



March is off to a great start, with several positive developments for the thriving Third District!

Last week, I attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the SR-91 Improvement Project in Anaheim, which will bring much-needed enhancements to SR-91 between SR-57 and SR-55. This project will address congestion issues on this heavily traveled freeway.

I was also pleased to join the Foothill Communities Association of North Tustin's annual meeting to provide an update on my office's activities. As North Tustin is an unincorporated community, the county is directly responsible for its governance. This makes it incumbent upon me and my staff to meet the interests and concerns of its residents, as they don't have a city council or mayor to represent them. It was great to hear from the community, and it is truly a pleasure to represent North Tustin on the Board of Supervisors.

## IN THE NEWS



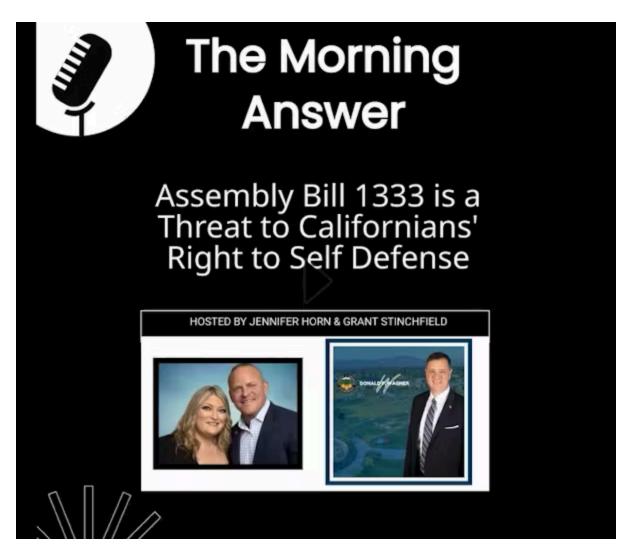
Angel Force USA Honored for Outstanding Partnership with Vietnam Veterans Community for 50th Anniversary Commemoration

SANTA ANA, CA – Supervisor Don Wagner hosted an award ceremony for Angel Force USA on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate Angel Force's recognition by the Office of the Secretary of Defense's United States of America Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration for Angel Force's outstanding partnership in supporting the Vietnam Veteran community. Angel Force founder and president, Anne Dunsmore, received the award from Alec Lange, the Outreach Specialist with the Commemorative Committee. Also joining the ceremony was Dennis Cardwell, Angel Force USA Board member, Nick Berardino, President of the Veterans Alliance of Orange County, and Amado C. Salinas II, of the American Legion's Department of California National Legislative Council.

"I was delighted to host this recognition ceremony at my office for such an outstanding organization, of which I am proud to be a member of its Board of Directors," said Supervisor Wagner. "Angel Force USA has been vital in fighting for Veterans' rights, bringing attention to PTSD and Veteran suicide, and honoring them for their service to our country. It is fitting for Anne, the heart and soul of Angel Force, and the entire Angel Force community, to be honored for this recognition. It is well deserved for all this organization does for our Veterans."

"Veterans of the Vietnam War are a large at-risk group, but their numbers are dwindling, and it's vital that we show past, present, and future generations of warriors that they are appreciated," said Anne Dunsmore. "The first step is to properly honor the Vietnam veterans who were treated unfairly when they returned home — a mistake we'll be working to mend for decades to come. We were incredibly proud to open the 50th anniversary ceremonies on the National Mall a couple of years ago. I was deeply honored to be the opening speaker at that event. Supervisor Wagner has been a steadfast supporter of Angel Force USA, helping us host at least two events each year and personally pinning every Vietnam veteran who attended the ceremonies we've held over the past three years."

Angel Force USA is a nonprofit Veterans advocate organization that raises awareness for the military suicide epidemic by utilizing members of the entertainment industry to entertain, engage and educate on preventing Veteran suicide. Their mission is to Stop SuiSilence, the avoidance of discussion about suicide. Suicide is the leading killer of military servicemembers and veterans.



You can listen here to my latest interview with Jen and Grant on the AM 870's The Morning Answer, where we discuss Assemblyman Rick Zbur's AB 1333, which would drastically threaten Californians' right to self defense if passed.

**HOLIDAYS** 

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Saint Patrick's Day honors the Catholic bishop credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. It also serves as a celebration of Irish heritage and culture, something I proudly share with many residents of Orange County.

Wishing everyone a joyful and safe Saint Patrick's Day!

## IN THE COMMUNITY

# SR-91 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING



On Friday morning, I had the honor of speaking at the groundbreaking of the SR-91 Improvement Project, which spans from SR-57 to SR-55 in Anaheim.

In partnership with Caltrans, OCTA is launching a transformative project to improve the SR-91 corridor between SR-57 and SR-55. Working alongside the cities of Anaheim, Orange, Placentia, Fullerton, and Yorba Linda, this initiative aims to provide smarter, more efficient travel. Designed to reduce congestion and enhance traffic flow, the project will address issues like weaving and merging between ramps and interchanges, creating a smoother and safer commute for everyone.

This project is located in the Third District, and during my remarks, I referred to our community as "the Thriving Third District." This project is a key part of why we are, indeed, thriving.

Every day, up to 321,000 vehicles travel this corridor, including thousands of commercial trucks moving goods across the region. Unfortunately, congestion and bottlenecks slow travel times, affecting not only commuters but also our local economy. That's why Friday's groundbreaking was so significant.

This project will help by:

- A) Reducing weaving and merging by separating westbound SR-91 traffic and southbound SR-55 traffic.
- B) Adding a new eastbound lane between the 55 and 57.
- C) Making improvements between SR-57 and State College Boulevard.

For more details on the project and its timeline, visit: https://www.octa.net/programs-projects/projects/freeway-projects/overview

# FOOTHILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING



Last week, I joined the Foothill Communities Association of North Tustin's annual meeting to give an update on what activities my office and the county have been involved in over the last year.

I spoke to the members on vital issues facing the North Tustin community, such as the county budget, public safety, finally getting North Tustin its long awaited unique zip code, construction of Crawford Canyon Park, and the county's new housing element which protects local zoning control.

It was a well attended event with lots of participation and questions from the audience. I'm delighted to represent the North Tustin community and am always grateful for the Foothill Communities Association's input on local issues.

# SANTIAGO CANYON COLLEGE 25TH ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION



On February 25th, I attended the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board meeting to present a proclamation to Santiago Canyon College President Jeannie Kim, celebrating the 25th anniversary of Santiago Canyon College opening its doors.

This is a great milestone for a college that has given fantastic educational opportunities to the young people of our community for so many years. I began my public service with a community college district and know firsthand that California's community colleges provide a wonderful value and outstanding education.

Congratulations to Santiago Canyon College on 25 years, and we look forward to many more!

# LOVE IRVINE FUNDRAISER FOR MARINES



Love Irvine hosted a fundraiser at Sessions West Coast Deli to support Irvine's adopted 2/11 Marine Battalion. The event saw 20% of the proceeds from food and beverage purchases go towards this worthy cause.

This effort not only provided much-needed financial support for the Marines, but also brought the community together to show its appreciation for their service. A card-making station was set up where attendees created "Welcome Home" cards for Marines returning from deployment.

That's my Field Representative, Al Tello, pictured with Curtis Drever, President of Love Irvine, along with their better halves.

Mark your calendars for Love Irvine's 5th annual Citywide Serve Day on Saturday, November 8, 2025! For more information about Love Irvine and how you can get involved, visit www.loveirvine.org

## TUSTIN CHAMBER COFFEE MOB



The Tustin Chamber of Commerce's Coffee Mob convened at Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii, with my Field Representative, Al Tello, in attendance.

It was also a great opportunity to welcome AT&T Business Solutions as a new member of the Tustin Chamber.

The monthly Coffee Mob is a perfect opportunity to network with local business owners and community members. You are warmly invited to attend.

More info at www.tustinchamber.org

## IMPOWERED FITNESS TUSTIN



Team Wagner had the pleasure of welcoming IMpowered Fitness Tustin as a new member of the Tustin Chamber of Commerce.

Pictured is my Field Representative, Al Tello, with Greg LeFever, owner of IMpowered Fitness.

If improving your health and fitness is one of your New Year's resolutions (remember those?), don't hesitate to give Coach Greg a call. More info at www.impoweredfitness.com

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS





# Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

Please join us for a presentation on:

## Orange County Older Adult Needs Assessment Report

Friday March 14, 2025 9:30 A.M.

## **Guest Speaker:**

Chrislyn Nefas

Data Analytics Senior Manager,

County Executive Office

Claudia Harris
Director, OC Office on Aging



## **Meeting Location:**

Easterseals 1063 McGaw Ave, Suite 100 Irvine, CA 92614 (714) 834-1111

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Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center 24932 Veterans Way | 949-470-3062



For more information, contact lmcdonald@cityofmissionviejo.org



## Naloxone Distribution Event

For Providers and Community Organizations

Friday, March 21
Pick Up Between 9 a.m.–Noon
Address available upon registration

Let's combat the opioid epidemic together! Crime Survivors and CalOptima Health are offering FREE doses of naloxone for medical providers and community-based organizations. Come pick up naloxone for your patients and clients!

This Naloxone Distribution Event is part of our Drive to Revive campaign. Sign a simple distribution agreement at pick up and receive an unlimited number of cases that contain single-use, prescription-strength nasal spray doses of Kloxxado, naloxone's brand name.

#### Don't miss this opportunity to save lives!

Send a representative from your organization to the event.

Please click here or scan the QR Code to RSVP by Friday, March 14.

For questions about the event, email loretta.pedroza@caloptima.org.

Can't make the event? Order naloxone through CalOptima Health.

To submit your mail order delivery, email naloxone@caloptima.org.





CalOptima Health, A Public Agency

## You can save a life

Come by to learn how to reverse an opioid/fentanyl overdose and receive a free box of naloxone.

#### Anaheim

Anaheim Alana Club 202 W. Broadway 1st & 3rd Friday 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Recovery Road, Inc. 2370 E. Orangethorpe Ave. Monday & Thursday 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

#### Costa Mesa

Celebrating Life Community Center 700 W. 19th St. Monday through Friday 8:30am to 8pm Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### **Huntington Beach**

Genesis New Beginnings Behavioral Health 17822 Beach Blvd., Suite 278 Monday 8:00 am to 11:00 am Tuesday 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Friday 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

#### Irvine

Celebrating Life Community Center 15875 Laguna Canyon Rd., Suite 250 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### Laguna Hills

Twin Town 24953 Paseo De Valencia Building B, Suite 1B Monday & Friday 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Go to Building B, take elevator on first floor to the lower level

#### Mission Viejo

Celebrating Life Community Center 27800 Medical Center Rd., Suite 109 Monday through Friday 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Saturday 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

#### **Newport Beach**

FentanylSolution.org 4063 Birch St., Suite 150 Monday & Wednesday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Located inside Whole Body Health Team

#### San Juan Capistrano

Mariposa Women and Family San Juan Capistrano 29222 Rancho Viejo Rd. Wednesday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

#### Santa Ana

Asian American Senior Citizens Services Center 400 W. 10th St. Tuesday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm Parking location: 844 N Birch St.

Celebrating Life Community Center 1444 S. Main St. Monday through Friday 9:30 am to 4:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

MECCA - Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies The Village Shared Spaces 1505 E. 17th St. Every Wednesday 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm Call for a different day or time

Orangewood Foundation 1575 E. 17th St. Monday & Wednesday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am to 7:00 pm Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

#### Tustin

The Purpose of Recovery 131 N. Tustin Ave., Suite 100 Every Tuesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am Training offered in Spanish too



Be aware, be informed. Be safe. www.FentanylisForeverOC.org



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Search "OC Senior Resources" in the App Store or Google Play to download the app.















## SEARCH BY CATEGORIES & KEYWORDS

Search the directory of services available to older adults and their families living in Orange County.



## ACCESS OLDER ADULT SERVICES & RESOURCES

Easily access information related to disability services, caregiver support, employment, education, financial assistance, insurance, and more.



#### **GET MAPS & DIRECTIONS**

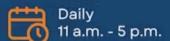
View what programs and facilities are located near you.

For more information, call (714) 480-6450 or visit officeonaging.ocgov.com



# **Daily Adoption Options**

## **Adoption Visits**



- Scheduled Adoption Visits available for the convenience of adopters
- Walk-in Adoption Visits welcome and provided next available time slot
- To pre-schedule a visit, call 714-935-6848
- Phone line open daily from 8 a.m. 5 p.m.

## **Viewing Hours**



- OC Animal Care is open daily for visitors to drop by to walk through
- Visitors can view ready-to-gohome dogs and cats during Viewing Hours

At OC Animal Care, we know how important it is to get to know a pet before you make the final decision to adopt. That's why one-on-one "meet-and-greets" are a critical part of the OCAC adoption process.

OC Animal Care's mission is to provide refuge and care for animals, foster the human-animal bond, and promote safety in our community.

OC Animal Care | 1630 Victory Rd.Tustin, CA 92782 | 714-935-6848

## PET OF THE WEEK

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**





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#### LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL OC RESOURCES?

AIRPAWS PROGRAM JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT **OC BUDGET CLERK-RECORDER HOURS + LOCATIONS** OC ANIMAL CARE PET OF THE WEEK OC SHERIFF DISASTER PREP OC JOB SEEKER SERVICES OC RECYCLE GUIDE ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Chairman Wagner is proud to serve approximately 630,000 residents at the Board of Supervisors in the communities of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Lake Forest, Tustin, North Tustin, Orange, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, the Unincorporated Canyon areas.

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