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**VICE CHAIRMAN WAGNER GETS COUNTY OF ORANGE'S SUPPORT
TO ATTACK FENTANYL THREATS**



COUNTY OF ORANGE, January 25, 2022 – Supervisor Wagner brought forward a Resolution at the most recent board meeting, which was unanimously supported by the Board of Supervisors, to address the growing Fentanyl crisis.

Orange County fentanyl-related deaths have increased 1100% from 37 in 2016 to 432 in 2020. In that same period, statewide fentanyl-related deaths increased over 1600% from 239 to 3,857.

“I want to thank Sheriff Don Barnes for calling attention to an exploding problem in Orange County and throughout the United States. We must all work together to bring attention to this issue at the State level,” said Supervisor Wagner.

"Today's drugs are laced with lethal fentanyl. Current legislation is too lenient. It's killing children and others who may not even know it is in the pharmaceutical drugs they are taking. If a drug dealer sells fentanyl and it kills someone, that person should be charged with murder, and the State should treat it as such. I encourage all our cities to adopt similar resolutions, as we have today, making Orange County a model for the State on drug awareness and prevention."

The Orange County Sheriff's Department continues efforts to interdict and seize illicit narcotics. From 2017 to 2020, Sheriff's narcotics teams seized 388 pounds of fentanyl. These seizures potentially contained 88 million lethal doses and had a total street value is \$43 million. Each dose taken off the street represents a potential life saved. The County of Orange also recognizes the Drug Enforcement Agency, which launched a public campaign, "One Pill Can Kill," to raise awareness that pills purchased outside of a licensed pharmacy are illegal, dangerous, and potentially deadly.

"I appreciate the support from Vice Chairman Wagner for bringing this item forward," said Sheriff Don Barnes. "If not for COVID, the public health crisis we would be facing nationwide is fentanyl. The numbers continue to increase and it's not getting any better. My department has prioritized the fentanyl issue and we continue to sponsor legislation to fight this growing and deadly epidemic."

Currently, State legislation does not treat fentanyl by weight in the same class as heroin or cocaine, even though fentanyl is 50 times more potent than opium.

We need your help! Because one change in the law can help.

Please [contact your local representative](#) and ask for fentanyl enhancements to be increased for the safety of our community.

PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST



Photo: Wagner Field Representative Al Murray, Commander Dahl, and Supervisor Wagner

LAKE FOREST – We're lucky Orange County prioritizes fighting crime and investigating criminal cases. A big asset to our community is the professional service we receive from the men and women at the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Because Supervisor Wagner remains tough on crime, he extends a special thank you to Sheriff Commander Jared Dahl and OC Sheriff Don Barnes for the comprehensive tour of the Saddleback Station in the new boundary of the redrawn Third District.

In 2021, a total of 68,404 service calls were responded to by three excellent South County stations: Mission Viejo Police Services, Lake Forest Police Services, and Rancho Santa Margarita Police Services.

The Third District Office looks forward to serving these three new cities and exploring better ways to support our local enforcement. Preventing crime is a

community effort and you know your community best – if you see something, say something.

NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN IRVINE



IRVINE — Homeownership can be tough to come by in desirable Orange County. But one project makes it accessible to all. Sage Park is the Irvine Community Land Trust's first affordable homeownership community, located in the Portola Springs area of Irvine.

The community features 68 affordable homes, and the first to sport solar panels, which adheres to state law. Homes are decked out with cost-saving features, such as energy star-rated appliances, smart home thermostats, LED lighting, and wired for high-speed internet. Homeowners can power up electric vehicles in the garage.

Families spoke with gratitude about the ability to purchase a home after they encountered tough financial times. The Preciado Family (pictured below) lost their life savings when they tragically lost their oldest daughter in her battle with cancer. However, the Sage Park project gave them a chance to re-establish life in the Irvine community, giving their children access to Irvine's abundant clean parks, top-rated schools, and excellent public safety.

Supervisor Wagner's District Director, Scott Voigts, commemorated the occasion with a Certificate of Recognition to the Irvine Land Trust for developing the project and giving everyone the chance to build a life in Orange County.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Looking for FREE rapid COVID-19 tests? Order it from [USPS here](#).



SENIOR MEALS PROGRAM APPLICATION



The Senior Meals Program will provide support to 5 non-profit organizations within Orange County that suffered negative economic impacts due to COVID-19.

\$20,000 PER ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT
1 INDIVIDUAL AWARD PER DISTRICT
View your district by clicking this link

APPLICATION PERIOD
OPENS: JANUARY 31, 2022 AT 8 A.M PST
CLOSES: FEBRUARY 7, 2022 AT 5 P.M. PST

Download the application at: www.officeonaging.ocgov.com/opportunities

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be currently providing nutrition services to the targeted service population (60 +) within Orange County.
2. Applicants must provide a clear narrative on the impacts COVID-19 has on their programs.
3. Nutrition services proposed under this program must be provided as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Services under this program include, but are not limited to: Home-Delivered Meals, Grab and Go Meals, and Onsite Meals.
4. Applicants cannot use program funds for expenses already covered by any other source. Services and activities under this program must be distinct and separate from other programs.
5. Applicants must be able to fully expend the \$20,000 award by **September 30, 2022**.
6. Applicants must not be currently receiving federal funding under Title III for elderly nutrition services.
7. Applicants must register its organization/D-U-N-S Number at [SAM.gov/search](https://sam.gov/search) and ensure all D-U-N-S information is up to date and the D-U-N-S number status is "active," and in good standing prior to execution of contract.



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CONGRATS ON BEING A GRANDPARENT (AGAIN!)



Supervisor Wagner and his family welcomed a second grandchild, a baby boy, on January 20, 2022. Everyone is happy and healthy.

WELCOMING NEW BUSINESSES IN THE NEW YEAR



Congrats to Rose Canyon Cantina on its grand opening in Trabuco Canyon.
Address: 20722 Rose Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679



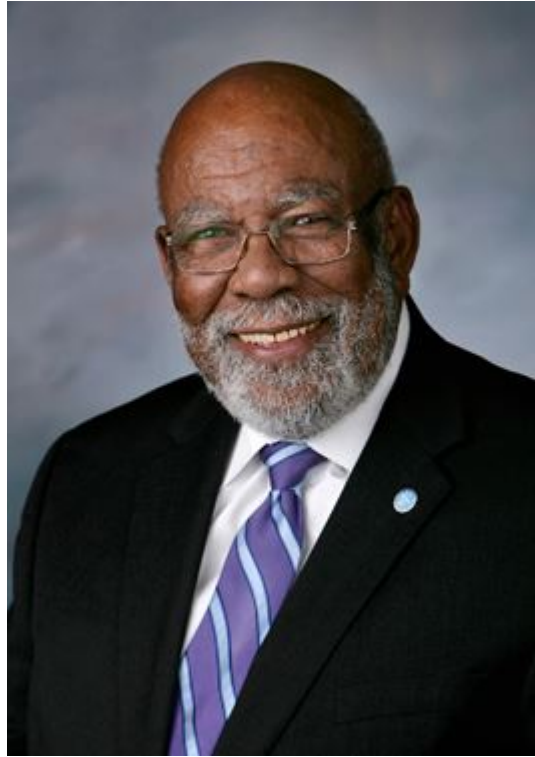
Congrats to the family-owned M Cafe & Grill on its grand opening in Lake Forest.
 Address: 22611 Lake Forest Dr c2, Lake Forest, CA 92630

SUPER SERVICE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



COUNTY OF ORANGE – A service pin went to a superstar employee at the County of Orange. The Board of Supervisors recognized Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Robin Stieler, for her 25 years of dedicated service to the public. Robin goes beyond ensuring our meetings run smoothly. She also supports all five Board offices and provides assistance to County Departments and Agencies when they have an upcoming item on the agenda. Congrats, Robin!

REMEMBERING BILL NELSON



VILLA PARK – It is with deep sorrow we learned of the passing of Bill Nelson, Supervisor Wagner's appointee to the Orange County Cemetery District. Bill was born on June 22, 1938, and passed away on January 14, 2022 at 83 years old.

Bill was a Veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1958 to 1962. He was also a former Villa Park councilman, who served on Villa Park City Council from 2014-2018, and Mayor in 2017.

Supervisor Wagner adjourned in his memory at the January 25 Board of Supervisors meeting. Our warmest thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Thanks for reading!

Supervisor Don Wagner is proud to represent over 630,000 diverse residents in the communities of Anaheim Hills, Irvine, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, North Tustin and Tustin, Orange, Rancho Santa Margarita, the unincorporated canyons, Villa Park, and Yorba Linda.

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