



# MINUTES

## IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS REGULAR MEETING

**March 20, 2025**  
**City Council Chamber**  
1 Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, CA 92606

### CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults (Commission) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 20, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Jacknik presiding.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	8	Commissioner	Mike C. Chen
		Commissioner	Greta Jacobs
		Commissioner	Zainab Saadi, MD
		Commissioner	Bill Sandlin
		Commissioner	Preeti Singh
		Commissioner	Ray S. Wong, PharmD, MBA
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Michele Jacknik

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Chen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PARTICIPATION IN COMMISSION MEETING

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

### INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### ***1. City of Irvine Library Services***

Julie Zeoli, Deputy Director of Community Services and City Librarian, provided a presentation on the City's Library Services.

Discussion included: collection and programming impacts due to grant funds awarded to county; evolution of libraries in the technology age; multi-faceted and multi-use aspects of libraries; materials for older adult population; availability of materials in various languages; Friends of the Library groups remain intact; county versus city library cards; plan for Great Park library build and expansion of existing branches; mobile book options for senior centers and/or homebound older adults.

Dana Cornelius, resident, provided public comments in support of audio, braille, and large print books for the older adult population, as well as delivery service for homebound older adults or shuttle service to and from libraries.

## **2. *City of Irvine Emergency Preparedness***

Bobby Simmons, Irvine Police Department Emergency Management Manager, provided a presentation on the City's disaster preparedness measures.

Discussion included: assistance provided to homebound residents or individuals with mobility challenges; use of utility partner lists with medical needs; fire prevention measures; value of CERT program; need for educational outreach to older adults.

Dana Cornelius, resident, provided public comments in support of CERT refresher courses for members that took earlier classes, a CERT specific app versus the use of email for communications, and decals for CERT members that can be placed on residence or vehicle windows, voluntarily.

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

Donald Wilen, resident, stated he conducts comedy improv workshops (recently provided at Rancho Senior Center) and would like to continue offering workshops at senior centers.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

### **3. *STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS***

Hee Jin Lee, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- The final Jazz at the Palm Court event will be held on April 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Great Park Palm Court. Inspired by the current art exhibition, *More Than You Can Chew*.
- Jumpstart fitness goals by joining the Spring into Health Fitness Challenge. Sign up for this challenge, from April 1 through May 13, where the more you exercise, the more opportunities you have to win prizes. Register at [yourIrvine.org](http://yourIrvine.org), course 120047.

- In collaboration with Community Action Partnership Orange County, the City is now offering the Emergency Food Assistance Program. Eligible residents of all ages will receive a grocery food box. Food boxes can be picked up in the parking lot of Heritage Park Community Center on the second Thursday of every month, from noon to 3 p.m. Registration available at the time of pick-up. Please bring photo ID. For additional information, please contact the Office of Health and Wellness at 949-724-6650 or email [foodbox@cityofirvine.org](mailto:foodbox@cityofirvine.org).
- The Senior Services Volunteer Recognition will be on April 25 from noon to 2 p.m. at Lakeview Senior Center. Volunteers will be recognized for their dedicated service in 2024.

#### **4. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES**

Commissioner Saadi announced she will be collaborating with Olive Community Services to provide an informational session on May 22 at 11 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center on the topic of stress and anxiety management and resources available.

Commissioner Sandlin inquired about viewing meeting videos due to limited hearing and sound quality in Chamber.

#### **5. ORANGE COUNTY OLDER ADULTS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Chair Jacknik reported Office on Aging staff provided a presentation on the Older Adult Needs Assessment Report at the March 14 meeting and shared survey results and key findings.

Vice Chair Owens shared the Older Adults Needs Assessment report will directly impact funding allocations, which will be reviewed at the June meeting of the Board of Supervisors. A handout for a virtual event titled "Medicaid Cuts and Congress" was provided.

#### **6. COMMISSION NUTRITION SUBCOMMITTEE – No report.**

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

#### **7. MINUTES**

##### **ACTION:**


Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, and unanimously carried by those members present, to approve the minutes of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults regular meeting held February 20, 2025.

**END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Commissioner Sandlin, seconded by Vice Chair Owens, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commission at 10:47 a.m.**

  
Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary

  
CHAIR  
4-17-2025  
Date Approved