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# AGENDA

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 19, 2023  
9:00 AM

Lakeview Senior Center  
20 Lake Road  
Irvine, CA 92604

### **PARTICIPATION AT IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Vice Chair Owens**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**1. PRESENTATIONS**

***1.1 Mercy House – Nohely Contreras and Isaac Han, Housing Solutions Supervisor***

***1.2 City of Irvine Emergency Preparedness – Robert Simmons, Emergency Management Administrator and Christine Tully, Senior Public Safety Assistant***

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

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Public comments on non-agendized items will be heard no sooner than 9 a.m. Any member of the public may address the Senior Citizens Council on items within the Senior Citizens Council's subject matter jurisdiction but which are not listed on this agenda. If 20 or fewer requests to provide public comments are submitted, each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. If between 21 and 30 speakers submit public comments, each speaker shall be limited to two minutes. If more than 30 speakers submit public comments, each speaker shall be limited to 90 seconds. The time limit per speaker shall be established based on the number of requests to speak submitted to the Recording Secretary before the first speaker is called. Requests to speak submitted after the first speaker is called shall receive 90 seconds. These time limits may be shortened or extended, or a cumulative limit on the time for all public speakers may be imposed, at the discretion of the Chair or by a majority vote of the Senior Citizens Council.

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**STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

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Announcements are for the purpose of presenting brief comments or reports, are subject to California Government Code Section 54954.2 of the Brown Act and are limited to 3 minutes per Senior Council Member.

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

***(Please limit Committee Reports to 3 minutes per person)***

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

***2.1.1 Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association – Preeti Singh, Chair***

***2.1.2 Friends of Outreach – Kathleen Pfeiffer, President***

***2.1.3 Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. – Kimberly Beeson, Executive Director***

***2.1.4 Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association – Jerry Chang, Director***

***2.1.5 NEDA-Association of Iranian American Seniors – Nasser Fathi, President***

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

***2.2.1 Senior Citizens Advisory Council – Vice Chair Owens and Senior Council Member Suh***

**2.2.2 Wellbeing Reimagined – Vice Chair Owens and Senior Council Member Jacobs**

**2.2.3 Housing and Transportation – Senior Council Members Baradehi and Ragland**

**2.2.4 Senior Citizens Engagement – Chair Sandlin and Senior Council Member Suh**

**2.3 Senior Citizens Council Subcommittees**

**2.3.1 Facilities Subcommittee – Chair Sandlin and Senior Council Members Jacobs and Suh**

**2.3.2 Nutrition Subcommittee – Vice Chair Owens and Senior Council Members Baradehi and Jacobs**

**2.3.3 Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – Senior Council Members Ragland and Suh**

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

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Additions to the agenda are limited by California Government Code Section 54954.2 of the Brown Act and for those items that arise after the posting of the Agenda and must be acted upon prior to the next Senior Council meeting.

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**3. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

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Public comments on Senior Citizens Council items will be heard at the time the matters are considered. If 10 or fewer requests to speak are submitted, each speaker shall be limited to three minutes per item. If between 11 and 15 speakers submit requests to speak, each speaker shall be limited to two minutes per item. If 16 or more requests to speak are submitted, each speaker shall be limited to 90 seconds per item. The time limit per speaker shall be established based on the number of requests to speak submitted to the Recording Secretary before the first speaker is called. Requests to speak submitted after the first speaker is called shall receive 90 seconds. These time limits may be shortened or extended, or a cumulative limit on the time for all public speakers may be imposed, at the discretion of the Chair or by a majority vote of the Senior Citizens Council.

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**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION:**

Approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held September 21, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

At 11 a.m., the Senior Citizens Council will determine which of the remaining agenda items can be considered and acted upon prior to 12 p.m. noon and will continue all other items on which additional time is required until a future Committee meeting. All meetings are scheduled to terminate at 12 p.m. noon.

**STAFF REPORTS**

As a general rule, staff reports or other written documentation have been prepared or organized with respect to each item of business listed on the agenda. Copies of these materials are on file with the Senior Citizens Council liaison and are available for public inspection and copying once the agenda is publicly posted, (at least seven days prior to a regular Senior Citizens Council meeting).

If you have any questions regarding any item of business on the agenda for this meeting, or any of the staff reports or other documentation relating to any agenda item, please contact Senior Citizens Council liaison at (949) 724-6690.

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**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular meetings of the Senior Citizens Council are held on the third Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. Agendas are available at the following locations:

- Community Services Department
- Police Department
- Front Entrance of City Hall
- University Park Center (Culver/Michelson)
- Walnut Village Center (Culver/Walnut)
- Northwood Town Center (Irvine Blvd./Yale)
- City's web page at [cityofirvine.org](http://cityofirvine.org).

I hereby certify that the agenda for the Senior Citizens Council meeting was posted in accordance with the law in the posting book located in the Public Safety Lobby and at the entrance of City Hall, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California on October 12, 2023 by 5:30 p.m. as well as on the City's web page.

  
Senior Citizens Council Liaison

## **3. BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 3.1 MINUTES**



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**September 21, 2023**  
**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 21, 2023, in the Homer Guimond Studio, Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Road, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

### ROLL CALL

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| Present: | 7 | Senior Council Member | Amal Baradehi     |
|          |   | Senior Council Member | Greta Jacobs      |
|          |   | Senior Council Member | Patti Ragland     |
|          |   | Senior Council Member | Zainab Saadi, MD* |
|          |   | Senior Council Member | Myung Suh         |
|          |   | Vice Chair            | Rachel Owens      |
|          |   | Chair                 | Bill Sandlin      |

*\*arrived at 9:02 a.m.*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Sandlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PARTICIPATION IN SENIOR COUNCIL MEETING

Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary, provided instructions on how to participate in the Senior Council meeting for those attending via Zoom or in person.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Denise Bennett-Arabatzis, Community Services Supervisor, introduced the following City staff:

- Brian King, Assistant City Manager
- Chris Slama, Director of Community Services
- Dena Diggins, Deputy Director of Community Services

Deputy Director Diggins introduced Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, and staff liaison to the Senior Council.

## 1. PRESENTATION

### 1.1 Core Comprehensive Health and Wellness Update

Brian King, Assistant City Manager, provided an update and distributed an organizational chart for the Office of Health and Wellness.

Highlights include:

- Created at City Council's direction in February 2023.
- A committee comprised of subject matter experts was created and a community survey was conducted.
- A Chief Health and Wellbeing Strategist has been hired, former employee George Searcy, and will start November 1.
- The City is now part of The Big City Mayors Coalition made up of 13 largest cities with a population of over 300,000. This allows for Irvine to be eligible for state funding in support of housing and homelessness prevention.
- The Office of Health and Wellness will consist of three focus areas: Prevention Services, Housing & Supportive Services, and Crisis Services.

Discussion included: collaborations with other City services and programs; oversight of existing activities such as Senior Expo and the like; expectations for ongoing communications; need for availability of multicultural services; development of a one-stop resource phone number in the works; enhancement of education and marketing; need for one central portal for older adults.

## STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Bennett-Arabatzis made the following announcements:

- The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) is accepting applications for Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) through September 29, ending at 11:59 p.m. To apply online for program waitlist, visit [ochousing.org](http://ochousing.org) or visit the Keen Center for Senior Resources to pick up a paper application. Residents 50 and over needing additional assistance with the application process can schedule an in-person or phone consultation with Senior Services staff by calling 949-724-6926 or via email at [keencenter@cityofirvine.org](mailto:keencenter@cityofirvine.org). Computers and tablets will be provided. Application assistance is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through September 29.
- In partnership with OCHA, the City will host a Housing Choice Waitlist Application Event on Wednesday, September 27, from 12-2 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. OCHA representatives will be available on-site to answer general questions for individuals 50 and over. To register for this event, or to obtain additional information, please contact the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926 or via email [keencenter@cityofirvine.org](mailto:keencenter@cityofirvine.org).

- The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Irvine Global Village Festival at the Great Park will be on October 14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The City's signature event features a full day of local and global cuisine, art, music, cultural exhibits, and a global marketplace. The event will feature the best of Irvine's historic fall festivals and areas designated for unique kids' activities.
- Little ghouls and goblins are invited to Trick-or-Treat at Lakeview Senior Center on Friday, October 27, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Preschool-age children will enjoy a spook-tacular morning featuring special trick-or-treat stations, snacks, and age-appropriate activities. Registration is recommended; walk-ups will be admitted as space permits. For more information or to register, visit [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org) or contact 949-724-6900. If interested in volunteering at this event, contact [volunteer@cityofirvine.org](mailto:volunteer@cityofirvine.org).
- Ektaa Center's South Asian Senior Association will present a Diwali celebration on Friday, November 3 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Lakeview Senior Center. Enjoy cultural entertainment and light refreshments. Registration is required and can be done at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org); a fee of \$5 applies.
- Effective for the November 16 Senior Council meeting, and moving forward, regular meetings of the Senior Council will be held in Council Chamber at 1 Civic Center Plaza and will be broadcast on ICTV. In preparation for this change, staff would like to provide Senior Council members the opportunity for a brief training in Chamber to review equipment that will be used, such as microphones and dais screens, to become familiar with the equipment and new meeting space. Recording Secretary Martinez will reach out to schedule trainings.

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

There were no public comments.

## **SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

There were no Senior Council announcements or updates.

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

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

#### **2.1.1 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)**

Vice Chair Owens reported SCAC General Committee reviewed proposed revisions to bylaws.

#### **2.1.2 Wellbeing Reimagined**

Vice Chair Owens reported nine cultural organizations are collaborating to conduct outreach in the County to provide mental health crisis support and provide referrals.



### **2.1.3 Housing/Transportation**

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the following:

- A presentation was provided on Senior Mobility and Non-emergency Transportation programs.
- Information shared about the training process to access services.
- The 2022-23 report on non-emergency statistics was provided.
- Results of the Abrazar and Age Well satisfaction survey were shared.
- County is considering name change from Senior Citizens Advisory Council to Orange County Older Adult Advisory Commission.

### **2.1.4 Senior Citizens Engagement**

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following:

- Committee reviewed Older Adult Cohort.
- Committee updating bylaws, identifying goals, and reviewing relationship with Board of Supervisors.
- Committee reviewed recent bills that were passed.

Chair Sandlin suggested Meredith Chillemi, presenter of the Older Adult Cohorts presentation, be invited to a future Senior Council meeting as a guest speaker.

## **2.2 Senior Citizens Council Subcommittees**

### **2.2.1 Facilities Subcommittee**

Senior Council Member Jacobs provided an update on work being done to the fireplace in the Lakeview Senior Center Homer Guimond Studio.

Senior Council Member Suh provided a handout with project updates.

### **2.2.2 Nutrition Subcommittee – No report.**

### **2.2.3 Strategic Plan for Aging Subcommittee – No report.**

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **3. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held August 17, 2023.**

**3.2 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES 2023 THROUGH 2028**

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, presented the item and distributed a handout with recommended edits gathered during briefings with Senior Council Members. Additional suggested revisions were made.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Vice Chair Owens to recommend City Council adopt the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028 as presented. There was no second; motion failed.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and carried 6-1-0 to recommend City Council approve the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028 with revisions as outlined in handout provided, and to further include: inclusivity of faith-based groups; clarification of Charitable Ventures role; actionable items related to Plan goals.

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| <b>AYES:</b>    | <b>6</b> | <b>Baradehi, Jacobs, Owens, Ragland, Sandlin, Suh</b> |
| <b>NOES:</b>    | <b>1</b> | <b>Saadi</b>  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>None</b>   |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>None</b>   |

**END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Senior Council Member Ragland, and unanimously carried to adjourn the regular Senior Council meeting at 11:17 a.m.

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CHAIR

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Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary

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Date Approved