



RESOLUTION #20-04-01

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANAHEIM MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR ANAHEIM RESORT GIVEAWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the pre-Covid poverty rate in Anaheim was 15%, with 90% of Anaheim students participating in free/reduced lunch programs and 1000 more receiving privately donated dinners each school day, and an estimated 4000 kids are in unstable housing and thousands of Anaheim residents are now without reliable financial resources due to widespread business closures, layoffs and inadequate government assistance programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Harry Sidhu, without full Council collaboration and without any meaningful opportunity for community input, proposed and caused to be passed (5-2 with Councilman Moreno and Councilwoman Barnes in opposition) a \$6.5 million dollar taxpayer giveaway to VisitAnaheim Marketing Bureau while simultaneously lobbying in Washington and Sacramento for City relief funds due to financial hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, increasingly scarce City resources should be directed toward the most marginalized residents instead of private resort interests responsible for tens of thousands of layoffs and the elimination of medical insurance benefits for former employees.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party of Orange County opposes the \$6.5 million taxpayer paid corporate giveaway and urges that these funds be used for immediate food and housing relief programs directed toward the most marginalized residents, including undocumented persons who do not qualify for the existing government relief programs; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party of Orange County further demands an immediate return of the first of three installments already paid and further calls that the second and third installments be redirected back to the City treasury immediately.

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