



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**May 16, 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 May 16, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Jacobs presiding.

### ROLL CALL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Singh 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

City Councilmember Kathleen Treseder presented a proclamation to the Senior Council, declaring May 2024 as Older Americans Month.

### 1. PRESENTATIONS

#### ***1.1 Distinguished Service Award: Sarah Mar***

Vice Chair Baradehi presented this award to Sarah Mar for her dedicated service to Senior Services programs and the Irvine Multicultural Association over the past 27 years.

## **1.2 Five Wishes Program**

Ginelle Ng, Community Services Program Specialist, presented on behalf of Aging with Dignity on its Five Wishes Program. Booklets and informational materials were provided.

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

Badri Tabibzadeh, Secretary for NEDA Association of Iranian American Seniors (NEDA), shared updates on programs and activities. NEDA meets weekly on Thursday afternoons at Lakeview Senior Center and offers a monthly evening social on the third Thursday of each month, everyone is invited.

Debra Miller Osorio, resident, spoke on the following:

- Expressed appreciation for the new Irvine Connect transportation service, and inquired about possible expansion from Trabuco to Great Park.
- Expressed concerns regarding alleged unsafe use of eBikes around high traffic areas of the senior centers and safety of seniors.

## **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- May has been proclaimed Older Americans Month in Irvine and various activities have been planned for the entire month. Tickets can be earned now through May 31 for each qualified activity for entry in an opportunity drawing. Tickets may be turned in at the front desk of Lakeview and Rancho senior centers or Trabuco Center. Space is limited and registration is required for each activity at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).
- The annual PRIDE in Irvine event will be held on May 22 at the Irvine Civic Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Explore programs provided by local advocacy and support organizations while enjoying refreshments and activities. Learn about valuable resources, make connections, and celebrate PRIDE at this free event.
- The Northwood Gratitude and Honor Candle Lighting Ceremony will be on May 26 at Northwood Community Park at 5 p.m. Early arrival is recommended, with lawn chairs or blankets for seating, to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country.
- The City's annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on May 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the formal garden at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park.
- The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Studio Arts Festival will be held on June 1 at the Irvine Fine Arts Center in Heritage Community Park. Stop by this free event any time between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to shop among handmade original works of art from more than 100 local artists.
- Lakeview Senior Center will be the site for Better Together on June 29 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants ages 10 and older are invited to enjoy a morning filled with fun activities, an opportunity drawing, and more. Whether you are 10 or 110, there is something for everyone. Space is limited and registration is required at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).

## **SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

Senior Council Member Jacknik announced the Planning Commission will consider proposals to general plan updates to add 57,656 new housing units over the next 10 years at its May 16 meeting.

Senior Council Member Sandlin announced the following:

- Extended an invitation to the Northwood Gratitude and Honor Candle Lighting Ceremony to those in attendance. Event will feature presentation of flags to families of fallen soldiers.
- Encouraged attendance at the May 16 Planning Commission meeting to learn about proposed projects to add 57,656 new housing units in Irvine and the potential impacts.

Chair Jacobs announced a Friends of Outreach fundraiser has been planned for May 21 at the California Fish Grill located in the Crossroads Shopping Center from 4-8 p.m., whereby 25% of proceeds will be donated to Friends of Outreach in support of Senior Services programs.

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

### **2.1 ORANGE COUNTY OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY COMMISSION (OCAAC)**

Senior Council Member Jacknik reported the following information from the May 10 OCAAC meeting:

- A presentation on the County of Orange Legislative Process was provided and reviewed how bills are created, presented, and moved through approval process.
- OCAAC passed a motion to review and possibly support Senate Bill 37 (Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities Housing Sustainability Act).
- OCAAC deferred action regarding Assembly Bill 2428 (Medi-Cal: Community Based Adult Services) in order to obtain more information.
- OCAAC Senior Center Liaisons developed a questionnaire for Commissioners to learn about services provided throughout county senior centers.
- OCAAC has developed a draft of its goals and objectives for 2024-2025 and will be presented for approval at its June meeting.
- The county Board of Supervisors proclaimed May 2024 as Older Americans Month at its May 7 meeting.
- There have been issues with callers accessing resources and services through the Office on Aging 800 phone number, it was suggested that local residents use 714-480-6450.
- It was announced that former Irvine Senior Council Member Rachel Owens will be honored on Irvine's Wall of Recognition during an installation ceremony on June 11.

### **2.2 SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Vice Chair Baradehi stated there was no meeting, but a tasting of new menu items was provided.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**3. SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**3.1 MINUTES**

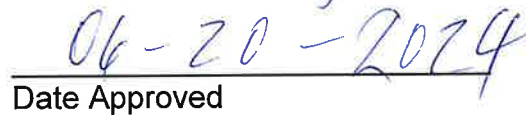
**ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Baradehi, seconded by Senior Council Member Sandlin, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held April 18, 2024.**

**END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Senior Council Member Sandlin, seconded by Vice Chair Baradehi, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Council at 9:44 a.m.**

  
CHAIR

  
Date Approved



 Athena Martinez  
Recording Secretary