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The Toll Roads are planned and designed at the local level through a group of city and county elected officials who make up the Transportation Corridor Agencies (TCA). I'm proud to serve as the County's Third District representative on the TCA Board.

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For far too long, hardworking commuters in my District have sat in congested, dangerous conditions, especially in Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, and the City of Orange. These cities' surface streets are also impacted by this menacing logjam. To avoid the red river of freeway taillights, people are exiting early and causing residential roads to become virtual parking lots during peak travel hours.

The planned project was stalled for years. However, on October 10, TCA unanimously approved to move forward with the 241/91 plan, improving mobility for Orange County's workforce. I am proud to play a role in brokering a major deal amongst these local transportation agencies, urging the agencies to put the gas on the 241/91 Connector project before an expensive environmental report expires.

The project will create a direct flyover ramp to and from the express lanes. It is time we safely move drivers from the 241 Toll Road to the 91 Express lanes and nix the need to weave through five lanes of traffic.

Studies show the TCA proposal to connect the 241 to the 91 express lanes could save drivers hundreds of hours in commute time. For some drivers, the time saved as a result of building the express Connector could be up to an hour roundtrip per day.

The Connector will provide safety improvements and traffic relief without using taxpayer dollars. Enhancing Orange County's quality of life is one of the key tenets of my tenure as your Third District Supervisor.

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**Mental Health Awareness and #StigmaFreeOC**

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### District Map



Anaheim, Irvine, Orange, Tustin, Villa Park, Yorba Linda, El Modena, North Tustin, Orange Park Acres, the Canyon Communities

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### Stay Updated!

 <http://ocgov.com/gov/bos/3/>

 714.834.3330

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Earlier this week, the Board of Supervisors issued a resolution recognizing the official launch of [StigmaFreeOC.com](http://StigmaFreeOC.com) in partnership with the OC Health Care Agency and the OC Mental Health Board.

In support of National Mental Health Awareness Week, [StigmaFreeOC.com](http://StigmaFreeOC.com) launched with a focus on community outreach and public education.

The website also features ongoing stigma-reduction efforts happening in Orange County and a robust toolkit for visitors. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, nearly 1 in 5 U.S. adults will not seek mental health treatment due to its surrounding stigma.

[StigmaFreeOC.com](http://StigmaFreeOC.com) includes local resources available to support individuals and families struggling with mental illness and substance use disorders.

The site's calendar gives visitors a glimpse of upcoming activities that promote wellness and recovery. People also have the opportunity to submit their own events and cultivate community support.

The goal is to have residents returning to the site to check the current pledge tally, view the website's interactive pledge map and learn about new ways to become involved. We want to build a visible digital community online and bring people together offline.

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## **You're Invited: SR-55 Freeway Public Hearing**

## PUBLIC HEARING (Open House Format)

### SR-55 (I-5 TO SR-91) IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The draft environmental documents for the proposed SR-55 (I-5 to SR-91) Improvement Project are available for public review and comment.

The Orange County Transportation Authority and the California Department of Transportation would like to invite you to learn more about the proposed project at a public hearing in an open house format.

6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16  
Orange Public Library  
Community Rooms A/B  
407 E. Chapman Ave., Orange

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility, reduce congestion, increase freeway capacity and improve traffic operations. Come out and meet the project team, view exhibits, discuss study results and share comments!

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Para más información sobre este proyecto por favor envíe un mensaje de correo electrónico a [SR55info@octa.net](mailto:SR55info@octa.net).



Click on the map for more info.

### STAY CONNECTED

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## Supervisor Wagner Speaks With the Irvine Rotary Club





October 9, 2019 -- Supervisor Wagner was thrilled to speak with the Irvine Rotary Club, where the group graciously gave him a certificate for his active role in expanding public resources.



Supervisor Wagner gave an update on the good work coming out of his office, what the County is doing to solve the homeless crisis, and his ongoing efforts to ensure the public's safety.

### **Local neighborhoods**

Supervisor Wagner brought forward a recovery residence [ordinance](#) for unincorporated areas of Orange County.


### **Public Safety**

Held several free CPR classes and women's self-defense courses throughout the District. Follow his Facebook page [@donwagerca](#) for future events near you.

### **Town Halls**

Supervisor Wagner is putting together expert panels to engage with the community on important issues. See the

flyers below and please feel to join the conversation by attending any of the upcoming gatherings.

 **DONALD P. WAGNER**  
Supervisor, Third District

# JOHN WAYNE AIRPORT TOWN HALL

GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY  
LOCAL LEADERS & THE AIRPORT EXECUTIVE TEAM

*October 23, 2019*  
6544 VIA FRESCO  
ANAHEIM HILLS / 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.



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 Supervisor, Third District

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# PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL

ASK YOUR QUESTIONS.  
 GET ANSWERS FROM COMMUNITY  
 LEADERS AND EXPERTS.



*OCTOBER 16, 2019*

QUAIL HILL COMMUNITY CENTER  
 6PM TO 8PM  
 35 SHADY CANYON DRIVE, IRVINE, CA

RSVP BY EMAILING [DONALD.WAGNER@OCGOV.COM](mailto:DONALD.WAGNER@OCGOV.COM)



# Elder Abuse Town Hall

FREE  
EVENT



**November 9, 2019**

Tustin Senior Center  
200 S C Street  
Tustin 92780  
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.



RSVP at [Donald.Wagner@ocgov.com](mailto:Donald.Wagner@ocgov.com)



**DONALD P. WAGNER**  
Supervisor, Third District

**OC Social Services Agency**  
Our Community, Our Commitment



The mission of the Irvine Rotary is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its friendships of business, professional, and community leaders. Thank you to the Irvine Rotary Club for being good stewards in our community!

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## A Call for More Government Transparency

Supervisor Wagner penned an Op-Ed this week and it was published in the Voice of OC; please feel free to read it [here](#).





On October 8, 2019, the Board of Supervisors voted to fill the Auditor-Controller's sad sudden vacancy. The law gives the Board full authority to make this appointment.

But lacking a public application process and public discourse, in short, in the absence of complete transparency, Supervisor Wagner declined to exercise this government authority. He urged his colleagues to do the same.

Supervisor Wagner will continue the fight for more government transparency and work to advocate for processes that encourage more civic discourse and participation.

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## Mark Your Calendars: Irvine Global Village



The 2019 Irvine Global Village Festival is October 12–13, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at the Orange County Great Park.

This year marks the 18th anniversary of Irvine's premier multicultural community event and features food, art, music, and kids activities.

Supervisor Wagner looks forward to sponsoring this family-friendly event and supporting our District's diverse community.



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**Questions, comments, or want to share the latest in your community? Please ring our staff at: (714) 834-3330 or email Rachel Lurya at: [Rachel.Lurya@ocgov.com](mailto:Rachel.Lurya@ocgov.com)**

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