



# MINUTES

## IRVINE SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**September 19, 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 9:00 a.m. on September 19, 2024, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Jacobs presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	6	Senior Council Member	Michele Jacknik
		Senior Council Member	Zainab Saadi, MD
		Senior Council Member	Preeti Singh
		Senior Council Member	Myung Suh
		Vice Chair	Amal Baradehi
		Chair	Greta Jacobs

Absent:	1	Senior Council Member	Bill Sandlin
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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Council Member Jacknik 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 Keen Center for Senior Resources staff:

- Stacia Garreton, Community Services Specialist
- Nancy Montejo, Master of Social Work Intern
- Chase Dietrich, Master of Social Work Intern

## **1. PRESENTATIONS**

### ***1.1 Distinguished Service Awards***

**1.1.1** This award was presented to Barbara Robinson for her dedicated volunteerism since 2012, serving the CHAMPION and Meals on Wheels programs, providing over 2,483 volunteer hours.

**1.1.2** This award was presented to Selina Chung for her dedication providing 412 volunteer hours instructing recreation programs.

### ***1.2 Irvine Connect***

Mike Davis, Transit Administrator, provided a presentation with handout and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: expansion plans; ridership goals; adding senior center stops to routes; marketing of program; pilot period through March 2025.

### ***1.3 Elder Law Center***

Rebecca France, Law Clerk, provided a presentation with handout and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: fees for services; online accessibility to required statutory forms; presence at events and clinics.

### ***1.4 Enhancing Transportation for Older Adults***

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, provided a presentation with handout and responded to Senior Council inquiries.

Discussion included: comparisons to transportation programs offered by Orange County Transportation Authority and City of Irvine.

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

Rassam Taherzadeh, Irvine resident, spoke on impacts to residents of his apartment community due to the construction occurring at the 405 Freeway and 133 toll road junction.

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***2.1 STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisor, shared information on the following programs and event:

- Senior Services Healthy Living Expo will be held on September 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lakeview Senior Center.
- The Irvine Global Village Festival, will be held on October 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Great Park.
- Diwali celebration on Friday, October 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. presented by Ektaa Center: South Asian Senior Association. Registration is \$10 and course number is 110541.
- The Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) Medicare Annual Enrollment Clinic will take place at Lakeview Senior Center on Wednesday, October 23, and Wednesday, November 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is required. To make an appointment, call the Keen Center for Senior Resources at 949-724-6926.

## **2.2 SENIOR COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

There were no Senior Council Member announcements/updates.

## **2.3 ORANGE COUNTY OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY COMMISSION (OCOAC)**

Senior Council Member Jacknik reported the following from the September 13 OCOAAC meeting:

- Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) provided an overview of the 2024 Orange County Transit Vision Master Plan; additional topic of discussion was the OCTA Senior Mobility Program.
- Senior non-emergency medical transportation across the county available to residents 60 years or older available through Age Well Senior Services at 949-855-8033.
- OCTA offers reduced bus fares for riders 60 years or older.
- OCTA Transit Training is available to all county residents, offering instruction on how to plan for and ride the bus.
- Transportation resources can be found through the 211 program, or on their website at [www.211ride.org](http://www.211ride.org).
- The Office on Aging has met with members of the Orange County Board of Supervisors to discuss OCOAAC goals for 2024-25.
- The Office on Aging has launched a free newsletter, subscribe at [www.officeonaging.oc.gov](http://www.officeonaging.oc.gov).

## **2.4 SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE – No report.**

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

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

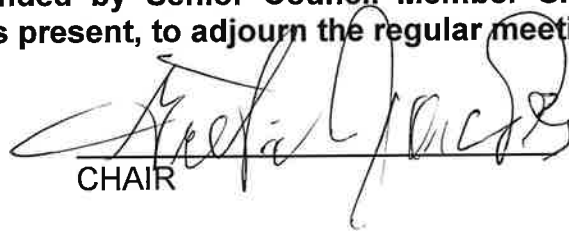
**3.1 MINUTES**

**ACTION: Moved by Vice Chair Baradehi, seconded by Senior Council Member Suh, and unanimously carried by those members present (Senior Council Member Sandlin absent) to approve the minutes of the Irvine Senior Citizens Council regular meeting held August 15, 2024.**


**END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Vice Chair Baradehi, seconded by Senior Council Member Singh, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Council at 9:58 a.m.**

  
CHAIR

  
Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary  
Recording Secretary

  
Date Approved