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# SOMETHING WE CAN ALL AGREE ON



THIRD DISTRICT — A consensus is often hard to reach, but not when stopping deadly fentanyl in Orange County. Supervisor Wagner led the charge to rein in fentanyl, starting at the January 25th, 2022, Board of Supervisors meeting, where he introduced a resolution passed unanimously by his colleagues. He called on the County to join forces with law enforcement agencies to increase fentanyl-dealing penalties, spurring a community-wide effort to look at a growing issue.

Within a short couple of months, Supervisor Wagner got all cities in the Third District to pass formal resolutions similar to the County model. A special thank you to the following City Councils for joining the effort:

- · City of Anaheim
- City of Irvine
- City of Lake Forest
- City of Mission Viejo
- City of Orange
- City of Rancho Santa Margarita
- City of Tustin
- City of Villa Park
- City of Yorba Linda



















# More about deadly fentanyl

<u>Fentanyl is killing children and adults</u>. The drug is powerful and cheap yet not classified in the same category as heroin or cocaine—even though it's 50 to 100 times more potent than opium. Increasingly, it is found in counterfeit prescription drugs or laced in street drugs, including marijuana. People often don't know they are ingesting fentanyl. Deaths are not always overdoses but via poisoning. One pill really can kill.

# **Sobering statistics**

- In 2021, the Orange County Sheriff's Department reported over 500 fentanyl-related deaths, with another 400 toxicology results pending to date.
- The sheriff's department seized approximately 388 pounds of fentanyl—which potentially contained 88 million lethal doses—totaling \$43 million in street value—from 2016 to 2020. Since then, <u>bigger drug busts have happened</u>.
- The County saw an 1100 percent increase in fentanyl-related deaths from 2016 to 2020. The state saw a 1600 percent spike in fentanyl-related deaths during the same period, amounting to nearly 4,000 per year.

#### **How to take action**

The state senate's Public Safety Committee rejected a bipartisan bill to increase sentencing for fentanyl dealers. But we must not give up on our friends, families, and neighbors. If you are concerned about the deadly fentanyl crisis in Orange County, please get in touch with your local state representative and urge them to hold fentanyl dealers accountable.

## **OUT AND ABOUT**



**COUNTY OF ORANGE** — A special reception was held for Mary Aileen Matheis, celebrating her outstanding work as a member of the Assessment Appeals Board, County of Orange. Mary Aileen was appointed to the Board in 1992 and then reappointed by subsequent supervisors, culminating in Supervisor Wagner's reappointment of his longtime friend.

Mary Aileen is an attorney and a member of the Orange County Bar Association, and she is also a member of the Orange County Association of Realtors. She holds a bachelor's degree from Russell Sage College and a master's in communication from the State University of New York. She earned a Juris Doctorate at Western State University College of Law.

Mary Aileen was named by the California Real Estate Association a "Distinguished Realtor of the Year", and earned the "Realtor of the Year" award from the Orange County Association. She was also awarded "Woman of the Year" by Senator Ross Johnson and "Volunteer of the Year" from the Orange County Board of

Supervisors.

She is known for her dedication to the water industry, having served on the Irvine Ranch Water District Board of Directors in 1988, when she was appointed to fill an unexpired term. Following her appointment, she was first elected to the Irvine Ranch Water District Board in 1992. During her 32 years of service, she served as President of the Board four times, with her most recent term in 2020, and has served as Vice President eight times.

Supervisor Wagner was honored to present a Proclamation for Mary Aileen's retirement, recognizing her many years of dedicated public service.



YORBA LINDA — Supervisor Wagner was honored to participate in the Annual Interfaith Iftar Dinner held at the Islamic Center of Yorba Linda. The theme for 2022: "A Diverse Community Living in Harmony." Supervisor Wagner welcomed guests from many religions and cultures, emphasizing the strength of religious diversity, our shared values of family, self-reliance, tolerance, and that rights come from our Creator, not our government.

Attending were members of the Yorba Linda City Council: Mayor Carlos Rodriguez; Mayor Pro Tem Gene Hernandez; Councilmembers Tara Campbell,

Beth Haney; Peggy Huang. Also attending were Owaiz Dadhaboy, President of the Islamic Center of Yorba Linda, Rabbi Joseph Mendelsohn of Reform Temple of Laguna Woods, Reverend Lynn Stone of Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church, Kris Widdison of Interfaith Council of North Orange County Chairman, Anaheim Mayor Harry Sidhu, former Yorba Linda Mayor Tom Lindsey representing the LDS Church, and Sheikh Azeem Syed, President of the Shura Council of Southern California.







**IRVINE** — Congrats to BioDuro-Sundia on its grand opening at 72 Fairbanks in the City of Irvine. Over 160 employees joined the Irvine Chamber of Commerce and Team Wagner for a move-in celebration. The significance of BioDuro-Sundia's expansion into the Orange County market means more jobs and more business opportunities for local residents.



**IRVINE** — A special shout out to Loko AI on the grand opening of its new headquarters. Loko AI is a high-tech company that serves the community by helping solve security issues and increases public safety through data, surveillance and loss prevention tools.

Team Wagner kicked off the event with the Irvine Chamber of Commerce and local government office representatives from state, county, and city levels. Irvine's business and non-profit leadership also came out to see the new space and connect with the Loko AI team.

CEO Joseph Zaki of Loko AI and John Mirisch, co-founder, shared their vision for providing families, businesses and law enforcement with the latest tools that cyber security has to offer. Welcome to the Third District, Loko AI — we wish you many years of prosperity in Orange County.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING



OC San's Wastewater 101 Citizens Academy is **FREE** to all who attend and will showcase the District and what they do in a fun and interactive virtual setting. The Academy consists of four virtual workshops and will be available for individuals who are 18 years and older. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.



### ORANGE COUNTY'S

# **Big Voice**

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# Veterans Service Office (VSO) - March 2022 Edition

Based on February 2022 Service Data

#### Clients Served

2.202

Includes phone calls, emails, and

Monthly Average for 2021: 1,875

#### Claims Filed

542

To the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Monthly Average for 2021: 53

## Benefits Awarded

\$431,754.69

Includes College Fee Waivers

Monthly Average for 2021: \$677,000

#### **Upcoming Meetings, Committees, Workgroups:**

- April 13, 2022 Orange County Veterans Advisory Council (OCVAC) Meeting at 12:00 noon
- April 27, 2022—Veterans Coffee Talk from 8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Theme: April is Month of the Military Child

#### **Upcoming Workshops/Training Opportunities:**

• April 13, 2022— Veterans Legal Institute (VLI) hosts virtual free legal clinic for veterans.

For information on any of these events, please contact the VSO at 714-480-6555 or email ocvso@occr.ocgov.com

#### **Latest News**

- Four staff members from the VSO and Program Support Unit successfully completed CalVet training and passed their State accreditation exams.
- The VSO successfully secured Prop 63 Mental Health Services Act grant funding from CalVet for the next two years to continue our partnership with community colleges in support of student veterans.

# Veteran Spotlight

March is Women's History Month and we salute women who have served in our U.S. Military. This month we honor Alexis Federico who was appointed by Orange County Supervisor Lisa Bartlett to serve on the Orange County Veterans Advisory Council in 2020. Prior to earning her J.D., summa cum laude, from UC Irvine School of Law, Alexis was a helicopter pilot and instructor in the U.S. Marine Corps. She was selected as the Marine Aircraft Group 40 (Afghanistan) Aviator of the Year and was presented with the Order of the Daedalians U.S. Marine Corps' Exceptional Pilot Award.



# **5 CHAMBER MIXER and TOUR of ANIMAL SERVICES**











# THURSDAY | APRIL 21, 2022 5:00PM-7:00PM

**Host City: Mission Viejo**  O Animal Services: 28095 Hillcrest Mission Vieio, 92692

- Join us for this unique 5 Chamber Mixer Event!
- Great opportunity to tour and learn about our Animal Services center and the services they offer!
- Opportunity to make new business connections at our 5 Chamber Mixer!

#### **Donations are always** Welcome!

Individual Discretion of attendee to be donated to Animal Services.



Help us give rescued and abandon pets a second chance.



No personal pets allowed.

Food and Beverage:

# **REGISTER HERE:** rsmchamber.org/events

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In celebration of Earth Month, OC Waste & Recycling, OC Public Libraries and Discovery Cube OC will partner for County-wide Earth Day events to educate residents on the fun and squirmy side of caring for the environment. Festivities, both in person and virtual, will span the month of April featuring online activities, ecofocused events at select libraries, weekend celebrations at Discovery Cube OC and the new presentation, "Gettin' Wiggly with Composting."

For more information visit OCLandfills.com or OCPL.org.













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# **Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner** The City of Lake Forest The Pet Adoption Center of Orange County

INVITE ALL ANIMAL LOVERS AND THEIR PETS TO THE 5TH ANNUAL

Saturday, April 30th 10:00am-1:00pm

**Lake Forest Sports Park & Recreation Center** (28000 Rancho Pkwy, Lake Forest, Ca 92630)



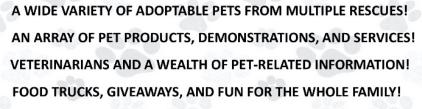
## THIS FREE EVENT WILL FEATURE:











BRING YOUR WELL SOCIALIZED/VACCINATED/PEOPLE-FRIENDLY DOG! \*You may be asked to leave the event if your dog is not friendly.

\*No flexible leashes are allowed.

#### ADDITIONAL PARKING LOCATED AT SADDLEBACK CHURCH

FOR EVENT INFORMATION (INCLUDING VENDOR AND SPONSOR INFO): CONTACT KEVIN FERNANDEZ

PHONE: (949) 273-6978 EMAIL: kfernandez@lakeforestca.gov



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**RECOGNITIONS** 



**YORBA LINDA** — On April 7, Supervisor Wagner spoke at the First Responders Appreciation Event to honor all the police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service professionals. Supervisor Wagner is proud to partner with the Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce to pay homage to the men and women who help keep us safe.



May the next generation be inspired to follow in the footsteps of those working hard in public service.

# April is "DMV: Donate Life Month"





COUNTY OF ORANGE — Near and dear to Supervisor Wagner is April's Donate Life Month, dedicated to raising awareness about organ, tissue, and eye donation. At the April 12 Board of Supervisors meeting, an organ donor recipient shared with the public how his life was saved by someone he never met; his organ donor, Jason, saved two other lives plus helped another 96 people through tissue donation. Please consider registering as an organ donor at the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

Supervisor Wagner and his colleagues were also privileged to proclaim April as the month of:

- -National Arab American Heritage Month
- -National Financial Literacy Month
- -Child Abuse Prevention Month
- -DMV/Donor Life Month

Also honored was the retirement of Bruce Houlihan at the conclusion of his 35year career in forensic science work at the County.

Great work is happening in Orange County; thanks to everyone who makes it a better place to live, work, and raise a family.



# Thanks for reading!

Supervisor Don Wagner is proud to represent over 630,000 diverse residents in the communities of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, North Tustin and Tustin, Orange, Rancho Santa Margarita, the unincorporated canyons, Villa Park, and Yorba Linda.

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