



MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

March 10, 2026
City Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Irvine City Council was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on March 10, 2026, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Mayor Agran presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7	Councilmember:	Mike Carroll
	Councilmember:	William Go
	Councilmember:	Melinda Liu
	Councilmember:	Betty Martinez Franco
	Councilmember:	Kathleen Treseder
	Vice Mayor:	James Mai
	Mayor:	Larry Agran

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST BY MAYOR AGRAN TO DISCUSS SUPPORT FOR THE IMMEDIATE OPENING AND INCLUSIVE OPERATION OF THE BE WELL IRVINE CAMPUS

This item was agendaized by Mayor Agran at the request of Councilmember Carroll, who asked for City Council consideration to discuss support for the immediate opening and inclusive operation of the Be Well Irvine Campus.

Jeff Melching, City Attorney, responded to questions.

The following individuals spoke in support of the proposed resolution requesting the immediate opening and inclusive operation of the Be Well Irvine campus:

- Susan Sayre, Irvine resident
- Margie Wakeham, Irvine resident; and former Chief Executive Officer of Families Forward, Irvine Unified School District Board Member, and probation officer
- Dr. Lauren Brand, Irvine resident, clinical psychologist, and health care business leader
- Rabbi Rick Steinberg
- Kayla Sotelo
- Dave Coffaro, on behalf of the Greater Irvine Chamber

Eric Neshanian, Irvine resident, spoke in opposition to Rabbi Steinberg's position as a Be Well Orange County (OC) Board Member due to certain conflicts-of-interest; and in opposition to the City Council adopting the proposed resolution while Rabbi Steinberg is serving on the Be Well OC Board of Directors.

At the request of Mayor Agran, City Clerk Petersen read into the record correspondence from the County of Orange notifying the City that the County intended to file a cross-complaint against Mind OC.

City Council discussion included: referencing existing litigation between the County and Mind OC; reiterated the importance of mental health services, associated impacts on family and friends, and lack of access for many individuals; noted the County's responsibility for Medicaid fulfillment of mental health services for uninsured individuals; inquired about the intent of the resolution and corresponding impacts, if any; and inquired about any potential impacts on the Irvine campus based on existing litigation related to the Orange campus.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Martinez Franco, to:

Adopt – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE OPENING OF THE BE WELL IRVINE CAMPUS TO SERVE ALL RESIDENTS AND SUPPORTING ITS OPERATION BY MIND OC

Following discussion, Councilmember Liu made a substitute motion.

ACTION: A substitute motion was made by Councilmember Liu to:

Table the item pending resolution of the cross-complaint filed by the County of Orange against Mind OC.

The motion failed for lack of second.

Following discussion, a vote was taken on the main motion.

ACTION: Moved by Councilmember Carroll, seconded by Councilmember Martinez Franco, to:

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 26-23 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE OPENING OF THE BE WELL IRVINE CAMPUS TO SERVE ALL RESIDENTS AND SUPPORTING ITS OPERATION BY MIND OC

The motion carried as follows:

- AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carroll, Go, Mai, Martinez Franco, and Agran
- NOES: 2 COUNCILMEMBERS: Liu and Treseder
- ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None
- ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Agran, seconded by Councilmember Treseder, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:54 p.m.



 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF IRVINE



 CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF IRVINE

April 14, 2026