



MINUTES

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

January 18, 2024
Council Chamber
1 Civic Center Plaza
Irvine, CA 92606

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council (Senior Council) was called to order at 9 a.m. on January 18, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Sandlin presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Senior Council Member	Amal Baradehi
		Senior Council Member	Michele Jacknik
		Senior Council Member	Greta Jacobs
		Senior Council Member	Zainab Saadi, MD*
		Senior Council Member	Preeti Singh
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Chair	Bill Sandlin

**arrived at 9:06 a.m.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Baradehi 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

There were no introductions.

1. PRESENTATIONS

1.1 *Distinguished Service Award*

Chair Sandlin presented this award to Chuck Hawkins for his dedicated volunteerism.

1.2 *Senior Scam Stoppers*

Brenda Caloca, Department of Insurance, and Melissa Trinh, Contractors State License Board, provided a presentation on various scams targeting older adults.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Rachel Owens, resident, shared her recent appointment as City of Irvine Senior Center Liaison by the Senior Citizens Advisory Council/Board of Supervisors.

Debra Miller Osorio, resident, inquired about shuttle services for seniors.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- The Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028 (Plan) was adopted by City Council on November 28. The Plan identifies goals and strategies that will guide the implementation of programming and services to meet the diverse and changing needs of older adults in Irvine. To view the plan, go to cityofirvine.org/senior-services/strategic-plan-older-adult-services.
- The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program provides free tax assistance for older adults over 50 years old and have low-to-moderate income. Services are provided by a team of trained and certified volunteers at Lakeview Senior Center every Wednesday, from February 14 through April 10. For additional information, or to make an appointment, contact the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926 or by registering at yourirvine.org.

SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES

Chair Sandlin shared information about proper way to dispose of batteries and location of Hazardous Waste Facility on Oak Canyon off Sand Canyon Avenue.

2. COMMITTEE/GROUP/AGENCY REPORTS

2.1 *Senior Services Support/Interest Groups*

2.1.1 Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association (SASA)

Senior Council Member Singh reported the following:

- SASA presented many events at the end of the year, including Diwali, which was a sold-out event.
- Thank you to staff at Lakeview Senior Center for continued support.
- SASA is committed to providing programs throughout 2024, such as yoga, dance, socials, music, etc.
- Community partners will continue to provide presentations and lectures at regular monthly meetings.

2.1.2 Friends of Outreach

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported the following:

- Friends of Outreach Board has appointed a new Secretary.
- The Bingo program is doing well; waiting to see impacts to participation now that Laguna Woods has added additional Tuesday game dates to its own Bingo program.

2.1.3 Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA)

President Jerry Chang reported the following:

- IECSA will present a Chinese New Year celebration on February 7, all Senior Council Members are invited. Event will feature a dragon dance, magic show, and singing.
- The January 20 meeting will include a choral performance from the University Choral program and Mongolian dance.
- The February 17 meeting will include a dragon and lion dance.

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

2.2 Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council-Affiliated Committees

2.2.1 Senior Citizens Advisory Council (SCAC)

Senior Council Member Suh reported the following regarding the January 12 SCAC General Meeting:

- A presentation titled “Aging and Disability Resource Connection” was provided.
- The Office on Aging has a comprehensive resource library online at officeonaging.ocgov.com.

2.2.2 Wellbeing Reimagined

Senior Council Member Jacobs reported a presentation titled “Aging My Way” was provided at the January 17 meeting and ideas were shared regarding the need for older adults to create a health binder in the case of emergency.

2.2.3 Housing/Transportation

Senior Council Member Baradehi reported the January 11 meeting included discussions on how to access transportation services as well as status of SCAC subcommittees.

2.2.4 Senior Citizens Engagement – No report.

2.3 Senior Citizens Council Subcommittees

2.3.1 Facilities Subcommittee – No report.

2.3.2 Nutrition Subcommittee

Senior Council Member Baradehi provided Nutrition Program November and December statistics.

2.3.3 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 Senior Council Member Jacknik, 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 November 16, 2023.

3.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Superintendent McGraw reviewed the roles of Chair and Vice Chair as stated in the Bylaws and opened the floor for nominations for the role of Chair.

Senior Council Member Jacobs nominated Senior Council Member Baradehi; nomination accepted.

Senior Council Member Suh nominated Chair Sandlin; nomination accepted.

Senior Council Member Saadi nominated Senior Council Member Suh; nomination declined.

Chair Sandlin nominated Senior Council Member Jacobs; nomination accepted.

ACTION: By consensus, the nomination period was closed by Superintendent McGraw.

ACTION: Moved by Chair Sandlin, seconded by Senior Council Member Baradehi, and carried as follows to elect Senior Council Member Jacobs as Chair.

Ayes:	5	Baradehi, Jacknik, Sandlin, Singh, Suh
Noes:	2	Jacobs, Saadi
Abstentions:	0	
Absent:	0	

Chair Jacobs opened nominations for role of Vice Chair.

Chair Jacobs nominated Senior Council Member Baradehi; nomination accepted. No other nominations were made.


ACTION: Moved by Chair Jacobs, seconded by Senior Council Member Suh, and unanimously carried by those members present, to elect Senior Council Member Baradehi as Vice Chair

END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Baradehi, seconded by Senior Council Member Jacknik, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Council at 10:22 a.m.


 Athena Martinez
 Recording Secretary


 CHAIR
 February 15, 2024
 Date Approved