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MAYOR PRO TEM Gracey Van Der Mark, center, listens to public comments during the Huntington Beach City Council meeting on Tuesday. Van Der Mark's agenda item, which passed on a 4-3 vote, sought to make books deemed obscene and/or pornographic unavailable to children.

H.B. council majority eyes limits on kids' access to library books

BY MATT SZABO

Should politicians be involved in determining what is appropriate for school-aged children at public libraries?

Many who attended Tuesday night's Huntington Beach City Council meeting said no. But after nearly six hours of contentious public comments, the panel voted 4-3 to support Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark's agenda item seeking to make books deemed obscene and/or pornographic unavailable to children.

The vote was taken at about 1 a.m. Wednesday, after more than 100 residents weighed in on the issue in public comments that lasted until minutes before midnight. There were also more than 600 emails received, City Clerk Robin Estanislau said, with a review showing a majority of

Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark's agenda item passes 4-3 after six hours of public comment, mostly against the motion.

correspondence was against the item.

Two overflow rooms were packed for the meeting, as others watched from the lobby of City Hall. Mayor Tony Strickland allowed everyone the customary three minutes of speaking time.

Strickland, Casey McKeon and Pat Burns voted along with Van Der Mark to support the item. Councilman Dan Kalmick and Councilwomen Natalie Moser and Rhonda Bolton voted against, in what has been a very common vote in the months since the conservative majority was sworn in last December.

Van Der Mark reiterated several times during debate of the item that she was not

calling for a ban on books but restricting children's access to them in the Huntington Beach Public Library system without adult supervision. Her presentation included censored versions of images and passages available in several books. She also read from a few selections, including "Gender Queer," "Grandad's Pride" and "The V-Word: True Stories about First-Time Sex."

"Parents, check these books out," Van Der Mark said. "If this is what you want for your kids, go for it, but a lot of parents don't know this material is in these books. A lot of parents don't know these books are in the li-

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Many O.C. residents struggle to make ends meet

Half of O.C. households with kids under 6 aren't paid enough to cover basic necessities, according to a new study by United Way.

BY ERIC LICAS

The income of about one-third of Orange County households falls short of what they need to afford food, housing, healthcare, childcare, transportation and other basic needs, according to a study released Wednesday by United Way.

The earnings of over 79,000 out of an estimated 924,100 households in Orange County, roughly 9%, are below the federal poverty line, according to the report. That figure represents those who might not be able to afford enough food to survive from month to month. It does not factor in other expenses like rent, daycare or costs associated with having a car.

The average cost of all of those things put together is more than what as many as 302,844 households in the county bring in, according to United Way.

The nonprofit agency's report "shows that many more California working families struggle to meet living costs than official estimates and identifies significant gaps between what it costs for families and their children to live with dignity and what they actually earn," President and CEO of United Ways of California Peter Manzo said.

About 52% of Orange County households with children younger than 6 don't earn enough to cover the average cost of basic necessities, the study found. And local Latino families are disproportionately experiencing poverty, with 52% of them receiving incomes below United

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THE COSTA MESA City Council allocated \$4 million to transitioning the Travelodge Orange County Airport into permanent housing through the state's third round of Project Homekey funding.

Costa Mesa pays \$4M to develop hotel into supportive housing

BY SARA CARDINE

Costa Mesa's effort to convert underused motels into permanent housing for vulnerable residents gained momentum Tuesday, when the City Council allocated \$4 million toward the renovation of a Bristol Street Travelodge that, when finished, will house another 76 residents.

The 3.5-acre parcel at 1400 Bristol currently houses 120 rooms of temporary lodging as well as a commercial building leased by Mediterranean restaurant Pom & Olive.

But once construction begins in 2024, the Travelodge will be reimaged into 76 studio and one-bedroom apartments for extremely low-income residents, with two two-bedroom units for onsite service providers. The restaurant will continue to lease its building.

The work will be overseen by

the Midway City-based nonprofit developer American Family Housing (AFH), an authorized developer for the state's third round of Project Homekey funding.

AFH not only builds affordable projects but also serves the people who live there. It owns and operates 49 affordable housing projects, including three Homekey-funded developments, comprising 386 units in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

The developer is in escrow to purchase the Travelodge and will provide wraparound service after the site opens to eligible residents in 2025.

Robbins described permanent supportive housing as a final component of the process of transitioning homeless and at-risk individuals from the streets

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Courtesy of Sean Young

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F.V. City Council rejects pay raise

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Fountain Valley City Council considered increasing its compensation for the first time this century, but a split vote of the panel saw the ordinance fail on Tuesday night.

Colin Burns, an attorney for the city, presented the item, noting members of the council had not seen a raise of their \$500 monthly stipend since at least 1997.

Compensation could increase by 5% per year from the effective date of the last salary adjustment. Given the passage of time, the council could have raised its pay by 125%.

A motion was submitted to see the monthly compensation climb to \$1,125, but a council majority consisting of Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Grandis and Councilmen Ted Bui and Jim Cunneen struck it down. State law would have required that a change in compensation did not go into effect until the next election cycle.

"I consider being up here a volunteer position," Grandis said ahead of the vote. "The compensation that we receive of \$500 a month, I donate to charity. I don't accept it, and if it goes up to \$1,125, I will continue to donate it and will not accept it, or I donate it to autism charity."

"If we go to this [proposed] number, that's \$13,500 per year, that's \$54,000 per election cycle. You can go for three election cycles. That's \$162,000. That's where



Andrew Turner

THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY City Council, pictured at a meeting in council chambers April 18, rejected an ordinance that would have more than doubled monthly pay for council members on Tuesday.

compensation comes in, not campaign contributions. I just think that ... in order to [serve on the council] for the right reasons and to get people in the future to do it for the right reasons, I am a no vote on this."

Cunneen described the council's salary as "nominal," and he added the optics would not look good if council decided to more than double its pay.

"I think the money could be better spent in other areas of the city," Cunneen said. "We have a lot of expenditures where we don't have a lot of control, but

this is something we do have control, and I just feel like this isn't something we should spend on us."

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the value of \$500 in 1997 would equate to nearly \$950 now when adjusted for inflation. A recent survey of Orange County cities showed the average monthly compensation, including benefits, for council members to be \$1,453.86.

Burns said the survey was incomplete, as some cities re-

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- 6/23 **TINA TURNER TRIBUTE** FEATURING DEBBY HOLIDAY
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- 6/28 **JOHN CRUZ "We Do It Island Style"**
- 6/29 **YNOT (RUSH TRIBUTE)**
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- 7/20 **DAVID NAIL**
- 7/21 **CLASSIC ALBUMS LIVE: FLEETWOOD MAC RUMOURS**
- 7/22 **Y & T**
- 7/28 **SPACE ODDITY (DAVID BOWIE TRIBUTE)**
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- **INTERSTELLAR SKY GUITAR TOUR**
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- 9/17 **BENISE: FIESTA!**
- 9/20 **PHANTOM PLANET**



WED, JUL 12
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WED, JUL 19
THE JERRY DOUGLAS BAND



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- 9/29 **JOHN WAITE**
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- 10/6 **BULLETBOYS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS XYZ**
- 10/7 **RONDSTADT REVIVAL (LINDA RONDSTADT TRIBUTE)**
- 10/8 **LOUIE CRUZ BELTRAN**
- 10/12 **CRYSTAL BOWERSOX**
- 10/13 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 10/14 **DESPERADO (EAGLES TRIBUTE)**
- 10/15 **JOURNEYMAN (ERIC CLAPTON TRIBUTE)**
- 10/18 **FUNNIEST HOUSEWIVES (COMEDY SHOW)**
- 10/19 **PAT TRAVERS BAND**
- 10/27 **PIANO MEN (BILLY JOEL AND ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE)**
- 10/29 **MARTIN SEXTON**
- 10/31 **OINGO BOINGO FORMER MEMBERS**
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- 11/5 **BEN OTTEWELL / IAN BALL**
- 11/8 **RODNEY CROWELL**
- 11/9 **THE YOUNG DUBLINERS**
- 11/12 **WISHBONE ASH**
- 11/15 **LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)**
- 11/16 **LEONID & FRIENDS (CHICAGO TRIBUTE)**
- 11/18 **ABBAFAB (ABBA TRIBUTE)**
- 11/22 **QRST (QUEEN/RUSH/STYX TRIBUTE)**
- 11/26 **ARETHA**
STARRING CHARITY LOCKHART
- 11/30 **THE MUSICAL BOX**
- **SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND**
- 12/1 **THE MUSICAL BOX**
- **SELLING ENGLAND BY THE POUND**
- 12/2 **LEE ROCKER OF THE STRAY CATS**
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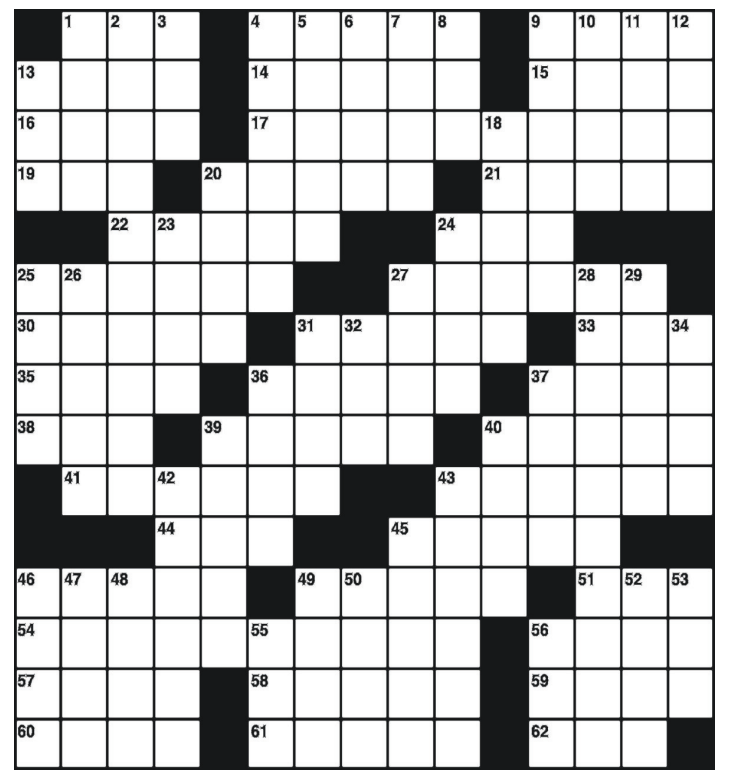
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- 1 Faucet
- 4 Drag one's feet
- 9 Gross
- 13 Graceful dance
- 14 "Sesame Street" character
- 15 Zip
- 16 No more than
- 17 Soul-cleansing ritual
- 19 Word of mild surprise
- 20 Waken
- 21 Helpful tips
- 22 Painfully thin
- 24 Greyhound vehicle
- 25 Matched up
- 27 Give a gift
- 30 Last name for 2 U.S. presidents
- 31 Ferguson or Palin
- 33 Go for the gold
- 35 Yankee
- 39 Hippie's greeting
- 40 Coleslaw recipe verb
- 41 Stranger
- 43 Heats milk to near boiling
- 44 Forest animal
- 45 Disney dog
- 46 Tree with chocolaty pods
- 49 Water vapor
- 51 All _ sudden
- 54 Great joy
- 56 Aspen gear
- 57 Nursery rhyme farmer's home
- 58 "Why _ I think of that?"
- 59 Brain wave tests
- 60 Spot
- 61 Woman's garment
- 62 Classifieds

DOWN

- 1 Ditty
- 2 Loyalty
- 3 Shell out
- 4 Instant



SUDOKU

By the Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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9		7	8	3			2	
7	6	3						
	4			9	1			
5				7	4	9		
3		2	4	8		1		
		5				7		

For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A4.

- 5 Brook _; VA's state fish
- 6 Landers & others
- 7 "Get a _!"; cry to a busybody
- 8 Marvin or Majors
- 9 _ on; demand
- 10 Invent, as a phrase
- 11 Shoelace problem
- 12 Hankerings
- 13 Take everything for oneself
- 18 "Be quiet!"
- 20 French streets

- 23 Fighting force
 - 24 Outscore
 - 25 Mama's man
 - 26 Sun-dried brick
 - 27 Actress Larson
 - 28 Failed to notice
 - 29 Did an electrician's job
 - 31 Scorch
 - 32 "Joan of _"; Ingrid Bergman film
 - 34 Make _ meet; get by
 - 36 Unassuming
 - 37 TV's " _ '70s Show"
 - 39 Cockpit figure
 - 40 Lowlife
 - 42 Doubter's question
 - 43 Tilts to one side
 - 45 Lowly laborers
 - 46 Relinquish
 - 47 Firefighters' tools
 - 48 Actor Robert
 - 49 _ up; incite
 - 50 Wave movement
 - 52 Exports from Turkey
 - 53 Mule's father
 - 55 _-on; building wing
 - 56 _ green; aqua
- Tribune Media Services

STRUGGLE

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Way's "real cost measure." Housing remains a burden for many. About 40% of Orange County families spend 30% or more of their income to stay in their homes.

Statewide, 4.3 million households pay almost one-third of their income on housing. Counties with the highest percentage of residents living below United Way's real cost measure included Marin County with 48%, Imperial County with 44%, Santa Barbara County with 42% and Los Angeles County with 40%.

Those with less education struggle more than others. The heads of about 68% of households making less than the real cost measure did not have a high school diploma. In comparison, only about 18%



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VOLUNTEER CAROL MADDUX organizes dozens of eggs at the Laguna Food Pantry in Laguna Beach last week.

had at least a bachelor's degree.

"We're diving into the data to figure out how we can use the information to inform how our programs will function over the next five years to help Orange County residents achieve

financial stability and improve their lives," said Andrew Fahmy, executive director of Orange County United Way's United for Financial Security Initiative.

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RAISE

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sponded that they provided benefits but did not disclose the monetary value

associated with them. Fountain Valley does not pay for benefits for council members.

Mayor Kim Constantine and Councilman Patrick Harper found themselves in

the minority in seeking to approve the proposed ordinance.

"Our goal is to be kind of at the 50% mark with respect to other Orange County cities," Harper said in opening the council's comments. "We all spend a lot of time beyond just the council meetings, preparing for the agenda, attending events, and really trying to serve the public. We don't do it for the money, but at the same time, I think it's appropriate to provide compensation that's in line with other cities."

The neighboring cities of Costa Mesa (\$904.40), Garden Grove (\$1,312.34), Huntington Beach (\$1,512) and Santa Ana (\$1,000) all exceed Fountain Valley in base pay per month.

"It's so minimal, I think we should go zero," Bui said of the council's monthly pay. "Because really, we're up here to represent our constituents. They elect us to represent them, to have a voice for them where there's an issue, where no one can stand up and help them voice those comments or concerns."

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Irvine kids find ways to give back to community

BY LILLY NGUYEN

An effort on the part of some Irvine parents to teach their children entrepreneurship led to a more charitable endeavor that on Sunday came to fruition as their kids delivered pillows they had created themselves to a homeless community in Newport Beach.

Sean Young, one of the adults who shepherded the group, said the plan for an informal summer program arose out of the parents' desire to teach their offspring how to contribute to society.

The idea came together after a conversation with another parent, Yama Akbari, during a children's birthday party, Young said. At one point the discussion turned to Akbari's father having operated an ice cream truck when he came to America.

"I was lucky. I ... grew up in [Corona del Mar], and my parents did what they could to have us appreciate living here, but it was difficult because it's so beautiful and we had what we need here," Young said. "But the conversation with [Akbari] started with 'What do you think? What can we do so that the kids appreciate what they have and understand? How can ... kids living in Orange County and having so much of what they need, learn practical skills and business but also learn how to help the community?'"

The first week of meetings, which started in early June, focused on developing entrepreneurship and business skills. The second focused on how the kids could use those skills.

Young's daughter, Melody, 8, said the kids, accompanied by their parents, visited homeless individuals living at the Fashion Island bus stop near Avocado Avenue on June 12.

"It was kind of strange.



ARIANNA AKBARI hands a pillow she sewed herself to a homeless man near a Fashion Island bus stop on Avocado Avenue.

When we got there, we weren't sure what would happen, but there was only a couple of people. There used to be a whole lot there," said Melody. "We learned [in the first week of meeting] that there needs to be a need. For homeless people, it's pretty easy for them to have a need. You can pretty much give them anything that would be helpful, so we learned the needs and problems and solutions."

Melody's 5-year-old brother, Maverick, said they wanted to help the homeless because of their difficult situation.

"They didn't have lots of things. They only had a blanket and a tent, so if they didn't have any food or water, they would die, so we gave them food and pillows," he said. "So, we made pillows for them because they were sleeping on the floor."

Arianna Akbari, 10, said



A WOMAN named Linda receives a grilled cheese sandwich from Melody Young on Sunday.

Photos courtesy of Sean Young

that they had already known the homeless would need food and water, but on the children's first visit to the area they learned they could also use items that provide comfort.

So, the children learned

from family members how to sew, then worked with each other. Frances Akbari, the mother of Arianna and Lina Akbari, said they wanted the project to be

something the kids could make and take ownership of.

"It's a lot more meaningful than just handing them things they obviously already need, but having the [handmade] pillows was a little bit more of a personal touch," Frances Akbari said.

Her daughter, Arianna, added, "If you don't have a pillow to sleep on, they won't sleep good. It's for comfort." She said when she handed one of the homeless men a pillow, he started to cry and said that he would beat up anyone that tried to steal it.

Melody said they brought another woman, Linda, a grilled cheese sandwich she had requested during their first visit earlier this month, and that she fell into tears when she saw it. Linda told Melody that people often give her food and water but that she had been craving a

grilled cheese and was thankful they remembered when they returned to the site on Sunday.

"They seemed to really like getting any sort of thing most of the time," said Hanna Saeidi, 12. "They were really grateful for all the people that help them because I heard there's a lot of people who help the people in this area. One of them found a Minecraft sheep toy, and they had it inside of their tent."

The group next hopes to make toys for local animal shelters, including the facility that recently opened in Newport Beach.

"I think a lot of [the impetus for the group] is this: We live in this community. Irvine is the safest mid-sized city in America. Super safe, super big bubble in a bubble. All of these kids live in University Hills ... and there's a lack of perspective in what they see every day," said Melody and Maverick's mother, Renee Young, who is a child therapist and social worker.

"It's an effort that the parents have to put out to show their children that not every human, animal, creature has all this privilege. I'm sure all the parents here, either through our own upbringing or through our own personal experiences has educated ourselves or lived through the experience of not having everything ... but I think it's been a great opportunity ... because they don't really see it and if they don't see it, they don't know," Young said. "I can tell them stories because I've been a social worker in a lot of places ... and tell them all about it, but they don't really understand unless they see the experience of somebody else."

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You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.</p> <p>YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.</p> <p>Attorney for the Petitioner: DOMINIC J. RODONO, ESQ. / SAVANNAH ANDRE, ESQ. THE LEGACY LAWYERS, APC 18872 MACARTHUR BLVD., STE 300 IRVINE, CA 92612 Published in the HUNTINGTON BEACH INDEPENDENT on: 6/8, 6/15 & 6/22/2023</p>	<p>BSC 223458 NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ALICE BAYER 30-2023-01328020-PR-LA-CMC</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: ALICE BAYER.</p> <p>A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Gordon K. 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BOOKS

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brary. I know this, because I've been doing this for six years ... These [proposed restrictions] are safeguards to protect our kids."

Kalmick argued that he believed the recommended action did constitute a ban. "Making something unavailable to someone is a synonym for banning it," he said. "I think all of the issues that were brought up by the mayor pro tem have been solved by using the existing process. I have a 4-year-old who I have

now taken to all but one of the public libraries in this city, and I don't let her out of my sight when she's there because she's 4. She also can't read, so ... we're confusing the term child with young adult and adolescent and teenager in this conversation."

In the 1973 case Miller v. California, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the prosecution of a California publisher for the distribution of obscene materials. The three-pronged Miller test remains a guideline for determining if something meets the federal standard of being called obscene,

and thus not protected under the 1st Amendment right of free speech.

Under Van Der Mark's item, City Manager Al Zelinka will work with City Atty. Michael Gates, returning this September with options for stopping minors from viewing obscene and/or pornographic books or materials at public libraries. The item states that Gates would analyze and evaluate the books to see if they are protected by the 1st Amendment.

Strickland said a system could be comparable to the Motion Picture Assn. movie rating system of "G"

through "R" and "NC-17." Bolton, an attorney, warned that passage of the item could open the city up to litigation.

"There's safeguards in the system against obscenity at every step," she said. "That's just the way the book business works ... and that is the way the 1st Amendment works. The default is, the government doesn't get involved in this. The parents decide."

The Huntington Beach Public Library system does have a system in place for a review process if a patron believes a book is inappropriately categorized. Acting director of community and library services Ashley Wysocki said during the meeting it has been requested just five times in the last five years.

One of those five review requests was made by Van Der Mark in 2020, and it was successful in moving "Gender Queer: A Memoir" to the adult section of the library.

"Whether it is a sticker on the book that lets the parents know it's sexually graphic, whether it's a section — whatever it is — we are open to any ideas," Van Der Mark said. "I just don't understand why anybody has a problem with warning parents that some of this material is in these books."

But Moser said these suggestions constituted government restrictions on speech, in violation of the 1st Amendment.

"Book banning sets a dangerous precedent," Moser said. "Once censorship is introduced, it becomes easier to justify the restriction of other materials based on subjective criteria or personal preferences. This slippery slope can undermine the principles of intellectual freedom and potentially lead to further censorship."

Some public speakers said Van Der Mark was taking passages from the books out of context. Others called her idea fascist and compared what they saw as a book ban to what happened in Nazi Germany during the 1930s.

"For the sake of Huntington Beach, quit acting like junior high schoolyard bullies," said Brenda Glim, the first public speaker of the night. "Stay in your freaking lane and work on the city budget, homelessness, crime and potholes. Let the career experts do their job that they were hired to do. Most especially, keep your unintelligent, lack of knowledge, power grab-



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TWO COMMUNITY members who oppose Mayor Pro Tem Gracey Van Der Mark's agenda item, and one who is for it, stand side by side during Tuesday night's meeting.

bing, pandering, showboating paws off our library."

Author Elana K. Arnold, a former Surf City resident who now lives in Long Beach, was another public speaker. She said she is the second-most banned author in the United States, according to PEN America, with young adult novels that mostly focus on stories that explore being female, including misogyny and rape culture.

"When we ban books, we

Heidi Veja, however, argued during public comments that liberals and progressives, despite what they might say, actually hate free speech.

"I've personally been accused of engaging in the leftist label 'hate speech,'" she said. "It seems that people are able to make up labels willy-nilly and then claim moral authority because of those labels. So, I label your books indoctrination speech, grooming speech, inappropriate for

"If this is what you want for your kids, go for it, but a lot of parents don't know this material is in these books."

Gracey Van Der Mark Huntington Beach mayor pro tem

are declaring certain people to be unacceptable," she said. "When we ban books, we shut down conversation. When we ban books, the bullies win."

PEN America Los Angeles director Allison Lee released a statement Wednesday saying she was disappointed in the City Council's vote.

"In this case, the council voted along party lines to endorse this censorious idea, which flies in the face of our constitution, despite overwhelming community objection," Lee said in a statement. "We stand with the Huntington librarians and all who voiced opposition to the growing effort to ban books and suppress ideas, which continues to take new forms."

Earlier Tuesday, prior to the vote, state Sen. Dave Min, a Democrat, released a statement that the agenda item was deeply concerning and against the country's tradition of free speech. A section of Huntington Beach falls into Min's senatorial district.

children speech."

Due to the length of Tuesday night's meeting, discussion of adopting a budget for fiscal year 2023-24 was delayed until a special meeting set for Monday night.

Kalmick said the budget is expected to include library cuts, including possible branch closures.

That's further disappointing news to the handful of librarians who spoke Tuesday night. Alicia Tan, a recent Los Alamitos High graduate, is working as a summer intern for the Huntington Beach Public Library and plans to go to become a librarian.

"While 'Gender Queer' does contain illustrations with nudity and sex, the true crux and meaning of the novel is a coming-of-age story about a non-binary and asexual teenager," Tan said. "Why are we trying to stop teenagers from reading stories about teenagers?"

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into shelters and, ultimately, homes.

"You take people who were formerly experiencing homelessness, who cannot live on their own because they were homeless for so long or have disabilities or other things, and you bring the services on site to them," he said.

The project's \$45.4-million total cost combines Costa Mesa's \$4 million with \$27.7-million California Project Homekey funding that will go to AFH for construction, \$6.8 million in county housing funds and a \$3 million potential commitment from neighboring Newport Beach, which would use a portion of the units.

Costa Mesa's contribution comes from \$1.5 million in federal American Rescue Plan act funding and another \$2.5 million of low- to moderate-income housing asset funds that will be repaid, with interest, by the developer

throughout a 55-year affordability covenant.

Among the 76 new units, 48 will be subsidized through housing vouchers issued by the county, which will select residents based on need. Of the remaining 28 units, 16 will go directly to Costa Mesa residents and 12 will go to those from Newport Beach.

Approval of the Travelodge conversion comes as another Costa Mesa Homekey property — a former Motel 6 at 2274 Newport Blvd. — is also being renovated to provide 87 units of permanent supportive housing for at-risk veterans and seniors.

Councilman Don Harper questioned the impact of such projects on surrounding areas.

"I just want to know how this level of income in neighborhoods, how it impacts the community and if it's negative or positive or it's neutral," he said.

Robbins cited a recent impact study produced by UC Irvine's Livable Cities Lab, which found while surrounding home values

increased after such projects were built, assaults, burglaries and vehicle thefts went down.

Costa Mesa resident Bob Morse, who spoke in a public comment portion of the meeting, echoed this sentiment.

"One of the amazing things [from the report] was the closer you are to the project, the more your property value goes up," he said. "So if you're right next door, you've got a bonus coming."

Council members approved the \$4-million allocation 5-1 (Councilman Jeff Harlan was absent) with Harper casting the lone dissenting vote.

Mayor John Stephens called the development a "wonderful collaboration" to reduce homelessness.

"When we get done with this, just to put it into perspective, we'll have 163 permanent supportive homes where people will get shelter every night," he said.

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