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POLICY

ACC-OC Summer Reception

A summer reception at the beach...Newport Beach that is! The ACC-OC was excited to host our Summer Reception on July 13, 2017 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel.

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet, interact and dialogue with state and local elected officials, and participants definitely agreed, as the event was sold out to capacity rapidly!



The evening was a mix of fun and networking, and one we are looking forward to building on each year! Special thanks to our great sponsor Kaiser Permanente.

Board of Directors Visioning Workshop

On Friday June 30, the Board of Directors met at the Great Wolf Lodge in Garden Grove to discuss the strategic future of the ACC-OC during a substantive Visioning Workshop.

The multi-hour dialogue provided Board members and ACC-OC staff the opportunity to brainstorm, engage and chart the course for the organization over the upcoming few years.

Key issues, legislative priorities, policy focus and organic growth potential were just a few of the topics discussed.



With the Board's direction in hand, staff will now develop an action plan to implement the goals and agenda. We are excited to get to work and continue to move the ACC-OC forward in our mission to be the authoritative regional voice for public policy issues, with focus on: education that empowers, policy that is collaborative and advocacy that is service-oriented.

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EDUCATION

Conversation with Inside the Outdoors and the City of Mission Viejo

In a recent social media Member Monday Spotlight, Mission Viejo's Partnership with Inside the Outdoors was featured. In case you missed the interview, here is the conversation with Lori Kiesser, Development Director, Inside the Outdoors; Denise Matson, Environmental Program Administrator, City of Mission Viejo and Al Mijares, Ph.D., County Superintendent of Schools.



1. Lori, talk about Inside the Outdoors' mission and its history?

Lori: Inside the Outdoors launched science education programs in 1974. Our mission is to bring learning to life for students through hands-on science experiences in nature's classroom. During our day-long field trip, "ecosystem" turns from a word in a classroom lesson into a soaring hawk, a nervous lizard, and fragrant coastal sage brush. Our Traveling Scientist programs transform classrooms into science laboratories where students learn about everything from the life cycle of trash to the chemistry of water quality.

2. Lori and Denise, what was the impetus for the collaboration between Inside the Outdoors and the City of Mission Viejo?

Denise: The City of Mission Viejo strongly believes that teaching school-aged children to be good stewards of the environment is critical component of achieving environmental goals that occur through changes in behavior. These goals include waste reduction and recycling mandates established by the State that require the Cities to reduce the amount of waste the send to landfill. The partnership with Inside the Outdoors and Mission Viejo High School allowed the City to educate high schools about the importance of recycling through hands-on programs that actually diverted significant waste from the landfill.

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3. Please discuss the specifics of this arrangement, and what you both hope to achieve from the effort?

Denise: The City of Mission Viejo used grant funding to provide MVHS with recycling containers,

liners, gloves and other equipment to allow the students to implement a campus-wide recycling program to divert recyclables from the landfill. In addition to providing equipment, the City also provided technical assistance through a consulting firm to help the students and teachers work through typical problems encountered when implementing a recycling program. The City's goal was to divert materials from landfill, meet State mandates, and make recycling become the culture at Mission Viejo schools.

4. One of the beneficiaries of this program is schools? AI, can you speak to that point?

AI: Inside the Outdoors provides hands-on learning experiences to improve academic outcomes for more than 120,000 Orange County children each year, from pre-kindergarten through high school. These programs engage students and foster an interest in STEM subjects by connecting their classroom studies to real-life experiences. In this way, they exemplify project-based learning as well as collaboration, laying a foundation for college and career success.

5. Explain to our audience what kids will experience on a day at Inside the Outdoors in Mission Viejo.

AI: This partnership with Mission Viejo is specifically designed to combat summer learning loss by fostering educational opportunities that tap into students' natural interests. For example, young scientists up to age 7 will get to observe live animals through Inside the Outdoors' Traveling Scientist program. They will also explore global habitats through sensory activities and learn what makes plants healthy - and why that's important.

6. Will this be an ongoing initiative, and if so will the offerings expand?

AI: Inside the Outdoors has partnered with the City of Mission Viejo for more than five years now, providing environmental education programs for students from pre-kindergarten through high school. This year we are expanding to include summer programs, offered on July 26 and Aug 2, to ensure local students stay intellectually active and maintain their academic momentum during the summer months.

7. Lori, what are the future objectives for Inside the Outdoors?

Lori: For Inside the Outdoors, our goal is to prepare students so that they are college and career ready. The projections for job growth, especially in California, are significant for the STEM industry. We also know that our students can lead the way in identifying solutions to complex global issues if we provide the catalyst for successful academic outcomes. Students who experience an Inside the Outdoors Field Trip or Traveling Scientist program have gone on to become teachers, park rangers, environmental scientists, and community leaders. Our objective is to partner with local leaders to ensure that all Orange County students have the chance to be part of a global workforce.

Cyber Security

Guest Column

By: Frank Ury, Former Mayor, City of Mission Viejo

For local leaders, after budget and pension discussions, the item that is top of mind for officials is cyber security. U.C. Irvine is standing up a [Cyber Security Policy and Research Institute](#), the President has issued a Cyber Security Executive Order, and just a few weeks ago, the O.C. Grand Jury released a [report](#) on the County' state of readiness for Cyber Security.



And even your very own ACC-OC has taken up the topic in our Technology Subcommittee, and created a [white paper](#) to assist public agencies in planning a long-term strategy for cyber security readiness.

Leaders can do several things to set cyber security as a priority in their jurisdiction. I have long advocated for City IT Budgets contain a specific line item for cyber security spend, so administrators and city employees are on the same page in defining the investments. As a rule of thumb, many IT professionals, including myself, propose a budget of 15 percent of the overall agency IT spend for cyber security.

The ACCOC white paper also gives leaders a quick primer on how to create some opening steps

toward cyber security readiness. In general, they fall into three initial action items:

- 1) Threat Assessment
- 2) Remediation
- 3) Continuous monitoring

The Infrastructure and Technology committee recommends that cities and agencies bring in a firm to conduct a comprehensive threat assessment of specific vulnerabilities within the cyber infrastructure. By completing this threat assessment, municipalities and agencies will be better able to understand what their vulnerabilities are when implementing further recommendations, such as what type of employee training to conduct internally. After completion of a threat assessment, it is critical that cities and agencies take these findings seriously and immediately begin implementing remediation strategies. Firms will often offer specific remediation recommendations after their evaluation, and some, if not all, can be completed internally by IT staff. Finally, when a municipality or agency does decide to invest in its cyber-security infrastructure, it is important that this investment include an emphasis on continuous monitoring. Continuous monitoring is the best tool cities and agencies possess to ensure that basic cyber-infrastructure is being protected immediately, while also deciding what additional updates and security strategies need to be implemented in the long term.

Finally, the ACC-OC Infrastructure and Technology Committee would like to emphasize its understanding of the high costs associated with cyber-security and resiliency. While a threat assessment is within the realm of financial possibility for most cities, longer-term investments will be much costlier. It is the committee's recommendation that cities and agencies begin evaluating and implementing a shared-services model with other similarly sized and similarly-situated cities and agencies in Orange County. This shared services model will help control costs amongst cities, and will lead to a more holistic regional approach to cyber security in Orange County.

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ADVOCACY

ACC-OC Legislative Update

ACC-OC has sponsoring two pieces of legislation, this year. Assembly Bill 346, by Assemblymember Tom Daly, and Joint Author Assemblymember Bill Brough, and Assembly Bill 572 by Assemblymember Quirk-Silva. Both bills have finished making their way through the first year of a 2-year legislative process. Both having advanced out of the Assembly and into the Senate. AB 346 has been signed into law, and AB 572 has been put on hold to be taken up next year.



AB 346 was signed into law on June 28th. The bill will provide housing successor agencies with additional flexibility to use their remaining Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund (LMIHF) assets to best address their respective local housing-related needs, including services for homeless individuals. This bill is extremely beneficial to the continued funding of our regional County homeless shelter in the City of Anaheim, as AB 346 would allow cities to contiguously pool their funds together for these types of projects.

AB 572 will create a voluntary pilot program that would house a Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Complaint Analyst within the County to serve participating cities. A lead agency (the City of Costa Mesa) would facilitate participation and reimbursement to fund this analyst, and collect participation costs from participating cities. This bill would incentivize residential treatment facilities to stay in compliance with cities and the State, while offering a high level of care to patients seeking treatment. Currently there are 16 Complaint Analysts for the entire State all housed in Sacramento.

This bill would provide regional representation and focus on a highly impacted area like, Orange County. This bill had faced no known opposition, and only received "yes" votes in the Assembly, but stalled in the Senate based on differences in the policy analysis. The bill also faced day-of opposition. The bill was heard in the Senate Health Committee on July 12th. However, after a 45-minute Senate Health Committee testimony the bill was not taken up for a vote, and will be heard next year. AB 572 is still a live bill, and will be considered for passage in 2018.

NEXT STEPS:

We are working with cities, non-profits, and other homelessness advocates to identify projects and available AB 346 funding to assist in addressing homelessness challenges. Our ACC-OC homelessness task force meets in three separate Service Planning Area (SPA) segments throughout the year. For more information on this Task Force please contact ACC-OC Policy Analyst, Kelsey Brewer at kbrewer@accoc.org or at (714)953-1300.



ACC-OC, Assemblymember Quirk-Silva's staff, and stakeholders will be convening an informational hearing on AB 572, and sober living facility issues during the legislative interim. Leading up to the bill's hearing, in 2018, we will craft the legislation to ensure passage based on feedback from stakeholders, including addressing opposition concerns, and engaging Legislative Committee Members to more intimately understand the issues by inviting them to site visits and meetings. We will also be pursuing non-legislative sober living facility reform efforts. ACC-OC has created a Sober Living Facilities Task Force to gather research, review case studies, and create local policy solutions related to all sober living facility issues. We will also be asking for administrative DHCS oversight changes to consider more enforcement resources for Orange County, and we will be delving into the manipulation and misuse of insurance funding. We will also continue our federal advocacy on regulatory issues negatively affecting state and local jurisdiction over non-compliant facilities. For more information on these efforts please contact ACC-OC Legislative Affairs Director, Diana Coronado at dcoronado@accoc.org or at (714) 953-1300.

To view these bills' fact sheets, support letters, and bill language visit our web page [here](#).

ACC-OC Sacramento Legislative Advocacy Day

This month, ACC-OC embarked on its first Legislative Action Day. A group of 15 Orange County Councilmembers and city staff embarked on a one-day trip, getting a hands-on experience advocating for bills during the second half of the legislative process. This trip is a follow-up from our annual March, 50-person ACC-OC Advocacy Day in the beginning of the legislative session. Our group had a full day of meetings and committee hearings beginning with a discussion in the Governor's Office with his Chief Deputy Local Government staff. ACC-OC Members discussed the need to update the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA), sober living facility reform, our sponsored legislation, homelessness, and small cell legislation concerns.



ACC-OC's Legislative Action Day group also had the opportunity to attend a lunch discussion with Senator Josh Newman, Assemblymember Bill Brough, and Assemblymember Phillip Chen. This setting allowed for a substantial amount of time to convey the questions and concerns felt by our Membership. Our delegation also had the opportunity to participate in presenting ACC-OC's sponsored bill, Assembly Bill 572 alongside Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva in front of the Senate Health Committee. Our members individually testified in support of the measure, and shared their experiences surrounding sober living facilities, the effects of these residences on communities, and discuss the care that patients seeking treatment are receiving.

Other Members of our group observed the Assembly Communications and Conveyance hearing that took up Senate Bill 649. SB 649 seeks to establish a streamlined permitting process for small cell wireless facilities, and limit the fees that local governments may charge for placement of small cells on city or county owned infrastructure. In addition to attending committees, we met with legislative leadership including, Senate Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, and we also met with Public Safety Budget Sub Committee Member, Assemblymember Melissa Melendez. We discussed the steady strain on local law enforcement, the public safety bill positions ACC-OC has taken over the last year, and regional collaboration across Southern California counties.

ACC-OC ended the day with the entire Orange County State delegation joining us for a group dinner. We are thankful to our 12-person State delegation, nearly all were able to take part in our Legislative Action Day, and support the needs of our ACC-OC Members! ACC-OC's boots-on-the-ground presence in Sacramento is paramount when developing relationships with legislators representing our region, and growing partners across the State. We are grateful to all those who participated in making our first annual Legislative Action Day a success!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Transportation Forum

What is the future of transportation in Orange County? In one word...Innovation.

ACC-OC will be hosting the Moving Orange County Forward Transportation Forum on July 20, 2017. Organizational leadership chose the date with historic symbolism in mind, as the calendar will commemorate the 48th Anniversary of the historic Apollo 11 moon landing. Certainly the greatest transportation achievement of humankind.

That stirring accomplishment was built on inspiration, technologies and best practices, and similarly for Orange County, the next decades of transportation will be built on: ingenuity, dynamism and creativity.

This forum will explore and create a dialogue centered on three critical areas: Active Transportation, Transportation Funding Models and Autonomous Vehicles and Communication Infrastructure. Consisting of three panel discussions: County, Regional and State leaders will discuss and collaborate on the principles and foundations necessary to ensure Orange County is fully able to meet the transportation challenges of tomorrow.

Panel participants include:

- Michelle Martinez, Santa Ana Council member and Southern California Association of Governments
- Homa Nouri, ATP Coordinator, Caltrans
- Susan Bransen, Executive Director, California Transportation Commission
- Darrell Johnson, CEO, Orange County Transportation Authority
- Sam Morrissey, Chief Principal Planner, Iteris, Inc.
- Dr. Aravind Kailas, Principal Technology Planner, Volvo
- Dr. Stephen Ritchie, Director, UCI Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Center

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TRANSPORTATION FORUM

AGENDA

- Let's Move: Active Transportation in OC
- Dollars and Cents: How SB 1 will Impact Orange County
- Driver-less: Is Orange County ready for the next revolution in Transportation Technology?

With Special Presentations from:
California Transportation Commission
OCTA
Iteris, Inc
Volvo
SCAG
Uber

Join ACC-OC for an in-depth look at the future of transportation in Orange County! From best practices in Active Transportation, new funding opportunities under SB 1, and Autonomous and Connected Vehicles - the ACC-OC Transportation Forum will discuss all the emerging policy issues that cities care most about.

When: July 20th, 2017 | 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
With hosted reception to follow

Where: Brea Civic and Cultural Center
1 Civic Center Cir. Brea, CA 92621

Members: \$45
Non-Members: \$65
Non-refundable after July 10th

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Legislative and Regulatory

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