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This is our second edition of *Meet the Mayors of Orange County*, which we publish annually in October. Thank you for including this among your reading choices.

The quality of communities are directly related to the quality of the leadership. The brief articles herein are an introduction. Each of the city web sites are in their mastheads where you can go online to read in-depth information.

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A Foundation of Integrity and Trust



Ross Chun
Mayor

Aliso Viejo is a truly beautiful and unique place in South Orange County. Our proximity to the beach makes our real estate particularly attractive to residents, and our accessibility to major freeways and the Toll Road makes us an ideal location for businesses and public agencies.

I am honored to serve as Mayor for the second time in my ten years on the city council, and appreciate the opportunities to work with other public agencies, like The League of California Cities, Southern California Association of Governments, Orange County Council of Governments, Transportation Corridor Agency, Vector Control and the Orange County Fire Authority.

I have been grateful to have a role in shepherding the development and completion of our historic Aliso Viejo Ranch, working with businesses and our Chamber of Commerce to support our local economy, and mentor students from Aliso Niguel High School and Soka University.

As we look to the future, I am confident our council will continue to work together to improve the quality of life in Aliso Viejo, support our families, schools and businesses, and strive to rebuild the public's trust in their elected leaders. As we have learned over the past 2 years, it is impossible to anticipate all of the challenges we might face in the coming years, but our greatest possibility for success comes from a foundation of integrity and trust, and the dedication of our council members. I look forward to continuing this work for the betterment of the City of Aliso Viejo.

City of Brea

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Cecilia Hupp
Mayor

I'm Cecilia Hupp and I am proud to be Brea's Mayor. Brea is known as a regional destination for entertainment, dining, and shopping. The City also boasts a unique array of savory cuisines, home to the Brea Improv, along with the Brea Mall, Brea Downtown, and numerous shopping centers featuring popular retailers.

I was elected in 2014, re-elected in 2018, and served this wonderful community twice as Mayor. I also serve on various commissions and committees to further benefit Brea. Some include the League of California Cities Housing, Community and Economic Development Policy Committee, National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Advocacy Committee, Southern California Association of Governments Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee, the Orange County Housing and Community Development Commission, and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control Board of Directors.

Each year, my City Council colleagues and I assemble a list of priorities to serve as our working guide which includes Planning needs for Parks, Recreation, and Human Services and Cultural Arts. Completion of the Brea Place development contributed the 187th art piece to the City's Art in Public Places Program. The recent approval of the Brea 265 development will add new residential units, parks, a recreation facility, and an expansion of the Tracks at Brea Trail. The development will add many recreational amenities for the community to enjoy. My colleagues and I are proud of consistently adopting a balanced budget, retaining economic diversity, and maintaining Brea's infrastructure through traffic improvements and facility upgrades. I welcome you to enjoy Brea and hope to say hello!

City of Anaheim

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Record Recovery



Trevor O'Neil
Mayor Pro Tem

Anaheim is seeing record recovery from the pandemic. Visitors are back at Disneyland, the Anaheim Convention Center and at our sports and entertainment venues.

Anaheim's economy is thriving, our city budget is strong and investment in libraries, parks and neighborhoods is playing out across our city.

It is my honor to serve Anaheim as mayor pro tem, a role that has taken on added importance this year.

Since May, I have handled the duties of mayor since the resignation of Anaheim's former mayor amid questions raised in a federal investigation.

As mayor pro tem, my role has been to maintain the continuity of city services for residents businesses and to uphold everyone's trust in City Hall.

Today, Anaheim's government is moving ahead with the business of our city, while our economy continues on its record recovery.

In years to come, we expect to see major growth around Honda Center and Disneyland with more than \$5 billion in investment planned for our city.

These are once-in-a-generation projects and the largest our city has seen since the expansion of The Anaheim Resort in the late 1990s.

The promise of Anaheim has always been a thriving visitor economy in support of neighborhoods.

Community investment, neighborhood revitalization and public safety are priorities for Anaheim as we recover and expand.

The return and continued growth of our economy will help us serve residents with police, fire, parks, libraries, community centers, affordable housing and homeless shelters.

All the while, Anaheim will continue to be a place beloved by many for magic, memories and fun.

City of Buena Park

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The Center of the Southland



Sunny Park
Mayor

On behalf of the City of Buena Park, we welcome you!

I am the proud Mayor of Buena Park, Sunny Park. As City Councilmember, Mayor Pro Tem and now Mayor, my focus has been to prioritize the health and wellness of our residents, combat climate change, address housing shortages, support small businesses and increase transparency and accountability. Throughout the pandemic and beyond, our city continues to be a leader, whether it's keeping our residents safe and healthy or moving toward 100% renewable energy.

We are on the trajectory toward a common goal — the wellness of all residents and visitors of Buena Park. The continued partnership with various organizations, agencies, residents and advocates will keep us on the right track to provide the best and most responsive services for the families of Buena Park.

The "Center of the Southland" is ready to embrace change and move with the times. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the City of Buena Park and to see the city thrive in all aspects.

About Mayor Park:

Sunny Park was elected to the Buena Park City Council in 2018. She served as Mayor Pro Tem 2020-2021 and was instated as the Mayor at the end of 2021. She is the first female AAPI Mayor of Buena Park. Sunny is a mother, an immigrant, an attorney and a member of the Orange County Fire Authority. She is a long-time, devoted resident of Orange County, a proud mother to her daughter Lauren, and a loving wife to her husband Eugene.

City of Costa Mesa

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Investing in Progress



John Stephens
Mayor

This year, the theme for my State of the City speech is “Investing in Progress.” We certainly have done so in Costa Mesa.

We hired a transformative Police Chief, Ron Lawrence, and have more police officers than any time since the Great Recession. We’re providing our officers with the technology and training they need to keep us safe.

We’ve invested in street improvements like protected bike lanes, stoplights, crosswalks, and medians.

We are rebuilding our Information Technology infrastructure through a multi-year investment program.

We’ve invested in homelessness solutions, permanently housing 238 people since 2019, reducing street homelessness 20%, and allocating \$1.7 million to supportive services, including mental health services.

We recently approved a Project Homekey motel conversion to build 88 units of senior and veteran housing.

Combining City and State funding, we are building a regional fire and rescue training facility on Placentia.

We opened our first pickleball court at Tanager Park and installed playgrounds at three parks (Tanager, Lions and Jordan). We also substantially improved Jack Hammett Sports Complex.

We’ve made all these investments, which will benefit the community for generations, while maintaining a balanced budget and healthy reserves.

City of Cypress

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Cypress: A City of Progress



Paulo Morales
Mayor

Having served the City of Cypress as a Police Officer and then as a City Council member and Mayor over the span of three decades, has been a great honor. As my term comes to an end this year, I feel a deep sense of pride for the many successes I’ve witnessed and contributed to during my time in office.

2022 has been an especially memorable year. This Spring, we inaugurated Lexington Park, a new community space with sports and family-friendly amenities for the whole family to enjoy. I was also excited to celebrate the grand re-opening of our Police Station, which underwent modernization upgrades to create a more functional environment for officers. On the financial front,

Cypress stands firm as one of the most financially stable cities in Southern California. Over the past year, both the City’s Budget and Comprehensive Financial Report received an award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Of all our successes, I am most proud of having the confidence of our community. A survey conducted in early 2022 revealed that 91% of surveyed households believe Cypress is an excellent or good place to live, and 95% feel safe living in Cypress. These high marks are a tribute to our staff, who provide our residents with the highest level of service possible.

When I leave the dais later this year, I will leave with complete confidence that Cypress will continue on a path of economic and communal progress. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for our great City!

City of Dana Point

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Harboring the Good Life



Joe Muller
Mayor

I’ve been honored to spend eight years serving on Dana Point’s City Council and as the city’s Mayor. A dynamic coastal town, Dana Point’s bluffs and beaches provide a beautiful backdrop to explore and engage within a laid-back surf community.

We’re embracing that surf culture while our city experiences a tremendous amount of investment and revitalization. I am especially proud of the work done by Dana Point’s council and staff in collaboration with the local community to redevelop our Lantern District. The success is evident in new luxury apartments that anchor a pedestrian-friendly town center with new retail shops, breweries and restaurants, many that are locally-owned and operated.

I’m also proud of Dana Point’s designation as the first Whale Heritage Site in the U.S and its role as the Dolphin and Whale Watching Capital of the World. We celebrate that unique reputation each year during our Festival of Whales. But that’s not all. We are a city filled with arts, culture, and music. The Ohana Music Fest, held at Doheny State Beach, is one of the nation’s top music festivals drawing fans of rock, roots and storytelling. We’re also celebrating our surf culture within Watermen’s Plaza, located along Pacific Coast Hwy., featuring life-size bronze statues of surf industry legends such as Joyce Johnson, Hobie Alter, and John Severson. These investments only reinforce what makes Dana Point a special place and bring to light the passion of the people who shaped our history and support our community.

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2022: Safe, Clean, Efficient, and Together



Patrick Harper
Mayor

I am proud and humbled to serve as the 2022 Mayor in Fountain Valley — truly A Nice Place to Live. As Mayor, I set four primary goals to focus on and those were to continue to work with City Staff to keep Fountain Valley a SAFE, CLEAN, EFFICIENT place to live, as well as keep the community engaged and TOGETHER in 2022.

Great public safety is key to a SAFE community and we have a selflessly committed Police and Fire Department right here in our City! Both departments are actively recruiting and hiring talented personnel to better serve this great community.

One recent initiative the City took in an effort to provide a SAFE and CLEAN community was contracting with CityNet. CityNet provides outreach and engagement with individuals in our community experiencing homelessness and offering them a variety of services, including temporary housing. As a result, families are able to enjoy quality time in public spaces and services are offered to those in need.

EFFICIENCY is critical when it comes to keeping up with surrounding communities. Not only are the streets in Fountain Valley some of the best in Orange County, but our Public Works team has been working tirelessly with SiFi and Frontier to provide fiber optic throughout the City in order to provide the best internet service and options to our residents and businesses.

Finally, our community has come TOGETHER to embrace some of the great NEW events we have to offer to the community. For the first time ever, Fountain Valley is the host to three new festivals: The Crawfish Festival, the BBQ Festival and the Lobster Fest. Additionally, I have launched a weekly Facebook Live, where I highlight the great things that are happening in the city and the great people that make them happen. This Live platform promotes transparency and keeps residents informed, engaged and together.

It has been a successful year in committing to these four goals that play a part in making Fountain Valley A Nice Place to Live.

City of Fullerton

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Proud to Serve



Fred Jung
Mayor

Mayor Fred Jung is the first Asian-American Fullerton City Council Member in over 20 years.

Prior to joining Council, Mayor Jung served on the Parks and Recreation Commission and Traffic and Circulation Commission.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Jung came to the United States at the age of 5. Jung has lived in Fullerton District 1 since 1987. He attended Sunny Hills High School and has volunteered as a Sunny Hills High School football coach for many years.

Mayor Jung has owned many successful small businesses. He also went on to found one of North Orange County's largest youth sports nonprofit organizations. He started the jazz magazines

All About Jazz Los Angeles, All About Jazz Chicago, All About Jazz San Francisco, and Jazz Weekly. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Jazz Journalists Association.

Mayor Jung serves as the Chair to the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District's Budget and Finance Committee, Vice Chair to the Orange County Power Authority, Vice Chair to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Vice Chair to Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee.

He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust and in 2022 was elected to the Orange County Transportation Authority Board of Directors representing the 4th Supervisorial District.

He attended the University of Southern California.

City of Garden Grove

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Strength of Mind, Body, and Spirit



Steve Jones
Mayor

Putting the pandemic behind us has been a journey of healing for our city. At this year's State of the City address, I highlighted three areas of focus for the Garden Grove City Council that have been key to our successful recovery: our community's strength of mind, body, and hometown spirit.

While our financial rebound remains vital, particularly for our tourism industry, providing programs and resources that strengthen our community's mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing have been important post-pandemic priorities.

Last year, the City launched the Be Well OC in Garden Grove Mobile Response Team to provide immediate in-community assessment and stabilization to residents experiencing mental health issues, substance abuse, and homelessness. The team has responded to over 1500 calls to date.

The City is also moving ahead on the development of a navigation center, a referral-based, temporary shelter to help the homeless regain stability, connect to essential support services, and access permanent housing options.

Efforts to obtain park improvement grants have resulted in significant park enhancement projects underway, adding amenities such as new walking trails, playground areas, picnic shelters, swimming pool, and basketball courts.

The addition of the Garden Grove Police Department's wonderful support canines, Misha and Nellie, have brought amazing joy, comfort, and healing to local students, educators, families, and many others.

And, this year's return of our iconic Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, and popular Re:Imagine Garden Grove Open Streets event re-invigorated Garden Grove's unwavering spirit of community and hometown pride.

We end the year with a stronger sense of appreciation, confidence, strength, and enthusiasm for what lies ahead.

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Welcome to Surf City!



Barbara Delgleize
Mayor

We pride ourselves as being “OneHB” – a community that is inclusive, compassionate, and diverse. Serving the fourth largest city in Orange County, we welcome residents and guests from near and far to enjoy our eight miles of uninterrupted beach.

Being a coastal city as its advantages as we offer year-round, family-friendly events throughout the year. This past summer, surf enthusiasts watched top surfers from around the globe compete at the Vans US Open of Surfing, and International Surfing Association (ISA), as well as participating the weekend-long Surf City Days. We just hosted the 6th Annual Pacific Airshow which delivered an action-packed lineup of events over

three days, from live music festivals on the beach, to over-the-water aerobic demonstrations from the world’s best display teams.

This fall is packed with events as well! Our Huntington Beach Police Foundation’s “Cars n Copters on the Beach” takes place on October 15 -16 with exotic cars and helicopters on display totaling billions of dollars. In addition, Oktoberfest runs through the end of October at Old World Village. Old World has been a staple in our community for more than 50 years! Come with the family to eat authentic German food and lots of entertainment! Lastly, on October 29 join us for Corgi Beach Day – hundreds of Corgi dogs in costume parading around Dog Beach.

Huntington Beach is truly a unique and special City. I welcome you to come to the beach with your friends and family to enjoy everything we have to offer in Surf City!

City of La Habra

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A Caring Community



Jose Medrano
Mayor

Known far and wide as “A Caring Community,” La Habra and it’s 63,000 residents have a long history of public service and community events. Local service organizations, such as the La Habra Host Lions Club and the La Habra Collaborative, host events throughout the year, raising funds to support programs that assist seniors, children, and families in need. Likewise, our partners at St. Jude Medical Center and Friends of Family Health Center provide community health programs that spearhead our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and which also emphasize healthy living choices, such as La Habra’s “Move More, Eat Healthy” campaign.

No matter the season, there is always something happening in La Habra. For example, the La Habra Citrus Fair and the La Habra Corn Festival each attract thousands of people to our downtown core, offering an abundance of live entertainment and shopping options that engender “miles of smiles.” Our “Fourth of July Spectacular” is the highlight of the summer season and provides La Habrans an opportunity to reflect upon our nation’s history and shared ideals. And certainly, no holiday season would be complete without the La Habra Tamale Festival, a celebration of family and friendship, and of course, delicious homemade tamales.

Not a day goes by without at least one event in La Habra meant to encourage a greater sense of community, whether it be a free concert or “movie in the park,” a youth sport event, or a recognition event for local volunteers. Visit us today and experience for yourself all that La Habra has to offer. All are welcome!

Mayor Medrano was first elected to the City Council in November 2018. Born in Tecate, Mexico, and a naturalized U.S. citizen, he is a dedicated volunteer in local schools and youth sports programs, as well as an advocate for La Habra’s local business community. Mayor Medrano currently serves as a police detective in Los Angeles County, and through his actions, Mayor Medrano demonstrates his belief in La Habra’s motto, “A Caring Community.”

City of Irvine

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Climate Sustainability and Action



Farran N. Khan
Mayor

Irvine is now the second largest city in Orange County, the 13th largest city in California, and for the 16th consecutive year was recognized as one of the safest cities in America, according to FBI data. Our master-planned community continues to thrive and grow as one of the best places to raise a family in the United States, thanks to outstanding schools, top-ranked parks and open space, and a proven commitment to climate sustainability and action.

The City’s core values – humility, innovation, empathy, passion, and integrity – reflect the interests and needs of the community, and the level of service they expect and desire.

Our pursuit of excellence is reflected in our promotion of environmental stewardship through the identification of climate impacts and preparation for a climate-resilient future, including:

- Leading the formation of the county’s first Community Choice Energy initiative.
- Developing a Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for the City.
- Beginning a Transit Vision Study.
- Launching electrification and discounted solar programs.
- Becoming the first city in Orange County to commit to working toward a zero-carbon local economy by 2030.
- Launching Cool Irvine – featuring the Cool Block Program – to empower residents to take climate action through neighborhood education on environmental issues.

With nearly 400 miles of on- and off-street bikeways, a comprehensive network of walking and running paths, and over 1,050 EV charging stations in the City, Irvine has made it easy for residents to reduce air pollution. As we lay this foundation now, we can be excited about what lies ahead for this innovative and eco-conscious community.

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City of La Palma

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Dedication to the Community



Michele Steggell
Mayor

Michele Steggell is the proud product of La Palma schools, having graduated from both Walker Junior High and Kennedy High School. A successful realtor, Michele has built a career on hard work, honesty and trust. In addition to being the Mayor of La Palma, Michele currently serves as the Chair of the Orange County Fire Authority, the largest fire agency in Orange County.

Michele has a passion for supporting local businesses and worked tirelessly through the COVID-19 pandemic on the City's "shop local" campaign as part of the City Council's Business Engagement Committee. Like many cities, La Palma suffered economically during this time but under her leadership, the

Council provided much needed support and stability resulting in very few businesses closing. Taking a fiscally conservative approach to the City's finances, she was also able to ensure that La Palma had a balanced budget without drawing from reserves.

But Michele is most proud of the La Palma Community Foundation, an approved 501c (3) which she re-established in 2016 with a mission to support Kennedy High School's Every 15 Minutes program as well as expand public safety initiatives and provide student scholarships. The Foundation brings community leaders and visionaries together to make a positive impact on the City and residents.

Ranked four times by *Money Magazine* as one of America's Best Places to Live, La Palma is a 1.9 square mile general law city in northwest Orange County which prides itself on a responsive municipal government and a strong sense of community.

City of Laguna Beach

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Welcome to Laguna Beach



Sue Kempf
Mayor

With 8 miles of some of the most amazing beaches, crystal clear water and stunning coastline in all of California, it's no wonder people want to live, work and play in Laguna Beach. I was elected to the City Council in 2018 after being active in local affairs since moving to Laguna Beach in 1999. I've found the wonderful people here are warm, welcoming, diverse, and energized to protect what is unique about our hometown and make it even better. Meeting them and listening to their ideas is a privilege and one of the most rewarding benefits of serving as Mayor.

With an estimated 6.5 million annual visitors and 23,000 residents, public health and safety always come first. As Mayor, I am proud to have championed our comprehensive Fire Mitigation Plan — already tested this year by two "near miss" wildfires. Creating the Forest Avenue Promenade and permitting outdoor dining throughout the City — steps we proposed during the height of the pandemic — helped to keep us safer and give a much-needed boost to local businesses. To protect Laguna's exceptional environment, we spearheaded the new Neighborhood and Environmental Protection Plan to address quality of life issues and the impacts of visitors on our beaches, neighborhoods and open space. Stronger rules on building height, mass and scale were also recently put in place to help protect our small town charm.

Collaborative work within the City Council and with City staff is key to continuing this momentum and moving forward together. I look forward to partnering with residents, our business community and my colleagues on the City Council to enhance services and further define our priorities for the future. Our residents, City Council and City staff join me in welcoming you to Laguna Beach!

City of Laguna Hills

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Laguna Hills Celebrates 30th Anniversary



Dave Wheeler
Mayor

Laguna Hills is celebrating its 30th Anniversary as a city. From the International Laguna Hills Marathon to the new Moulton Museum, athletics to history, Laguna Hills has all of the elements that make this city a great place to live.

- The Laguna Hills Memorial Day Half Marathon is an international event. This year, we were back in full swing and had several runners from other countries as well as others from many states.
- The 4th of July was a special extended version this year for the city's 30th Anniversary. Abe Lincoln and George Washington were there – I hope you got pictures with them.

Abe gave a rousing tribute to our country to begin the fireworks.

- The Laguna Hills Christmas light show at the Community Center with dancing trees and choral presentations, the Christmas light contests, and breakfast with Santa including stories and songs highlight our Decembers.
- Last but not least, Laguna Hill has just opened the Moulton Museum. This museum has artifacts, pictures, documents and other memorabilia that chronical Laguna Hills and Orange County history.

Mayor Dave, a 36-year resident of Laguna Hills, and wife Nancie have been married over 43 years and have raised two children, both of whom are graduates of Laguna Hills High School. Dave is not a politician, but a rocket scientist having worked for Boeing with the U.S. Navy and a space scientist for Boeing with NASA working on the United States Space Station. He was educated at Marietta College in Ohio and Columbia University in New York City and holds three degrees and four patents.

City of Laguna Niguel

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Proud to Serve a Remarkable City



Elaine Gennaway
Mayor

Mayor Elaine Gennaway describes Laguna Niguel residents as compassionate, remarkable, and selfless. For Mayor Gennaway, serving the City of Laguna Niguel is an honorable duty that comes with great responsibility. It is a duty that she is quite familiar with, having dedicated much of her life to public service.

Mayor Elaine Gennaway has proudly served as an elected city official over the past eight years. She has placed an emphasis in supporting various enrichment programs, providing exceptional services, and implementing policies that benefit the community. Some of her proudest achievements include: a balanced budget all eight years on City Council; the development of the Junior Civic Workshop; adding sheriff deputies to achieve the appropriate size peace officer team; creating the Homeless Task Force to help prevent homelessness; and developing "Concierge Services" to streamline and enhance Community Development processes. Mayor Gennaway has been a vocal advocate for local control and strong proponent of keeping Laguna Niguel as one of the top ten safest cities in California. Regionally, Mayor Gennaway is in her second year as Chair of the ACC-OC Legislative and Regulatory Committee, is in her fourth year as the Chair of the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council, and served three years as Chair of the Orange County Public Library Advisory Board.

Mayor Elaine Gennaway's distinguished years of work can be described as resounding dedication to public service and a strong commitment to the betterment of the City of Laguna Niguel. Her passion for serving the community is undeniable, and she has remained committed to ensuring that Laguna Niguel remains a remarkable city.

City of Laguna Woods

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A City that Cares



Carol Moore
Mayor

Laguna Woods is open space and a sense of community with a solid commitment to volunteering. A native of Orange County, I moved to the sizeable-Senior-HOA comprising most of the City in 2005 following the loss of my husband. Mother of two sons and 5 grandchildren, a previous mayor trained me as a volunteer for Meals-on Wheels almost 18 years ago. I also served as mayor in 2018; the position rotates among council members.

2022 has been exacting. It opened with ground-breaking for the City Library; part of the OCPL system, and is nearing completion. My commitment to the library began by helping create a non-profit which was important when the City, with the support of State Rep. Cottie Petrie-Norris, was able to obtain a grant written by our City Manager. That initiated the proposed project. The partnership with OCPL is a win-win situation for ours is one of the busiest branches. OCPL has a sizeable collection and offers many creative programs specifically geared for the senior community of Laguna Woods.

Also in 2022 was the devastating shooting which resulted in the injury of four residents and loss of a young hero-father while defending others. The immediate response from neighboring leaders offering solace was outstanding, and the quick and effective action by OC Fire Authority and OC Sheriff's Department was spectacular. The community is thankful to all who serve and protect and rallied behind the victims confirming the City of Laguna Woods is a city that cares.

City of Lake Forest

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Dedicated to Public Service



Robert Pequeno
Mayor

Lake Forest Mayor Robert Pequeno has dedicated his life to public service.

After retiring from the United States Marine Corps in 2004, he went on to serve with Orange County Sheriff's Department. He became the Orange County Sheriff's Department's first-ever Homeless Liaison Officer, bringing innovative solutions to homelessness to Lake Forest, where he and his wife Angela have lived since 1989. They raised their two sons in Lake Forest, where both boys attended Saddleback Valley Unified School District schools.

He retired from the Sheriff's Department in March of 2020 but did not stop serving. He was a member of the City's Traffic and Parking Commission from 2018 to 2020 and served on the 2040 General Plan Committee.

He was elected to the City Council in 2020.

Mayor Pequeno's community-service resume also includes Saddleback Valley Pop Warner Vice President, Saddleback Little League Vice President, El Toro High School Wrestling Booster Club, and Board Member for Coast to Coast, a non-profit that helps the homeless in Orange County.

And if presiding over sometimes contentious City Council meetings isn't enough, Mayor Pequeno also continues to volunteer as an umpire for the Lake Forest Little League.

City of Los Alamitos

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My City My Los Al



Shelley Hasselbrink
Mayor

Mayor Hasselbrink has served on the Los Alamitos City Council since 2014 and as Mayor in 2017 & 2022. She has served on the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors since 2015 including Board Chair in 2020 and serving on the Budget/Finance Committee for both OCFA and the City of Los Alamitos. With an MBA from Pepperdine University, Mayor Hasselbrink has a passion for running healthy and sustainable businesses and Los Alamitos is no exception.

Los Alamitos combines a small town feel with an active military base known and a nationally recognized school district.

Los Alamitos is becoming a multi-generational city offering services and events to attract all ages from our preschool programs to our senior activities and everything in between. In 2020, the voters successfully passed a sales tax increase where work immediately started to fulfill the promises that the City Council made to the residents with upgraded streets, fully staffed police department including a bicycle patrol and canine unit.

Mayor Hasselbrink has approached issues with a unique perspective, independent spirit and years of community service experience. Her passion is for what's best for Los Al residents and businesses both now and in the future. As a fiscal conservative, her priorities are balanced budgets with long term strategic planning.

Los Alamitos residents since 1993, with her husband Kurt, they have raised two children, Cooper, a local veterinarian and Carson, a chemistry post doctorate fellow at UC Irvine. She is proud that Los Alamitos is a great place to live, work and go to school for current and future residents

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City of Mission Viejo

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Proud to Serve the Community



Wendy Bucknum
Mayor

Mayor Wendy Bucknum was elected to serve as a member of the Mission Viejo City Council in 2014. Since then, she has continued to bring a wealth of practical business experience; volunteerism; and an unwavering commitment to the citizens of this community.

Possessing a strong business background, Mayor Bucknum is a champion for City policies that are fair, comprehensible, cost effective, and good for the economy. She is also a devoted mom who understands and values partnerships with schools to give Mission Viejo youth a positive educational experience and safe place to learn. As an active volunteer, Mayor Bucknum understands the unique needs of kids, families, and seniors and supports programs and services that cater to all.

Mayor Bucknum's primary goals are to maintain Mission Viejo's safe-city status, foster a healthy local business economy, preserve parks and open spaces, protect the city's schools and neighborhoods, and to maintain and enhance city infrastructure and the community facilities Mission Viejo residents use and enjoy. She prides herself on working with residents and businesses to ensure Mission Viejo is a safe, attractive and vibrant city.

With a long history of community involvement, she also served as Mayor in 2017. Before serving on council, Mayor Bucknum served four years on the Mission Viejo Community Services Commission – and led the commission as chair in 2012. Proudly representing her city, she continues to serve on many local and regional boards and committees.

City of Newport Beach

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The Honor of a Lifetime



Kevin Muldoon
Mayor

Newport Beach Mayor Kevin Muldoon was elected to the City Council in 2014 as the District 4 representative. He was reelected in 2018 and is currently serving a second term as mayor, a position he has called “the honor of a lifetime.”

Raised in Orange County, Muldoon received his Juris Doctor from Chapman University School of Law and Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola Marymount University, where he was awarded the Dr. Singleton Award for Excellence in Economics.

In 2006, Muldoon worked for President George W. Bush in the White House Office of Strategic Initiatives. He returned from Washington to be admitted to the State Bar of California and practice law as a Deputy District Attorney in the Orange County District Attorney's office. Currently, he is an executive for a local technology company.

As a Mayor and a Council member, Muldoon has worked to reduce the City's unfunded pension liability, control spending and reduce costs.

Muldoon's key initiatives during his current term as mayor have included ocean and harbor water quality improvements and expanding recreational access to Newport Harbor. He championed the installation of Newport Beach's first “human lift” to expand access to disabled boaters and kayakers, creating a more inclusive and welcoming harbor for residents and visitors with disabilities.

In May, Muldoon launched the “Renew Newport,” initiative, aimed at increasing the involvement of non-profit and faith-based groups in City beautification projects.

Muldoon and his wife, Heather, are parents to a 3-year-old son and a 3-month-old daughter.

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City of Orange

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Community, Family, and Quality of Life



Mark A. Murphy
Mayor

As an Orange native, I can tell you that one of the things we take seriously here is our quality of life. This “big city that thinks it’s a small town” has a lifestyle all its own. You can see it in our historic Plaza District, where our history and heritage is celebrated and protected. You can feel it on the east end, where equestrian estates keep the tradition of horsemanship alive, you will find a slower paced, almost rural lifestyle. And over in what we call Uptown Orange, the Outlets at Orange, modern apartment communities, and our many world-class hospitals are creating a new, unique urban-living vibe.

To me, our quality of life really comes through when summer starts the inevitable turn towards fall, and the schools throughout our City prepare to start the new educational year. Parents send their kids off to a new grade, and college students arrive to begin a new semester at Chapman University and Santiago Canyon College. As one, our community embraces this fresh start, knowing their schools are top rate, well run, and safe.

And while students return to their classrooms, the City prepares for a busy special event season. The non-profit run, and world famous, Orange International Street Fair kicks things off on Labor Day Weekend, and the City run Treats in the Streets Autumn Festival is not far behind. November brings our moving Veterans Day Tribute, which is soon followed by the grand finale of our seasonal events for the year, December’s Tree Lighting and Candlelight Choir Procession.

For nearly 135 years, Orange has held firm to the values of Community, Family, and Quality of Life. I am confident that those values will see it through the next 135, and beyond.

City of Placentia

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Growing City with Small Town Feel



Rhonda Shader
Mayor

The City of Placentia has nearly 52,000 residents who enjoy a close-knit, quiet community with great schools, wonderful amenities, and many exciting new and upcoming projects.

Mayor Rhonda Shader was elected to the Placentia City Council in 2016 and reelected again in 2020. She is currently serving her second term as Mayor. Mayor Shader is also only the fifth female Mayor in Placentia’s history, which she takes great pride in. Top priorities for Mayor Shader include public safety and infrastructure. For the first time in decades, Placentia has plans to repave and improve every road in the City and increase utility capacity in anticipation of new developments.

Placentia is a full-service city that offers a wide variety of services, including Community Services, Police, Fire, and Public Works. Having its own Police and Fire Departments offers huge benefits to the community through community engagement, proactive policing, lower response times, and more. The City has brought back numerous programs and services it hasn’t had in decades and is creating new programs and infrastructure projects in response to the community’s needs.

Though Placentia continues to grow, it retains the “small town” feel that residents and businesses love. Placentia is experiencing a true renaissance as the City continues towards fiscal sustainability and is able to invest in its various business districts to promote its businesses and provide the services and amenities that will benefit all residents and improve the overall quality of life.

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City of Rancho Santa Margarita

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Anne D. Figueroa
Mayor

It has been absolute honor to serve as Mayor this year representing the wonderful City of Rancho Santa Margarita. Our city is a prosperous, master planned community of almost 50,000 residents who enjoy beautiful parks, natural habitats, walkable neighborhoods and fantastic shopping and dining opportunities. This year our city opened a brand- new children's Splash Pad in Central Park that has already been enjoyed by many of our Rancho residents. Recently our city also added to our city's beauty by enhancing our city street lighting and our city council is working on a new monument sign at the southern-most entrance of our city.

Rancho Santa Margarita offers a fantastic mix of commercial shopping, recreational opportunities and has a growing and thriving business community. Our city is home to award winning public schools and several nationally recognized private schools.

Our city was once again named the safest city in Orange County according to the FBI and is the second safest city in all of California. Rancho is financially strong with an annual balanced budget and now has over \$25 million dollars in reserve.

Our wonderful residents make Rancho Santa Margarita such a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Rancho offers an outstanding Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and is home to RSM Cares that helps individuals and families in need.

We look forward to continued prosperity and a future that is strong and bright.

It has been such a blessing to live and raise our family in Rancho!

City of San Clemente

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Spanish Village by the Sea



Gene James
Mayor

Serving as the Mayor of the City of San Clemente is by far my all-time favorite job. In San Clemente we are doubly blessed; we live in the greatest nation in the history of mankind while making its grandest city our home. San Clemente and its citizens are truly special, strong, and resilient.

San Clemente has over 66,000 residents with over 2,000,000 visitors annually. San Clemente is home to beautiful beaches, a fantastic coastal trail, an iconic pier and a strong surf culture. USA Surf is located in San Clemente and we've hosted the World Surf League Finals for the past two years.

The City has a strong community identity. San Clemente was among the first master planned communities built from open land in the United States. Ole Hanson founded San Clemente in the 1920s and envisioned a "Spanish Village by the Sea." Before erecting a single structure on the rolling coastal hills, Ole Hanson laid out an expansive plan based on the Spanish Colonial architecture including restaurants, clubhouse, residences, public parks, public pool, fishing pier, and even equestrian trails.

As Mayor, I ensure San Clemente remains safe, secure, and fiscally strong. A recent survey revealed 95% of respondents rate our quality of life as good or excellent. Residents and visitors continue to enjoy our downtown and the recreational opportunities San Clemente has to offer. As Mayor, I am extraordinarily proud to serve the great citizens of our Spanish Village by the Sea while safeguarding San Clemente's quality of life.



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City of San Juan Capistrano

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Jewel of Orange County



Derek Reeve
Mayor

Founded in 1776, San Juan Capistrano defines small town charm — a diverse community rooted in the past with an eye toward the future. Home to the Jewel of the Missions, historic Los Rios District, and rich Native American origins recently honored with the construction of “Putuidem Village” park, San Juan Capistrano prides itself on preserving the past while bringing forward innovative solutions to modern day challenges.

It is a privilege to serve as Mayor of our unique town, which in recent years has seen a major downtown revitalization including the Verdugo Street Beautification and Gateway Landscape projects which enhanced two key entrances to our City. These improvements complement significant private investment including commercial center renovations, opening of the Inn at the Mission Hotel, and a restaurant “renaissance” with some of the most acclaimed eateries in Orange County.

In addition to charming atmosphere, San Juan Capistrano is advancing major projects. In my tenure as Mayor, the City approved the pioneering Jamboree Housing Permanent Supportive Housing project. This public-private partnership will result in 50 units of much needed supportive housing on the current City Hall site, and allow for construction of a new City Hall at minimal cost to taxpayers. The City Council also began a \$40 million street enhancement program, made possible by prudent financial decisions that have strengthened the City’s budget and increased our already-healthy reserves.

I am so proud to serve with my colleagues, Howard Hart, Sergio Farias, John Taylor and Troy Bourne, as Mayor of this special community.

City of Santa Ana

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Leading the Way



Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

Mayor Vicente Sarmiento is proud to serve the community of Santa Ana, which is the second-largest city in Orange County with a population of approximately 310,000. It is one of the oldest cities in the county, founded over 150 years ago, and serves as the County seat. Santa Ana has a vibrant downtown, arts scene, diverse local restaurants and shops, many active neighborhoods, and business and manufacturing sector, including a Fortune 500 company.

Mayor Sarmiento and his family have lived in and around Santa Ana since 1965 and he now lives in a 1929 historic home in the Saddleback View neighborhood, three blocks from where he grew up. He and his wife Eva, also an attorney, are the principal owners of a law practice in Santa Ana. They have three children whom they hope will learn the value of public service and contributing to their community.

Mayor Sarmiento began serving on the Santa Ana City Council in 2007 and served in other appointed positions, including as president of the Orange County Water District Board of Directors. He was elected mayor of Santa Ana in November 2020, making him the first person of Bolivian descent to serve as mayor of a major city in the United States. Mayor Sarmiento is leading the Santa Ana community through a transformational period as the City plans for a post-pandemic future to improve access to fair housing, health care, education and youth programs. Santa Ana already leads Orange County in creating new affordable housing and providing services and shelter for the homeless. The City is finding new and innovative ways to deliver services to residents every day.

City of Seal Beach

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An Honor to Serve the Community



Joe Kalmick
Mayor

I am currently the Mayor of Seal Beach. I will be completing my first four year term as a Seal Beach Council Member, and my second year as Mayor. My role as a City Council Member involves attending City Council meetings, where the Council is responsible for making policy decisions that plot the direction of the City. As the Mayor, elected by fellow Council colleagues, I lead the City Council meetings, present proclamations and recognitions, and represent the City on various Orange County boards, and attend many county functions. I am the Vice-Chair of the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority, which is the governing agency for the restoration of former natural wetlands in Seal Beach and Long Beach. Our City

contracts with the Orange County Fire Authority for fire and medical services, and I am our representative on Board of Directors. As Mayor, I was elected by a council of Orange County mayors to represent Seal Beach and three other neighboring cities on SCAG, The Southern California Association of Governments. SCAG is a municipal planning organization, which helps cities to comply with various state mandates, as well as planning tools and resources. Additionally, as a regional director on SCAG, I serve on a sub-regional Orange County planning organization, OCCOG, the Orange County Council of Governments. Serving on these various boards provides a lot of interaction with the other mayors serving in Orange County. We are able to share ideas, solutions to mandates, and how shared problems such as housing and homelessness are affecting our cities.

In other activities as Mayor, I regularly interact with our county and state elected officials, keeping abreast of county and state initiatives and opportunities that can result in benefits for our City. My goal is to always be available to interact with our residents. Having an informed constituency helps in the decision making process in establishing new programs, building new infrastructure such as a community swimming pool, or other amenities.

City of Stanton

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Community Pride and Forward Vision



David J. Shawer
Mayor

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the community of Stanton for the past 34 years. I have been married to my wife Jennifer for 45 years while living in Stanton where I raised my family of five along with our six grandchildren. During this time, with the help of my fellow City Councilmembers, we were able to completely transform our town into a community of “Pride and Forward Vision.” Today Stanton is totally different than the way it used to be. We have new business and residential centers throughout our town, and it is only the beginning. My family and I are very active in our local church and at our local schools. This gave me an opportunity to volunteer with many

local nonprofits and other community organizations. I served as President of the Cypress College Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Stanton while also volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys and Girls Club of Stanton, the Youth Assistance Foundation, Orange County Inter-Faith Council, St. Polycarp Church, and many other worthwhile groups. I currently represent the City of Stanton and the people of Orange County by serving on the Boards of the Orange County Fire Authority, Ground Water Replenishment System, Public Cable Television Authority, Orange County Parks Commission, Orange County Waste and Recycling Commission, Orange County Sanitation District, and the Orange County City Select Committee. In addition, I serve on the Orange County Council of Governments, Association of Orange County Cities, and the Orange County League of California Cities. These opportunities provide me the resources to assist all residents of Orange County in providing the services they need. Thank you for my opportunity to serve.

City of Tustin

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A Place for All Generations



Austin Lumbard
Mayor

The City of Tustin is a vibrant and charming city nestled in the heart of Orange County. Called home by a passionate and diverse community, Tustin is a place for all generations and every walk of life and it is my honor and privilege to serve as Tustin's 64th Mayor.

Our City Council intentionally approaches balancing the community's small-town feel with the need for reasonable and appropriate growth that makes sense for the wellbeing of our residents and businesses. Tustin has grown over the years through annexations and sensible projects, such as the Tustin Legacy project, which is developing the 1,600-acre former Marine Corps Air Station — including the iconic hangars - a hallmark of the area since World War II.

When planning for our future, we prioritize responsible financial planning and public safety to uphold a safe, high-quality and thriving community. For the past 33 years, Tustin has earned the highest recognition of governmental accounting and reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association. And the Tustin Police Department, accredited since 2011 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, exemplifies the precepts of community-oriented policing.

Our community is knit together by a common appreciation for the city's military history. MCAS Tustin was the home for many men and women who served on the base for more than 6 decades. This year, the City will celebrate the 80th anniversary of commissioning of the base. The Tustin Hangars played a critical role in Navy and Marine aviation including every major U.S. Military operation from 1942-1992, including WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Operation Desert Storm. The Hangars will always occupy a place of honor in the military and architectural history of the country and the region, and I am proud they are part of our community.

City of Westminster

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Solar Installation for Affordable Housing



Tri Ta
Mayor

For the last seven years, the City of Westminster has been partnered with American Family Housing to convert a lovely property on Locust Street into affordable housing. This community is reflective of the City's commitment to keeping housing affordable for its residents. And now with this panel system, both the building and all tenants will see monthly savings on their energy bills. It will also help to reduce the environmental footprint for these homes and connect local residents to future workforce development opportunities in the solar and clean energy fields.

I appreciate the great effort and collaboration of everyone involved in this project, and I'm looking forward to more solar installations in Westminster in the future.

City of Villa Park

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The Hidden Jewel



Chad Zimmerman
Mayor

The City of Villa Park has the nickname of the Hidden Jewel because it really is a shining star in the heart of Orange County. As you explore the tree-lined streets you find few streetlights and sidewalks, but plenty of walking paths, and a new park this year, dubbed the Villa Park Knowles. There is a cozy town center where you will find City Hall, the Villa Park Library, and a variety of useful businesses that offer a personal touch for their customers.

Our Villa Park City Staff have done a fantastic job and are often praised for their excellent communication and diligence in responding quickly to any issues. A great example is in the work staff has done to streamline permitting for residents who want to improve their homes, which is important in a small town that is almost completely developed with single-family homes. VP City Council prioritizes safety in the community, contracting with Orange County Sheriff and the Orange County Fire Authority, who have helped to make Villa Park one of the safest cities in California. Council and Staff also work hard to balance the budget and the city has received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award every year since 2012.

This year I was honored to serve as Mayor while Villa Park celebrated its 60th year since incorporation on January 11, 1962. Each month this year I have been delighted to recognize a Villa Park Distinguished Resident, and there are so many outstanding residents to choose from for this award.

When you take all these things together, from the city's history and layout, the incredible people who live and work in the city, and all the efforts to make the town a special place, you can see where the moniker of 'Hidden Jewel' really does ring true.

City of Yorba Linda

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The Land of Gracious Living



Carlos Rodriguez
Mayor

It has been the honor of a lifetime to represent Yorba Linda as Mayor. We pride ourselves as being "the Land of Gracious Living," which sometimes feels like an understatement considering the exceptional beauty and community of Yorba Linda.

With over 100 miles of trails, 200 acres of parkland, the Nixon Presidential Library, beautiful and safe neighborhoods, award-winning schools, and fantastic shopping and dining opportunities, Yorba Linda is a place where the future effortlessly mixes with the past, resulting in endless possibilities.

Over the last few years, we have invested heavily in creating exciting gathering spaces, like our new state-of-the-art Public Library and Cultural Arts Center. Additionally, this fall, we plan to open our renovated Adventure Playground facility, which we have transformed into an incredible year-round destination for creative play. With a double water slide, splash pad, zip line, whiffle ball field, and giant play structure, Yorba Linda's youth will have a new favorite place in town.

Our economic vitality is not only attracting new residents, but also international and national companies to locate here. Our long-term economic development plan continues to create an attractive community for both new and existing businesses to thrive, as seen in our revitalized downtown Main Street and Town Center.

We are proud that Yorba Linda is a place of unmatched civic pride, patriotic character, and rich opportunities — making 92886 and 92887 some of the most sought-after zip codes in the county and the world.

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One Pill Can Kill



Dr. Al Mijares
Superintendent

Our country has long likened its drug prevention efforts to a war, marshaling resources at the local, state and national levels to disrupt the production, distribution and consumption of illegal substances.

But the rise of fentanyl represents a dark and deadly new battlefield that is like nothing we've ever seen before, forcing us to rethink the rules of engagement.

Two factors make this synthetic opioid exceedingly dangerous. First, fentanyl is incredibly lethal at roughly 50 times stronger than heroin and about 100 times more powerful than morphine. Second, many of fentanyl's users don't even know they're taking the drug because it's often hidden in counterfeit pills made to look like common prescription opioids or other medications.

There is also little in the way of quality control in the manufacturing process, meaning doses can vary wildly. Fittingly, "One Pill Can Kill" is the name of the campaign launched by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce America's fentanyl supply.

"The DEA confiscated over 20 million counterfeit pills in 2021," says Stephan Lambert, OCDE's coordinator of prevention education. "If you buy a pill from anywhere other than a pharmacy, you should assume that it's fentanyl. It's virtually impossible to tell what is counterfeit, and it's not worth the risk. When tested, 42 percent of those confiscated pills had a potentially lethal dose of fentanyl."

In Orange County alone, the number of fentanyl-related deaths skyrocketed to 717 in 2021 from 57 just four years earlier. That's an increase of over 1,100 percent, and fentanyl fatalities now account for more than three-quarters of all overdose deaths. At the same time, drug poisoning cases have emerged as the leading cause of accidental death in Orange County, mirroring national rates.

These sobering statistics should command the attention of our entire county. To that end, the Orange County Department of Education is working closely with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to make sure educators and families have the tools and resources needed to help combat this crisis. On Nov. 4, both agencies will be joined by Orange County Superior Court Judge Maria D. Hernandez for a special Fentanyl Forum set to cover a range of topics, including fentanyl's impacts, how to talk to young people, and how to respond to drug overdoses and poisonings.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed and distracted by the countless challenges we face at any given moment. And there's a narrative that young people tune out well-intentioned warnings about drugs and peer pressure from adults. But our kids are listening. As we continue to model vigilance, I urge all Orange County families to look for teachable moments to talk to their children about fentanyl and the dangers of taking drugs from anyone other than a licensed medical professional.

These conversations will vary by age, but even young children can benefit from regular check-ins to dialogue about the pressures they're experiencing at school or what they're hearing from their peers. Regular chats can also serve as a baseline to track changes in a child's state of mind.

The fentanyl-related trends we're seeing are disturbing and disheartening, but they are not irreversible. When unified, millions of Orange County voices are powerful enough to communicate that we won't tolerate this poison in our communities and that one life lost is too many.

Orange County Office of Education

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Parent To Parent



Jodie Lynn

A Helicopter Parent

Q. I have been a helicopter parent for so long that my children, ages seven and nine, are extremely apprehensive of taking any risks in various activities or doing anything where they may get even slightly hurt or disappointed. What have I done and how do I correct it?

A. There have been overbearing and overprotective parents for years; don't beat yourself up too badly. It's easy for parents to go overboard when it comes to their kids. However, this can continue into college years and beyond, but it doesn't have to. Let go of this habit, even if it takes a lot of time; it's necessary. Your parenting style and the way you view your children will need to change. You'll need to allow them to get used to the idea that they can actually try things on their own and whatever the outcome, it's all going to be okay in the end. Go ahead and sign them up for things that they are truly interested in and will most likely do well at. A few successes will build their self-confidence and they will perhaps want to do more things that are new and different. Just be sure that you stop yourself if you think about interfering unnecessarily, even if you know that they're heading for something rough. It's the mistakes and bumps in life that we all learn from that make us stronger individuals, better able to handle future situations. We have to be allowed to fail.

Teen Drinking

Q. Now that my husband and I have returned to the office, we think that our 16-year-old may be having friends over and engaging in drinking alcohol. We've noticed certain bottles of liquor are either missing or maybe diluted. It took us time to figure this out. We haven't approached our son yet because we wanted to see if you had some pointers to try and keep things from becoming an explosive situation.

A. Your son will probably try to dodge and avoid the discussion as well as deny drinking. To make the most of the conversation the two of you will need to take some time to think about the issues you want to discuss before you talk with your son. Consider how he might react and ways you might respond to his questions. Be as prepared as you can for various scenarios. Avoid shaming him, especially since it may backfire, and be ready for him to claim that the two of you are setting an example by having alcohol in the house. Parents influence their teens, and sometimes even younger kids, when it comes to alcohol consumption. The old saying, "Do as I say and not as I do," will be exactly what he may bring up first. If it gets out of hand or doesn't give you the results you want, then a counselor may be able to help. Whatever you do, start this process as soon as possible and approach it with patience and love but also assertiveness.

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