

January 21, 2020, BLT Agenda Comments

These comments on Newport Beach Board of Library Trustees (BLT) agenda items are submitted by:
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Item 1. Minutes of the December 16, 2019 Board of Library Trustees

1. **Page 2**, paragraph 1: *"Motion made by Vice Chair Watkins, seconded by Board Member Kost, and carried (~~4-0-0-1~~ 4-1-0-0) to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2019 Special Meeting and Regular Meeting as amended."*
2. **Page 2**, Item 6, paragraph 1: *"Homeless Coordinator Natalie Basmacıyan reported the City Council is reviewing ~~multiples~~ multiple sites, including the City's Corporate Yard and 4200 Campus Drive, as possible homeless shelters."*
3. **Page 3**, paragraph 1, sentence 3 from end: *"Homeless Coordinator Basmacıyan will present an overview of City actions ~~on~~ at Speak Up Newport in January and is attending Leadership Tomorrow."*
4. **Page 3**, paragraph 2, sentence 2: *"The homelessness page of the City website discusses private property ~~owner's~~ owners' rights."*
5. **Page 3**, paragraph 2, sentence 6: *"The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) leases the bus terminal property from the Irvine Company; therefore, it is not public property."*

There seems little doubt this is what was said, but I don't believe it is correct.

The main 105,097 square foot terminal property at 1550 Avocado is Orange County Assessor's Parcel Number [442-014-22](#). According to the City's records, the Assessor shows it as having been owned by OCTA since at least July 26, 1990. The Irvine Company *does*, according to the City's records, own the narrow landscaped strip at the north edge of the transit center (between it and San Joaquin Hills Road, in which the Fashion Island monument signs are placed and on which some of the camping formerly occurred). Those TIC-owned 17,106 sf are APN 442-014-23.

OCTA's recent cooperation with the City by fencing off the main transit center and allowing NBPD to enforce no trespassing / anti-camping laws on it during late night hours is evidently based on some theory other than it being privately owned land.

6. **Page 4**, Item 9, paragraph 1: *"Chair Ray advised that the Council approved a contract with Robert R. Coffee ~~Architects and Architect~~ + Associates to prepare conceptual designs for the Lecture Hall."*