



MINUTES

IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2026
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 January 15, 2026, in Council Chamber, Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California; Vice Chair Owens presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present:	7	Commissioner	Susan F. Anderson
		Commissioner	Mike C. Chen
		Commissioner	Greta Jacobs
		Commissioner	Bill Sandlin
		Commissioner	Preeti Singh
		Commissioner	Ray S. Wong, PharmD, MBA
		Vice Chair	Rachel Owens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Owens 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.

Items taken out of order to accommodate award recipient schedules.

PRESENTATIONS

3. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

This award was presented to:

- Ericka Lozada Luy for providing over 235 volunteer hours in support of Older Adult Services Fitness Center Recreation Programs.
- Hillary Willet for providing over 140 volunteer hours in support of Older Adult Services Laughter Yoga Recreation Programs.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ryan McGraw, Community Services Superintendent:

- Introduced new Commissioner Susan F. Anderson, appointed by Councilmember Kathleen Treseder.
- Presented Dr. Zainab Saadi a thank you gift for her service as a Commissioner on behalf of the Commission.

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION

1. Selection of Chairperson

Superintendent McGraw opened nominations for Chair of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults for calendar year 2026.

There were no public comments.

Vice Chair Owens nominated Commissioner Wong for role of Chair; nomination accepted.

There were no additional nominations.

Superintendent McGraw closed nominations and invited Commissioners to provide comments on this item.

ACTION: The election of Commissioner Wong to serve as Chair of the Commission unanimously passed by all members present.

At this time, the role of Chair was assumed by Commissioner Wong.

2. Selection of Vice Chairperson

Chair Wong opened the nominations for Vice Chair of the Commission for calendar year 2026.

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Chen nominated Commissioner Singh for the role of Vice Chair; nomination accepted.

Chair Wong nominated Commissioner Sandlin for the role of Vice Chair; nomination declined.

Chair Wong closed the nominations and invited Commissioners to provide comments on this item.

ACTION: The election of Commissioner Singh to serve as Vice Chair of the Commission carried as follows:

AYES: 6 Chen, Jacobs, Owens, Sandlin, Singh, Wong
NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 1 Anderson
ABSENT: 0

4. YMCA OF ORANGE COUNTY OVERVIEW

Anna Romiti, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer, and Kendra Crusco, Executive Director of the Newport-Mesa Family YMCA, provided a presentation and responded to Commission inquiries.

Discussion included: availability of free onsite temporary housing; availability of onsite childcare for program participants.

5. OFFICE OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

Heather Dion, City of Irvine Office of Health and Wellness Director, provided a presentation and responded to Commission inquiries.

Discussion included: determination of affordability guidelines; collaboration between City departments; food distribution resources; home share possibilities; home accommodations for accessibility; phone trees.

6. OLDER ADULT SERVICES QUARTERLY REVIEW

Supervisors Castrey and Lee provided a presentation on quarterly deliverables associated with the Strategic Plan for Older Adults.

Discussion included: budgeting and planning for facility refresh/upgrades; Capital Improvement Project process; completion of projects and public use; resources to assist with voter registration and absentee ballots.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

Kirsten Buen, Irvine resident, spoke on the following:

- Suggested the City allow the provision of adult day programs in personal homes.
- State and county laws currently allows for this type of activity, the City does not.
- Irvine’s high population of multigenerational households would benefit from in-home adult day programming and provide respite for family caregivers.
- The City allows for childcare services to be provided in personal homes, same should be provided for older adults.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Staff Announcements

Supervisor Castrey made the following announcements:

- The Mike Ward Community Park-Woodbridge pickleball courts grand opening will be on February 3 from 3-5 p.m.
- WeRide, the City's new same-day transportation service, will launch February 2. Trained volunteer drivers will provide flexible curb-to-curb rides for residents ages 60 and older. Visit cityofirvine.org/transportationservices or call 949-724-7433 to learn more or to apply for service.
- AARP Foundation will provide tax assistance, free of charge, for taxpayers age 50 and over with low-to-moderate income. Trained and certified volunteers will be available by appointment only at Trabuco Center every Thursday, from February 5 through April 9. For additional information, or to make an appointment, contact Resource Linkage at the Keen Center at 949-724-6926 or by registering at yourirvine.org.
- A handout offering a detailed summary of past events, upcoming programs and services, and participation data from the previous three months for Older Adult Services was provided.

Commissioner Announcements

There were no Commissioner announcements.

Group/Organization Reports

Hollis Dalton, Irvine Adult Day Health Services, Inc. (IADHS) Executive Director, shared the following:

- Appreciation to the City for continued support of IADHS
- Participant and program statistics for 2025.
- Program is licensed for 60 participants; average daily attendance is 34.
- Volunteer opportunities available (pet therapy, music, readers, etc.); maximum allowable hours for volunteers under age 18 is four hours per day.

Jerry Chang, Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association (IECSA) President, announced the following events at Lakeview Senior Center:

- Monthly IECSA member meeting scheduled for January 17, to include dancing, fashion show, and choir performance.
- Chinese Lunar New Year celebration scheduled for February 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include lion and dragon dances; all Commissioners are invited.

Nasser Fathi, NEDA-Association of Iranian-American Seniors President, reported the following:

- Weekly member gatherings are held each Thursday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and include dancing, current event discussions, music, and poetry readings.
- Special monthly member events are held on the third Thursday of each month from 5-9 p.m. January's monthly event, scheduled for this evening, has been cancelled due to recent events in the Middle East.

Preeti Singh, Commissioner and South Asian Senior Association (SASA) Philanthropist, provided the following report:

- SASA had a successful 2025 offering many programs and activities at Lakeview Senior Center.
- SASA added a Loss of Spouse support group offered in Hindi and will be adding more classes.
- SASA presented a New Year celebration and reached out to IECSA for participation.

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC)

Commissioner Owens reported the following from the January 9 meeting:

- A presentation was provided on the Master Plan on Aging Implementation-“OC Cares”.
- The County has created three action teams focused on three priority initiatives: Housing Security; Public Information and Resource Campaign; and Enhanced Care Coordination.
- The three new initiatives have been added to the County’s Strategic Financial Plan for 2026-2027.

Nutrition Subcommittee

Vice Chair Singh reported the following from the January 12 meeting:

- Nutrition Program statistics for November 2025 were provided.
- Renovations to Trabuco Center kitchen underway to begin providing the congregate meals program from this center.
- There is no waitlist for Meals on Wheels.
- Volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

7. MINUTES

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Chen, and unanimously carried by all members present to approve the minutes of the Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults regular meeting held October 16, 2025.

8. IRVINE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR OLDER ADULTS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Superintendent McGraw presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Singh and Commissioner Owens expressed interest in attending OAAC meetings.

Chair Wong and Commissioners Anderson and Chen expressed interest in attending Nutrition Subcommittee meetings.

Commissioner Owens announced new location for OAAC meetings as 1400 South Grand in Santa Ana.

There were no public comments.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and carried unanimously by members present to approve Irvine Advisory Commission for Older Adults committee assignments as follows:

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission: Rachel Owens, Preeti Singh

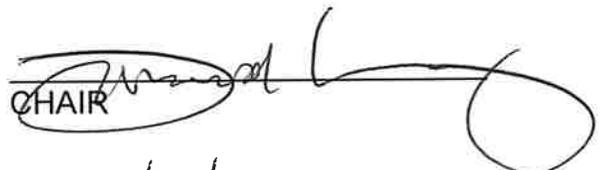
Nutrition Subcommittee: Susan Anderson, Mike Chen, Ray Wong

END OF COUNCIL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously carried by those members present, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Commission at 10:57 a.m.


Athena Martinez, Recording Secretary


CHAIR
3/19/26
Date Approved