

CEO's Message



Putting Pension Reform in Perspective

One of the hottest topics for the media these days is pension reform. It's not just a local issue, but one that is drawing a great deal of attention statewide and nationally. It is important to you and it is important to the County as we continue to deal with revenue impacts related to the struggling economy and the uncertainty of State budget cuts.

We in Orange County have already taken the first steps in the pension reform process. A new 1.62 @ 65 pension formula is offered to new employees represented by several bargaining units. We hope that we can get a favorable ruling from the IRS so that existing

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March Declared "Social Work Appreciation Month" in OC

Did you know that in 1984 President Ronald Reagan officially designated March as National Professional Social Work Month to honor our Nation's social workers?

County of Orange social workers enjoyed a special recognition ceremony in Santa Ana on March 16th as part of Social Workers National Appreciation Day.

Social workers from both the Social Services Agency (SSA) and the Health Care Agency (HCA) were welcomed by Dr. Michael Riley, Director of SSA, who provided a brief history of the profession and expressed his gratitude for the services these employees provide. "Thank you for ameliorat-

ing the dangers faced by Orange County families on a day-to-day basis," Dr. Riley said. "Hold your head up high during these challenging budget times, because you are critical to ensuring our clients stay out of harm's way."

Chairman Bill Campbell spoke next, thanking the group on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the "extremely important"

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SOCIAL WORK APPRECIATION SLIDESHOW:
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County of Orange Social Workers were recognized as part of Social Workers National Appreciation Day on March 16, 2011. Please click here to view a slideshow of photographs from the event.

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employees will be allowed the opportunity to select the new 1.62 at 65 pension formula, which includes a County matching contribution to a Defined Contribution Plan.

You may have heard that the Governor recently announced a 12 point pension reform proposal, which includes several bills now pending in the Legislature. You may have also heard about the Little Hoover Commission report on pension reform, which can be found at <http://www.lhc.ca.gov/studies/204/report204.html>. I would recommend that you become familiar with the Commission's report because it provides an overview of many of the issues associated with pension reform.

The bottom line is that contributions toward employee pensions are requiring more and more dollars at a time when those dollars are harder to come by. Many local governments find themselves in the difficult position of having to reduce services to the public in order to fund their pension contributions. The public is concerned about this trend and the voices calling for pension reform are growing louder.

There are no easy solutions to this problem. It is going to take a coordinated and cooperative approach between employers, employees and employee representation groups to come up with the long-term solutions that will reduce unfunded pension liabilities. **Change will be essential** to ensuring that public employee retirement programs are secure and adequately funded. As I said earlier, it is important to you and it is important to the County.

Thomas G. Mauk
County Executive Officer

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work they do, and inviting audience members to the microphone to share a few client success stories. He also presented a resolution declaring March "Social Work Appreciation Month" in Orange County. "Our social workers use evidence-based tools to assess risks and create plans of action with real professionalism," the Chairman said. "I want to commend you all for your important work with our citizens."

Please click [here](#) to read the Board of Supervisors' Resolution proclaiming March "Social Work Appreciation Month" in OC. ■

Census Data Shows Changes in Orange County

Data from the 2010 Census shows that Orange County grew at a slower rate in recent years than some counties in southern California and the State of California as a whole. While California grew by ten percent in the last decade, Orange County's population growth was measured at 5.8%. That brings Orange County's total population to 3,010,232 or almost 164,000 more residents than in 2000.

The Census also found changes in population in Orange County's five Supervisorial Districts that will be examined as part of the Redistricting process conducted every ten years in coordination with the release of Census information. The Third Supervisorial District grew the most in the past decade, adding over 93,000 residents, while Census results showed the First District lost approximately 5,700 residents. Census results also show

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continued changes in the County's racial and ethnic composition.

The County's Redistricting process is well underway with a committee now meeting on a regular basis to provide leadership. Between April 4 and May 18, individuals and organizations can submit Redistricting proposals to adjust Supervisorial Districts in a manner that makes them as equal in population as possible. More information on Redistricting and the process of submitting a proposal is available on the County website at <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/Government/Redistricting>.

The Redistricting process must be completed this year, so a proposal for changes to District boundaries is expected to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in July for their consideration. ■

Registrar of Voters Achieves Successful Election

On March 8th, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) team conducted the City of San Clemente Special Municipal Election.

Nearly 44% of the 41,332 registered voters turned out to vote – a participation rate much higher than the typical 10-25% special election average. 68% of the ballots received were vote-by-mail, including those dropped off at the polls.

The ROV staffed 25 polling places with over 100 trained volunteers. "It was a relatively quiet election with minimal issues at polling places," said Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters. "The Department had five rapid deployment teams, eight field coordinators and one mobile generator truck in the

field ready to respond to any problems."

Twitter newsfeeds were also provided throughout the day and evening until the final unofficial tally was released, and the election was certified two days later. To learn more about the City of San Clemente Special Municipal Election, please click [here](#). ■



The Orange County District Attorney's Office
In cooperation with National Crime Victims' Rights Week Justice will be served this 3rd Annual

**Orange County Victims' Rights
March & Rally**

SAVE THE DATE

**Orange County District Attorney's
3rd Annual
VICTIMS' RIGHTS MARCH & RALLY**
Led by District Attorney Tony Rackauckas

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Program
9:30 a.m. Reception
Orange County District Attorney's Office
401 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701


10:30 a.m. March
to Old Orange County Courthouse
211 W. Santa Ana Boulevard, Santa Ana, CA 92701

11:00 a.m. Rally
Old Orange County Courthouse

Please see the attached map for parking information and march route

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The Orange County Board of Supervisors, Orange County Sheriff's Department
Association of Orange County Deputy District Attorneys - Civic Action Committee,
Community Service Programs, Inc., and CorrectiveSolutions are sponsoring this event



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3rd Annual Victims' Rights March & Rally

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Health Care Agency Celebrates Public Health Week 2011

Since 1995, communities across the country have celebrated National Public Health Week to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving the public's health. The theme for 2011 is **"Safety is No Accident: Live Injury-Free."**

Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) staff recognized the start of Public Health Week 2011 at a kick-off event held Monday, April 4 at the HCA Clinic in Santa Ana. Modeled on the successful Passport to Building 50 Showcase event held last year, participants in the Kick-Off event visited interactive booths from each of Public Health's Divisions and engaged in a scavenger hunt. David Soules, Deputy Agency Director for Public Health, announced the week's events and presented a \$25 Nordstrom Gift Card to the Scavenger Hunt winner.

This year's Public Health Week observance was officially recognized through a resolution issued by the Board of Supervisors and featured other fun and educational activities. On Wednesday, April 6, HCA staff joined together in coordinated walking activities throughout the county. Participants tracked and recorded the amount of time they walked during this day. By visiting the Public Health Week web page [here](#), you can find out how far HCA staff collectively walked in one day to promote team building and good health.

On Thursday, April 7 HCA staff shared a healthy



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Live Injury-Free**

National Public Health Week
April 4-10, 2011 • www.nphw.org

lunch during the Healthy Lunch Taste Off contest at the 17th Street Clinic. Contestants had the opportunity to showcase favorite healthy lunch recipes and compete for the Best Healthy Lunch Recipe of 2011. A team of celebrity judges, including Chief of Public Health Operations Donna Fleming, Environmental Health's Mike Haller, and Maridet Ibañez from Nutrition Services selected the healthiest and the tastiest recipe. Visit the Public Health Week website to view the recipes entered in the contest.

Friday, April 8 was "Flexible Friday," with staff members encouraged to flex their way to health and participate in a Lift Off Exercise Break in their work area. Several years ago the Health Care Agency spearheaded a project to promote increased physical activity for HCA Staff. This program, called Lift Off, promotes staff participation in morning and afternoon exercise breaks. For this year's Public Health Week, they learned that a little exercise, whether just stretching at your workstation, or joining your colleagues for a Lift Off work out, adds that little spark of energy you need to get you through the day. ■

Volunteer Probation Officers Receive Excellence Awards

Chief Probation Officer Steven Sentman was honored to recognize the work of two very special volunteers, Volunteer Probation Officers (VPO) John Leahy and Marilyn Jones, at the Probation Department's 10th Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on March 24th.

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This awards program reinforces the County's long-standing commitment to involve volunteers in a full range of activities, from policy formulation and advice to program delivery. It celebrates the successful partnership between County employees and volunteers whose combined efforts enhance services for Orange County residents.

Volunteer Probation Officer John Leahy



After proudly serving his country for 22 years as a United States Marine, VPO Leahy joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department for another 26 years and attained the rank of Lieutenant. Today, John volunteers his time in Veterans Court (VC) and Recovery Court (RC). The adult probationers he supports include combat veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Traumatic Brain Injury, as well as offenders with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse issues. John is seen as a role model, especially by combat veterans, and his impact on the lives of VC and RC participants is evidenced by the progress his probationers make throughout the court process. Since 2007, John has contributed over 3,029 hours of his time to the Probation Department, 1,461 hours of which has been dedicated to VC and RC. "His service to his country and his

county has truly been phenomenal and we are all better for it," said Chief Probation Officer Steven Sentman. "He is an inspiration."

Volunteer Probation Officer Marilyn Jones



Marilyn Jones's service to probation youth has been immeasurable. Following a 31-year career with the Orange County Probation Department, Marilyn joined the youthful offender population in Orange County as a volunteer case manager for the MatchPoint® Orange County Mentoring/Re-entry Project. This faith-based project strives to reduce youthful recidivism by assisting probation wards with transitioning from incarceration back home and into the community. Since 2004, Marilyn has contributed more than 1,200 hours to the project. "The Probation Department cannot thank Marilyn enough for all she provides because she is truly making Orange County safer one life at a time," said Chief Probation Officer Steven Sentman.

To learn more about the Excellence in Volunteerism Awards, please contact Jane Dawson at Jane.Dawson@ocgov.com or (714) 834-7440. ■

Whale Tail Sculpture Migrates to Dana Point Harbor

A new, permanent home has been found for a 6 ft. tall whale tail sculpture at OC Dana Point Harbor. Supervisor Patricia C. Bates helped dedicate the piece on March 6th as part of the annual Ocean Awareness Day festivities.

Two years ago, the Dana Point Harbor Association commissioned artist Eric Danton to create the iconic sculpture. Artist Aileen May then volunteered her considerable talent and time to create a mosaic application for the tail, and nearly 300 community members of all ages helped to put their mark on the sculpture by carefully placing each mosaic piece one at a time.

Supervisor Bates took part in the celebration at the OC Sailing and Events Center and presented the artists with certificates for helping to make Orange County a more beautiful place to live, work, and play.



Health Care Agency Director Receives Alumni Award

Orange County Health Care Agency Director Dave Riley will be recognized April 30 during California State University, Fullerton's annual Vision and Visionaries Gala at the Anaheim Marriott.



Riley, who received his Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Cal State Fullerton in 1977, is being presented a Distinguished Alumni Award. He was selected for recognition based on his dedication to public service and leadership in County health care programs.

The Vision & Visionaries 2011 Awards Gala marks

the 18th year for Cal State Fullerton's signature distinguished alumni honors celebration. This year, Cal State Fullerton will present eight outstanding individuals with some of the university's highest honors, including the Vision & Visionaries Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Alumni Awards.

Riley has served as Director of the Health Care Agency since July 2009 after previously serving as the Agency's Assistant Director. His career with the County of Orange began in 1976 and he has served with several County departments in addition to the Health Care Agency, including the County Administrative Office, Probation Department and Human Services Agency. He is a graduate of the Kennedy School of Government Executive Education Program at Harvard University and the Orange County Leadership Academy. ■

Get the 411 On OC OC Dana Point Harbor

1. Built almost 40 years ago, Dana Point Harbor has slowly progressed to a focal point for the surrounding communities. The vision and influence of local stakeholders, city, and County staff will result in Dana Point Harbor slowly emerging as a revitalized, fresh asset dedicated to maintaining the spirit and character unique to Dana Point Harbor.
2. Dana Point Harbor has both landside and waterside components that provide services, opportunities, and enjoyment to thousands of visitors every year. There are two marinas with approximately 2,400 boat slips and a variety of recreational, sporting, and commercial boating amenities.
3. The landside uses in the Harbor include Dana Wharf and Mariner's Village for shopping and dining, the Marina Inn, the Ocean Institute, Baby Beach, and the County-operated OC Sailing and Events Center. There is a walking trail allowing people to travel the entire perimeter of the Harbor on foot, and public parking on both the cove side and island. Benches and grassy areas provide relaxing resting areas next to the water.

To get more of the 411, visit <http://egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/OC Dana Point Harbor>.



Service Awards

For the Month of March

35 YEARS

Rita Jimenez
Child Support Services

30 YEARS

Suzanne Lee
Auditor-Controller

Maryann Valdez
District Attorney

Patricia Sterling
Health Care Agency

David Bruce-Casares
OC Community Resources

Ernie Gray
OC Community Resources

Hong Pak
OC Community Resources

Vince Mead
OC Public Works

Karen Joan Ford
Sheriff-Coroner

David Pierotti
Sheriff-Coroner

Marylou Gomez
Social Services Agency

Rachel Mendoza
Social Services Agency

Huan Duc Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Esperanza Saenz
Social Services Agency

Cherry Zeigler
Social Services Agency

25 YEARS

Maria Saldivar
Auditor-Controller

Geoffrey Hunt
County Counsel

Jose Chay
Health Care Agency

John Hiramoto
Health Care Agency

Michael O'Donnell
Health Care Agency

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25 YEARS CONTINUED

Jamie Thuy Quach
Health Care Agency

James Strozier
Health Care Agency

David Jaques
John Wayne Airport

Julie Fitch
OC Community Resources

Jeanette Stets
OC Community Resources

Mary Ann Gentry
OC Public Works

Ky Nguyen
OC Public Works

Mitchell Cross
Probation

Kathleen Goodrich
Probation

Sharon Petrosino
Public Defender

Sandra Zirtzman
Public Defender

Peter Angelici
Sheriff-Coroner

Edgar Argersinger
Sheriff-Coroner

Curtis Vincent
Sheriff-Coroner

Ofelina Garcia
Social Services Agency

Elva Martinez
Social Services Agency

Mavis Moore
Social Services Agency

Carla Pearson
Social Services Agency

Scott Tilton
Social Services Agency

Vivian Van
Social Services Agency

20 YEARS

Moses Hernandez
Auditor-Controller

Josephine Ramirez
Child Support Services

Julie T. Nguyen
County Executive Office

Pamela Berg
Health Care Agency

Jane Beynart
Health Care Agency

Mary Rawlins
Health Care Agency

Ronald Nadeau
OC Community Resources

Joanne Quirk
OC Community Resources

James Simkins
OC Community Resources

Robert Armendariz
OC Public Works

Mai Au
OC Public Works

Canh Le
OC Public Works

Jan Brandt
OC Waste & Recycling

Pamela Clark-Holmes
Probation

Steven Palmer
Probation

Sheila Roberge
Public Administrator/
Public Guardian

Irma Smith
Public Administrator/
Public Guardian

Michael Baker
Sheriff-Coroner

Theresia Balandran
Sheriff-Coroner

Yvette Ann Bayones Brown
Sheriff-Coroner

Peter Mullin
Sheriff-Coroner

Concepcion Acosta
Social Services Agency

Angelica Aguilar
Social Services Agency

Michael Aoun
Social Services Agency

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20 YEARS CONTINUED

Lupe Arias-Martinez
Social Services Agency

Argelia Marie Balderas
Social Services Agency

Dawn Boersma
Social Services Agency

Annabella Buitrago
Social Services Agency

Lupe Chavez
Social Services Agency

Walter De Azambuja
Social Services Agency

Binh Dinh
Social Services Agency

Anh Do
Social Services Agency

Inge Fletcher
Social Services Agency

Martha Fruichantie
Social Services Agency

Iliana Gonzalez
Social Services Agency

Cecilia Hernandez
Social Services Agency

Pamela Kay Jackson
Social Services Agency

Yaneth Jones
Social Services Agency

Cristela Kharrat
Social Services Agency

Huong Khau
Social Services Agency

Marbella Luna
Social Services Agency

Han Ly
Social Services Agency

Thomas McKnight
Social Services Agency

Joseph Navarrete
Social Services Agency

Catherine Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Maikhanh Nguyen
Social Services Agency

Chheang Noeng
Social Services Agency

Edison Ikechi Ogbuiyi
Social Services Agency

Rosemary Orozco
Social Services Agency

Diana Lynne Prather
Social Services Agency

Karen Rea
Social Services Agency

Nina Chao Samkhem
Social Services Agency

Dorena Shafiebieg
Social Services Agency

Donna Smith
Social Services Agency

Gina Swank
Social Services Agency

Grace Mai Ta
Social Services Agency

Maria Taman
Social Services Agency

Irma Valencia
Social Services Agency

Karen Tauch Werno
Social Services Agency

Sandra West
Social Services Agency

COUNTY OF ORANGE

MISSION STATEMENT

"Making Orange County a safe, healthy, and fulfilling place to live, work, and play, today and for generations to come, by providing outstanding, cost-effective regional public services."

Click [here](#) to read the full mission and values statement.

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