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Dear Valued Resident,

Nearly a year has passed since schools, event venues, and businesses across the country began shuttering their doors to thwart Covid-19. Since then, many parents have been forced to choose between work and helping their children with schooling, as kids have moved from classroom to at-home Zoom sessions. Stress is up in kids who have lost social outlets and parents who have lost income opportunities.

COVID remains a real danger to some, though there are promising developments. But the state's blanket response has proven to cause significant harm to our community at large.

From multiple scientific reports, there is little evidence that schools have contributed meaningfully to increased community transmission. OC schools with waivers have been operating with little to no significant outbreaks to date.

I continue to urge the state to get our kids back in school, out on the playing fields, and in the gym; the science says that we can do it safely, and that's what is best for young people.

In my recent [Town Hall](#) with OC Health Care Agency Director, Dr. Clayton Chau, I asked about COVID's toll on our youths' mental health. Last year, OC Health Care Agency

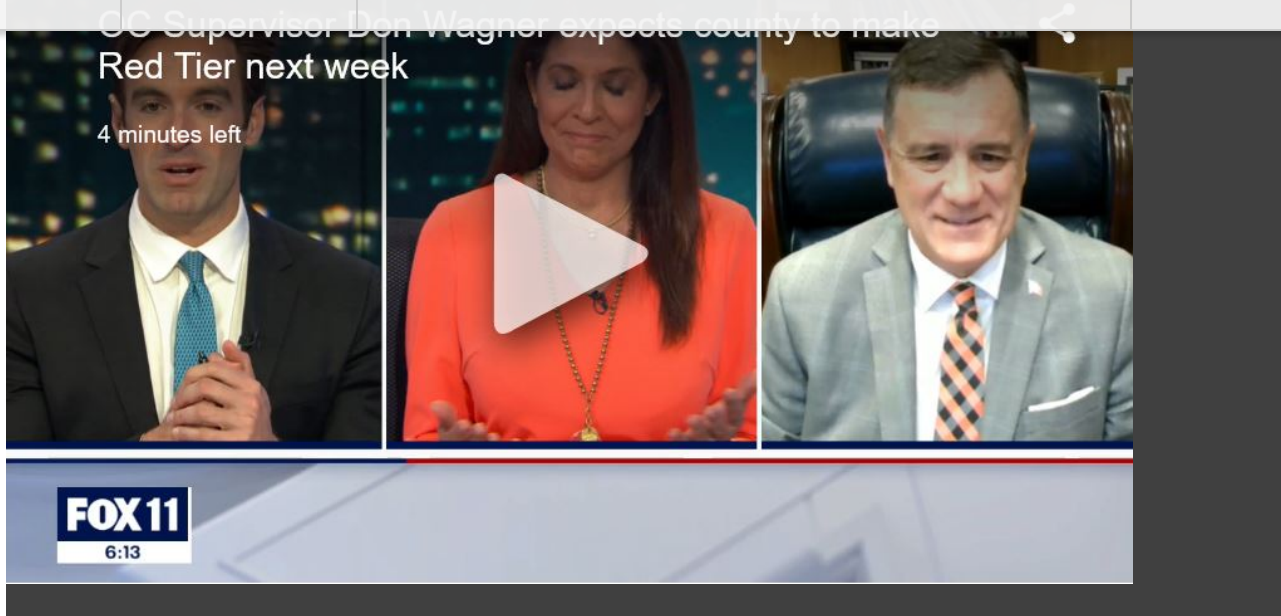
isolation could cause kids to suffer psychologically, destroying their motivation to learn. He noted the importance of children learning in school to gain critical skills to compete in the world.

The drastic drop in new Covid-19 cases, combined with reports from CDC officials that demonstrate schools can open safely, should be viewed as an opportunity to resume in-person learning.

The goal of in-person education and a reopened economy is close. As vaccine supplies increase, the county's recently launched [Operation Independence](#) aims to vaccinate all willing Orange County residents by July Fourth. This would be the perfect time for our schools to provide an abundance of summer school classes to help kids catch up or participate in engaging enrichments. We must continue to stand up for our kids and fight for them. Let's help them get ready to tackle the 2021-22 school year – and the future! – by demanding our schools reopen.

Wishing everyone good health and prosperity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald Trump", is centered below the text. The signature is stylized and cursive.



FOX11 INTERVIEW

The governor's colored-tier scheme to address COVID remains in place, though the rules have changed several times. As it stands today, moving into the [red tier](#) is anticipated next week for OC. However, the move from purple to any other color is arbitrary. Cases have dropped. Now it's time Gov. Newsom drops his failed color-coded system. CA is the only state to be on pause. It's time we open fully. Thank you Elex Michaelson, Christine Devine - News Anchor, and Fox 11 Los Angeles for taking the time earlier this week to discuss the latest developments.



SUPERVISOR PARTNERS WITH UNITED WAY FOR FREE TAX PREP

Supervisor Wagner presented a Certificate of Recognition to Orange County United Way for helping low-income families get tax money back. We appreciate everyone involved to make this happen. The mobile unit is set up every Wednesday until April 7. Find out if you are eligible at [OCFreeTaxPrep.com](https://www.ocfreetaxprep.com)

February 10 – April 7 Wednesdays, Noon – 7 p.m.
Cypress Community Park Parking Lot
255 Visions, Irvine

Call 888-434-8248 for more information about the EITC program or to schedule an appointment.



THIRD DISTRICT MEAL GAP GRANTS

A reason to celebrate: meaningful community work.

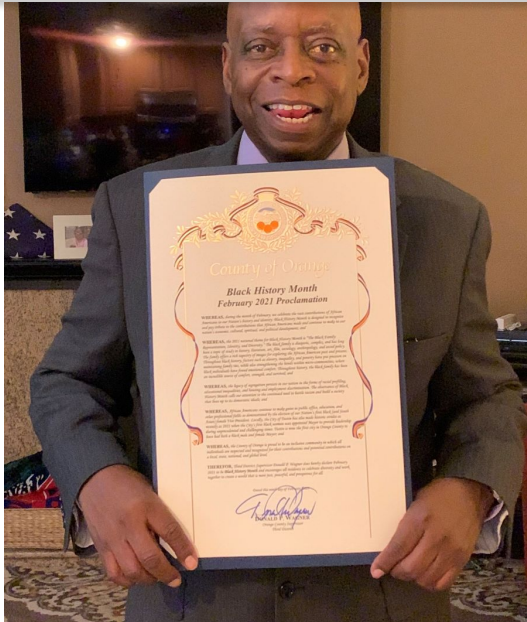
The Third District is home to some incredible nonprofits, who have stepped up to feed hungry Orange County residents. Grants are \$20,000 each. Funds are in addition to the \$1M given to our cities (divided by population) back in 2020 to address the meal gap and food insecurity. Every check will help expand a food pantry, fill a meal basket, feed a child in need, nourish our veterans and homeless, and beyond. Together, we can end food insecurity in our communities.

Huge shout out to our recipients; keep it up!

- OC United Way
- Delivering with Dignity
- Mary's Kitchen
- Youth Centers of Orange
- Waste Not OC
- Home Aid Orange County
- Yorba Linda Food for Families
- Orange County Rescue Mission
- Operation Warm Wishes
- Ronald McDonald House



IN FEBRUARY, WE HONORED BLACK HISTORY MONTH



On behalf of Supervisor Wagner, Past Mayor of Tustin and Team Wagner Field Representative, Al Murray, presented a proclamation in recognition of Black History Month.

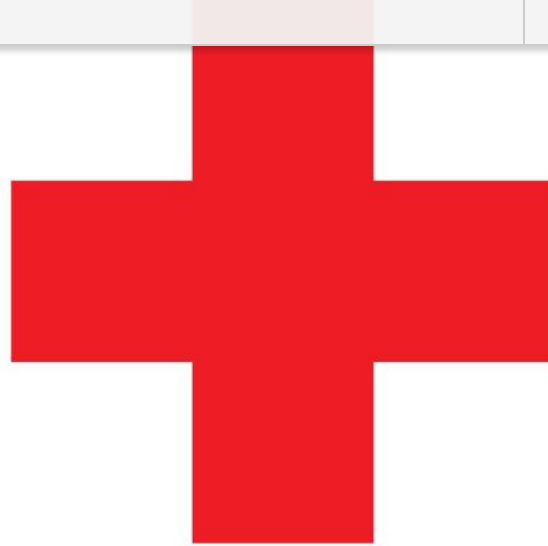
Supervisor Wagner acknowledged that Tustin established its own remarkable legacy as the first city in the County of Orange to have a black male mayor, Al Murray, and a black female mayor, Leticia Clark. Tustin City Council expressed a special thanks to Supervisor Wagner for the proclamation.



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**Office of Supervisor Donald P. Wagner
& Orange County Soccer Club**



American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Thursday, April 1, 2021
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Location: Irvine Valley College
Student Services Center, 2nd Floor, Room 260F
5500 Irvine Center Dr, Irvine, CA 92618**

To schedule your appointment, [CLICK HERE](#)
Or sign up at www.RedCrossBlood.org Use Sponsor Code: [SupervisorWagner](#)
Or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767)

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All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies. RedCrossBlood.org/antibodytesting

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Thanks for reading!



Supervisor Don Wagner is proud to represent nearly 600,000 diverse residents in the communities of Irvine, Tustin, North Tustin, Villa Park, Orange, the unincorporated canyons, and Yorba Linda. Team Wagner is honored to serve you.



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