



MINUTES

IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 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 a.m. on July 17, 2025, in Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Jacknik presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Commissioner	Mike C. Chen
		Commissioner	Greta Jacobs
		Commissioner	Zainab Saadi, MD
		Commissioner	Bill Sandlin
		Commissioner	Ray S. Wong, PharmD, MBA
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens
		Chair	Michele Jacknik
Absent:	1	Commissioner	Preeti Singh

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.

1. SCOPING SESSION

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES 2023 THROUGH 2028 YEAR 3 ACTION ITEMS

Amber Castrey and Hee Jin Lee, Community Services Supervisors, provided a presentation highlighting Year 2 outcomes of the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services (Plan).

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent, led a discussion to receive input from the Commission on action steps for the five critical areas to guide Older Adult Services for Fiscal Year 2025-26.

Discussion included: postcard mailer content; department name change; rebranding efforts; frequency of Plan re-evaluation; Commissioner participation at City events; adding conversational English classes to programs; increased staff participation at non-City community events; marketing to long-term homeowners most likely older adults; TRIPS fees and expansion of services; seatbelt requirements and liability; safe driver programs; shuttle services offered by Irvine hospitals; affordable housing eligibility levels and waitlists; virtual recreation classes.

Commissioner input for Plan Year 3:

Healthy Living	
Strategy 1	<p>Prioritize older adult mental health and wellness.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand resources for Healthy Living Expo. • Provide on-site evaluations for support services. • Provide a presentation promoting resources and services.
Strategy 2	<p>Make nutrition services more widely accessible.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for expansion of Elderly Nutrition Program to other sites.
Strategy 3	<p>Promote ways to encourage an active lifestyle and promote active living opportunities.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore offering virtual fitness classes in person at Lakeview Senior Center. • Support for exploring adding a fitness center at Lakeview Senior Center, with equipment focused on older adults. • Explore adding additional stretching programs.
Strategy 4	<p>Expand availability of resources for adults 50 and older.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for existing action item expanding Resource Linkage service.
Strategy 5	<p>Evaluate programs and adjust to ensure inclusivity for older adults with different needs and abilities.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a point of contact at each center to determine individual needs upon arrival.
Social Well-Being and Addressing Isolation	
Strategy 1	<p>Evaluate efforts to connect with older vulnerable adults, including those living alone and hard to reach.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore technology options to connect with homebound seniors. • Clarify identification for return calls to alleviate spam caller concerns. • Consider adding a script to City wide events to share services and resources. • Explore connecting to residents who are original homeowners and send mailings on resources and programs.

Strategy 2	<p>Implement Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) best practices that support the older adult community.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore adding English Mentoring during morning socials. • Reach out to cultural and faith groups to provide presentations on Older Adult services.
Strategy 3	Reduce ethnic/linguistic isolation among older adults.
Transportation	
Strategy 1	<p>Explore collaborative partnerships and innovative models to enhance access to transportation services.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for seeking funding for Taxi Program through local hospitals. • Support for expanding transportation options for older adults.
Strategy 2	<p>Increase education about transportation options, work collaboratively with partners for best use of resources.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for conducting transportation presentations to stakeholders.
Housing and Emergency Preparedness	
Strategy 1	<p>Increase access to information and resources for affordable housing.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options for home-sharing programs. • Offer community presentation on rights for tenant and landlord. • Collaborate with Housing Division on presentation for a future Commission meeting.
Strategy 2	<p>Increase collaboration with partners on Emergency Preparedness and Safety.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options for virtual participation.
Marketing and Communication	
Strategy 1	Increase targeted marketing efforts to boost awareness of programs and services.
Strategy 2	<p>Evaluate marketing to improve clarity and to reach a broader audience.</p> <p>Input Received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for renaming facilities and continuing to use tag line "For Older Adults."

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Wong, and unanimously carried by those members present (Commissioner Singh absent) to:

- 1) Receive and file review of outcomes for Fiscal Year 2024-25 of the Strategic Plan for Older Adult Services 2023 through 2028.
- 2) Approve the input provided for the five critical areas for Fiscal Year 2025 through 2026:

The motion failed as follows:

AYES: 3 COMMISSIONERS: Chen, Jacobs, Wong

NOES: 4 COMMISSIONERS: Jacknik, Owens, Saadi, Sandlin

ABSENT: 1 COMMISSIONERS: Singh

ABSTAIN: 0 COMMISSIONERS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Wong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

There were no public comments.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Staff Announcements:

Supervisor Lee made the following announcements:

- The Summer Concert Series returns to Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge with live performances offering a range of musical styles. Concerts start at 5:30 p.m. and the lineup is as follows:
 - Saturday, July 19 — *Family Style* (Blues and Soul)
 - Saturday, July 26 — *1969 The Tribute* ('60s Rock and Roll)
 - Saturday, August 2 — *Your Mom* ('90s and more)
 - Saturday, August 9 — *DW3* (R&B, Soul, Old School Funk)
- Movies on the Lawn have moved from the Great Park to Hicks Canyon Community Park. Watch family-favorite films under the stars on a giant outdoor screen. Guests are encouraged to bring low-back chairs, blankets, and picnic meals, or enjoy gourmet options from food trucks on-site. Movies begin after sunset, weather permitting.
 - Friday, July 18 — *Mufasa: The Lion King* (PG)
 - Friday, July 25 — *Sonic the Hedgehog 3* (PG)
 - Friday, August 8 — *Inside Out 2* (PG)

- Symphony in the Cities will be held on August 3 at Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge. This free event features a live performance by Pacific Symphony, with pre-concert activities for all ages beginning at 5:30 p.m., and concert beginning at 7 p.m.
- The annual National Night Out event will be held on August 5 in the Great Park Palm Court from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event offers opportunities to see police, fire, and SWAT vehicles, many family-friendly games and activities, and visits with K9 and mounted police units. Food trucks will also be on-site. A flyer was provided.
- The Annual Variety Show will be on August 14 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Event features theatrical entertainment and a variety of acts including singing, dancing, comedic skits, and more.

Supervisors Castrey and Lee made the following new staff announcements:

- Michael Bogdanovich, Senior Leader EPT
- Carla La Villa, Senior Leader EPT
- Amanda Rigali, Program Specialist FT
- Traci Bell, Program Coordinator FT

Commissioner Announcements

There were no Commissioner announcements.

Special Interest Group Announcements

Friends of Outreach (FOO): Commissioner Jacobs reported the following:

- FOO has collected 140 scarves for the holiday gift bags.
- A clothing donation has been made to the 2/11 Marines.
- FOO is preparing for the 25th anniversary of the Irvine Global Village Festival.

South Asian Senior Association (SASA): Nrapendra Prasad, EKTA Board Member, reported the following:

- SASA offers a variety of programs on a monthly basis.
- Recently celebrated South Asian Heritage Month with a cross-culture and multi-generational event with over 160 attendees.

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC):

Vice Chair Owens reported the following:

- Office on Aging has identified Get Set UP program funding to extend data plans for the 2,200 iPad users through November.
- OAAC is requesting that countywide senior center contacts provide health fair information for their respective centers through 2025 for inclusion in the Office on Aging monthly newsletter.
- Legislation proposing increasing the Personal Needs rate from \$35 to \$50 has been shelved.
- A SoCalGas informational brochure about discount programs was distributed.

Commission Nutrition Subcommittee:

Commissioner Chen reported the following:

- Nutrition program statistics were shared.
- Memorial Day and Father's Day themed lunches were well attended.
- A new menu cycle began in July.
- Next meeting will be August 11.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin, and unanimously carried by those members present (Commissioner Singh absent) to approve the minutes of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults regular meeting held May 15, 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 10:50 a.m.


CHAIR


Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary


Date Approved