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POLICY

ACC-OC Sponsors Two Bills to Tackle Sober Living Homes, Affordable Housing

Sober Living Home Regulation - AB 572

AB 572, authored by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, creates an impactful pilot program to enhance local enforcement of sober living homes. The bill would require the State to establish a pilot program to locate an investigator within the County of Orange to investigate complaints against licensed adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities within the county. This would be an added resource for cities, helping them to enforce state and local regulations, and provide patients with better outcomes. Currently, enforcement officers are located in Sacramento, making local and timely enforcement difficult. The pilot program would last between 2018 and 2021.



Homelessness & Housing Support - AB 346

A bi-partisan effort sponsored by the ACC-OC would release millions of dollars in funds to Orange County cities to pay for homelessness services and/or transitional, emergency and affordable housing units.

Assemblymembers Tom Daly (Anaheim) and Bill Brough (Dana Point) co-authored the legislation.

Currently, Low to Moderate Income Housing Funds are severely restricted by the state, making it difficult for cities to solve local housing challenges. The bill expands the potential usage of these funds to care for homeless populations and build the diverse housing units Orange County needs.

[Read the Press Release on AB 346 Here](#)

[View Fact Sheets on Both Bills Here](#)

Please contact [Diana Coronado](#) for more information on how to support AB 572 and 346.

We also extend our gratitude to Assemblymembers Quirk-Silva, Daly and Brough for sponsoring these two important bills.

County of Orange, ACC-OC Partner for Homelessness Service Area Meetings

The County of Orange's Assessment of Homelessness Services (prepared by Susan Price) includes a strong recommendation to improve regional coordination by creating Service Planning Areas for North, Central South Orange County.



The ACC-OC is proud to partner with the County to help implement this recommendation by hosting Regional Service Area forums, as outlined by Ms. Price's assessment. These meetings will present an opportunity for core stakeholders, including cities, law enforcement, healthcare, service providers, churches and the public, to assess the services currently being provided to the homeless, identify the types of gaps that current exists with services, and discuss how all the industries currently working with the homelessness population can come together to address those gaps.

These service area meetings commenced this week in North and Central County. They will continue on a periodic basis throughout the 2017 year. The next meeting is in South County.

South Orange County Service Area Meeting
March 9th | 8:00am
City of Mission Viejo
Norman Murray Community and Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, 92692

If you are interested in participating in the work of the ACC-OC Homelessness Task Force, please email [Kelsey Brewer](mailto:kelsey.brewer@acc-oc.org) to learn more.

ACC-OC To Develop Policy Around Small Cell Technology

Have you ever been to a baseball game and fail to connect to Facebook to post a selfie? Your phone says you have full bars, so you can't figure out exactly what the issue may be. At best this situation is annoying. At worst, it can present a public safety crisis.



The issue is capacity, not coverage. Basically, when too many devices try to access an otherwise capable network, it freezes up.

Part of the solution is small cell technology - small devices that bring the larger network closer to the user. But like any network infrastructure, small cell technology requires good planning and policy.

To that end, the ACC-OC is proud to have convened a working group to address some of these issues in the form of a white paper. The White Paper will address legal issues, regulations and permitting processes, and how proactive policy can preserve the aesthetic integrity of chosen sites. In addition to a white paper, the working group will also produce a model permitting ordinance that Orange County Cities can adopt and modify to fit the specific needs of their community.

Join us on April 13th as we revisit the topic again at the ACC-OC Infrastructure and Technology Committee.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the ACC-OC Small Cell Site Working Group, please email [Kelsey Brewer](mailto:kelsey.brewer@acc-oc.org) to learn more.

ACC-OC Welcomes Jamboree Housing Corp. as Newest Affiliate Member!



Jamboree Housing Corporation has developed among the County's highest quality housing units for working families, seniors, veterans, formerly homeless, and those with special needs.

Among Jamboree's most recent achievements, the non-profit **opened a 70-unit affordable apartment development in the City of Buena Park** last month. The development is a testament to Jamboree's partnership with cities to achieve their virtuous mission.

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EDUCATION

State Water Regulations: What Does it Mean for Cities & Residents?

The ACC-OC Water Committee recently convened an expert panel to dive deep into the State's new **"Making Water Conservation a California Way of Life"** regulatory framework. The policy proposes structural changes to how water is used in California, including allocations of "water budgets" in local communities.



The panel was diverse, but generally agreed that local governments must be engaged and empowered to achieve statewide goals. Anaheim Councilmember and ACC-OC Board Member, Kris Murray, summarized this consensus well, saying:

"Allowing local control will allow agencies and cities to decide if efficiency, conservation, or a combination of the two is best for meeting their targets. It will lead to better compliance."

A special thanks to our expert panelists:

- Honorable Kris Murray, Council Member, City of Anaheim
- Kathy Tiegs, President, Association of California Water Agencies
- Debbie Franco, Community and Rural Affairs Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning and Research
- Erik Ekdahl, Director, Office of Research, State Water Resources Control Board
- Peter Brostrom, Chief, Water Use Efficiency, California Department of Water Resources
- Frank Loge, Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Davis
- Tracy Quinn, Senior Policy Analyst, Natural Resources Defense Council
- Joe Berg, Water Use Efficiency Director, Municipal Water District of Orange County
- Greg Woodside, Executive Director of Planning and Natural Resources, Orange

County Water District

- Mark Grey, Director of Environmental Affairs, Building Industry Association of Southern California
- Joone Lopez, General Manager, Moulton Niguel Water District (moderator)

The Water Committee, chaired by Mayor Allan Bernstein (Tustin), will continue to engage with the State and local water agencies to ensure cities are at the table as the new regulatory framework is defined. If you are interested in participating in the work of the ACC-OC Water Committee, please email [Kelsey Brewer](mailto:kelsey.brewer@acc-oc.org) to learn more.

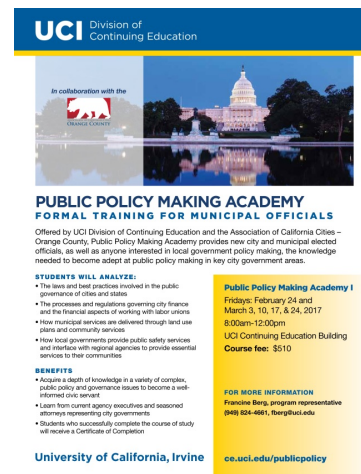
PPMA Launched February 24 to Bring Policymakers "To the Next Level"

The Public Policymakers Academy (PPMA) is a tremendous partnership between the ACC-OC and UC Irvine.

PPMA provides the learning needed to become adept at public policy making in key city and regional government areas. This is a dynamic program focusing on the basic knowledge and skills needed to assume the role of a city elected official. Fundamentals of city governance and finance at the local and state level, and municipal service delivery at the local and regional level will be explored.

Winter PPMA courses began late last month and will last throughout March.

Contact [Kelsey Brewer](mailto:kelsey.brewer@acc-oc.org) for information on how to register for future sessions.



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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
Friday, February 24 and
March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2017
8:00am-12:00pm
UCI Continuing Education Building
Course fee: \$510

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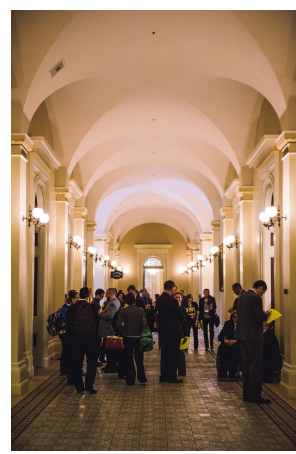
ADVOCACY

ACC-OC Prepares for City Advocacy Trip to Sacramento

This month, 50 Orange County mayors, council members and city leaders will hit the halls of Sacramento for the inaugural ACC-OC City Advocacy Trip.

This year takes on special meaning, as ACC-OC will advocate for its two sponsored bills - AB 346 and 572 (see *lead story*). These bills are the direct result of member ideas and engagement. If passed, their impact to Orange County cities will be substantial.

Meetings are being confirmed with key Committee Chairs, Cabinet members and administration officials. The trip is **SOLD OUT**, but please contact [Diana Coronado](#) with any questions.



ICYMI: 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

National CORE, City of Yorba Linda to Open Affordable Housing Development

Grand Opening of Oakcrest Terrace

Thursday, March 16 | 10:30 a.m.
22744 Eastpark Drive, Yorba Linda
Refreshments will be served

[Register Here](#)



Oakcrest Terrace boasts 69 high-quality, sustainably developed apartment homes located in the Savi Ranch

neighborhood in the City of Yorba Linda. Oakcrest Terrace will provide homes for the locally employed, seniors, veterans, and families. Savi Ranch is ideally suited for walkability, transit, job opportunities and a live, work and play environment. Oakcrest Terrace also features a 3,700 square foot community center complete with computer lab, meeting room and afterschool program facilities.



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[Episode 110: Attack of the Drones](#)

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[Listen to more shows here.](#)



UPCOMING COMMITTEES

Infrastructure & Technology

Tuesday, March 8 | 10:30 a.m -12:00 p.m.
Norman Murray Community and Senior Center
24932 Veterans Way, Mission Viejo, 92692



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 policy positions on legislation, receive a Sacramento up-date, and hear about ACC-OC's sponsored bills (AB 346 and AB 572). The committee members will also have an opportunity to share individual legislative information, as well.

Thursday, March 23rd | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Rutan & Tucker
611 Anton Boulevard, 14th Floor, Costa Mesa, CA
92626

Energy & Environment

Monday, March 20 | 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Pacific West Realtors
1601 E Orangewood Ave, Anaheim

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

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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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