOS,*

*It is very upsetting to us that the BOS has offered a parcel of the Newport Back Bay to a developer, John Buck, for the outrageously low sum of \$13,000. We are appalled that the BOS is making such frivolous decisions. It is time to re-consider what prior Chairperson Michelle Steel thought was a good idea. It is definitely not a good idea!*

*Pam and Doug Carrie  
11 Taylor Place  
Laguna Niguel, CA 92677*

*pamanddoug@cox.net*

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**From:** LYNN LORENZ <lynnierlo@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 03, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** COB\_Response  
**Subject:** Item #46 on the Supervisor's May 11 Agenda

Attention: This email originated from outside the County of Orange. Use caution when opening attachments or links.

To the attention of Chairman Do and Fellow Supervisors  
Orange County Board of Supervisors

Delivered via email

With great dismay we have learned that the Orange County Board of Supervisors is considering selling a piece of public property worth over one million dollars to a private individual for just thirteen thousand dollars. County staff has asserted that this land is "not needed" for public park purposes, the park being the Upper Newport Bay Nature preserve. It is a piece of public land which has been privately fenced disallowing the many uses that it would provide the public as an integral part of the Nature Preserve. Because it has been fenced off, it's potential to the public has not been realized and thus discounted by the County staff.

This vital piece of land definitely needs to be returned to the public and the private fence should be removed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Lorenz  
434 Redlands Avenue  
Newport Beach, CA 92663

Sent from my iPad