



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**November 18, 2021**  
**Lakeview Senior Center**  
20 Lake Road  
Irvine, CA 92604

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9 a.m. on November 18, 2021, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Vice Chair Sandlin presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi
		Senior Council Member	Jerry Chang
		Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Rachel Owens
		Senior Council Member	Patti Ragland
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh*
		Vice Chair	Bill Sandlin

*\*arrived at 9:40 a.m.; virtual attendance*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Sandlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### COVID-19 HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Community Services Superintendent Sandra Salcedo read the COVID-19 public health announcement.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Superintendent Salcedo introduced new Members-at-Large, Rachel Owens and Patti Ragland.

Community Services Supervisor Amber Castrey introduced the following new staff:

- Kenneth Tu, Leader II-PT, Facilities
- Heather Henderson, Leader III-EPT, Volunteers
- Steve Mendoza, Leader III-EPT, Front Desk Operations

## **1. PRESENTATION**

### **1.1 Keeping Your Keys**

Pualani Ortiz, Transportation and Traffic Safety Specialist with the American Automobile Association, provided a presentation on safe driving for mature drivers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Superintendent Salcedo made the following announcements:

- A Thanksgiving Meal Distribution event, hosted by County Supervisor Donald Wagner, is scheduled at the Civic Center on November 22 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is for seniors and Irvine families in need.
- The Civic Center Holiday Tree Lighting event will be held on December 4 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and will feature “snow fall”, a visit from Santa, live holiday music, games, crafts, and a winter-themed train route.
- The Senior Services Twilight Holiday Social will be held on December 10 at Trabuco Center from 4 to 6 p.m. and will feature entertainment by the band “The Grumps OC”, hors d’oeuvres, gifts, and giveaways. Registration is required at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).
- Two 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations for Irvine’s incorporation will be held at the Great Park:
  - Party at the Park will be held on December 11 from 2 to 7 p.m. and will include music and dancing, crafts, holiday activities, and a nighttime spectacular.
  - Mini Celebration events will be held at various sites throughout the City, including Lakeview Senior Center, on incorporation day, December 28, from 2 to 5 p.m.
- The annual Toy Drive in support of the Irvine 2/11 Marine Corps Battalion is underway through December 13. Collection sites are at the Civic Center, the Police Department, and the Great Park Visitors Center during each site’s normal business hours.
- The City is conducting a Utensils & Condiments Drive through December 15 to support Second Harvest Food Bank OC and their partners in meal programs. Donate accumulated condiment packets and wrapped, unused plastic utensil packs from takeout or delivered meals at the Civic Center, Great Park Visitors Center, Lakeview Senior Center, Portola and University Community Centers.

## **SENIOR COUNCIL MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

Community Services Manager Cory Hilderbrand reminded Senior Council Members this would be the time in the meeting for Senior Council Members to report items, make general announcements, or make general inquiries on items not listed under Senior Council Business.

Vice Chair Sandlin announced the Irvine 2/11 Marine Corps Adoption Committee is seeking volunteers to serve at the holiday event at Camp Pendleton, date to be announced.

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the October Irvine Global Village Festival was well attended with an estimated 23,000 attendees.

Senior Council Member Baradehi inquired about efforts to address gap in senior housing.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions.

## **2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS**

### ***2.1 Senior Services Support/Interest Groups***

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

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported shopping for the holiday gift bags begins today. Delivery of 250 gift bags will be done the beginning of December to all Meals on Wheels participants. FOO will be conducting Board election of officers this afternoon.

#### **B. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc.**

Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director, reported the following:

- The annual, *Take a Chance on Seniors* fundraiser, held virtually this year, generated \$75,000.
- Volume of in-person activities is gradually increasing.
- Social Workers are reaching out to waitlisted individuals to begin enrollment process.
- Exploring grant opportunities to bridge fiscal gaps.

C. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA):

Anne Wu, Co-President, reported the following:

- IECSA has been conducting in-person meetings since August, and all activities are gradually being restored.
- The annual appreciation luncheon will be held on December 15 at 11:30 a.m. at J. Zhou Oriental Cuisine restaurant at The District in Tustin. All Senior Council Members are invited as special guests as a thank you for support of IECSA through the year.
- The Chinese New Year event will be held on February 2, 2022 and will feature live entertainment, food, and dancing.

D. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors

President Nasser Fathi reported in-person activities will resume today with a 2 p.m. poetry/dance/music program.

**2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees**

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council – No report.

B. Health Re-imagined

Senior Council Member Chang reported a presentation was given on Orange County Office on Aging Services programs and resources offered throughout the County.

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the topic with the most interest/demand is housing.

C. Housing/Transportation – No report.

D. Senior Citizens Engagement

Vice Chair Sandlin reported on the communication process for moving senior legislation for consideration/approval and how decisions are made.

**2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees**

A. Facilities Committee

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported new landscaping has been installed at the Lakeview Senior Center entrance, and new LED lighting has been installed throughout the facility. Upcoming project will be new flooring.

B. Leadership Committee – No report.

C. Nutrition Committee – No report.

**3. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:** Moved by Senior Council Member Jacobs, seconded by Senior Council Member Chang, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held October 21, 2021.

**3.2 IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**ACTION:** Moved by Senior Council Member Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the Irvine Senior Citizens Council meeting schedule for calendar year 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Senior Council Member Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and carried by those members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

  
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CHAIR

  
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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary

  
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Date Approved