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Today's Date: 05/17/2020	Requested Board Date: 05/18/2020
Requestor Name: Darryle Wallace	Phone: (407) 480-8540
Address: 6932 Minippi Drive Orlando, FL 32818	Email: darrylew Wallace1879@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): Ygrene	
Submitted By: Alpha Energy and Solar Solutions, LLC	
Comment: Good afternoon I'm Darryle Wallace and I do Sales and Marketing for Sunologi Solar. Currently, we install Solar Equipment, Water Treatment Systems, Solar Reflective home coatings and many Energy Efficiency Products. My team and I currently work in and around Orange County currently. Once I heard that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that Ygrene was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and Ygrene/PACE has really helped homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied" This is incredibly important to us and our continued business growth. I have a portfolio of several homeowners that would benefit from this program.	
Have you received or been promised any compensation or anything else of value, including money or gifts, related to this public comment? No	
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Requestor Name: Edward Sweat	Phone: (407) 452-9957
Address: 102 E 1st Street Sanford, FL 32771	Email: ed@sunologi.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): : Orange Co Public Comment Strategy Suggestions for SELF Agenda Item on 5/19/20 / Contractor Engagement	
Submitted By: Ygrene/PACE	
Comment: I'm a Ygrene Contractor and Sunologi, Inc. We install Solar Equipment, Solar powered Water Treatment Systems, High SEER HVAC System, Solar Reflective home coatings, and work in and around Orange County currently. Once I found out that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that Ygrene was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and Ygrene/PACE has really helped homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied" This is incredibly important to us and our continued business growth. Edward Sweat CEO Sunologi, Inc.	
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Requestor Name: Henry Montenegro	Phone: (305) 322-9648
Address: 891 Sw 178 way Pembroke Pines Fl 33029	Email: henry_l_montenegro@homedepot.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Henry Montenegro	
Comment: I work for Home Depot Installation Services. We install high-impact windows and doors and work in and around Orange County currently. Once I found out that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that PACE was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and PACE has really helped homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied	
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Requestor Name: Joseph Magro	Phone: (727) 804-7290
Address: 12221 N US HIGHWAY 301 THONOTOSSASA <i>FL</i>	Email: jmagro@titansolarpower.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): FL	
Submitted By: Joseph Magro	
Comment: I represent an electrical contractor and have seen many homeowners use PACE funding for important projects on their home that they otherwise could not afford due to lack of savings, credit below 650, and other hardships. PACE allows them to protect their home, fix a poor roof, or improve efficiency when they otherwise might not be able to. Please add PACE to the agenda for discussion and vote. Thank you for your consideration.	
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Requestor Name: Justin Fiechter	Phone: (407) 338-6106
Address: 1410 Massachusetts Ave St Cloud FL 34769	Email: Justinfiechter@hotmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Pace	
Comment: I'm Justin Fiechter and work for covenant roofing. We install new roofs and work in and around Orange County currently. Once I found out that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that PACE was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and PACE has really helped homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied	
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Requestor Name: Brian arleth	Phone: (352) 314-3625
Address: 1410 Emerson st. Leesburg, FL 34748	Email: Brian.covenantRNC@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Brian	
Comment: "I'm Brian Arleth and work for Covenant Roofing & Construction, Inc. We install hurricane rated roofing systems and work in and around Orange County currently. Once I found out that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that PACE was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and PACE has really helped homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied"	
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Today's Date: 05/15/2020	Requested Board Date: 05/15/2020
Requestor Name: Dan couse	Phone: (352) 973-3674
Address: 1410 Emerson st Leesburg	Email: Dancouse.crc@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): FL	
Submitted By: Dan couse	
Comment: Hello, I work for Covenant Roofing. We install high quality Roofing solutions and work in and around Orange County currently. Once I found out that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that PACE was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and PACE has really helped many homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), Pace will allow them to afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied. I already use this type of funding in Osceola, Marion, brevard, citrus counties to help many families. Please consider adding this service to the very grateful residents of orange county. Dan Couse Covenant Roofing and Construction 352-973-3674 Covenantrooffl.com	
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Today's Date: 05/18/2020	Requested Board Date: 05/18/2020
Requestor Name: LEI Home Enhancements	Phone: (407) 641-2117
Address: 5401 S Kirkman Rd. Suite 310 Orlando, FL 32819	Email: windows@leiflorida.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Kirk Johnson	
Comment: LEI Home Enhancements, located in Orlando for the last 2 1/2 years provides energy efficient replacement windows. We kindly ask that you would also consider PACE as an option for residential property owners. We have been able to provide much needed improvements in counties and areas in Central Florida that offer the PACE program because it provided homeowners a great option for financing and sometimes their only option. Many homeowners would not have been able to improve their property without the PACE program and with the current situation in our country, financing is becoming even more difficult, so PACE will be even more important. Thank you for your time and consideration.	
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Requestor Name: Luis Barreto	Phone: (321) 444-2866
Address: 940 W OAKLAND AVE. SUITE A7 Oakland, FL, 34787	Email: lbarreto@solarsage.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Luis Barreto	
Comment: As a resident and business owner of Orange County, I appreciate that the Board of County Commissioners is taking the time to consider improving financing for property owners in Orange County, particularly at this time of pandemic and the economic uncertainty resulting from that. We understand that you are granting the option of SELF as a tool for property owners in the County, and would ask that you consider residential (Property Assessed Clean Energy) PACE at the same time. Unlike SELF, approving PACE for the County will be at NO COST to the County. Across our State PACE has delivered over \$1 billion of sustainability and resiliency property improvements, the majority of them in the category of windstorm mitigation which will help the state and its communities fare much better in future storm events, and help return the property insurance market back to a more sustainable situation. In most cases, property owners can see annual property insurance premium savings of between 25 and 50%. The burden of storm impacts can also be reduced helping the Counties and Cities with the potential allocation of tax dollars on post storm debris clean-up and economic assistance programs. The reduction in energy usage from PACE financed projects is also important and contributes to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Our neighboring counties including Osceola and Brevard have enabled PACE through multi-provider PACE resolutions making the unincorporated areas and other municipalities available for PACE. Several of the Cities within Orange County have also enabled PACE (Orlando, Apopka and Winter Park). This particularly has affected us as a small business and has been the main source of growth. We currently use PACE in Osceola County and the city of Orlando and it provides over 75% of the finance of our customers. Having PACE available in Orange county will be a great benefit for small business as well as for customers. The current situation has seen unsecured forms of financing for home improvements withdrawn from the market making PACE an even more important opportunity for local businesses and homeowners. Thank you for your time and consideration. Luis Barreto, PE CVC57058 PE 82006	
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Requestor Name: Everette Edwards	Phone: (336) 707-1599
Address: 13300 Tanja King Blvd Orlando	Email: Eedwards@canterpowersystems.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Everette Edwards	
Comment: I'm Everette Edwards with Canter Power Systems. We Install and maintain Generac Residential Emergency Stand-by generator systems and work in and around Orange County currently. We install more residential generator systems than any other contractor in the USA. Once I found out that a home improvement financing program was being voted on, I was surprised that PACE was not included in the legislation today. We are about to hit hurricane season and PACE has really helped homeowners, that we typically can't serve because of cash or high-interest lending constraints (and now the HELOC freeze), afford the complete retrofit that satisfies insurance policy requirements and can save them money. Many of the homeowners require back up power to operate critical medical devices. I think this is one of the better options in the marketplace and you should know that I don't get paid until the customer is satisfied" Thank you for your consideration, Everette Edwards Canter Power Systems	
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Requestor Name: Chris Peterson	Phone: (858) 616-7500
Address: 4060 Paducah Dr San Diego, CA 92117	Email: chris@fortifi.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Chris Peterson	
Comment: a. If, as is evident by the SELF agenda item on consent tomorrow, Resiliency Financing is important to the County right now as it looks to recover quickly, effectively and resiliently from COVID19, then the PACE program should absolutely be on the agenda for consent approval as soon as possible. b. Over 155 Cities and 33 Counties in the State have enabled PACE and over 34 states in the US have enable PACE. PACE was enabled in the State of FL through legislation back in 2010 c. Over \$1 Billion in property improvements across all PACE programs that enhance wind storm resiliency, improve energy efficiency and generate renewable energy d. PACE both (1) removes the upfront cost obstacle for critical resiliency retrofits (roofs, windows, HVAC systems, renewable energy systems, etc.) and (2) makes the financing repayment manageable and predictable from an annual cash flow perspective e. The program is turn-key and can be turned-on through a resolution and agreements with existing PACE Districts at NO COST or RISK to the County f. Please follow the lead of neighboring Counties including Brevard and Osceola Counties and pass a resolution that turns on PACE for all of the County including cities that have yet to turn on PACE within the County	
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Requestor Name: James Vergara	Phone: (917) 250-0758
Address: 315 11th Street Atlantic Beach, FL 32233	Email: james@pacefunding.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing in Orange County	
Submitted By: James Vergara	
Comment: I would like to request that the County consider enabling property assessed clean energy financing for its residents and commercial property owners.	
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Dear Commisioners and Staff.

Support and Approve residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) in Orange County.

At the Board of Commissioners meeting tomorrow the Board will consider approving a grant of \$50,000 to the Solar and Energy Loan Fund of St Lucie County (SELF). We applaud the Board for opening up opportunities for property owners to make resiliency and energy efficiency upgrades to their properties before the impending hurricane season particularly during this time of unprecedented pandemic and economic crisis.

We would ask that the Board of Commissioners also take this opportunity to approve residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) which is a proven tool for homeowners across the State.

PACE was enacted to assist the property owners to finance energy efficiency, renewable energy, and storm resiliency improvements to their properties. The stability of PACE stems from the repayment mechanism whereby property owners repay their financing along with their annual property tax payments. PACE financing with a property tax lien results in lower interest rates, longer terms and lower payments than other forms of financing for these types of important projects. Since inception more than \$1bn of private capital has been utilized in Florida to deliver sustainability and resiliency property improvements through PACE. The majority of these projects are resiliency and storm hardening improvements which could result in insurance premium savings to property owners of 25% to 50% annually.. There are also resulting savings to the Counties and Cities in terms of post-storm debris clean-up and economic assistance programs. This is in addition to the sustainability goals achieved through energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements, and the benefits to the local economy through job creation.

Some key features of PACE financing and consumer protections include:

PACE financing a voluntary, special assessment on the subject property. The assessment may remain with the property in the event of a sale but this does not need to be the case. A seller may choose to pay off the assessment at the point of sale, as they would a Home Equity Loan (HELOC). A PACE assessment should not be a barrier to the sale of a property.

Qualifying products – only qualifying products in energy efficiency, renewable energy and storm or wind resiliency may be financed through PACE assessments

Length of financing – While the availability of long term financing is useful to many property owners, PACE financing terms are, by statute, tied to the useful life of the product. A property owner may not obtain financing for a project that goes beyond the expected life of the product. For example, wind resistant roofing and impact windows both have a lifespan of 20 years so financing may not go beyond that period, and a central air conditioning unit may not be financed for more than 15 years. Property owners can also always choose shorter terms for their financing.

Contractor oversight – PACE administrators conduct rigorous onboarding, training and monitoring of local contractors who are working in the local neighborhoods to achieve the property upgrades. These contractors need to be state licensed, bonded and insured. We conduct background checks and we also have the most frequent inspection policy in the industry (new contractors, random sample of existing contractors and all projects over a certain dollar threshold).

Clear PACE disclosures and welcome calls – in addition to receiving written disclosures, our customers participate in a recorded phone call with our representatives to make sure that they understand all the terms of the financing agreement. We offer both English and Spanish services.

Completion certificates and calls – contractors will only be paid once the contractor and homeowner have both signed off on the 100% completion of the project, and the homeowner participates in a second recorded call to verbally confirm they are happy with the project installation. We may also inspect the project prior to funding. This is not the case with other forms of financing.

Right to cancel – all property owners have the right to cancel their financing three business days after signing.

No reverse mortgages – PACE Funding does not allow any PACE financing for homeowners with reverse mortgages.

Demand for PACE in Orange County

PACE Funding Group works with a number of contractors who are based in the County employing local craftsmen and support staff.

In the last ten months that PACE Funding has been operating in Florida we have already been able to help 14 home owners and their families with upgrades in the Cities of Orlando and Apopka.

This represents a variety of different upgrades with seven different local home improvement companies including installation of solar systems, roofing, HVAC, and duct work and insulation.

Involvement of local contractors and economic impact of PACE

PACE financing gives local home improvement companies a financial tool to assist their customers. It helps contractors keep their staff employed, which is particularly important to them in the current economic situation.

PACE Funding Group

PACE Funding Group is a leading residential PACE funding company with a stable funding source – backed by a 100 year old, regulated bank. Headquartered in California where we have been an approved PACE administrator since 2015, we have a growing staff based in Florida. Including myself as Chief Investment Officer, we now have 12 staff based throughout the State working with a growing network of local contractors.

Approved in multiple states we have financed more than 9,000 residential PACE projects, invested \$300 million in local communities, created 2,000 jobs, and have contributed to the reduction of 21,356 metric tons of greenhouse gases annually.

Support residential PACE in Orange County

The pandemic and its effects on the economy have caused other unsecured forms of financing to be withdrawn from the marketplace, leaving residents with fewer choices and opportunities for their important resiliency projects. Recent news indicates that the hurricane season may well come earlier than expected and at a time when residents of the County are struggling to deal with the effects of the current pandemic and resulting economic situation. PACE remains an important tool and we ask that you support this as a choice for your residents.

James Vergara

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Address: 100 E Robinson St Orlando, Florida, 32801	Email: cparra@legalaidocba.org
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): N/A	
Submitted By: Camilo Parra	
Comment: Good Afternoon County Commissioners: My name is Camilo Parra. I am the housing attorney at the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association. Our office serves low-income, working-poor, disabled, elderly, and veteran individuals who cannot otherwise afford access to legal representation here in Orange County. Our clients will be the most affected population once the eviction moratoriums are lifted. Under normal circumstances, we consistently see a steady stream of pleas for help from individuals who face eviction actions. However, since the COVID-19 Emergency we have seen an alarming rise in egregious behavior from landlords such as unlawful "self-help" evictions. If the moratoriums are lifted all at once, we will see a flood of homeless seniors, families with children, and individuals who have fallen behind on their rent through no fault of their own. On behalf of these folks, we want to remind you that rental assistance alone will not prevent mass evictions. Please consider implementing county wide mandatory mediations for eviction proceedings, relief from the mandatory rent deposit which is required to even obtain an eviction hearing, and other measures which may slow down the eviction process so that we do not create a new homeless crisis here in Orange County. Respectfully, /s/ Cparra Camilo Parra Attorney At Law	
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From: Sally Baptiste <sallylbaptiste@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 10:00 AM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Mayor; District3, Mail; Uribe, Mayra M (Commissioner); Whatley, Cortez J; Jimenez, Paula A; District5, Mail; District4, Mail; District6, Mail; District1, Mail; District2, Mail
Subject: Public Comment for Orange County BCC Meeting - May 19, 2020

Public Comment for Orange County BCC Meeting - May 19, 2020

Sally Baptiste, 7027 Eaker Drive, Orlando, FL 32822, District 3

My public comment today is directed to both the Orange County Commission and Universal-Comcast.

It is time to do the right thing and return the \$125 million Universal-Comcast "Kirkman Extension" funds to the people of Orange County, Florida. I have confirmed with Orange County, these funds have not been transferred/disbursed to Universal-Comcast. Per information from Vice Mayor / Commissioner Emily Bonilla, there are options to reallocate these funds.

I opposed giving this money to a multi-billion dollar private corporation back in December because the people of Orange County need it more and it is not the role of government to fund private entities. There is an automatic conflict of interest when government supports corporations over the people they were elected to represent and serve.

Now, the people of Orange County, Florida, have been greatly impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic. The impact of this pandemic began in March 2020 when the decision was made to shutdown Orange County, Florida. The people had no voice or choice in this decision. Due to this pandemic shutdown, the needs of the people are greater now than before this \$125 million was originally taken from the people and given to Universal-Comcast. Additionally, due to the pandemic, the need for another massive entertainment park in Orange County needs to be reconsidered. At a minimum, it seems like this would be delayed for a few years. Growth in Orange County, Florida needs to be reviewed and the plan revised.

With all of that being said, Universal-Comcast and Orange County, Florida need to terminate the current agreement and return the people's money to the people. The people of Orange County, Florida need this money to address the new issues we now face due to the Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic. The people need these funds much more than a multi-billion dollar corporation needs the people's money.

Terminating this agreement is the RIGHT THING TO DO!

*Thank you,
Sally Baptiste
7027 Eaker Drive
Orlando, FL 32822
District 3*



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Today's Date: 05/19/2020	Requested Board Date: 05/19/2020
Requestor Name: Reenie Mcharg	Phone: (407) 837-2805
Address: 708 w columbia Ave Kissimmee 34741	Email: Reenieferraro1971@icloud.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Reenie Mcharg	
Comment: Good afternoon commissioner's, my name is Reenie Mcharg, I'm a member of Organize florida, and First I would like to thank all of you for allocating the 10 million dollars of funding toward the rental assistance fund, because many people are suffering financially due to the pandemic, through loss of jobs(at no fault of their own) however we need to do more for these constituents, like an expansion of eligibility with less restrictions and to hire more staff to process more applications also the county should also require a rental freeze on landlords whom have received funding through the Cares Act via the county for the state of emergency and 90 days after. Again thank you for your time. Reenie Mcharg Member of Organize Florida	
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Requestor Name: Alaina Slife	Phone: (407) 962-9979
Address: 5526 Parkdale Dr Orlando 32839	Email: alaina.sh.marshall@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): None	
Submitted By: Alaina Slife	
Comment: The eviction moratorium in Florida has only been extended til June 2nd, it still does not address the issue of direct assistance and unemployment. Working families will still lose their homes, they are unable to file for unemployment, and they are struggling to provide for their families. We need MUCH bolder action now or many more people in our communities will be homeless. We NEED our county leaders to act because our communities are in crisis. This is why we are asking Orange County Commissioners to help Orange County communities now: 1) Keep people in place right now: Redirect the \$10 million of the \$243 million allocated to the House Trust Fund to direct rental assistance, use CARES Act funding for increased capacity to deal with rental assistance cases: use some funds to hire more staff, and require rent freeze requirements on landlords who receive CARES Act funding. -- According to the numbers given to us by Commissioners, 20,000 people have applied for rental assistance and only 1,500 people have received it as of last week. 2) Prioritize people over corporations: Universal funding: \$125 million redirect to direct assistance. -- In December of 2019, Orange County Commissioners narrowly approved a \$125 million road deal with Universal Orlando, specifically for Epic Universe, despite hundreds testifying in opposition, urging the public funds be redirected to public transportation, housing, and other needs. Last week, Comcast officials announced that Epic Universe theme park construction in Orlando won't resume until the economy bounces back. We urge county commissioners to take this moment to redirect the \$125M away from 1.7 miles for road for a nonexistent theme park, and into the community. 3) Rent Stabilization During COVID: Declare a housing state of emergency and place a rent freeze on the ballot, so that voters can approve this August, to protect themselves in the year ahead.	
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Requestor Name: Krizia Aldana	Phone: (415) 756-5531
Address: 6548 Tanglewood Bay dr. apt. 1817 orlando, fl 32821	Email: kaldana@berkeley.edu
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Krizia Aldana	
Comment: I am a new resident in the state of Florida. So far, I have loved to call Orange County home. However, I live with immune compromised family members, and we need to move next month since our lease is up. Right now, I am caught between keeping my family safe from COVID, or making income in order to pay a deposit on an apartment for my family. As a resident of Orange County, I request that you fulfill the following: 1. Keep people housed during this time of crisis. If you do not have the capacity to fulfill rental assistance applications, then hire more workers. Not only will this help pending applications, but it will give work opportunities to those who's income has been impacted by COVID. 2. Prioritize people over business. Why is Universal getting so much money while people in housing crises still need rental assistance? Instead of a government bail-out for a corporation, the government should redirect those funds to direct assistance in order to keep people housed during this time of crisis. 3. Put a "rent freeze" on the ballot this August. People need protection this upcoming year because of the destabilization brought on by COVID. People will need a while to recover financially from this crisis. Keep people housed this upcoming year by letting them vote for a "rent freeze"	
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Requestor Name: Jessica Cross	Phone: (407) 968-7296
Address: 4737 Emerald Forest Way Orlando, FL, 32811	Email: Jessica.l.cross@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Jessica Cross	
Comment: Thank you for your hard work to serve our communities through this pandemic. Local government shines in this crisis and steps up to serve our communities and keep people safe. While we appreciate Governor DeSantis's executive order to extend the eviction moratorium until 12:01am on June 2nd, it still does not address the issue of direct assistance and unemployment. We know that working families will still lose their homes, are unable to file for unemployment, and are struggling to provide for their families. We need bolder action now or many more people in our communities will be homeless. We need our county leaders to act again because our communities are in crisis. I am asking Orange County Commissioners help Orange County communities in the way of: 1) Keep people in place right now: Redirect the \$10 million of the \$243 million allocated to the House Trust Fund to direct rental assistance, use CARES Act funding for increased capacity to deal with rental assistance cases: use some funds to hire more staff, and require rent freeze requirements on landlords who receive CARES Act funding. 2) Prioritize people over corporations: Redirect the \$125 million funding for Universal's Epic Universe theme park towards direct community assistance. 3) Rent Stabilization During COVID-19: Declare a housing state of emergency and place a rent freeze on the ballot, so that voters can approve this August, to protect themselves in the year ahead.	
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Requestor Name: Miguel Morales	Phone: (407) 401-2794
Address: 5302 Dexter St Orlando, FL, 32807	Email: majorosmosis@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Miguel Morales	
Comment: I am writing to express my strong opinion that significantly more rental assistance is needed in order to prevent widespread displacement of renters in Orange Co. economically impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Already our region has been experiencing a rapid rise in rental costs, which has undermined affordability for low- to moderate-income families. Now the pandemic has increased the housing affordability crisis to epic proportions. Currently, it is estimated that more than 20,000 residents of Orange Co. are seeking rental assistance, yet only ~1,500 have received assistance to date. We are already two months into this crisis. A major initiative on the part of the county is warranted. Please strongly consider re-allocating federal funding currently earmarked for propping up big businesses not only to cover the gap in funding needed for rental assistance, but also, to provide direct assistance. Big business is much better positioned to weather this crisis than the working-class people who form the backbone of Central Florida's service-industry oriented economy. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns. I look forward to participating in today's BCC hearing. All the best, Miguel E. Morales Orlando, FL - 32807 O.C. District 5	
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Requestor Name: Elba DANIELS-PRYCE	Phone: (407) 953-8460
Address: 7101 Pomelo Drive Orlando	Email: elba@organizeflorida.org
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department): FL	
Submitted By: Elba DANIELS-PRYCE	
Comment: Thank you for your hard work to serve our communities through this pandemic. Local government shines in this crisis and steps up to serve our communities and keep people safe. While we appreciate Governor DeSantis's executive order to extend the eviction moratorium until 12:01am on June 2nd, it still does not address the issue of direct assistance and unemployment. We know that working families will still lose their homes, they are unable to file for unemployment, and they are struggling to provide for their families. We need bolder action now of many more people in our communities will be homeless. We need our county leaders to act again because our communities are in crisis. This is why we are asking Orange County Commissioners to help Orange County communities now: 1) Keep people in place right now: The County is considering \$243 million federal CARES Act dollars; we are glad to see \$10M of that allocated for rental assistance, as the county's current \$1.8M is not enough. However we need to expand eligibility with less restrictions and to hire more staff to process these applications. The County should also require rent freeze requirements on landlords who receive CARES Act funding via the County for the state of emergency plus, ninety days for recovery. 2) Prioritize people over corporations: Universal funding: \$125 million redirect to direct assistance. -- In December of 2019, Orange County Commissioners narrowly approved a \$125 million road deal with Universal Orlando, specifically for Epic Universe, despite hundreds testifying in opposition, urging the public funds be redirected to public transportation, housing, and other needs. Last week, Comcast officials announced that Epic Universe theme park construction in Orlando won't resume until the economy bounces back. We urge county commissioners to take this moment to redirect the \$125M away from 1.7 miles for road for a nonexistent theme park, and into the community. 3) Rent Stabilization During COVID: Declare a housing state of emergency and place a rent freeze on the ballot, so that voters can approve this August, to protect themselves in the year ahead.	
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Requestor Name: Kristina Morales	Phone: (504) 250-8618
Address: 6153 Raleigh St #1321 Orlando	Email: kristinamoralessmusic@gmail.com
Previous Contact with Orange County Staff (If Any) Regarding This Matter (Name/Department):	
Submitted By: Kristina Morales	
Comment: Please support Orlando citizens in widening the reach of rental assistance or helping us leave our leases without penalty. Personally, I've been laid off due to Covid 19 at my company. I accepted my lease under the terms of the money I was making at my office. Without being able to match that income again I will not be able to support my lease anymore. Unfortunately the terms of my lease state that if I break my lease early I must pay a \$2,000 penalty. Under the circumstances I find this highly unfair as I would not be leaving if I still could afford to live there. I had a secure future with my company but Covid 19 triggered major layoffs. Please assist us.	
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