



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**September 15, 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 September 15, 2022, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; 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	Patti Ragland
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Bill Sandlin

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Baradehi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### VIRTUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Sandra Salcedo, Community Services Superintendent, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting virtually.

### 1. PRESENTATION

#### ***1.1 TRIPS Program Services Strategic Plan Update***

Eric Rosales, Community Services Program Coordinator, and Bambi Spangler, Community Services Senior Office Specialist, provided a presentation on TRIPS Program services.

Discussion included: eligibility requirements; fees compared to other cities/programs and scholarships; funding sources; vehicle inventory and capacities; routes within and outside of City limits; and Senior Center Express.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDIZED ITEMS**

There were no requests to speak.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

There were no requests to speak.

## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- Kevin Holley, CS Leader II Part-time, recently joined the Senior Services team at Rancho Senior Center, and Gloria Cedillo and Kyle Raya have both been promoted to Program Coordinator of Nutrition Services and Trabuco Center, respectively.
- The Fair Housing Foundation will be hosting a “Fair Housing Workshop for Seniors” at Lakeview Senior Center on October 26 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. This workshop is intended to assist Irvine seniors with regards to fair housing, discrimination, housing livability conditions, and other issues.
- The City, in partnership with University of California, Irvine and in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, will host “Fiesta Latina en Irvine” on Saturday, September 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Great Park. Opportunities to learn about the histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic Americans through music, food, language, literature, and art will be available throughout the event. This event is free and open to all ages.
- The City will hold an information session for residents to learn more about the General Plan Update process on Thursday, September 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. in Council Chamber, and also accessible via Zoom. Registration is required. For more information about the Irvine 2045 General Plan Update, visit [irvine2045.org](http://irvine2045.org).
- The Irvine Global Village Festival returns to the Great Park for a full day of food, art, music, and a celebration of Irvine's diverse community on Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. This annual festival incorporates the best of Irvine's historic fall festivals and includes activities for children, local and global cuisine, a global marketplace, music, art, and exhibits.
- Ektaa Center's South Asian Senior Association will present a Diwali celebration on Friday, October 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Enjoy cultural entertainment and light refreshments. There is an event fee of \$5 and advanced registration is required through [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).
- Annual Veterans Day flag deliveries to recognize Irvine's senior Veterans has been scheduled for November 8 and 9. To honor a senior Veteran, please register at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org), course code 65385. To volunteer to deliver flags, please contact Kristen Jefferson at 949-724-6817, or email at [kjefferson@cityofirvine.org](mailto:kjefferson@cityofirvine.org).

- In collaboration with Irvine Police Department and FOR Families program, Senior Outreach Services has been provided the opportunity to extend resource linkage to seniors and their families who submit Return Home Registry applications. Once applications are received by the Police Department, referrals are provided to families for Human Services Programming, including TRIPS, Disability Services, and Senior Services.
- Irvine Senior Services is partnering with Age Well Senior Services and the Connections, Health, Aging, and Technology (CHAT) Program, in the iPad distribution project funded through the California Department of Aging. Eligible seniors, ages 60 and older, will have the opportunity to receive an iPad, along with a virtual tech tutor and a two-year pre-paid data plan. Referrals for program participation are made through Outreach Services. Priority is given to low-income seniors who participate in the Elderly Nutrition Program.

## **SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

Vice Chair Owens made the following announcements:

- The September 8 Senior Scam Stopper event was done well and appreciated. For future events such as this, suggested increased marketing presence in the Senior Connection.
- Distributed a handout regarding Pretend City Children’s Museum at the Great Park.
- The Irvine Animal Care Center will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Unleashed fundraiser at the Irvine Improv on September 20.
- Assembly Bill 567 will be advancing through legislature, mandating Long Term Care fee impacts to taxpayers.

Senior Council Member Jacobs announced the following:

- The August 26 Senior Fitness Expo was well attended and congratulated staff for a successful event.
- Thanked Vice Chair Owens for securing 300 bags for the holiday gift bag distribution program.
- Announced tickets for the October 21 Diwali event are now on sale.

Chair Sandlin encouraged everyone to remember a senior Veteran by registering them for the flag distribution event.

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

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

- A. Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association – No report.
- B. Friends of Outreach (FOO)

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the following:

- The Bingo program is steadily growing.
- FOO members have begun gathering items for the holiday gift bag distribution program.

On behalf of FOO President Kathleen Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary Martinez reported the Panera restaurant fundraiser went well, payment from restaurant is still pending.

C. Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS)

Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director, reported the following:

- Presented grant application before the Irvine Recovery Plan Grants Review Subcommittee Meeting on September 14. Funds being requested would support in-person program coordination to serve the 116 individuals currently waitlisted.
- The annual casino night fundraiser will be held on October 1 from 4 to 6 p.m., tickets are \$100 per person. Funds raised to date are \$67,000 and the City has committed to match additional funds up to \$20,000.
- A new state mandate effective October 1 will require adult day health centers to be equipped with Emergency Response Services.

D. Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

Jerry Chang, IECSA Co-President, reported the following:

- IECSA participated at the City's Mid-Autumn Festival at the Great Park on September 9. The event was well attended, despite the rain.
- The monthly IECSA meeting is scheduled for September 17 at 10 a.m.

E. NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA)

Nasser Fathi, NEDA President, reported the following:

- NEDA provides weekly programming each Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- OMID is collaborating with NEDA to provide mental health services.
- The monthly evening event is scheduled for this evening.

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

A. Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Vice Chair Owens reported the following:

- A presentation on Intergenerational and Creative Opportunities for Older Adults was made. This outreach program will provide \$15,000 grants to senior artists age 55 or older who will contribute up to six hours per week for art exposure purposes.
- Jeffrey Kirby of the City of Laguna Niguel provided information on the city's Teen Tech Tutor Program started in 2015.
- Jannette Revilla provided the following Office on Aging updates:
  - An RFP for intergenerational meals will be released.
  - Submitted an application for extension of the Access to Technology grant.
  - Received grant funds for additional county Elderly Nutrition Program services.
  - The CalFresh program was awarded an extension, funds pending.
  - Seeking applicants to fill staff vacancies.

Senior Council Member Suh shared additional statistics about the City of Laguna Niguel's Teen Tech Tutor Program.

B. Wellbeing Reimagined – No report.

C. Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Chang reported a presentation about 211 Orange County was provided and shared statistics.

D. Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

**2.3 Senior Citizens Council Committees**

A. Facilities Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Suh reported there are no active projects, and schedules being made for pending projects.

B. Nutrition Subcommittee – No report.

C. Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – No report.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions.

**3. COUNCIL BUSINESS**


**3.1 MINUTES**


**ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Chang, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held August 18, 2022.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 10:07 a.m.**

  
CHAIR

  
Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary

  
Date Approved