



August 24, 2023

Scott Kibbey  
California State Parks  
Orange Coast District  
3030 Avenida Del Presidente  
San Clemente, CA 92672

Dear Mr. Kibbey,

On behalf of the South Orange County Economic Coalition (SOCEC), I am writing to express our organization's support for the recently-proposed curfew for Ohana Festival's use of Doheny State Park. The curfew in question is 10:30 PM for Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>; 10:30 PM for Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>; and 10:00 PM for Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

This curfew, which aligns with the timeframe set last year, has proven to be conducive to the smooth operation of the festival and sensitive to the needs of Dana Point residents. We are not aware of any complaints or issues related to the curfew that was agreed upon in 2022. Maintaining consistency ensures that Ohana Festival can provide a world-class experience for its attendees and still respect the needs and comfort of the community.

We at SOCEC are proud and longtime supporters of Ohana Festival, which brings together music enthusiasts, conservationists, environmentalists, researchers, surfers, and people of all walks of life to enjoy all that Dana Point has to offer. The economic benefits it brings are, as you can imagine, significant—drawing in tens of thousands of festival-goers and increasing foot traffic to local businesses in and around the marina. Since 2016, it has provided the incredible community benefit for south Orange County residents to see internationally-renowned acts including Pearl Jam, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Foo Fighters, The Killers, Black Flag, The Naked & Famous, Social Distortion, and many more in the comfort of their backyard.

In conclusion, we urge the California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) to approve the aforementioned three nights' curfew for the 2023 Ohana Festival. We appreciate your consideration and thank you for considering the positive impact that this festival has on our region.

If you require any additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to witnessing the continued success of Ohana Fest and the prosperity it brings to Dana Point.

Sincerely,

Victoria Hernandez  
*Executive Director*

Kelley Lee  
*Chairwoman*

Michael Balsamo  
*Past Chairman*

Adam Wood  
*Advocacy Committee Chair*

