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## OC Cares: Master Plan for Aging Report Now Available

**Santa Ana, Calif.** (August 26, 2025) – The County of Orange (County) has finalized the OC Cares: Master Plan for Aging (OC MPA), posted to the Board of Supervisors' August 26, 2025 <u>agenda</u>. The OC MPA, is a comprehensive five-year plan, and represents the County's collective commitment to ensuring that Orange County remains a vibrant, healthy, and fulfilling place for all residents to live, work, and thrive, especially as they age.

Statewide, the number of adults aged 60 and older is projected to increase from 16 percent in 2010 to 25 percent (10.8 million residents) by 2030. Orange County faces an even more pronounced demographic shift for adults 65 years and older. By 2060, its aging population is projected to be 36%, which will be higher than the projected state rate of 33%.

The OC MPA was developed with collaboration among advisory committees, community partners and County staff. Additionally, as an awardee of a <u>Local Aging and Disability Action Plan (LADAP) Grant.</u> The funding supported the development process, including the <u>Orange County Older Adults Needs Assessment</u> which provides valuable insights from community members, caregivers and paid providers that informed the plan.

Guided by California's Master Plan for Aging and its <u>Five Bold Goals</u>, the OC MPA highlights current County programs and resources that service older adults and builds upon existing County infrastructure. The three priority initiatives designed to create meaningful, sustainable change at the local level are:

- 1. Housing Security: Expanding affordable, supportive, and accessible housing options to ensure older adults can age in place, while addressing financial instability and exploring innovative housing models.
- 2. Public Information & Resource Campaign: Creating a comprehensive information and resource campaign to connect older adults and caregivers with vital programs and services, leveraging tools such as OC Navigator and enhancing community resource fairs across all supervisorial districts.
- **3. Enhanced Care Coordination:** Strengthening whole-person care by expanding Care Coordination data platforms, implementing data integration, reducing service barriers while ensuring efficient, tailored support for our vulnerable older adults.

The County will lead implementation of the OC MPA and is committed to ensuring coordination, progress monitoring, and sustained funding through our Strategic Financial Plan. This plan is more than a County initiative; it is a community-wide call to action, emphasizing the power of ongoing collaboration among public agencies, nonprofit partners, the private sector and the community at large

For more information, access to the plan and future updates, please visit: <a href="mailto:officeonaging.ocgov.com/master-plan-aging">officeonaging.ocgov.com/master-plan-aging</a>.

The Orange County Office on Aging provides a range of functions related to advocacy, planning, coordination, inter-agency linkages, information sharing, brokering, monitoring and evaluation to insure effective, comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems for older Americans. For more information about the Orange County Office on Aging, visit online at officeonaging.ocgov.com, call 714-480-6450, or email areaagencyonaging@occr.ocgov.com.