



# MINUTES

## IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS REGULAR MEETING

**September 18, 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 9:08 a.m. on September 18, 2025, in Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Chair Jacknik presiding.

### ROLL CALL

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| 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          |

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| Absent: | 1 | Commissioner | Preeti Singh |
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### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jacknik 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. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

This award was presented to Toobeh Bagherzadeh for dedicated service since 2022 in support of Friends of Outreach and NEDA-Association of Iranian-American Seniors, providing over 1,306 volunteer hours.

### **2. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Mike Davis, Public Works & Sustainability Transit & Transportation Administrator, began the presentation by providing an overview of the City's IrvineCONNECT service.

Discussion included: feasibility of extending route in Great Park areas under development; automated stop announcements; long-term funding sources and life of service; benches at stops for older adults; realistic wait times; liability and insurance.

Robert Espinosa, Community Services Supervisor, and Eric Rosales, Community Services Program Coordinator, co-presented on the City's TRIPS Program and a new and upcoming transportation service, WeRide.

Discussion included: addressing language barriers; fees versus suggested donations; annual fees; funding sources; program marketing; volunteer driver recruitment; differences between the three services; resident verification process; cash handling process.

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

Debra Miller Osorio, Irvine resident, expressed appreciation for the IrvineCONNECT system as a frequent user, and commented on the following:

- View on the application is difficult to read.
- Requested "last stop/time" language be added to signage.
- Requested definition of "out of City" location for TRIPS program.
- Requested boundaries for WeRide program.
- Requested pricing for both programs be clarified (fee versus suggested donation).
- Requested extended service hours for special City events such as recent Comedy Unleashed event at The Improv, and for locations such as the Barclay Theater.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

### **Staff Announcements:**

Supervisor Lee made the following announcements:

- The Police Department's annual Open House will be on September 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Irvine Civic Center providing opportunities to meet police officers and professional staff, and view demonstrations such as K-9 and motorcycle demonstrations, and police vehicles.

- 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 free event will feature educational displays, live entertainment, crafts, specialty food trucks, and artistic demonstrations.
- The Healthy Living Expo has been relocated to Irvine Civic Center Piazza and will be held on October 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. In collaboration with the Office of Health & Wellness, this outdoor event will offer a wide variety of exhibitors offering information and services for all ages such as health screenings, fitness demonstrations, educational presentations, and flu shots. Admission and parking are free. Irvine residents ages 50 and older and adults with disabilities can reserve free transportation through TRIPS by calling 949-724-7433 from September 22 through October 3; space is limited. For details, visit [cityofirvine.org/expo](http://cityofirvine.org/expo).
- The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Irvine Global Village Festival will be on October 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Great Park. This event is a full day of food, art, and music celebrating Irvine's diverse community. For more information, visit [irvinefestival.org](http://irvinefestival.org). TRIPS will provide free shuttle service to the festival. This service is available to community members ages 50+. For ride reservations, call 949-724-7433 beginning October 6.

**Commissioner Announcements** - There were no Commissioner announcements.

At this time, Salma Elsakre from the Office of Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris provided additional Public Comments for Non-agendized items by announcing a Senior Scam Stoppers lecture on October 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Quail Hill Community Center.

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

Chair Jacknik reported the following from the September 12 OAAC meeting:

- Meeting format was a workshop to address the county's five-year Master Plan on Aging (MPA).
- Priority initiatives for the MPA will be led by the county's Executive Office in collaboration with OAAC, community stakeholders, partner agencies, and Office on Aging and Action Teams will begin monthly meetings in October.
- OCNavigator.org will be a resource to communicate information, as well as Answers magazine.
- Enhanced Care Coordination Initiative will focus on data integration to leverage services and reduce duplication of efforts and to centralize communications.
- The county received \$200,000 to develop the MPA, but implementation has yet to be funded.

**Nutrition Subcommittee** – No report.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

### **1. MINUTES**

#### **ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Sandlin, seconded by Commissioner Chen, and unanimously carried 7-0-1 (Commissioner Singh absent) to approve the minutes of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults regular meeting held August 21, 2025.

## **END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Vice Chair Owens, seconded by Commissioner Sandlin and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commission at 10:23 a.m.

  
CHAIR

  
Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary

  
Date Approved