



# MINUTES

## IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS REGULAR MEETING

**October 16, 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 October 16, 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

### 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:

- Patti Soucie for providing over 500 volunteer hours in support of Friends of Outreach and the Meals on Wheels Driver Program.
- Nava Prakash for providing over 280 volunteer hours in support of the Fitness Center Recreation Program.

## **2. CAREGIVER RESOURCE CENTER OC (CRCOC)**

Evelyn Barajas, MSG, and Gabrielle Vendryes, MS, CRCOC Community Liaisons, provided a presentation on services offered.

Discussion included: respite eligibility and benefits; languages served; initial contact to service received; collaboration with PACE Centers; referral sources; posthumous care provided to caregivers.

## **3. OLDER ADULT SUPPORT SERVICES OVERVIEW**

Hee Jin Lee, Community Services Supervisor, and Amanda Rigali, Community Services Program Specialist, provided this presentation.

Discussion included: status of hearing evaluations; volunteer driver program boundaries; assessment and evaluation process; housing waitlists.

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

There were no public comments on non-agendized items.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

### **Staff Announcements**

Amber Castrey, Community Services Supervisor, made the following announcements:

- A Shred Event will be held on October 25 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Lakeview Senior Center parking lot. Irvine residents can safely and securely dispose of up to five banker-size file boxes. The event is first-come, first-served and will end early if the truck capacity is reached. Customers who wish to watch their paper be shredded will need to park in a designated area away from trucks and staff.
- Older Adult Services will honor brave men and women who served our country. If you know a veteran age 50 or older who is an Irvine resident, we would like to thank them for their service by placing an American flag in their yard or at their door in honor of Veterans Day. Flags will be delivered November 5 and 6 by City dignitaries, staff, and volunteers. Register by October 31 at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org).
- The City's annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps Memorial Park on November 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This free event will pay tribute to the nation's troops and will honor local veterans, veterans' groups, and military organizations.

- The annual Twilight Holiday Social will be on December 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. Celebrate the season with friends and enjoy an evening of holiday cheer, featuring hors d'oeuvres, dancing, and live entertainment. Fee for this event is \$10, and registration begins November 3 at [yourirvine.org](http://yourirvine.org), course number 128108.
- A handout was provided summarizing the past three months of Older Adult Services events, highlighting upcoming programs and services, and shared participation data.

### **Commissioner Announcements**

Commissioner Singh announced the Diwali event at Lakeview Senior Center on October 17.

### **Friends of Outreach (FOO)**

Kathleen Pfeiffer, FOO President, reported the following:

- Production underway on 220 holiday gift bags for delivery to homebound seniors in December.
- FOO is accepting donations of items such as greeting cards, calendars, lotions, lip balms, etc.
- Craft kiosk availability will be Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- International Crafters are knitting items to be included in gift bags.

### **Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS)**

Hollis Dalton, IADHS Executive Director, reported the following:

- Thanked Commissioners for touring the center.
- Thanked Chair Jacknik for gardening contribution at the IADHS entrance.
- IADHS Board approved a new mission statement on October 14.
- November is food program fundraising month; \$13,347 was raised last year and 7,125 meals were served.

### **Irvine Chinese Evergreen Senior Association (ICESA)**

Jerry Chang, ICESA President, reported the following:

- ICESA participated in the September 26 Mid-Autum Festival, the October 4 Healthy Living Expo, and the October 11 Irvine Global Village Festival.
- The monthly member event will be held on October 18 and includes Medicare and Medi-Cal open enrollment updates, and features entertainment.
- The Commission is invited to ICESA's annual holiday lunch at J. Zhou restaurant on December 11.

### **EKTAA Center: South Asian Senior Association (SASA)**

Commissioner Singh reported the following:

- SASA weekly classes are offered at Lakeview Senior Center and Trabuco Center.

- SASA participated at the October 4 Healthy Living Expo, and the October 11 Irvine Global Village Festival.
- Diwali event at Great Park Live had approximately 7,000 attendees.
- SASA provided items for FOO holiday gift bags.
- Council on Aging will provide a presentation on Medicare Open Enrollment at the October 24 SASA lunch social.

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

Vice Chair Owens reported the following from the October 10 meeting:

- Medi-Cal will conduct recertifications.
- Beginning in 2026, the Medi-Cal asset limit test will be reinstated; Under \$130,000 for individuals, under \$195,000 for couples.
- CalFresh EBT maximum monthly benefit for household of one is \$298.
- Services highlighted were In-home Support Services and Adult Protective Services.
- Vice Chair Owens will be serving on the OAAC Housing subcommittee.

### **Nutrition Subcommittee**

Commissioner Chen reported the following from the October 13 meeting:

- August statistics for the Meals on Wheels and Congregate lunch programs.
- Volunteer drivers and servers are needed.
- Veterans Day luncheon will be on November 7 and offer one seating.
- Thanksgiving luncheon will be on November 21 and will offer two seatings.
- Construction projects at Rancho Senior Center and Trabuco Center on track.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

### **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

#### **1. MINUTES**

##### **ACTION:**

**Moved by Vice Chair Owens and seconded by Commissioner Sandlin to approve the minutes of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults regular meeting held September 18, 2025.**

There were no public comments.

**The motion carried as follows:**

**Ayes: 8 Commissioners Chen, Jacknik, Jacobs, Owens, Saadi, Sandlin, Singh, Wong**

### **END OF COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Commissioner Sandlin, seconded by Commissioner Chen, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commission at 10:39 a.m.**

  
CHAIR

  
Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary

11/15/26  
Date Approved