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Dear Irvine Neighbor,

I am writing this letter to respectfully ask for your vote for City Council in our November 8th election. With ugly political attack mailers arriving daily — filling our mailboxes with vicious “hit pieces,” smears, and outright lies — it seems to me that an old-fashioned, personally written letter from me to you is in order. **I want to take this opportunity to tell you what I believe is at stake in this election ... and why your vote is so important.**

You probably have heard about the Orange County Power Authority (OCPA), a so-called “Joint Powers Agency” created in 2019-2020 by Mayor Farrah Khan and her appointed Vice Mayor Anthony Kuo. With an initial investment of more than \$7 million in Irvine taxpayer dollars, OCPA was touted by its proponents as a greener and cheaper alternative to Southern California Edison (SCE), the utility that now supplies electricity to our region. Under the Khan-Kuo OCPA electricity plan, on October 1st all Irvine residential ratepayers were automatically transferred into the OCPA plan ... without a vote of the people. **As it turns out, OCPA — which has been found by the Orange County Grand Jury to be riddled with “corruption, incompetence and cronyism” — is providing the *same* electricity that SCE provides to Irvine households, but at an *18% higher rate than SCE*. For the average Irvine household, this means a \$36 per month higher electricity bill, nearly \$500 per year!**

This is wrong — it’s just plain wrong. As a longtime public interest attorney specializing in environmental protection, my commitment to combating climate change is well known. What we need is a real Climate Action Plan that quickly moves us toward our goal of making Irvine a cleaner and greener carbon-neutral city by 2030. This won’t happen with OCPA as a corrupt “middleman” bureaucracy. **We need a Mayor and City Council that will enact genuine environmental policies:**

- Electrification of new homes and buildings;
- Transitioning our transportation system to electric-powered vehicles;
- Initiation of a bold solar rooftop installation program;
- Creation of a vast urban forest, planting hundreds of thousands of trees at the Great Park and throughout our City’s 10,000-acre Open Space Preserve.

That’s why this election is so important! The climate crisis is real, and we need to do our part — and more — to meet this global challenge. The Khan-Kuo OCPA has proven to be a very costly detour. We are now paying the price for corruption and incompetence. If I am re-elected to the City Council on November 8th, I will do everything in my power to move us beyond OCPA by adopting and then efficiently implementing a strong Irvine Climate Action Plan. I won’t rest until that’s done — you have my word on it.

Sincerely,



Larry Agran
Irvine City Councilmember

P.S. Over the past few months, I’ve released several videos explaining my position on many issues of deep concern to Irvine residents, including the outrageous electricity rate hikes imposed on Irvine residents and businesses by the scandal-ridden Orange County Power Authority. I urge you to take a look at these videos on my campaign website (www.larryagran.com/video).