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POLICY

ACC-OC Tackles Marijuana Regulation

The passage of Proposition 64 has thrust legal marijuana use upon cities at a lightning-quick pace. The law is clear on some areas, but hazy in others. The ACC-OC convened the state's leading experts to help educate our local elected leaders on the intricacies of legal marijuana use in California.



[Learn about marijuana regulation here.](#)

Lori Ajax from the California Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation shared efforts on licensing dispensaries for enhanced tracking. Former Attorney General and State Treasurer Bill Lockyer addressed legislative efforts to fill gaps of Prop. 64, specifically as it relates to operating as for- or non-profit businesses. The distinguished panel also dove deep

into public safety, taxation, cultivation licensing and other areas.

[See images from the forum here.](#)

A special thanks to our panelists:

- Bill Lockyer, Former Attorney General and State Treasurer, Of Counsel, Brown Rudnick
- Tim Shafer, Office of State Treasurer
- Lisa Renati, State Board of Equalization
- Amber Morris, CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing
- Undersheriff Don Barnes, Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Patrick Munoz, Orange County City Attorney
- Lori Smith, Orange County Fire Authority
- Lori Ajax, Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation
- Eric Spitz, Managing Director, Impaxes (moderator)

ACC-OC will continue to monitor the developments surrounding the recreational cannabis regulatory framework and update our members accordingly.

ACC-OC Countywide Model Drone Ordinance Taking Shape

An estimated 1.2 million drones were sold during Christmas season last year. While the buzzing "unmanned aircrafts" are undeniably popular, they present numerous challenges for cities.



The ACC-OC formed a Working Group in October 2016 to craft a countywide model ordinance to get ahead of the emerging issue. The Working Group is chaired by Mission Viejo City Attorney Bill Curly and is composed of cities, public safety departments, legal representatives and other stakeholders.

Several drafts of the ordinance have been produced and it is currently being reviewed by industry experts and the Federal Aviation Administration. The ACC-OC expects to have a final draft for review by our Board of Directors in March.

Thank you to the Drone Working Group for your dedication and expertise on this issue.

ACC-OC's Model Climate Action Plan Helps Meet State Mandates

State law requires that all cities adopt a Climate Action Plan (CAP) by 2022. To help facilitate this mandate, the ACC-OC worked with member cities and stakeholders to craft a Model CAP that reflected Orange County values, while also meeting state requirements. The Model CAP was produced alongside city elected officials and staff, utility companies, water agencies, transportation leaders, private-sector representatives and the building industry.



The Model CAP was approved by the ACC-OC Board of Directors in January and is now being provided to ACC-OC member cities for consideration.

Several cities dedicated expertise and became integral to this process, including:

- City of Aliso Viejo
- City of Anaheim
- City of Fullerton
- City of Huntington Beach
- City of La Habra
- City of Tustin

We'd also like to thank the following organizations for their involvement and input throughout this year-long policy development process:

- Building Industry Association, Orange County
- County of Orange
- Orange County Council of Governments
- Orange County Sanitation District
- Orange Country Transportation Authority
- San Diego Gas & Electric
- SoCal Gas Company
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Southern California Edison
- Sustain OC
- West Coast Arborists
- Waste Management

Please contact [Kelsey Brewer](#) for more information.

Call for Entries: 6th Annual Golden Hub of Innovation Applications Due March 3

The ACC-OC's Golden Hub of Innovation Awards honor the innovative initiatives of cities, local agencies and individuals. Often times, Golden Hub awards are presented based on projects that save taxpayer dollars, optimize government and improve services. We want to hear about your ideas!



[SUBMIT YOUR GHI AWARD APPLICATION TODAY](#)

The deadline for submittal is March 3. This year's categories include:

ACC-OC Innovator of the Year
Technology/e-Government
City Programs & Departments
Public/Private Partnerships
Community Outreach
City Elected of the Year
City Staff of the Year
City Manager of the Year

More information on each category can be found [here](#).

Join Us for the Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will take place Friday, May 12 from 11:30-1:30 p.m. at the Island Hotel in Newport Beach. Contact [Katie Frisz](#) for more information.

Point-in-Time Count: Beyond Numbers

Before sunrise on January 28th, hundreds of volunteers (including ACC-OC's Heather Stratman and Kelsey Brewer) set out on a virtuous and necessary mission: count and understand the needs of Orange County's homeless.

The semi-annual [Point-in-Time Count](#) is a critical tool to identify the number of homeless as well as the services they require. The survey goes beyond a simple count and includes interviews with homeless individuals to have a clearer understanding of their needs and situation. Together with the data, this information helps craft initiatives to serve needs and end homelessness. It also helps secure more than \$20 million in federal assistance.

Results of the 2017 PIT will be available in the coming months.

The ACC-OC thanks 2-1-1 OC, Orange County United Way, County Orange Health Agency and Community Services, and the hundreds of volunteers for their leadership on this effort.

Education and Health Experts Needed at the Children & Families Commission

The Orange County Board of Supervisors is seeking candidates to serve on the Children and Families Commission of Orange County.

The three available positions for the 2017-2019 term include two in the category of Education and another in



Health. Candidates are invited to submit their application and resume by February 23, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. The positions will be available as soon as April 1, 2017.

You can find the application here as a [Word document](#) and [PDF](#) for your convenience.

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EDUCATION

ACC-OC Welcomes New Council Members at City Leader Reception

On February 2nd, dozens of Orange County's newest city council members took part in ACC-OC's New Council Member Orientation to help flatten the learning curve on issues like regional governance, transportation, water, public safety and other matters.



ACC-OC pro bono counsel Best, Best & Krieger provided state mandated AB 1234 and 1825 training, while regional agencies and county-wide partners provided their insights on various policy issues, intergovernmental collaboration and partnerships.

Afterwards, attendees joined fellow council members, state representatives and business leaders for ACC-OC's annual City Leader Reception at Angel Stadium of Anaheim.

Expand Your Public Policy Expertise with PPMA

If you're a new city or municipal elected official looking to expand your local policy making expertise, attend the Public Policy Making Academy, an ACC-OC collaboration with the UC Irvine Division of Continuing Education.

The course starts in the spring and is open to all those interested in acquiring a depth of knowledge in a variety of complex public policy and governance issues.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

UCI Division of Continuing Education

PUBLIC POLICY MAKING ACADEMY
FORMAL TRAINING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Offered by UCI Division of Continuing Education and the Association of California Cities - Orange County, Public Policy Making Academy provides new city and municipal elected officials, as well as anyone interested in local government policy making, the knowledge needed to become adept at public policy making in key city government areas.

STUDENTS WILL ANALYZE:

- The laws and best practices involved in the public governance of cities and states.
- The processes and regulations governing city finance and the financial aspects of working with labor unions.
- How municipal services are delivered through land use plans and community services.
- How local governments provide public safety services and interact with regional agencies to provide essential services to their communities.

BENEFITS

- Acquire a depth of knowledge in a variety of complex, public policy and governance issues to become a well-informed civic leader!
- Learn from current agency executives and seasoned attorneys representing city governments.
- Students who successfully complete the course of study will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Public Policy Making Academy I
Fridays: February 26 and
March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2017
8:00am-12:00pm
UCI Continuing Education Building
Course fee: \$510

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Connect with ACC-OC Online!

Stay up-to-date with our efforts on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and now [Instagram](#)



The ACC-OC regularly updates its social media pages with our ongoing efforts as we host and attend events, meetings, and roundtables with Orange County's policy and community leaders.

Keep up with everything ACC-OC and add your voice to the issues by following us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

Also check out our newest social media page on [Instagram](#)!

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ADVOCACY

ACC-OC Strongly Supports Federal Sober Living Home Reform Legislation

Sober living home reform is a core priority for the ACC-OC. Our efforts at the State work to empower cities to protect their communities. But federal legislation is a critical step that is needed to enact true reforms. That's why the ACC-OC is proud to support Congressman Darrell Issa and his bill, [H.R. 472](#).



[View the ACC-OC's letter here.](#)

Congressman Issa's bill will provide cities with greater enforcement power on non-compliant sober living facilities in their communities. Importantly, it would allow cities to pass zoning ordinances to limit the distance between facilities in a specific neighborhood. The measure includes licensing requirements for these facilities and affords cities more enforcement tools, while protecting patients seeking treatment.

To help support this bill, please contact ACC-OC's Legislative Director [Diana Coronado](#).

New Member Benefit: Grant

Opportunities & Services

The ACC-OC has partnered with [Blais & Associates](#) to provide up-to-date and comprehensive grant availability information to all member cities at no cost. The partnership will include an exclusive database covering hundreds of grants available to Orange County cities. Additionally, Blais & Associates will provide discount for grant writing and management services to member cities.

Blais & Associates is a premier grant writing and grant management service company. It provides services to local government and private-non-profit organizations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Policy Making Academy

UCI Campus - Division of Continuing Education
510 E. Peltason Dr, Irvine, CA 92697 Bldg. 8
Fridays, February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17,
March 24, 2017 | 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

PPMA is back for 2017 and is a perfect opportunity for newly elected officials to receive an introduction into all all things local government.

Learn about the fundamentals of city governance and finance at the local and state level, municipal service delivery at the local and regional level, and more.

[Click here to register!](#)

The flyer features a header with the UCI logo and 'Division of Continuing Education'. Below this is a photograph of the California State Capitol building at night. The text on the flyer includes: 'In collaboration with the', 'PUBLIC POLICY MAKING ACADEMY FORMAL TRAINING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS', 'Offered by UCI Division of Continuing Education and the Association of California Cities - Orange County, Public Policy Making Academy provides new city and municipal elected officials, as well as anyone interested in local government policy making, the knowledge needed to become adept at public policy making in key city government areas.', 'STUDENTS WILL ANALYZE:', 'The laws and best practices involved in the public governance of cities and states', 'The processes and regulations governing city finance and the financial aspects of working with labor unions', 'How municipal services are delivered through land use plans and community services', 'How local governments provide public safety services and interface with regional agencies to provide essential services to their communities.', 'BENEFITS', 'Acquire a depth of knowledge in a variety of complex, public policy and governance issues to become a well-informed civic servant', 'Learn from current agency executives and seasoned attorneys representing city governments', 'Students who successfully complete the course of study will receive a Certificate of Completion', 'Public Policy Making Academy I', 'Fridays: February 24 and March 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2017', '8:00am-12:00pm', 'UCI Continuing Education Building', 'Course fee: \$510', 'FOR MORE INFORMATION', 'Franco Berg, program representative', '(949) 824-6611, fberg@uci.edu', 'University of California, Irvine', 'cc.uci.edu/publicpolicy'

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THE CITY SQUARE

Don't forget, your favorite public policy show is now a podcast. Look for our show twice a month and catch up on all our public policy conversations below.

In January The City Square kicked off the new year exploring healthcare in Orange County with Kaiser Permanente and the Hospital Association of Southern California. Then, we sat down with the Orangewood Foundation, the Anaheim Police Department, and the Orange County District Attorney's office to understand the existence of human trafficking throughout Orange County and beyond.

Check out these important shows below and learn about the solutions available to us to solve Orange County's pressing issues.

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Episode 108

Human Trafficking in Orange County
and Beyond

[Listen HERE!](#)



Episode 107

Orange County Healthcare

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UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Legislative & Regulatory

This month the committee will convene with newly appointed committee Councilmembers from 13 different cities. The committee will review newly introduced bills out of the state legislature, go over sent policy position letters, receive a Sacramento up-date, and hear about our newly introduced 2017 ACC-OC sponsored bills. The committee members will also have an opportunity to share individual legislative information, as well. Thursday, February 23rd, at 9:00 A.M. at the law office of Rutan & Tucker (611 Anton Boulevard, 14th Floor, Costa Mesa, CA 92626).



Local Government Finance

The Committee will meet Wednesday, February 22 from 9:00-10:30 at the ACC-OC Board Room 500 S

Main St #410 Orange, CA 92868.

For Policy Committees meeting dates,
[view the calendar here.](#)



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