



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**January 20, 2022**  
**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 January 20, 2022, in the Lakeview Senior Center auditorium, 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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Baradehi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### COVID-19 HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Community Services Manager Cory Hilderbrand read the COVID-19 public health announcement.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Community Services Supervisor Amber Castrey announced new staff, Kyle Backhus, Community Services Leader III-PT at Rancho Senior Center.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Manager Hilderbrand made the following announcements:

- The transfer of Elderly Nutrition Program (ENP) duties to Age Well Senior Services, Inc. (Age Well) passed unanimously at the January 11 Orange County Board of Supervisors meeting and became effective January 18. Age Well will be responsible for all ENP duties and City staff will continue to support the program through volunteer coordination, meal selection, and set-up for Congregate meals. At City Council request, a program update will be provided at its March 8 meeting.
- In partnership with AARP Foundation, free tax preparation assistance will be available at Lakeview Senior Center every Wednesday starting February 5 through April 13 for adults ages 50 and older with low to moderate incomes. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 949-724-6926.
- A City Job Fair for part-time vacancies will be held on January 22 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Civic Center Piazza. The minimum age for all positions is 18 or older, with exception of lifeguard and swim instructor positions, where the minimum age is 15.

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

Senior Council Member Suh announced he will be absent from the next two meetings.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions.

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

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

#### **A. EKTAA Center: South Asian Senior Association (EKTAA)**

Harish Murthy, Executive Director, reported the following:

- EKTAA Center is a non-profit entity, and the South Asian Senior Association (SASA) is a subset of EKTAA.
- EKTAA Center celebrates Indian culture and arts, and SASA highlights connectivity to intergenerational services, and fosters mental/physical wellness through programs.
- With onset of COVID-19, permanent space was released and programs successfully moved to virtual format.
- SASA will begin offering in-person programs at the Lakeview Senior Center beginning in February.
- SASA has an active base of 50 members that meet virtually every two weeks via the whatsapp and meetup apps, with an interest list of 300 individuals.

- SASA endeavors to build intercultural relationships with the existing groups at the Lakeview Senior Center.
- On behalf of EKTA, Executive Director Murthy expressed gratitude to the City for supporting the recent Diwali events.

B. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Kathleen Pfeiffer, President, reported the following:

- International Crafters have not been meeting due to COVID-19.
- Bingo is still very active.
- FOO was able to prepare and distribute 250 holiday gift bags in December.
- Meetings have been irregular due to COVID-19, but remains actively engaged via email and virtual apps.

C. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. – No report.

D. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Jerry Chang, President, reported IECSA is hosting a Chinese New Year event on January 22 for its membership, and another on February 2 for the general public.

Senior Council Members thanked President Chang for a great holiday event in December.

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

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

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Senior Council Member Suh reported the meeting was an orientation for new members, and the February meeting will be the annual workshop for SCAC to receive reports from each subcommittee. All senior centers in the county are open and active, programming within omicron impacts. Regarding iPad distribution: County's Office on Aging and Board of Supervisors are working to devise plan for distribution; Irvine has yet to receive its allotment; State Department of Aging is working on how to measure effectiveness of program.

B. Wellbeing Reimagined

Senior Council Member Chang reported committee set goal of nine educational presentations to be received by December 31, 2022, and regular reports will be made directly to SCAC. Discussions held regarding countywide support of adult daycare center volunteer and fundraising opportunities.

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the committee has developed a format to provide regular presentations to SCAC beginning in February. First presentation will feature social and respite care, continuity of care, how to engage younger volunteer base, and how to build or develop adult day care centers onto existing senior centers in the county.

C. Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported updates on the light rail project and existing programs were provided and still being studied/reviewed. Housing issues impacting Anaheim were shared regarding privacy concerns and traffic impacts. Additional discussions included increasing need for and various types of senior housing.

D. Senior Citizens Engagement

Vice Chair Sandlin reported topic of Elder Abuse Laws was discussed, and the senior age being changed from 65 to 60.

Senior Council Member Suh reported additional information and statistics.

**1.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees**

A. Facilities Committee

Senior Council Members Jacobs and Suh reported the following:

- Lakeview Senior Center -
  - Hallway lighting replacement project is complete
  - Replacement of dining room floor and doors will begin soon
  - Dining room chairs have been ordered
  - Landscaping improvements to the main entryway
- Rancho Senior Center –
  - Lighting will be converted to LED
  - Fitness center equipment is being replaced

Senior Council Member Suh also inquired if a regular project progress report can be developed/shared with Senior Council on a regular basis.

B. Leadership Committee – No report.

C. Nutrition Committee – No report.

**2. COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**2.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held November 18, 2021.**

**2.2 IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Supervisor Castrey presented the staff report and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: participation in County committees is voluntary and not an appointed position; City Strategic Plan for Aging subcommittee focus and purpose.

**ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried by those members present to designate representatives of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council to the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees and the Irvine Senior Citizens Council subcommittees as follows:**

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

- Advisory Council:** Rachel Owens, Myung Suh
- Wellbeing Reimagined:** Amal Baradehi, Jerry Chang, Patti Ragland
- Housing and Transportation:** Jerry Chang, Greta Jacobs
- Senior Citizens Engagement:** Bill Sandlin, Myung Suh

**Irvine Senior Citizens Council subcommittees:**

- Facilities:** Bill Sandlin, Myung Suh
- Nutrition:** Amal Baradehi, Greta Jacobs, Rachel Owens
- Strategic Plan for Aging:** Jerry Chang, Patti Ragland, Myung Suh

**2.3 IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice Chair as presented in the Senior Council Bylaws.

*Selection of Senior Council Chair*

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

Senior Council Member Owens nominated Vice Chair Sandlin to serve as Chair; nomination was accepted.

**ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacobs, and unanimously carried by those members present to elect Vice Chair Sandlin as Senior Council Chair.**

*Selection of Senior Council Vice Chair*

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis opened the floor for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

Senior Council Member Chang nominated Senior Council Member Owens to serve as Vice Chair; nomination was accepted.

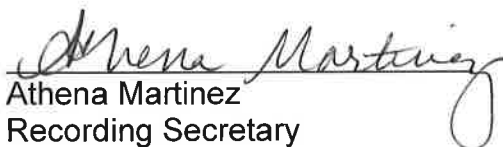
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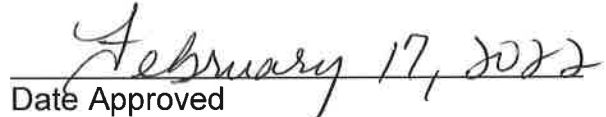
**ACTION: Moved by Senior Council Member Chang, seconded by Chair Sandlin, and carried by those members present to elect Senior Council Member Owens as Senior Council Vice Chair.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Senior Council Member Ragland, seconded by Senior Council Member Suh, and carried by those members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 a.m.**

  
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CHAIR

  
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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary

  
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Date Approved