

# 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 land was fenced in and the adjacent homeowner 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 sign, scan and Email it to [ProtectBackBay@gmail.com](mailto:ProtectBackBay@gmail.com).

You may Email your comments (but not the petition) 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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Dear Orange County Board of Supervisors:

I am signing and submitting this petition in objection to Orange County's intent to abandon the parcel of parkland known as APN 439-051-14, PR47D-301 (the "Property"). The Property is part of the Back Bay which is enjoyed by countless residents for recreational opportunities and its natural qualities. Allowing the Property to become privately owned will remove valuable park land from the public and could allow for degradation of the Back Bay's character. Simply put, the Property that was dedicated to the County in 1989 as park land for the enjoyment of all Orange County residents should remain under public ownership as originally intended.

Procedurally, on January 26, 2021, the Orange County Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution of Intent to Abandon the Property as required by the County Park Abandonment Law of 1959 (California Government Code section 25580). This petition objecting to such abandonment, if signed by more than 200 Orange County voters and timely submitted to the Board of Supervisors in accordance with Section 25586 of the California Government Code, requires termination of the January 26<sup>th</sup> abandonment proceeding or, alternatively, that the question of abandonment is put to Orange County voters. By my signature, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Sign name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a registered voter? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

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