

Monday, Aug. 26, 2024

**To Board of Directors, Oceano Community Services District:
Charles Varni, Allene Villa, Beverly Joyce-Suneson, Linda Austin, Shirley Gibson**

Re: Item 9G agenda 8/28/2024

I wish to inform this board of directors that I oppose an expenditures of money and staff time-resources be used to support a proposed separate “Community Celebration” of the Oceano Plaza approximately 24 days after the official Ribbon Cutting ceremony on Sept. 12.

Why would the OCSD, which does not officially own the plaza, need to have a second event, as proposed by president Charles Varni? He is running for re-election, so maybe he wants to use it for his campaign?

The entire community has been invited to the ribbon-cutting. Plans have been made by the state. School children and dignitaries, and everybody in between, have been invited. A brochure is being printed. A logo has been created.

I do not believe that in 24 days the OCSD has time to develop Varni's proposed second “celebration,” do not understand the need for such an event and also object to the idea that “my” county tax money also would be wasted in such a way. I surely could find other events that \$2,500 in county money could better support in Oceano.

Like most folks, I love the look of the “new” triangle plaza, and want to see it put to good use for many events. However, it will take time to develop successful programs for the “park-let,” not a rushed duplicate event during the election season.

Sincerely

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