



SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT, FIFTH DISTRICT

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SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT CHAMPIONS EFFORTS TO EXPAND ANTI-HATE WORK IN ORANGE COUNTY

*Orange County Board of Supervisors approves \$1 million contract with the
OC Human Relations Council to enhance and expand anti-hate crime efforts*

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ORANGE COUNTY, CA (December 14, 2021) – Earlier today, the Board of Supervisors, by a unanimous vote of those present, reaffirmed its commitment to eradicating hate when it approved a \$1 million contract with the Orange County Human Relations Council. The action paves the way for the Orange County Human Relations Commission to enhance and expand its efforts to address anti-hate crime in Orange County.

“I cannot emphasize enough the importance of expanding our anti-hate crime efforts so we can provide Orange County residents with the necessary tools and resources to combat hate crime incidents and promote tolerance and acceptance,” said Fifth District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett. *“Discrimination of any kind, against any race, has no place here in Orange County and needs to be addressed on several fronts,”* she said. *Today’s action not only highlights the important work of the Orange County Human Relations Commission over the past 50 years, but also serves to strengthen the Commission’s ability to provide critical resources to the residents of Orange County.*

Earlier this year, the Board directed the Commission to identify key areas for the enhancement and expansion of services and programs. Working with community stakeholders, the Commission identified and prioritized four areas:

1. Improving accessibility to reporting platforms and resources that meet language, cultural and diversity needs.
2. Improving community understanding and engagement to address hate and bias.
3. Expanding the network of organizations that engage in anti-hate work.
4. Creating and implementing a Hate Activity Mobility Reporting app.

The enhancements will take place in five stages and include the establishment of an robust, fully-automated, hate reporting and tracking database; a call center and resource helpline with translation and interpretation services; hate activity mobile reporting; comprehensive and wraparound services, and multilingual, multicultural, diverse community outreach and education.

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Supervisor Lisa Bartlett represents the Fifth Supervisorial District which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Irvine (portion of), Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel