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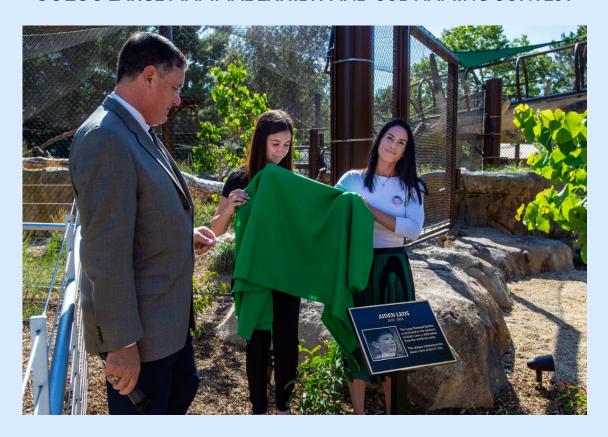


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# NOW OPEN: OC ZOO LARGE MAMMAL EXHIBIT AND CUB NAMING CONTEST



**ORANGE** — The big cats are out at OC Zoo's <u>Large Mammal Exhibit</u>, <u>which</u> <u>opened</u> to the public on May 13, 2022. The Exhibit is dedicated to the memory of

Aiden Leos, a 6-year-old boy taken from the world too soon. His tragic death galvanized the entire Orange County community and the nation. <u>Supervisor Wagner arranged for the dedication and placement</u> of a memorial plaque after seeing a photo of Aiden at the OC Zoo in front of the prior mountain lion enclosure. Aiden's mother, Joanna, and Aiden's sister, Alexis, unveiled the plaque at a ceremony presided over by Supervisor Wagner; they were joined by other family members of Aiden's, plus his Yorba Linda Calvary Chapel classmates. Aiden loved visiting the OC Zoo with his family.

The Board of Supervisors approved the new exhibit as part of the \$9 million zoo expansion, which features enclosures that are now home to Santiago, an 11-year-old mountain lion found abandoned in Oregon; Ray, a young mountain lion found in November after being struck by a car in Monterey; Ziggy, an approximately 2-year-old jaguar from Arizona; and two sisters about the same age who were abandoned near a Thousand Oaks office park. The public can participate in naming the two sister cubs. **Vote** <a href="here">here</a> by June 6. Follow <a href="Orange County Parks">Orange County Parks</a> for the results.

The OC Zoo is open daily in Irvine Regional Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the week and from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. Admission to the zoo is \$2 per person for those ages 3 and older. Parking at the park is \$3 per vehicle during the week and \$5 on the weekends.





WATER SAFETY CHALLENGE DAY





**IRVINE, MISSION VIEJO, TUSTIN** — Every day, approximately 10 people die from accidental drowning. Of these, statistically, two are children age 14 or younger. The working committees of the OC Drowning Prevention Task Force, in partnership with <a href="Stop Drowning Now">Stop Drowning Now</a> and Supervisor Wagner, held the 2022 Water Safety Challenge throughout Orange County.

The Water Safety Challenge workshop teaches children and parents important water safety skills: how to do a safe water rescue, how to properly use life vests, and how to swim to the side.

Team Wagner presented Drowning Prevention Awareness Resolutions to our community partners for teaching lifesaving skills. A special thank you to our Third District Water Safety Challenge participants:

- Blue Buoy Family Swim School in Tustin
- William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center in Irvine
- Sierra Recreation and Fitness Center in Mission Viejo

Thank you to everyone who made the day a success: OC Task Force volunteers, our leaders in water safety, the certified swim coaches, and our residents. We encourage everyone to participate, <u>learn more</u> and help save lives. Remember, drowning is preventable.



#### **CELEBRATING DIVERSITY**





IRVINE — A special thank you to <u>The Cambodian Family</u>, a multi-ethnic, human services nonprofit that has supported the Orange County refugee and immigrant community for over 30 years. Team Wagner was honored to celebrate Cambodian New Year and Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the organization and its members. We recognized Mr. Allen Tea for his commitment to uplifting our AAPI community and for providing social opportunities for seniors; many in attendance were first-generation immigrants fleeing the Cambodian genocide circa 1975-1979. Learn more about their resources and programs <a href="here">here</a>.



THIRD DISTRICT — According to the County's Point in Time Count, during Supervisor Wagner's time on the Board of Supervisors, Orange County reduced homelessness by over 15 percent. However, we have more work to do. The Governor's office recently reached out directly to Supervisor Wagner to support the state's CARE Court proposal, which can continue the County's progress by giving local government an additional tool to reduce homelessness.

#### What is CARE Court?

CARE (Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment) Court is a new process to assist people living with under or untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders who lack medical decision-making capacity, many of whom are unhoused. CARE Court empowers Californians in crisis to access the care, treatment, and housing plan they need in their community. It includes accountability for both individuals and local governments with court orders for needed services.

#### **Analysis**

The proposal balances the rights of our suffering homeless population with the community's needs. Supervisor Wagner believes CARE Court may give Orange County an additional, humane opportunity to continue progress on housing the homeless. He has long believed there is nothing compassionate about allowing those struggling with mental illness, which is often exacerbated by substance abuse issues, to continue their misery along on the streets. In response to the Governor's request, Supervisor Wagner has informed him that he is currently

supportive of its plan to do more to get our most vulnerable residents the help they need.

#### **OUT AND ABOUT**



YORBA LINDA — Butter, bibs, big-tail lobsters, and big smiles — all part of the scene at the 35th annual Lobsterfest, and all for a good cause. Started by the Yorba Linda Sunrise Rotary a few decades ago, the all-you-can-eat event attracts big crowds as the premier fundraising event for North Orange County. The popular Lobsterfest event has raised more than \$1.6 million for community and international projects. Team Wagner enjoyed participating and looks forward to next year's event.



ORANGE — Congratulations to one of our community partners, Falck Mobile Health Corp, for becoming the new parent company of Care Ambulance and expanding its emergency response family. Supervisor Wagner has sponsored CPR events with Falck over the years. The celebratory event coincided with National Emergency Medical Services Week; it was a fitting opportunity for Team Wagner to present a Resolution honoring our emergency responders. In a field where life can be saved by inches and seconds, we say thank you to our diligent and committed frontline responders.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING









# Recruiting in a Post-COVID World





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#### ORANGE COUNTY MICROBUSINESS GRANTS

# RE-LAUNCH



#### **ATTENTION MICROBUSINESSES**

- Do you own a business with fewer than 5 full-time equivalent employees?
- Are you a driver for a rideshare app (Uber, Lyft, etc.)?
- Are you a driver for a food delivery service app (Postmates, Uber Eats, Instacart DoorDash, GrubHub, etc.)?
- Do you operate as a street vendor cart or run a food truck?

You may be eligible for a one-time\*

\$2,500

Application re-opens
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022

Awards will be issued on a First-Come, First-Served Basis

\*If you have already applied for this grant award and/or received the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant, please do not apply.

#### WHAT IS A QUALIFIED MICROBUSINESS?

- In operation prior to December 31, 2019.
- · Still in operation or have a clear plan to reopen when the state permits.
- · Was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Had less than \$50,000 in revenues in the 2019 tax year.
- Currently have fewer than 5 full-time equivalent employees as well as in tax years 2019 and 2020.
- Did not receive a grant under the California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.
- The owner's primary means of income in the 2019 tax year.

Small businesses owned by women, veterans, minorities, independent contractors, individuals without documentation, and individuals with limited English proficiency are encouraged to apply.

TO LEARN MORE, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT oconestop.com/orange-county-microbusiness-grants

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For questions, please call the Orange County Business  $\theta$  Economic Recovery Call Center at 714-480-6500 or email BusinessServices@ocworkforcesolutions.com.



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THE ORANGE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL CONSORTIUM PRESENT THE

#### **ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL &** COLLEGE STUDENT CAREER FAIR

## CALLING ALL EMPLOYERS!

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022** 10 AM TO 2 PM VIRTUAL

#### REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE AT NO COST!

- Create a virtual "booth"
- Connect with top talent
- Review resumes
- · Conduct interviews via live chat and video conference
- Streamline recruiting



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#### A REMINDER TO SELF-CARE DURING TOUGH TIMES

# OC MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES SELF-CARE TIPS

Reduce exposure to media, including social media.

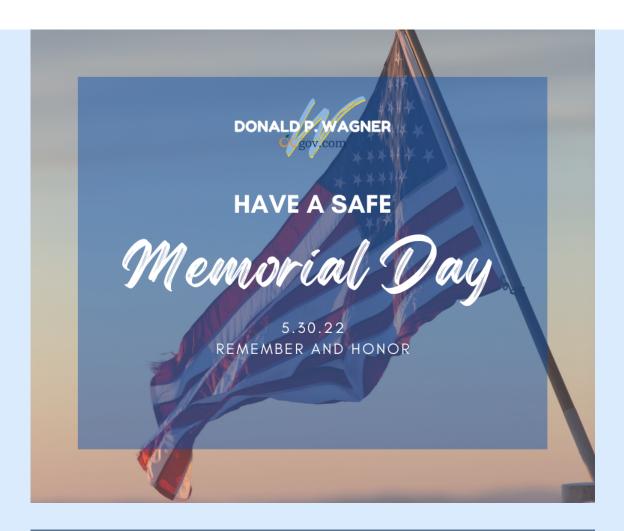
Protect your peace (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual self).

Stay active. Physical activity resets your brain.

Spend time with people that you love

Step away from your desk and get some fresh air or go for a walk.

Our sincerest prayers and condolences go out to the victims, their families, and the entire Uvalde community. This gutwrenching news comes on the heels of our local tragedy in Laguna Woods. OC Mental Health & Recovery Services reminds us that traumatic events are cumulative, leaving their impact one on top of the other. We have a <u>link to resources here</u> from OC Health & Recovery Services with post-disaster information and how to talk to kids who may have heard about these tragedies. Please take care of yourselves and each other.



#### 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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