

Stephanie Rojas

From: NSDC NAACP <nsdcnaacp@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 12, 2026 11:47 PM
To: City Clerk; Esther Sanchez; Eric Joyce; Jimmy Figueroa; Rick Robinson; Peter Weiss; RecAdmin
Subject: Profound Concern

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Dear Madam Mayor, Members of the City Council, and Parks and Recreation Leadership,

As president of the North San Diego County Branch of the NAACP, the only majority African American civil rights organization that has continuously served Oceanside and the surrounding communities for more than 60 years, I write to express profound concern and disappointment regarding the scheduling of a city-sponsored event that directly conflicts with our annual Juneteenth Celebration.

For decades, the NSDC NAACP has hosted its Juneteenth observance on the third weekend of June. This tradition predates many of the city's current programs and has become a cornerstone event for honoring African American history, culture, resilience, and the ongoing pursuit of freedom and justice. It is more than a festival; it is a commemoration of a defining moment in American history and an opportunity for our community to reflect on the continuing struggle for equality.

It is therefore troubling that the City of Oceanside, a municipality that publicly affirms its commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and community engagement, would choose to sponsor, promote, and host another event on the same day and during the same hours as our longstanding Juneteenth celebration.

This decision sends a conflicting message. At a time when communities across the nation are confronting efforts to diminish civil rights protections, challenge voting rights, and erase or minimize the contributions of African Americans from our nation's history, local governments should strengthen partnerships with organizations that preserve and elevate that history, rather than create competition with them.

June contains thirty days and four Saturdays. Nevertheless, the City chose to schedule an event in direct conflict with the longest-running Juneteenth celebration in our area. This decision divides resources, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, performers, and attendees who would otherwise be united in celebrating the culture and history both events seek to honor.

Juneteenth is not simply another date on the calendar. It is a symbol of freedom delayed but ultimately realized. It represents the ongoing work of democracy and the promise that all people deserve equal opportunity, dignity, and representation. When government entities create competing events rather than collaborating with established community institutions, it undermines the spirit of unity that Juneteenth embodies.

The NAACP has always believed that democracy works best when communities are heard, respected, and included. We therefore respectfully request a conversation regarding how future scheduling decisions can better reflect the City's stated commitment to partnership, equity, and inclusion. We believe there is an opportunity to work together to ensure that Juneteenth remains a unifying celebration rather than a divided one.

Our community deserves nothing less.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Austin



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From: Kayla Valdovinos
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 1:49 PM
To: Stephanie Rojas
Subject: FW: Policy

Not sure if this should be added to off agenda correspondence?



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Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 1:41 PM
To: City Council <council@oceansideca.org>; Jonathan Borrego <jborrego@oceansideca.org>
Subject: Re: Policy

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Checking in on this.

Patti K.

On Tuesday, June 9, 2026 at 07:32:25 PM PDT, patti kirchwehm <pkirch00@yahoo.com> wrote:

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Dear Mayor, Council and Manager.

In accordance with your own policy, please remove the unauthorized flag outside of Eric Joyce's office and encourage him to fly at his private residence, not on public property.

Mr Robinson , I am reminding you of your agreement the other night to speak to this issue.

I expect this easily to be done tomorrow.

I look forward to your reply.

Regards,

Patti K

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From: victoria Ludlow <victorialudlow32@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 12:22 PM
To: Planning Web; City Council; City Clerk; Cannabis Line
Subject: Cannabis retail applicant Embarc

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Dear City Officials,

I am writing regarding the pending cannabis application involving Oceanside Responsible and compliant retail LLC DBA Embarc.

I respectfully request that the City carefully review the applicant's history of regulatory compliance, financial responsibility, litigation history, vendor relationships, and overall suitability as a cannabis operator.

I am also concerned about what appears to be lobbying and advocacy efforts directed toward City staff by Embarc representative Devon Wardlow. To the extent communications have occurred outside of the public application process, I request that the City review whether all interactions have complied with applicable municipal rules, ethics requirements, lobbying regulations, and the standards governing cannabis licensing proceedings.

In addition, I encourage the City to examine any publicly available information concerning unpaid obligations, disputes with vendors, contractors, business partners, regulatory agencies, or other matters that may be relevant to determining the applicant's fitness and responsibility as a license holder.

The purpose of this letter is not to oppose competition, but to ensure that all applicants are evaluated fairly and held to the same standards of transparency, compliance, and accountability. The cannabis industry is highly regulated, and the public interest is best served when licenses are awarded to operators who demonstrate strong compliance histories and responsible business practices.

I request that this correspondence be included in the record for consideration as part of the City's review process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Victoria Ludlow