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From: Amin Mansouri <ceo@foodbar.biz>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2026 12:54 PM
To: COB_Response
Cc: Wagner, Donald; Foley, Katrina
Subject: Public Comment on September 29, 2026 Meeting – Item S36G (MEHKO Fee Study) – STRONG SUPPORT

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Dear Chairman Wagner and Members of the Board of Supervisors,
My name is Amin Mansouri, and I am a Rancho Santa Margarita resident, an enterprise, cloud, security, and systems engineer, and the CEO of Pacific Computing Services LLC.

As a former Amazon AWS engineer who helped Fortune 100 companies adopt advanced cloud technologies, I deeply understand the enterprise-grade software and logistics infrastructure required to run high-volume, compliant marketplaces. Currently, I bring this deep technical expertise to my work collaborating with Caltech and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL).

I am writing to express my strong support for Item S36G and to urge the Board to swiftly establish and administer a Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) program.
From a serious commercial and regulatory standpoint, modern MEHKOs rely entirely on sophisticated, web-based applications to manage the strict mandates set by state law.

My firm is actively focused on software platforms designed specifically to automate MEHKO compliance, handle real-time safety metrics, and accurately track the daily and weekly meal limits mandated by the state. Under California's framework, these platforms function as registered Internet Food Service Intermediaries (IFSIs).

By approving a local MEHKO ordinance, you unlock the immediate deployment of these highly secure, web-based applications for Orange County residents. Neighboring Los Angeles, San Diego, and Riverside counties have already built robust regulatory environments where food-tech platforms thrive.

For Orange County to remain competitive and relevant as a modern tech hub, we must provide the local regulatory architecture that allows these systems to deploy locally. If our top-tier developers, engineers, and firms are forced to build applications for neighboring counties instead of our own, Orange County loses out on vital corporate revenue and high-value tech infrastructure.

A structured MEHKO program provides a safe, heavily automated, and regulated environment for home cooks while giving Orange County tech firms the green light to deploy serious software infrastructure. I strongly urge the Board to approve the fee study and expedite this vital program.

Thank you for your business-forward leadership and dedication to the future of Orange County's technology ecosystem.

Sincerely,
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From: Sam Samra <samsamra3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2026 5:56 PM
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Subject: Fwd: PUBLIC COMMENT: SUPPORT FOR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEM S36G (MEHKO Program Fee Study) - Sept 29, 2026 Meeting! Inbox

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As an Orange County resident, and someone who has spent their entire career in the restaurant industry as a partner and operator, I strongly urge you to vote YES on item S36G to direct the healthcare agency to conduct a MEHKO fee study. We need to lessen the pressure on starting small businesses, and this study is a wonderful first step. We all agree that overbearing regulations and costs hinder innovation and prevent dreams from coming to life. Let's remove that obstacle! It's what the American Dream is about.

My sister started a successful cookie business in San Diego that began as a MEHKO operation. Let's do this for the people of Orange County that have dreams of starting a small business!

Sincerely,

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From: Chazz Weaver <chazz_weaver@yahoo.com>
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As an Orange County resident, I strongly urge you to vote **YES on item S36G** to direct the healthcare agency to conduct a MEHKO fee study. Because Orange County has been slow to act, I have actively been looking into moving to Long Beach, just to be able to safely and legally launch my home kitchen business. I prefer to stay in Huntington Beach, Orange County so please support this important first step so that local entrepreneurs like myself can stay, invested, and build our businesses right here in Orange County, instead of being forced to take our talents elsewhere.

Sincerely,
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From: Jiji Sunisa Akarapanitsakul <sunisa.a@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2026 4:59 PM
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Subject: Bring MEHKO program to Orange County

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Dear Orange County Board of Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to support the implementation and funding of a Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation (MEHKO) program in Orange County.

MEHKOs create meaningful opportunities for residents to legally earn income, share their cultural foods, and build small businesses from their own homes. For many families, especially immigrants, women, low-income residents, and caregivers, this may be one of the only accessible pathways into entrepreneurship.

Orange County should not fall behind neighboring counties like Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Diego, which have already recognized the economic and community benefits of MEHKO programs.

These programs help:

- Expand opportunities for first-time entrepreneurs
- Support local small business growth
- Increase household income and economic mobility
- Celebrate Orange County's cultural diversity through food
- Create pathways toward larger food businesses and long-term economic stability

MEHKOs are not unregulated operations. They operate under local health department oversight with permits, inspections, and food safety requirements.

This program is about creating opportunity while ensuring safety and accountability.

I urge the Board to invest in a MEHKO program that supports Orange County residents, strengthens our local economy, and creates more equitable access to entrepreneurship.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sunisa Akarapanitsakul,

Resident of Irvine