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SUPERVISOR - FIFTH DISTRICT



# SUPERVISOR KATRINA FOLEY'S YEAR IN REVIEW

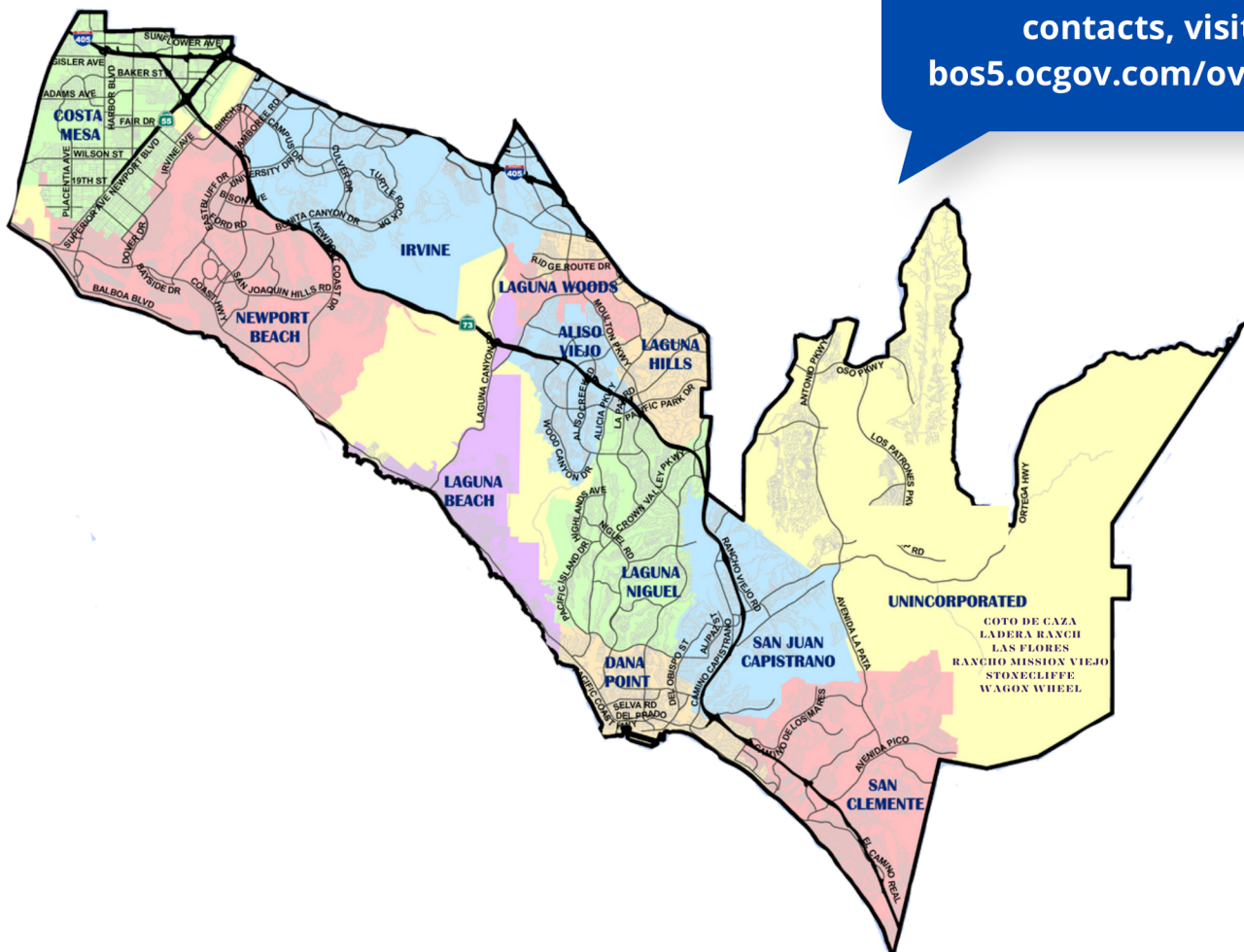
2023

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## District 5

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# From the Desk of Supervisor Katrina Foley

Our office ended 2023 strong following a proactive, productive year full of exciting changes and solutions to significant challenges at the County of Orange and in District 5. I am honored to serve and proud of the work we accomplished together so far.

In January of 2023, Orange County Superior Court Presiding Judge Maria Hernandez swore me in as the District 5 Supervisor, which includes my hometown of Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, a portion of Irvine, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, San Juan Capistrano, San Clemente as well as the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel.

My team and I got right to work for the Fabulous Fifth District through many collaborations, conversations, and a can-do attitude. We want to hear from you about county issues you care about and honorably serve you.

After listening to constituents, my 2023 priorities included:

- Supporting public safety, preventing crime, cleaning up our streets, and ensuring safe neighborhoods.
- Reducing homelessness by investing in comprehensive health services and long-term housing for veterans, foster youth, and seniors.
- Investing in sustainable infrastructure to increase regional mobility while planning for climate resiliency to protect communities, open space, and beaches.
- Revitalizing the middle class and supporting small businesses by creating local jobs, building attainable housing, and expanding career technical education.
- Safeguarding taxpayer dollars and improving access to County services by cutting through red tape.

As the ninth largest economy in America, our county economy remains strong; but we must continue to tackle the challenges of a growing community and world events that impact our environment and lives.

Throughout my time on the Board of Supervisors, I've worked with my colleagues to address the ongoing impacts of the fentanyl epidemic, homelessness crisis, and proliferation of illegal sober living homes harming patients and our neighborhoods. I also directed unprecedented investments in the community through millions of dollars in business, sand replenishment, water quality, arts, nutrition, veterans, maternal health, housing, and other types of grants.

Preserving the quality of our county for future generations requires intentional planning and community engagement. I remain committed to accountability and to the Dana Point Harbor Revitalization, reducing the noise and pollution over our neighborhoods impacted by John Wayne Airport, and implementing the County's first climate action plan to prepare our county fleet and infrastructure for a sustainable, net zero-emission future, and protecting our beautiful open spaces and coastline for future generations to enjoy. I continue to work with our government partners and scientific experts towards protecting our coastline with sand renourishment management and long-term planning to keep our coastal rail line running.

I thank all Orange County residents for the privilege to serve. I remain honored to represent you and I look forward to continuing our progress to make Orange County a better place to live, work, and play. Please review our 2023 accomplishments and highlights that embody our team's strong work ethic.



**With gratitude,**

A handwritten signature of Katrina Foley in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

**Katrina Foley**

Orange County Supervisor

District 5, 2023

District 2, 2021 - 2022



# 2023

## By the Numbers



# 693 Ribbon Cuttings

## Chamber of Commerce Events, Certificates, Proclamations & Community Events

# 180

**Constituent & Government Meetings**

# 92

**Town Halls, Hearings, Task Force Meetings & a Senior Summit**



# District 5 Budget: Community Investments



**\$729**  
*thousand*

to Orange County small businesses & local Chambers of Commerce.

**\$425**  
*thousand*

for climate conservation and environmental education.

**\$232**  
*thousand*

for the arts, after school classes, neighborhood improvements, and local community organizations.

**\$131**  
*thousand*

for supporting public safety, veterans, seniors, and combatting homelessness.



# District Priorities: Supporting public safety, preventing crime, and ensuring safe neighborhoods

## Supporting Law Enforcement

- **Investing in our Men and Women in Uniform:** Fully funded law enforcement and new equipment. Supported wage and benefits increases to help with retention and recruitment.
- **Combatting the Rise in Burglaries:** Joined District Attorney Todd Spitzer and local law enforcement to announce new efforts to combat residential, commercial, and smash and grab burglaries across Orange County, at least 20 of which were linked to transnational organized crime.
- **New Resources for Homelessness:** Approved new Deputy Sheriff positions in the Behavioral Health Bureau to play a critical role in our South County response to the mental health and homelessness crises.
- **Cleaning Up Our Flood Channels:** Continued to address flood control channels to prevent drug trafficking and other crimes in the sewer tunnels and unsafe encampments.
- **Removing Dangerous Encampments:** Voted for the County of Orange to join the amicus brief in support of the Writ of Certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court on *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Gloria Johnson, et al.* The city of Grants Pass, Oregon is wrongfully being prevented from enforcing public anti-camping laws.
- **Fighting Unregulated Sober Living Homes:** Introduced county-sponsored legislation to codify the definition for “sober living homes,” while stipulating that local jurisdictions can require conditional use permits for non-state licensed sober living homes.
- **Working with our Cities:** Joined the California Sober Living Home Task Force and brought together cities throughout Orange County to promote stronger enforcement mechanisms and a model ordinance for all 34 cities to protect patients and the public, and more consistent inspections of state licensed facilities.
- **Firearm Responsibility:** Authored an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times in response to the Cook’s Corner mass shooting, calling for responsible national gun control reform and supported California’s call for a constitutional convention that would adopt common sense gun safety principles, including universal background checks and a ban on assault weapons or other weapons of war for private citizens.



# The Fentanyl and Opioid Epidemic

- **Holding Drug Dealers Accountable:** Supported Senator Umberg's Senate Bill 44 to admonish convicted fentanyl drug dealers of future criminal liability and Assemblywoman Petrie Norris' Assembly Bill 1027 to require social media companies to retain data associated with the sale and distribution of drugs online.
- **Increased Resources:** Voted to create new staff positions to increase capacity to tackle the opioid addiction crisis by providing substance abuse treatment to incarcerated individuals and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) upon release.
- **Treating Substance Use Disorder:** Opposed the delayed implementation of Senate Bill 43, which expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to include Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and inability to provide own safety or necessary medical care, as a category for someone to be compelled into treatment.
- **Opioid Settlement:** Utilized the County of Orange's \$15,567,894 opioid settlement dollars to launch a new online dashboard to track "Orange County Drug and Alcohol Misuse and Mortality Trends," increased treatment resources for families, secured Naloxone for local schools, and distributed at community town halls.
- **Educating our Residents:** Hosted two town halls on the fentanyl crisis to discuss the threat of fentanyl, and training on use of Naloxone to support efforts to train teachers, librarians, and others to prevent fentanyl deaths.
- **Public Campaigns:** Launched the "*Fentanyl is Forever*" public education campaign with the Health Care Agency to raise awareness of the long-lasting impacts of fentanyl deaths on families and the "*One Pill Can Kill*" Campaign with Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris and the District Attorney.



## Juvenile Justice

- **Orange County Youth Transition Project:** Approved the new OC Youth Transition Center, creating 60 independent living apartment style housing units for the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) population and realigned youth.
- **Reducing Recidivism for Justice-Involved Youth:** Secured \$20,338,680 for system involved youth services, adding to our intentional efforts to reduce recidivism of the juvenile population.
- **Boosting Mental Health Workforce:** Approved new mental health worker positions to provide enhanced mental health and substance use treatment services to juveniles in custodial facilities, Juvenile Hall, the Youth Guidance Center, and the Youth Leadership Academy.
- **Increasing Performance Standards:** Implemented a system to track performance outcomes and collect data to assess program effectiveness.



# Orange County Fire Authority

- **New Leadership Role:** Appointed to serve on the Orange County Fire Authority and voted Chair of Legislation and Public Affairs Committee by my colleagues.
- **Undergrounding Utilities:** Amended OCFA's State and Federal Legislative Platform to support legislation that promotes the undergrounding of powerlines for the purpose of wildfire mitigation, advocating for resources to underground Laguna Canyon power lines.
- **Addressing the Rise in Fire Insurance:** Amended Orange County's Legislative Platform to support legislation that provides economic relief to residents impacted by changes in the fire insurance market.
- **Incentivizing Home Hardening:** Joined California Insurance Commissioner for wildfire demonstration to encourage property owners to implement home hardening practices.
- **Fighting Wildfires:** Unveiled a new, state-of-the-art HeloPod in San Juan Capistrano to provide essential water replenishment services for firefighting helicopters combating wildfires year around.
- **Investing In Our People:** Voted for wage benefits increases for firefighters, 911 dispatchers, and our fire service personnel that sacrifice each day to protect us.
- **Fire Prevention:** Advocated and secured support for the location for the new Wildfire Resource, which will house OCFA's expanding hand crew fire prevention team in District 5.
- **Upgrading our Fire Service:** Approved a 5 year Capitol Improvement Plan, which includes updating technology, new trucks and equipment, and electrification infrastructure.
- **Tustin Hangar Fire Response:** Demanded that the US Navy work with our County Emergency Operations Center as the fire burned, and ensured that the impacts to air and water quality were mitigated.
- **Empowering Women and Girls:** Supported the "Girls Empowerment Camp" and efforts to recruit more women into the firefighting services, including the new graduating class of firefighters.
- **New Laguna Woods Fire Station:** Sponsored a newly approved state law that allows construction of a new fire station at Laguna Woods City Centre Park.
- **Reduced pension obligations:** Approved Accelerated Pension Payment Plan, saving \$46.8 million so far on behalf of the Orange County taxpayers and ensuring pensions are fully funded by 2025.



# Behavioral Health

- **BeWell Irvine Campus Groundbreaking:** Celebrated the groundbreaking of the Be Well OC Irvine Campus, which will provide a full continuum of mental health and wellness services for children, adolescents, families and adults in Orange County, from urgent care to residential treatment to community wellness support.
- **Mobile Response Expanded to Laguna Beach:** Joined California Surgeon General Dr. Diana Ramos for the ribbon-cutting for the Laguna Beach Be Well Mobile Response team, marking the city's pilot program for handling mental health and substance use crisis calls.
- **Protecting Orange County's System of Care:** Opposed efforts to gut Orange County's share of the Mental Health Services Act through state advocacy. to California's Behavioral health care system with our Orange County Delegation Members, Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, the California Health and Human Services Secretary, and the Governor's office.
- **Suicide Prevention Awareness:** Joined the Board in the second annual Light Up Hope campaign, an effort to raise awareness of suicide prevention among the most vulnerable populations in Orange County.
- **Innovative Treatment Programs:** Provided funding to Otra Mas and the Shea Center to support equine therapy programs that improve the well-being of residents and veterans struggling with PTSD, mental health crises, developmental disabilities, and addiction in the community.

# Public Health

- **Expanding Services for Seniors:** Expand county's Office on Aging team to support Master Plan for Aging and services for residents aged 60+.
- **Lead Poison Prevention Funding:** Secured \$5,503,830 for the Health Care Agency's Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to conduct outreach and education activities and provide case management services.
- **Protecting Children with Medical Risk:** Secured \$2,843,290 to support programs within Health Care Agency that support the health of newborns and medically high-risk children.
- **Expanded Behavioral Health Support for Children:** Approved new services in Laguna Hills for the Health Care Agency to provide children and youth behavioral health programs.
- **Supporting New Families:** Secured grant award of \$1,712,424 to expand maternal health and child health services to pregnant and newly parenting families, ensuring strong new families can flourish in our communities.
- **Increased Access to Supports:** Voted to fund a toll free 24-hour, seven days a week peer-based crisis communication system service to expand resident access to behavioral health support by phone call, live chat, and text message.



# District Priorities:

## Reducing homelessness by investing in comprehensive health services and long-term housing for veterans, foster youth, and seniors.

- **Appointed Chair of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust:** After nomination by OC Sheriff Don Barnes, my colleagues appointed me to serve as Chair of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT). The goal of OCHFT is to provide necessary gap funding through public support and private philanthropy to help end homelessness in Orange County and solve the housing crisis.
- **Expanding Support from Renters to Homeowners through ADU Loan Program:** Announced Affordable Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) loan program to provide eligible homeowners a low-interest loan of \$100,000 to complete construction for rental ADUs for very low and low-income tenants.
- **Reimagined Housing as Health Care:** Approved the first-of-its-kind pilot program to provide \$20 million in funding for permanent supportive housing through CalOptima without raising taxes on residents.
- **Data Centered Approach to Policy:** Highlighted the release of the 2023 Orange County Homeless Survey. The 2023 survey corroborated what our office identified: the vast majority of those experiencing homelessness face substance abuse and most of our unhoused residents are from Orange County.
- **Created Bridge Housing Program:** Secured \$31,658,038 to help more than 5,000 OC residents annually with Bridge Housing beds, which includes housing navigation services and voluntary supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness and serious behavioral health conditions.
- **Reopened Housing Voucher Waitlist:** Led efforts to clear the Section 8 waitlist for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and open the waitlist to the public for the first time in 12 years.
- **Brought Home Additional Vouchers:** Approved nearly \$1.4 million from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Housing Choice Voucher Program to support 75 additional incremental/fair share vouchers.
- **Engaged the City of Irvine in Homelessness Services Coordination:** Agreement between the County of Orange and the three largest cities to improve coordinated response to homelessness in Orange County. This agreement brings home \$5,092,955 to the City of Irvine in the fourth round of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program.
- **Expanded Homelessness Services to South County:** Provided funds to the City of Laguna Beach for the Friendship Shelter. Approved Contract with Mercy House Living Centers to provide families housing-related wraparound supportive services and financial assistance to secure permanent housing and prevent homelessness. Worked with our Office of Care and Coordination to outreach to unhoused residents in San Clemente and across the County line.



# District Priorities:

Investing in sustainable infrastructure to increase regional mobility and housing options, while planning for climate resiliency to protect communities, open space, and beaches.



- **Investigative Hearing on Climate Resiliency in Orange County:** Hosted an investigative hearing featuring expert testimony and policy recommendations on addressing climate change, coastal erosion, and the threat of wildfires.
- **Climate Action Planning:** Spearheaded formation of Orange County's first Climate Action Plan, which serves as a roadmap for the region on mitigating the impacts of climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Helped create a new sustainability department to manage county efforts and secure grants.
- **Keeping Newport Bay Clean and Safe:** Protected Newport Bay and other nearby watersheds from trash and debris by approving a diversion structure project on the Santa Ana Delhi Channel that will direct water flow to a sanitary sewer treatment plant and ultimately recharge our groundwater replenishment system.
- **Water Infrastructure Funding:** Secured more than \$1.3 million for water quality improvement projects in the communities of Costa Mesa, Newport Beach, Rancho Mission Viejo, and San Clemente.
- **Protecting Groundwater Systems and San Juan Creek:** Secured \$500,000 in competitive grant funding for an urban stormwater infiltration and pre-treatment project. This project will support a new housing community in the Rancho Mission Viejo and will ensure the project does not negatively impact groundwater systems and San Juan Creek.
- **Holding Big Oil Accountable:** Secured \$1.25 million settlement with Chevron Corporation for 2022 oil leak in Talbert Flood Channel caused by abandoned pipeline.
- **South County Sand Replenishment:** Replenished Capistrano and Doheny Beaches with 45,000 cubic yards of sand dredged from the Santa Ana River. Began planning for regular consistent maintenance.
- **Historic Sand Replenishment Program:** Celebrated the groundbreaking of the Surfside-Sunset project, a historic project to bring 1.7 million cubic yards of much needed sand along Newport Beach, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach.
- **Keeping Residents Safe from Severe Weather Events:** Led efforts to issue county emergency declaration in response to winter storms in response to landslides in Newport Beach and San Clemente at Casa Romantica, allowing county agencies like OCTA to cut through bureaucracy to help residents affected by winter storms. Built a retention wall to prevent further closure of the train tracks.
- **Addressing Coastal Erosion:** Responded immediately to reports from Dover Shores property owners of bluffs crumbling beneath homes. Worked with Assemblywoman Diane Dixon and staff from county, state, and city departments to support efforts to save the homes and reinforce the cliffside.

# Transportation and E-Bike Safety

- **First Ever Active Transportation Plan for Orange County:** Approved Orange County's first Active Transportation Plan, which serves as the master plan for building bike and pedestrian infrastructure throughout the region. The plan includes priority projects for the Ladera Ranch and Las Flores Communities, as well as a plan to build trails that connect the Back Bay to the Beach in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach.
- **Protecting the LOSSAN Rail Corridor:** Protected the LOSSAN Rail Corridor with more than \$27 million in emergency stabilization funding, and approved two coastal rail studies that explore the short, medium, and long-term strategies for keeping the corridor open. Testified at multiple State Legislative Informational Hearings, emphasizing the need for proactive long-term planning for the corridor, recommitting to short-term solutions being pursued by local governments which include sand replenishment and bluff stabilization.
- **Zero-Emission Public Transportation:** Approved more than \$100 million dollars for zero emission busses and fueling infrastructure at OCTA. This investment helps OCTA reach its goal of deploying a fully zero emission bus fleet by 2040 by purchasing 60 clean energy buses and building fueling stations throughout the county.
- **More Voices at the Table:** Added a District 5 Representative to the Orange County Traffic Committee, adding a community voice to the decisions we make in our unincorporated communities related to streets and highways.
- **E-Bike Safety Study & Boosting Public Awareness:** Worked with OC Public Works and OCTA to conduct e-bike study in unincorporated Orange County, which found education on e-bike safety necessary. Assisted OC Public Works and Ladera Ranch leaders to create promotional materials on E-Bike riding rules, tips, a community-wide bikeway map, and safety instructions.
- **E-Bike Safety Ordinance:** Worked with Ladera Ranch leaders and spearheaded efforts to draft an ordinance creating new safety regulations for electric bicycles in the County of Orange that will protect pedestrians, equestrians, bicyclists, and drivers from accidents involving e-bikes.

# San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS)

- **Leading Stakeholder Groups:** Led efforts to protect our community from the spent nuclear fuel currently housed at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) by serving as the Co-Chair of the Spent Fuel Solutions Coalition and as a member of the SONGS Decommissioning Community Engagement Panel.
- **Securing Funding:** Joined U.S. Secretary of Energy Jennifer Granholm and Congressman Mike Levin to announce \$26 million in grants to engage regions in potentially hosting Consolidated Interim Storage (CIS) facilities to hold spent nuclear fuel.
- **Developing a Plan:** Authored an op-ed in the LA Times to outline how we plan to move nuclear spent fuel out of our community. All of the spent fuel is now stored safely in the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI).



## District Priorities:

### Safeguarding taxpayer dollars by safeguarding our County's \$9.3 billion budget and improving access to County services.

- **Record Investments:** Approved \$9.3 billion budget, a 5.4% increase from last year. The budget includes increased investments in sustainable infrastructure and climate resiliency, housing, public safety, and more. Revenue from property and local sales taxes increased by approximately 6.4% and 2.5% respectively.
- **Safeguarding Taxpayer Dollars:** Requested review of performance standards for county service contracts to ensure effectiveness of vendor services.
- **Reducing Taxes and Fees:** Secured savings in Mello Roos fees per parcel over the next eleven years, reducing taxes for property owners in Ladera Ranch.
- **New South County Satellite Office:** Opened Fifth District office in Dana Point Harbor to increase constituent access to Supervisor Foley and staff as well as county resources.
- **New Laguna Hills Passport Services Office:** Joined Clerk-Recorder to open Passport Services office in Laguna Hills to increase resident access to efficient passport services and Zoom wedding options.



## OC Public Libraries

- **San Juan Capistrano Library Grand Re-Opening:** Celebrated grand re-opening of San Juan Capistrano Library, which received electrical system upgrades, more space for library programming, ADA compliant upgrades, and additional computer and laptop areas.
- **Renovating South County Libraries:** Approved **Aliso Viejo** and **Dana Point** Library projects, centered on ADA updates, proper audio-visual technology, solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, and water bottle filling stations.
- **New Laguna Woods Public Library:** Approved new Laguna Woods Public Library, providing residents with state-of-the-art and expanded access to literature, technology and more
- **Library and Civic Engagement Funding:** The Samueli Foundation awarded the County \$250,000 for library and civic engagement services. This funding will support community programming related to workforce readiness and small business development.



# District Priorities: County Projects

## John Wayne Airport

- **New Local Restaurants and Shopping:** Approved a new 15-year restaurant and retail program for John Wayne Airport that showcases local businesses and provide unique, locally sourced products that reflect the best of Orange County for both locals and travelers visiting from around the world.
- **Modernizing the Airport:** Adopted 7 Year Capital Improvement Plan totaling \$711 million in required deferred maintenance, funding more than 44 shovel ready projects that includes escalators, the baggage claim system, parking facilities, and projects throughout the entire footprint of the airport. Advocated for clean, green systems.
- **Celebrating 100 Years of Flight:** Kicked off a multi-month celebration of flight with a proclamation at the County Board of Supervisors meeting, commemorating the founding of the Eddie Martin's flight school in 1923.
- **Recognizing Friendly Pilots:** Announced the top-scoring general aviation pilots participating in the **Fly Friendly** program, the noise accountability program to educate pilots on quieter flight paths to reduce noise and air pollution for communities living by the airport.
- **Listening to the Community:** Convened monthly John Wayne Airport advisory committee meetings to work together with airport staff, airport commission members, and members of the community on ways to improve the airport.
- **Reducing Flight Noise and Protecting our Settlement Agreement:** Authorized the Airport Director to require airlines to reduce seat allocations to comply with the settlement agreement, which limits total annual passenger county and requires a curfew for commercial flights. Advocated for commercial airlines to transition to Max 8 planes that are cleaner and quieter and celebrated Breeze Air and its modern airplanes.
- **Supporting our Employees:** Improved working conditions for airport parking and shuttle employees by updating temporary restroom facilities to meet staff needs.
- **Planning for the Future:** Worked with the Federal Aviation Administration on approval of our General Aviation Improvement Program (GAIP), Airport Layout Plan (ALP), and offered input on FFA's Noise Policy Review.



# Newport Harbor

- **Saving the Balboa Island Ferry:** Formed and led a coalition to save the Balboa Island Ferry with a group of local officials including Assemblywoman Dixon, U.S. Representative Katie Porter, the Beek Family who owns the ferry, the Balboa Island Improvement Association, Gibson Dunn, and Townsend Public Affairs. Sent letters to Newport Beach Mayor, California Air Resources Board (CARB), and U.S. Senator Padilla to request their aid in various aspects of saving the Balboa Island Ferry.
- **New Patrol and Fire Boats:** Voted for the acquisition of two additional 26-foot patrol boats for the Orange County Sheriff's Department Harbor Patrol Bureau's public safety and national security efforts to conduct law enforcement patrols, search and rescue, and a 35-foot fire boat to fight fires and serve and emergency first responders.
- **Upgrading Harbor Patrol Equipment:** Approved the purchase of harbor patrol radio console upgrades for Sheriff Harbor Patrol's Newport Beach dispatch center. The location serves as a secondary public safety answering point for 911 emergency calls within the Harbor Patrol's service area.
- **More Public Dock Access:** Approved improvements to the Balboa Marina on County tidelands in Newport Harbor near the entrance of Upper Newport Bay. Improvements include 12 new public docks and an accessible lift.
- **Newport Sea Base Upgrades:** Approved new lease agreement with the Boy Scouts for their Newport Sea Base facility in Newport Harbor for modern and ADA compliant upgrades.
- **Safeguarding our Harbor:** Continued efforts to ensure that Newport Beach's Coastline remains protected, which includes sand replenishment, preventing another oil spill, and keeping our harbor safe.

# OC Parks

- **Hosted Concerts in the Parks and Sunset Cinema series** in parks across the Fifth District with thousands of community members in attendance.
- **Planning for Laguna Niguel Regional Park Improvements:** Began discussions to add pickle ball courts and enhance the concession stands and lake.
- **Talbert Park:** Continued efforts at Talbert Park in Costa Mesa, to clear encampments and connect individuals experiencing homelessness with 67 people housed so far. Led discussions for outreach strategy for Talbert Park Master Plan.
- **Randall Preserve / Genga (formerly known as Banning Ranch):** After years of advocacy supporting efforts to preserve the old oil fields as an open space coastal park, celebrated the sale to the conservancy, and official presentations.
- **Arbor Day:** Planted 150 trees at county parks across the Fifth District in celebration of 150 years since the first National Arbor Day.





# Dana Point Harbor Revitalization



- **Listening to the Community:** Hosted the first **Dana Point Town Hall** in over 8 years and provided answers to the public on commercial revitalization, hotel revitalization, marina revitalization, Sailing and Events Center, improvements, and Ocean Institute loan with Q&A sessions to clear up any misinformation and hear feedback on ways to improve residents experience at Dana Point Harbor.
- **Working Together to Get Dana Point Harbor Back on Track:** Constructed and introduced **the Dana Point Harbor Oversight Advisory Committee** to gain a well-rounded prospective on all issues pertaining to the Dana Point Harbor. Collaborated with the committee to communicate and provide clarity to the public, work on timelines for the Harbor revitalization and set ongoing goals and expectations for the Harbor construction.
- **Developing a Plan:** Created and outlined a phasing sheet and organizational chart for Dana Point Harbor Development plan. Commercial construction on track to begin in January 2024.
- **Keeping Dana Point Harbor Affordable:** Maintained the Dana Point Harbor slip fees as lowest in the county.
- **Grand Openings:** Hosted the Grand Opening of the long-awaited new docks at The Marina at Dana Point.
- **Sailing and Events Center Improvements:** Began inventory, assessment and improvements and sailing center upgrades.
- **Jetty and Dredging:** Secured funds to dredge and repair the Jetty and replenish sand at Baby Beach.



# District Priorities: Supporting Small Businesses and Workforce Development



- **Supporting District 5 Businesses:** Boosted our local economy by exclusively utilizing local, family-owned small restaurants for all District 5 community event catering and meetings.
- **Restaurant Relief:** Voted to refund restauranteurs on their environmental health permit fees paid during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Engaging with the Business Community:** Regularly met with local chambers of commerce to identify and address the needs of the businesses across Orange County.
- **Supporting Small Business and Workers:** Contributed \$729,000 to Chambers of Commerce in District 5, supporting our small business and workforce development initiatives.
- **New Laguna Niguel Workforce Development Office:** Opened County One-Stop in Laguna Niguel in partnership with OC Workforce Solutions, OC Community Services, Ready Set OC, America's Job Center of California, and the Veterans Employment Program. Staff specialize in serving adults, dislocated workers, youth, veterans, older adults, and other vulnerable populations provide workforce development services and training.
- **Hiring Veterans:** Hosted career fair and veterans expo in Laguna Hills with OC Workforce Solutions, connecting 70 employers and businesses with more than 100 job seekers within the community.
- **Fair Working Conditions:** Advocated for fair working conditions for hotel workers and nurses on strike in the Fifth District.
- **Supporting Essential County Workers:** Boosted recruitment and retention of our County workforce by negotiating record and long overdue raises for County employees, including nurses, sheriffs, social workers, electricians, engineers, and attorneys.
- **New Vision Benefits for County Workers:** Improved health outcomes for county employees and their families by providing new vision health benefits.

# District Priorities: Supporting Our Veterans

- **Building Housing for Veterans, Families, and Domestic Violence Survivors:** Celebrated groundbreaking of WISEPlace and Paseo Adelanto, two permanent supportive housing projects aimed to house domestic abuse survivors, families, veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness in Central and South Orange County.
- **Converted Crime Ridden Motels into Housing for Veterans:** Collaborated with our cities to move forward six Project Homekey motel conversions that will produce 391 new units of permanent supportive housing, including 88 units for Veterans and families in Costa Mesa.
- **Supportive Housing for Veterans:** Secured \$1.6 million for the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, which will house 10 veterans experiencing homelessness in Orange County and provide them with rental assistance, case management services, and clinical services.
- **Honoring Servicemembers:** Hosted the Fifth District Veterans of the Year Event, which recognized dozens of veterans throughout our community for their service in the military and as civilians.
- **Collaborating with Legislative Partners:** Participated in Orange County Veterans and Military Families Collaborative Legislative Priorities discussion with representatives from all elected offices in Orange County to hear from veterans on how policy and legislation can support them.
- **Expanding Services:** Approved the hiring of a new veteran claims representative position to support expanded veteran's services.
- **Supporting Veterans in College:** Approved \$1,875,000 in early intervention services for veteran college students.



# Community Services, Events & Projects

## Office-hosted events

- **Wellness Wednesday Walks:** Hosted a series of 10 Wellness Wednesday Walk at various county parks throughout the Fifth District, featuring OC Parks staff who shared fun facts about the natural ecosystems in our community.
- **15th Annual Coat Drive for Kids:** Hosted our 15th annual new coats for kids drive where we our office collected brand new coats and distributed coats and toys to more than 600 children across the county.
- **Senior Summit:** Partnered with CalOPTIMA for our annual Senior Summit which consisted of a resource fair, technology workshops, iPad & Medical Device Giveaways, memory care resources, flu vaccinations, caregiver support and CalOPTIMA enrollment.
- **Coffee & Conversations with Katrina:** Hosted Coffee & Conversations throughout the year to connect with residents of District 5.
- **Thanksgiving Food Distribution:** Hosted Thanksgiving give away event with Mercado Gonzalez by Northgate Market to combat food insecurity during the holiday season.
- **Recognizing Women's History:** Hosted our 2nd annual Women Making a Difference Awards, recognizing women storytellers across the district, honored women county public information officers during a Board of Supervisors meeting, and hosted a women's lunch and learn for elected officials.
- **LGBTQ+ Pride Month:** Held a roundtable discussion with Second District Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, the LGBTQ Center Orange County, and local LGBTQ+ leaders which culminated in the unfurling of the Pride Flag at the Old Orange County Courthouse.
- **Coordinating with Local Elected Officials:** Hosted monthly meetings with Fifth District elected officials to share about our county procurement process and partnership opportunities to reduce costs to cities and support local businesses.
- **Partnering with API Leaders:** Hosted a roundtable with local Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander organizations to discuss opportunities for community partnerships.
- **Celebrating Flag Day:** Installed an exhibit featuring 248 American flags to recognize Flag Day and the US Army's 248th Birthday in Irvine's William R. Mason Regional Park.



# Community Services, Events & Projects

## Supporting the Community



- **Recognizing LGBTQ+ Pride Month for the First Time:** Worked with Supervisor Sarmiento for the County of Orange to formally recognize LGBTQ+ Pride Month for the first time in its history.
- **New Official County Recognitions:** Added Breast Cancer Awareness Month, California Native American Day, Career Technical Education Month, Chicano Heritage Month, Ethiopian-American Day, Financial Literacy Month, National Gun Violence Awareness Month, Positive Parenting Awareness Month, Service Clubs Month, National Therapy Animal Day, and World Wish Day to our official County recognition list.
- **Ending Hate in Orange County:** Secured more than \$500,000 to hire an additional hate crimes prosecutor who will, in addition to prosecution, collaborate with community-based organizations such as the Anti-Defamation League, the LGBTQ Center OC, the OC Human Relations Commissions and local law enforcement agencies to conduct hate crime outreach and education.
- **Armenian Human Rights:** Authored a resolution supporting Armenian human rights, condemning the horrific actions taken by the Azerbaijani government, and calling for an end of the blockade of Artsakh. Copies of the approved resolution will be sent to Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Armenia.
- **Fighting Against Human Trafficking:** Approved an official response to a grand jury report on human sex trafficking in Orange County, urging immediate action to strike down human trafficking to ensure our neighborhoods remain a safe place to live.
- **Supporting Equestrians:** Welcomed the FEI Jumping Fédération Équestre Internationale Nations Jumping Cup, the world's oldest and most prestigious equestrian jumping event, to San Juan Capistrano.
- **Storm Relief:** Distributed sandbags to residents in need during storm seasons and climate emergencies, including Tropical Storm Hilary.
- **Butterfly Way Station Committee:** Funded butterfly garden and established a Butterfly Way Station Committee to plan for gardens and education in District 5.
- **Empowering Young Women:** Hosted a Girls Summit for Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) Access Students where a panel of local women professionals shared their journeys to success.



# Out & About in Orange County

In addition to the fulfilling work from the job of a County Supervisor, I am grateful for the opportunity to share some fun with the community while out in the district.

Some of my favorite moments from 2023:



Community Swearing-In



Festival of Whales Parade



Swallows Day Parade



Flashback Heart Attack at Salt Creek Beach



Balboa Island Parade



FEI Nations Cup



Hosting the 15th Annual Katrina's Coat Drive for Kids



First Day of the OC Fair

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**OC Animal Care:** 714-935-6848

**Assessor:** 714-834-2727

**Auditor-Control:** 714-834-2450

**Children & Family Services:** 714-704-8000

**Child Support Services:** 866-901-3212

**Clerk of the Board:** 714-834-2206

**Clerk - Recorder:** 714-834-2500

**OC Community Services:** 714-480-2900

**District Attorney:** 714-834-3600

**OC Department of Education:** 714-966-4000

**OC Executive Office:** 714-834-2345

**OC Environmental Health:** 714-433-6000

**OC Fire Authority:** 714-573-6000

**Health Care Agency:** 800- 564-8448

**OC Housing Authority:** 714-480-2700

**OC Human Relations:** 714-480-6570

**OC Parks:** 714-973-6865

**OC Public Libraries:** 714-566-3000

**OC Public Works:** 714-834-2300

**Registrar of Voters:** 714-567-7600

**Senior Services:** 714-480-6450

**Sheriff's Department:** 714-647-7000

**Social Services Agency:** 714-541-7700

**The Toll Roads:** 949-754-3400

**OC Transportation Authority:** 714-560-6282

**Treasurer-Tax Collector:** 714-834-3411

**Vector Control:** 714-971-2421

**Veterans Services:** 714-480-6555

**OC Waste & Recycling:** 714-834-4000

**Water Pollution Hotline:** 877-897-7455

## Intern Highlights

This year, we enjoyed working with interns from colleges including UC Irvine, UCLA, Loyola Marymount University, Arizona State University, Chapman University, Cal State Fullerton, Irvine Valley College, Orange Coast College, Girls Inc. and several District 5 high schools.



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