



# MINUTES

## IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS REGULAR MEETING

**August 21, 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 August 21, 2025, in 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

### 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jacknik led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### 1. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

This award was presented to the following individuals:

- William Lewis for dedicated service since 2014 in support of technology programs for older adults, providing over 5,730 volunteer hours.
- Jaes Mies for dedicated service since 2024 in support of technology programs for older adults, providing over 570 volunteer hours.
- Robert Purdie for dedicated service since 2011 in support of the Elderly Nutrition Program, providing over 5,260 volunteer hours.

## **2. IRVINE ANIMAL CARE CENTER OVERVIEW**

James Warren, Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC) Supervisor, and Catherine Lovella, IACC Volunteer Program Supervisor, provided an overview of IACC programs, events, and renovation updates.

Discussion included: reduced fees for older adults; operating hours and public need; training classes, obedience, and behavioral support; scholarships; handling of wildlife issues.

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

Joshua Poon, resident and Irvine student, spoke on his intergenerational school project focusing on bridging older adult isolation and students, whereby students would visit with older adults at centers to interview, use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to summarize stories, and possibly generate picture books or other media to preserve family history and culture. Mr. Poon stated he would like to collaborate with Irvine's senior centers on this project.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

### **Staff Announcements:**

Supervisor Lee made the following announcements:

- A Cultural Cooking Program featuring Chef Paul Huang is set for August 29 at Lakeview Senior Center. The program features a brief lecture on cooking techniques and food safety, followed by a step-by-step demonstration of three flavorful dishes.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fiesta Latina en Irvine will be held on September 14 at the Great Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees will experience vibrant cultures through music, dance, food, art, and activities designed for all ages at this free, family-friendly event. A flier was provided.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Unleashed fundraiser for the Irvine Animal Care Center will be on September 16 at the Irvine Improv. For just \$56 per person, attendees will enjoy dinner and a show featuring three comedians. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and show starts at 7 p.m. This event is for ages 18 and older. A flier was provided.

- The City, in partnership with South Coast Chinese Cultural Center, will present the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Autumn Festival at the Great Park on September 26 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. This festival, known as Moon Festival or Mooncake Festival, is traditionally celebrated by many East and Southeast Asian cultures as a way to give thanks for the year's bountiful harvest. The free event will feature educational displays, live entertainment, crafts, specialty food trucks and artistic demonstrations.

### **Commissioner Announcements**

There were no Commissioner announcements.

### **Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC):**

Chair Jacknik reported the following from the August 8 OAAC meeting:

- The Office on Aging was presented with the National Association of Counties 2025 Achievement Award.
- A Master Plan on Aging Update presentation was provided.
- Osher Lifelong Learning Institute also provided a presentation on classes and programs.
- Information about the Southern California Edison Medical Baseline Allowance program was shared.
- The Orange County Grand Jury Report, *Orange County Should Have More Respect for Its Elders*, is available online at [ocgrandjury.org/sites/jury/files/2025-06/Orange\\_County\\_Should\\_Have\\_More\\_Respect\\_for\\_Its\\_Elders\\_0.pdf](https://ocgrandjury.org/sites/jury/files/2025-06/Orange_County_Should_Have_More_Respect_for_Its_Elders_0.pdf)

Vice Chair Owens reported the Master Plan on Aging submittal to the County Board of Supervisors has been postponed until the OAAC has had the opportunity to provide additional input.

### **Commission Nutrition Subcommittee:**

Commissioner Chen reported the following from the August 11 subcommittee meeting:

- June statistics for the Meals on Wheels and Congregate meal programs.
- Nutrition Program in need of volunteers.
- The Independence Day luncheon served 164 attendees.
- There will be a Veterans Day luncheon on November 7.
- Trabuco Center kitchen renovation started on August 4, expected to be completed in two months.
- Next subcommittee meeting will be on October 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Lakeview Senior Center.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **1. MINUTES**

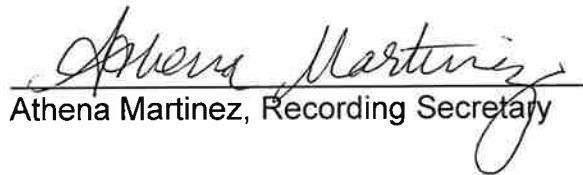
#### **ACTION:**


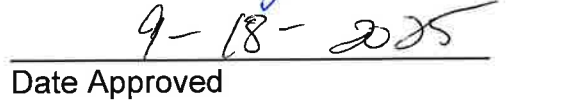
Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Commissioner Singh, and unanimously carried by those members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults regular meeting held July 17, 2025.

## **END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Chen, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commission at 9:56 a.m.

  
Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary

  
CHAIR  
  
Date Approved