




November 20, 2018

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Ajit M. Lalchandani, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Open Discussion
DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEM DECEMBER 4, 2018

The following item has been submitted for open discussion at the December 4, 2018 Board meeting:

- District 5 – Orange County Long Term Recovery Group – Building Permit Fees

The information related to this item is attached.

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Attachment



To: Mayor-Elect Jerry Demings
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

From: Commissioner Emily Bonilla, District 5

Date: November 19, 2018

Subject: Open Discussion: Orange County Long Term Recovery Group – Building Permit Fees

The Orange County Long Term Recovery Group (OCLTRG) and Rebuilding Orlando have collaborated to address unmet needs as a result of Hurricane Irma in Orange County. As you are aware, Hurricane Irma's devastation still lingers for many Orange County residents and with the help of these organizations, many issues will be solved.

In order to help facilitate and accelerate the process, I would like to discuss how Orange County could reduce and/or eliminate building permit fees for contractors utilized by OCLTRG and Rebuilding Orlando. OCLTRG's executive director, Katharine Purnell, has proposed that they would like to repair (10) houses per month over the next year that would require permits.

I have attached two documents, one that will explain OCLTRG's mission, and another that will explain their issue with building permit fees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Commissioner Emily Bonilla

Cc: Ajit Lalchandani, County Administrator
Chris Testerman, Assistant County Administrator
Randy Singh, Assistant County Administrator
Jon Weiss, Director, Community, Environmental, and Development Services
Alan Plante, Manager, Building Safety
Cheryl Gillespie, Agenda Development Office Supervisor

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November 5, 2018

Orange County Government Florida
Board of County Commissioners
201 S Rosalind Ave, 5th Floor
Orlando, FL 32801

Dear Commissioners,

We are a non-profit organization addressing the critical repair needs of low income homeowners in Orange County Florida that experienced hurricane Irma storm damage. We propose to repair an estimated ten (10) houses per month over the next year that will require permits. We will provide our services free of charge to the homeowner. This letter is being provided to the Orange County Florida, Board of County Commissioners to request the waiver of building permit fees.

A waiver of associated fees will enable us to address more repairs in less time. The outcome will be helping our residents establish a sound emotional, physical foundation that helps them to be resilient while also improving the safety and health of their homes and revitalizing our communities.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you and I will follow up in one week to obtain an update.

Sincerely,

Katharine Purnell, Executive Director
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----- **RISE ORANGE COUNTY** -----
Orange County Long Term Recovery Group

After a major disaster, like hurricane Irma, there is still a need to re-establish a healthy, functioning community that will sustain itself over time. The **Orange County Long Term Recovery Group** began organizing and meeting in March 2018. The group consists of community partners dedicated to disaster recovery and preparedness.

MISSION: to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination in Orange County by sharing information, simplifying resident access to services, and jointly resolving cases of unmet disaster-related recovery needs.

Primary Focus:

- Identifying individuals and families with unmet needs as a result of hurricane Irma in Orange County
- Providing case management in order to prioritize how the needs will be met
- Delivering goods, services, and funds to meet those needs

Who We Are: The Orange County Long Term Recovery Group includes faith-based, non-profit, and for-profit organizations willing to meet and pool their resources together into one fund to help vulnerable populations recover from a disaster. Anyone who has access to resources (financial, volunteer, material, special skills, etc.) to assist survivors with their recovery is invited to join the OCLTRG. Below are participating members thus far.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)
Orange County Office of Emergency Management
Volunteer Florida
American Red Cross
Salvation Army
Heart of Florida United Way
Rebuilding Together of Central Florida
United Against Poverty
Volunteers for Community Impact
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Center for Independent Living
Catholic Charities of Florida
Homeless Services Network
Jewish Family Services
Housing and Community Development
Islamic Society of Central Florida
The Mustard Seed of Central Florida
Community Resource Network of Central Florida
El Redentor Presbyterian Church
City of Orlando
First Baptist Orlando
Christ Church of Unity
United Church of Christ
First United Methodist Winter Park
Hispanic Family Counseling
Equity Prime Mortgage

BRACE (Be Ready Alliance Coordinating for Emergencies)
World Renew Disaster Response Services
HBI (Home Builders Institute)
Endeavors
Orlando Union Rescue Mission
Hearts and Hands Disaster Recovery
A Gift for Teaching
United Global Outreach
County Commissioner Victoria Siplin
County Commissioner Emily Bonilla

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