



Commission to **ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS**

Office of Care Coordination

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

DISCUSSION – ITEM #1

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

Certificates of Recognition

- Sean deMetropolis
 - Municipal Fire Chief Representative – Fire Chief, City of Brea
- Jack Toan
 - Business Representative – Principal, JTC Group
- Paul Wyatt
 - At-Large Representative

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

Bylaw Revision Updates

- At the meeting on December 11, 2024, the Commission approved the revisions to the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws to make changes to the name, mission, purpose and function, membership, and duties of members, as recommended by the Bylaws Ad Hoc to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.
- The Bylaws revisions were agendaized and approved by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting on February 25, 2025. During the meeting, an additional revision to the Bylaws to incorporate an annual report to showcase the good work of the Commission was made. This revision maintains consistency with the Bylaws of other boards, committees, and commissions.
- The annual report was added under Article I, Section C, Item 9.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

Membership Ad Hoc

At the meeting on December 11, 2024, the Commission approved the launch of recruitment process and establishment of a new Membership Ad Hoc to evaluate and make recommendations for appointment for the expired seats to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

The Membership Ad Hoc is working to schedule their first meeting to review the recruitment process as well as expired and vacant seats.

Ad Hoc Membership

- Vicente Sarmiento, Chair and Supervisor, Second District
- Todd Spitzer, Orange County District Attorney
- Kelly Bruno-Nelson, Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan Representative
- Jason Ivins, Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Representative
- Robert Morse, Continuum of Care Board Representative

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

Expired and Vacant Seats

- Business Representative – expired 12/05/2024
- Hospital Representative – expired 12/05/2024
- Behavioral Health Representative – expired 12/05/2024
- Central Service Planning Area Representative – expired 08/08/2024
- South Service Planning Area Representative – expired 08/08/2024
- Philanthropic Leader – expired 08/08/2024
- Faith-Based Community Representative – expired 08/08/2024
- Two Continuum of Care Board Representatives – both seats expired 02/15/2025
- Lived Experience Representative – established 02/25/2025

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

2024 Commission Ad Hocs – Completed

- Inclement Weather Ad Hoc
 - Created to evaluate various models of design and operation of Inclement Weather Shelters and establish best practices. The Ad Hoc presented their recommendations to the full Commission in June 2024.
- Membership Ad Hoc
 - The existing Membership Ad Hoc was utilized to evaluate and make a recommendation for appointment of the Hospital Representative. The Ad Hoc presented their recommendation to the full Commission in June 2024.
- Small-Scale Housing Unit Ad Hoc
 - Created to evaluate alternative housing solutions including studying, defining, and identifying potential applications for Tiny Homes. The Ad Hoc presented their finalized report to the full Commission in December 2024.
- Bylaws Ad Hoc
 - Created to review and evaluate the Commission to End Homelessness Bylaws. The Ad Hoc presented their final recommendations to the full Commission in December 2024.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #2

COMMISSION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS UPDATE

2024 Commission Ad Hoc – Active

- Membership Ad Hoc
 - At the meeting in December 2024, the Commission approved the launch of recruitment process and establishment of a new Membership Ad Hoc to evaluate and make recommendations for appointment for the expired and vacant Commission seats.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

2025 Orange County Supportive Housing Notice of Funds Availability

Orange County Housing and Community Development (OCHCD) released the 2025 Supportive Housing Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) which makes available up to \$12.05 million of Federal HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP), Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), 15G Reserves and Housing Successor Agency (HSA) funds to promote the acquisition, new construction, and acquisition/rehabilitation of Supportive Housing and will also provide up to 150 Housing Choice, Mainstream, and/or Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) for extremely low-income households who are experiencing homelessness.

Small-Scale Housing Units (SSHUs) are considered an eligible activity under the NOFA so long as the criteria and the guiding principles in the Commission to Address Homelessness SSHU Report are met.

- The full NOFA can be found on the OCHCD Website:
 - <https://www.ochcd.org/housing-development/developer/notice-funding-availability>

DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

2025 Homeless Survey

The aim of the 2025 Homeless Survey is to explore the complex issues facing people who are experiencing homelessness for the first time, including what services and programs they may have accessed or attempted to access in efforts to remain housed, and the challenges they have faced as a result of unsheltered homelessness. The findings of the survey will be used to support with future planning and program development, as well as decision-making efforts specific to homeless prevention.

- The Office of Care Coordination worked closely with City Net to consolidate the feedback received from the Commission to Address Homelessness, the Continuum of Care Board, and the Lived Experience Advisory Committee into the survey.
- City Net completed the data collection phase of the survey throughout the month of March and has begun initial analysis.
- The Office of Care Coordination will be facilitating another Joint Special Meeting of the Commission to Address Homelessness and the Continuum of Care Board to discuss the findings.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

OC Same Day Solutions Fair

The Office of Care Coordination engaged County departments, local jurisdictions and non-profits to coordinate the first ever OC Same Day Solutions Fair.

This collaborative effort provided immediate on-site support to individuals experiencing homelessness by offering a range of services such as legal and document assistance, healthcare, housing resources, workforce development, and expanded access to Homeless Court.

Representatives from the OC Social Services Agency, OC Health Care Agency, OC Child Support Services, OC Public Defender, OC District Attorney, OC Community Resources, OC Probation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Revival Hair, Salvation Army, OC United Way/2-1-1 and more were in attendance.

COUNTY OF ORANGE PRESENTS

SAME — DAY SOLUTIONS FAIR

Path to Progress

Thursday, March 27th, 2025, 9am to 2pm
4300 Westminster Ave., Santa Ana CA 92703

Cross Streets: Westminster Ave and N Newhope St. Located in Rear Parking Lot.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS: CALFRESH, MEDI-CAL, GENERAL RELIEF, CALWORKS, VETERAN BENEFIT SERVICES OC SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES, MEDICAL HOME, & HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OC HEALTH CARE AGENCY SALVATION ARMY	COMMUNITY BASED RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS OC UNITED WAY 2-1-1 ORANGE COUNTY
ACCESS	RECEIVE	RESOLVE
EMERGENCY SHELTER, HOUSING NAVIGATION OC COMMUNITY RESOURCES OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION	POTENTIAL CHILD SUPPORT DEBT RELIEF & DMV IDENTIFICATION CARD RENEWAL SERVICES OC CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DMV	WARRANTS AND CONNECT WITH HOMELESS COURT ATTORNEYS PRESENT TO HELP OC PUBLIC DEFENDER OC DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Logos: OC Probation, ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, OCSSA, OC health, OC Child Support Services, OC Community Resources, OC District Attorney, OC Social Services Agency, OC Health Care Agency, OC Child Support Services, OC Public Defender, OC District Attorney, OC Community Resources, OC Probation, Department of Motor Vehicles, Revival Hair, Salvation Army, OC United Way/2-1-1, and more.

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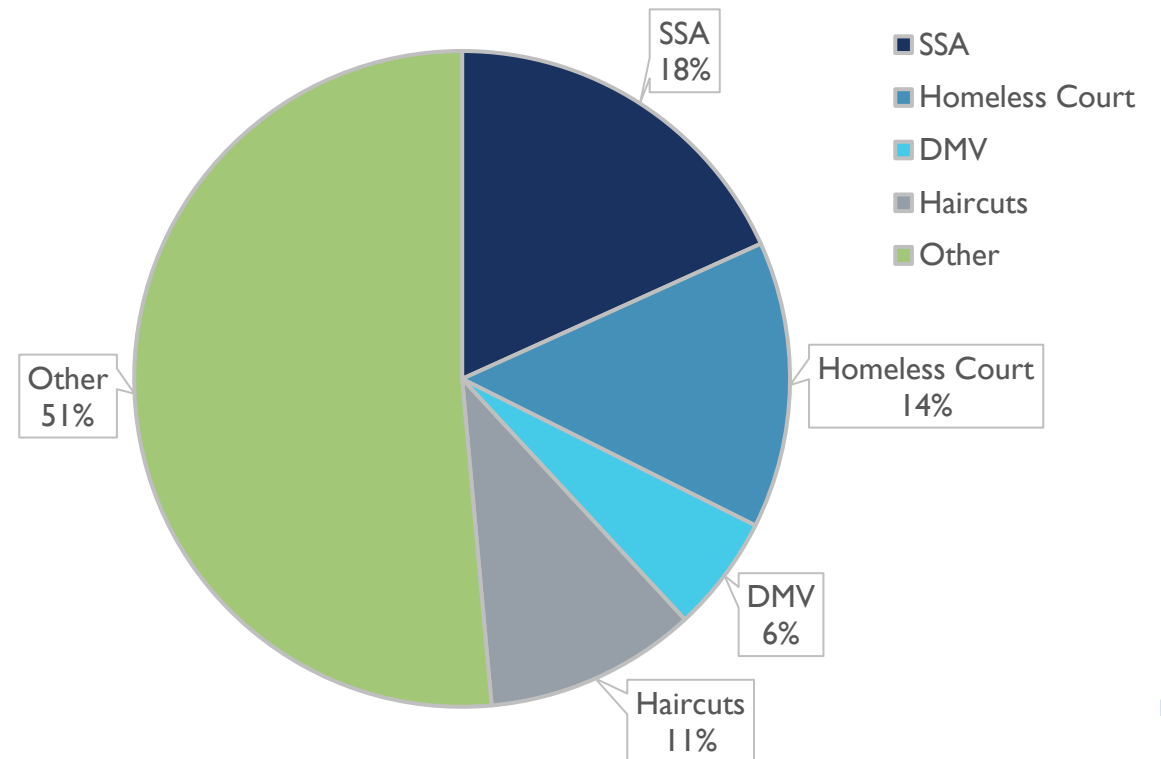
DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

OC Same Day Solutions Fair

- 169 individuals checked-in to the event
- 488 services were provided during the event
- Top services provided Include:
 - 89 services provided by OC Social Services Agency
 - 69 services provided by Homeless Court, inclusive of OC Public Defenders and OC District Attorney
 - 28 services provided by the California Department of Motor Vehicles
 - 51 haircuts were provided by Revival Hair

Top Services Provided



DISCUSSION – ITEM #3

OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION UPDATE

“There are so many resources in one place. Even the ones I did not come to utilize had knowledge to offer.”
-Client

“I loved all of the different booths here and how participants could get same day services.”
-Vendor

OC Same Day Solutions Fair

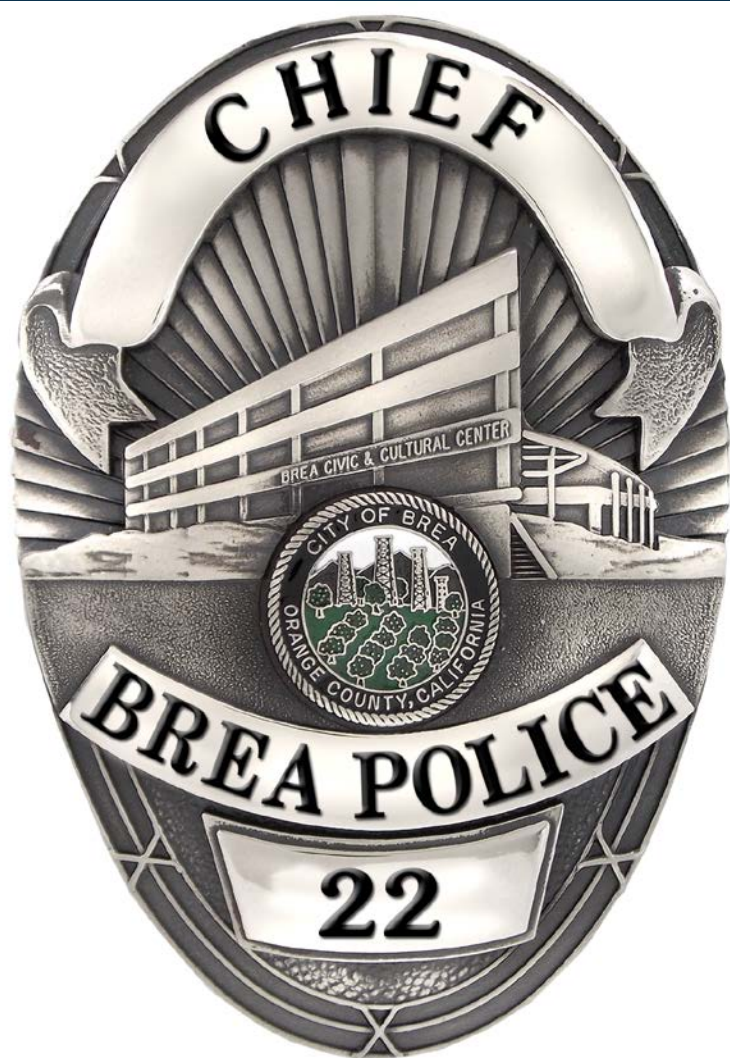
- Participating agencies and clients were encouraged to complete a survey regarding their experience at the OC Same Day Solutions Fair.
- The Office of Care Coordination is reviewing the feedback to determine what went well and what areas can be improved upon in the future.
- The Office of Care Coordination is working to hold another OC Same Day Solutions Fair in the coming months.

DISCUSSION – ITEM #4

COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

Commissioner Spotlight

- Adam Hawley, Chief of Police, Brea



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HOMELESS OUTREACH AND PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT



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FOR STREET HOMELESS ASSISTANCE
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24/7 LIFE-THREATENING OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY DIAL 911
24/7 NON EMERGENCY CRISIS RESPONSE DIAL (855) 625-4657

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Types of Calls for HOPE Center

- This line is for non-emergency calls only. Life-threatening or medical emergency calls will be transferred to 911.
- We accept all non-emergency calls to assist persons on the street in need of shelter or assistance. We will work to assist individuals once referred through this line.

What happens if I call before or after your hours?



Key aspects of the HOPE Center include

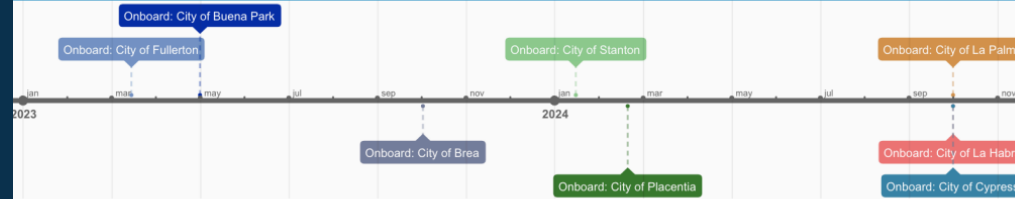
- **Mission:**
Our core mission is to provide the resources to individuals experiencing homelessness at the right time, and access to shelter and, ultimately, housing.
- **Regional Integration:**
The Center partners with various agencies in North Orange County to create a regionally integrated approach to addressing homelessness.
- **Mobile Outreach Teams:**
Teams of two are dispatched ensuring that the right services are offered to individuals in need.

January 2024 to December 2024 Data Report

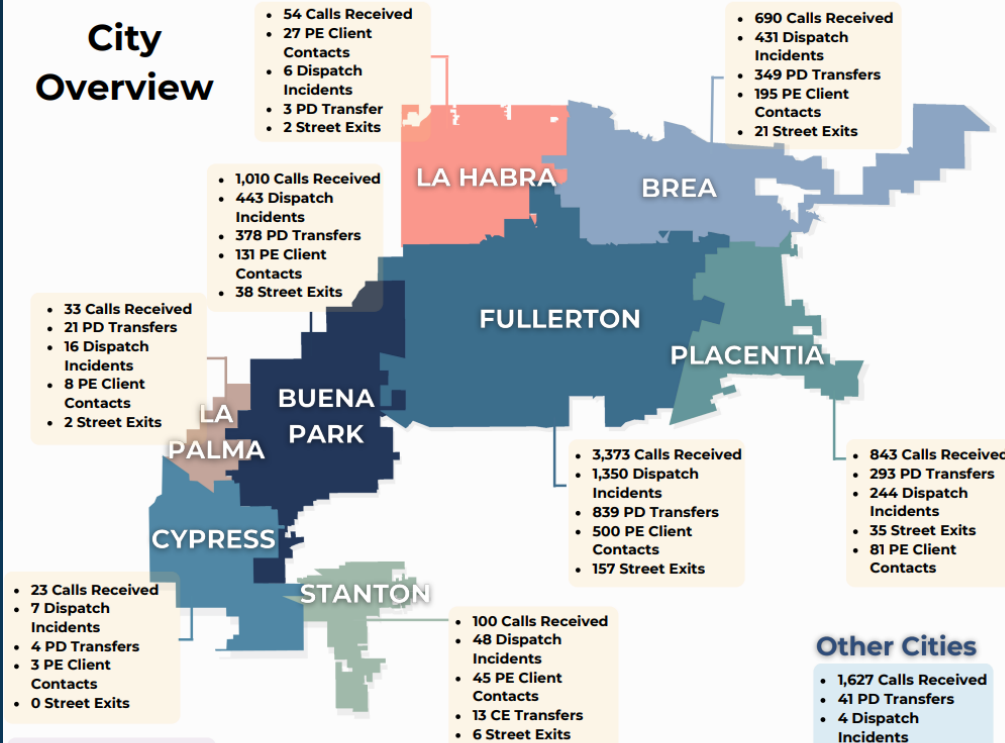
ANNUAL DISPATCH OPERATION SUMMARY

HOPE Center

The HOPE Center is a non-profit organization that services cities in North Orange County. The HOPE Center utilizes the software platform Outreach Grid to provide integrated dispatch, mobile outreach, and navigation center reservations in collaboration with North Orange County city partners and other agencies to address homelessness in their region.



City Overview



Abbreviations Key

CE = Code Enforcement
PD = Police Department

Other Cities

- 1,627 Calls Received
- 41 PD Transfers
- 4 Dispatch Incidents
- 4 Street Exits
- 12 PE Client Contacts

PRESENTATION – ITEM #5

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update

An update of the current Federal legislation presented by:

- Peter DeMarco – Director of Legislative Affairs, County Executive Office
- Cori Takkinen – Vice President, Townsend Public Affairs, Inc.

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Federal Legislative Update

April 16, 2025

Presentation Overview



Administrative Actions



Legislative Actions



Orange County Legislative Platform

Administrative Action

BACKGROUND

Campaign promises included a ban of encampments and deregulatory actions, campaign did not include many specifics.

First-term budget proposals eliminated CDBG and HOME programs. Proposals were not enacted.

Voices in the administration are calling for changes to the Housing First model and to focus on treatment.

Administrative Action

HUD Rulemaking



2/11/2025

Revokes the
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule (AFFH)



2/6/2025

Stops enforcement of Equal Access Rule

Administrative Action

United States Attorney's Office



4/11/2025

United States Attorney Bill Essayli, Central District of CA calls for the formation of the *Homelessness Fraud and Corruption Task Force*

Administrative Action

Executive Orders



U.S. Interagency Council on
Homelessness (USICH)
eliminated



Emergency Housing
Vouchers

Legislative Action

Annual Appropriations

**FY
2025**

Federal housing programs funded at FY24 levels for remainder of FY25

**FY
2026**

Legislation to fund federal programs beyond September 30

Orange County Legislative Platform

Statement Number	Issue	Summary/Action Item
CS-26	Homelessness Prevention	Support efforts to prevent homelessness, including funding for rental assistance to prevent loss of tenancy, programs that address the diverse root causes of homelessness, and expanding the coordination of services and supports for families experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness.
CS-28	Housing	Support efforts to increase the availability of housing options including small-scale homes, permanent supportive housing and affordable housing. Promote the flexible use of funding and financing mechanisms to meet the needs of individuals and families, including additional funding for the Local Housing Trust Fund Program and expanded definitions of homelessness. Support additional options for the procurement of materials for affordable housing.



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COUNTY OF ORANGE

2025 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

■ **County Budget: State Funding Stability**

Protect the safety net program funds for the County's most vulnerable residents to minimize impacts of any federal and state delays. Minimize disruptions to County administration of critical programs supporting families, children, seniors, and immigrant communities. Provide assurance about the stability of alternative funding sources, such as grants, one-time allocations, and bond distributions, to reduce volatility in County service delivery. Request parity of property tax revenue received in Orange County in comparison to San Diego and Los Angeles counties.

■ **Project Homekey/ Homeless Housing Assistance & Prevention (HHAP) Funding**

Maintain consistent Project Homekey, Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) and other program funding streams to support the provision of services to the unhoused. Expedite and expand the provision of funding for affordable housing construction to support priority populations, such as veterans, those with behavioral health needs, and those experiencing homelessness.



2025 State Legislative Priorities

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County Budget: Liability Exposure Mitigation

Seek legislative action that responsibly addresses fiscal liabilities related to statute of limitations claims filed against the County that balances accountability and fair compensation for past harm with the need to protect local resources for the ongoing provision of county services.

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Workforce & Affordable Housing

Seek legislative actions to increase Orange County's ability to meet its housing planning obligations, including flexibility for meeting RHNA requirements. Request regional disbursement of LA fire housing recovery funds to include Orange County, along with critical regulatory reforms, to expedite rebuilding and construction of new workforce housing.

Fire Insurance Availability

Advocate for increased funding to strengthen the County's wildfire resiliency programs and secure financial reimbursement for costs incurred from past wildfires incidents, such as the Airport Fire. Seek legislative actions that review & update building hardening measures for property-level and community-wide wildfire mitigation. Advocate for modernizing the framework insurance companies use to evaluate community hardening and fire resilience and reduces the cost of fire insurance. Seek legislative actions that increase California FAIR Plan liquidity & claims-paying capacity.

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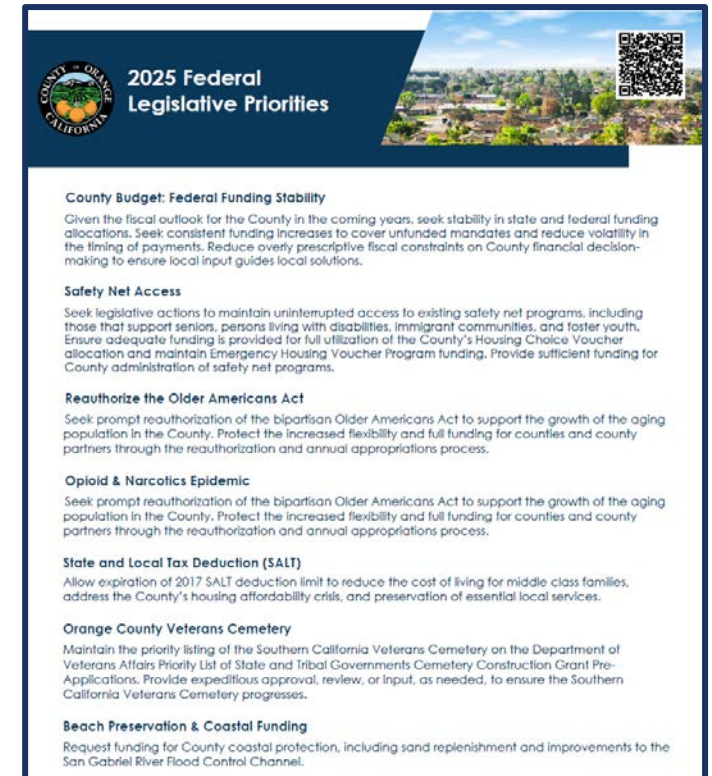
2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

■ County Budget: Federal Funding Stability

Given the fiscal outlook for the County in the coming years, seek stability in state and federal funding allocations. Seek consistent funding increases to cover unfunded mandates and reduce volatility in the timing of payments. Reduce overly prescriptive fiscal constraints on County financial decision-making to ensure local input guides local solutions.

■ Safety Net Access

Seek legislative actions to maintain uninterrupted access to existing safety net programs, including those that support seniors, persons living with disabilities, immigrant communities, and foster youth. Ensure adequate funding is provided for full utilization of the County's Housing Choice Voucher allocation and maintain Emergency Housing Voucher Program funding. Provide sufficient funding for County administration of safety net programs.

A graphic titled "2025 Federal Legislative Priorities" for the County of Orange, California. It features a header with the county seal and a QR code. The main body lists seven legislative priorities: County Budget: Federal Funding Stability, Safety Net Access, Reauthorize the Older Americans Act, Opioid & Narcotics Epidemic, State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT), Orange County Veterans Cemetery, and Beach Preservation & Coastal Funding. Each item is followed by a brief description of the goal.

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Reauthorize the Older Americans Act
Seek prompt reauthorization of the bipartisan Older Americans Act to support the growth of the aging population in the County. Protect the increased flexibility and full funding for counties and county partners through the reauthorization and annual appropriations process.

Opioid & Narcotics Epidemic
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State and Local Tax Deduction (SALT)
Allow expiration of 2017 SALT deduction limit to reduce the cost of living for middle class families, address the County's housing affordability crisis, and preservation of essential local services.

Orange County Veterans Cemetery
Maintain the priority listing of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery on the Department of Veterans Affairs Priority List of State and Tribal Governments Cemetery Construction Grant Pre-Applications. Provide expeditious approval, review, or input, as needed, to ensure the Southern California Veterans Cemetery progresses.

Beach Preservation & Coastal Funding
Request funding for County coastal protection, including sand replenishment and improvements to the San Gabriel River Flood Control Channel.

ACTION – ITEM #6

MEETING MINUTES

Commission to End Homelessness Meeting Minutes

- Approve Commission to End Homelessness minutes from the February 19, 2025, regular meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Commission to Address Homelessness Meetings

- The next regular meeting is June 18, 2025.

June						
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