



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**AUGUST 15, 2019**

Lakeview Senior Center  
20 Lake Road  
Irvine, California

### CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chair Inmon.

### ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBER	JERRY CHANG	Council Appointee: Kuo
COUNCILMEMBER	JUNEU KIM	Council Appointee: Fox
COUNCILMEMBER	KEVIN KONDRU	Member-at-Large
COUNCILMEMBER	HARISH MURTHY	Council Appointee: Khan
COUNCILMEMBER	BILL SANDLIN	Council Appointee: Carroll
VICE CHAIR	RACHEL OWENS	Council Appointee: Shea
CHAIR	CAROLYN INMON	Member-at-Large

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Murthy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INTRODUCTIONS

#### 1. New Senior Services Employees

Community Services Supervisor Ed Kaleikini introduced new part time Community Services Leader II Julian Brito.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### 1. Distinguished Service Awards

Chair Inmon presented the following Distinguished Service Awards:

- a. National Charity League-Irvine Chapter volunteers were recognized for their commitment to the Meals on Wheels program. Melina Choudhary and Chantal Kendall exceeded National Charity League's meal delivery expectations for volunteers assigned to the Meals on Wheels program.
- b. Girl Scout Katerina Hanks was recognized for her Gold Award Project and her commitment to serving the Irvine community. Miss Hanks volunteered 100 hours of service to implement the Seeds for Seniors program which taught seniors how to plant and successfully grow their food, and fostered intergenerational relations.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo made the following announcements:

- The Senior Fitness Expo will be held on Friday, August 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Rancho Senior Center. A rack card with event details was distributed.
- As part of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 bi-annual budget, the City has implemented a new convenience fee for all cash, check, and credit card transactions over \$20 that will be utilized to support program registration and credit card fees. The fee is \$2.50 for credit card transactions over \$20 and \$1 for cash and check transactions over \$20. The fee was calculated based on projected costs to process these transactions and the anticipated number of annual transactions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

Vice Chair Owens suggested a Senior Council retreat/workshop.

Superintendent Salcedo stated this could be accomplished one of two ways:

1. The Senior Council could hold a special meeting to address workshop-related item. This meeting would still fall under the Brown Act and would need to be properly noticed.
2. The Senior Council could add a workshop activity to a regular Senior Council meeting agenda.

The proposed workshop would be conducted after new Senior Council Members-at-Large positions are filled in November.

## **COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS**

### **1. Senior Services Support/Interest Groups**

#### **A. Friends of Outreach (FOO)**

President Pat Hendee reported the Bingo program is averaging \$450-\$500 per week, despite lower than average attendance. The International Crafters continue working on scarves and remote control holders for the Holiday Gift Bags; yarn and material donations are needed. FOO is still seeking a donor for the Holiday Gift bags. A restaurant fundraiser is scheduled for September 17 at Stonefire Grill. FOO will have a booth at the Senior Fitness Expo.

#### **B. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS)**

Executive Director Kimberly Beeson reported the 25th Anniversary celebration in July was a success with attendance exceeding expectations and great food and entertainment.

IADHS staff Hollis Parmely and Jill Upton have been nominated for Senior Care Hero awards. This annual award presented by SeniorServ recognizes individuals in the community for excellence in their field. Online voting is open through August. The Gala to announce winners is on October 19.

The IADHS annual Take a Chance for Seniors casino fundraiser is set for October 5 at the Lakeview Senior Center. The City has pledged to match donations received up to \$20,000. A volunteer at IADHS has also pledged to match up to \$20,000. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$125.

C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Director Jerry Chang reported that IECSA was recognized by the City Council for its 30 years of service to the community. IECSA offers recreation and health programs for seniors. The next regular Saturday meeting is on August 17.

D. Irvine Korean Evergreen Association (IKEA)

President Juneu Kim reported the focus of IKEA's work is to assist seniors in need. Senior Council Member Kondru was a guest instructor for IKEA's English class held at Trabuco Center.

E. Irvine Senior Travelers – No report.

F. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors – No report.

**2. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees**

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Chair Inmon reported she would like to work with Superintendent Salcedo to learn more about the Irvine Police Department's Return Home registry.

There are currently 84,000 people on the County's housing assistance waitlist, and 27,000 children grades pre-K through 12 are homeless or living in unstable conditions. The average waiting period for affordable housing is six to eight years. It was reported that 1,100 units of affordable housing will be available soon and efforts to educate the waiting population on the selection process needs to be made. A presentation to the Senior Council on affordable housing will be scheduled this fall.

B. Health and Nutrition – No report.

C. Housing and Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported the County's Senior Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program is being updated. Orange County has three service areas and Irvine is part of Area 2.

211 Ride is an online trip planning tool. Information for specialized service is available for those with physical and/or mobility challenges, with options for fixed route or private service. More information is available at [211ride.org](http://211ride.org).

D. Legislative – No report.

### **3. Senior Citizens Council Committees**

#### **A. Facilities Committee**

Senior Council Member Kondru reported the Lakeview Senior Center donor wall is in need of updating/improvement.

Supervisor Kaleikini provided an update on the replacement of the hardwood floors at Lakeview and Rancho Senior Centers.

Senior Council Member Kondru reported the Senior Plan Update called for a feasibility study be conducted in FY 2019-2020 to assess senior center space. Senior Council will be informed and involved as the project progresses.

Senior Council Member Kondru reported the Trabuco Center shade structure project did not receive any bids so the scope is being reviewed.

#### **B. Leadership Committee**

Senior Council Member Chang reported the following:

- A presentation on Go4Life, a National Institute on Aging program, was provided to the Leadership Committee. Go4Life focuses on four forms of physical activity; endurance, strength, balance, and flexibility.
- Due to increased attendance, all holiday-themed luncheons are offering two seatings.
- A new support group, Loss of a Spouse, will meet on the third Wednesday at Trabuco Center.
- The CHAMPION program is seeking volunteers and an orientation will be held on September 11.
- A day excursion to the Hilbert Museum is scheduled for September 27.
- The new ATX Cardiac program will begin in September at the Trabuco Center.
- Bunco is now being offered at the Rancho Senior Center on the first and third Wednesday each month.

- The Senior Fitness Expo is on Friday, August 30.
- The volunteer program will implement a new system to track volunteer service/hours.

Senior Council Member Kim commented on the low participation at Leadership Committee meetings. Staff will follow-up with individuals who should be attending.

C. Nutrition Committee

Supervisors Bennett-Arabatzis reported a detective from the Irvine Police Department provided a presentation on scams, fraud, and identity theft. Printed material on fraud prevention will be available in the nutrition program and will be given to all Meals on Wheels participants.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**1. MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Senior Council Member Chang and seconded by Senior Council Member Kondru to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2019 regular meeting.

The motion carried as follows:


Ayes: 7 Chang, Inmon, Kim, Kondru, Murthy, Owens, Sandlin  
 Noes: 0  
 Absent: 0

**END COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Senior Council Member Murthy, seconded by Vice Chair Owens, and unanimously carried by members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 AM.

  
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 Kristen Reid  
 Recording Secretary

  
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 CAROLYN INMON, CHAIR  
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