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A MESSAGE TO OUR IRVINE COMMUNITY

Welcome to my 2025 Annual Report!

As we look back on this year in our Irvine community, I am proud of the accomplishments we've made to improve the lives of residents and families, from advancing policy that makes our neighborhoods safer to hosting events that connect both our youth and older adults with vital community resources. Ensuring every constituent feels heard, supported, and valued is my mission.



Serving you all this year has been a gratifying privilege. I look forward to 2026 as we continue building on our efforts to enhance the quality of life in our City. It is my pleasure to share the work my team and I have accomplished this year. This report shows the humble efforts we take to further the quality of life in our City.

Thank you for trusting me with this role. I remain committed to serving you and making our community proud.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melinda Liu'.

Melinda Liu

Councilmember, District 1

20 25 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN NUMBERS

Year to date, Councilmember Liu continues to be a champion of exceptional service to all Irvine residents. Under her leadership, she has recognized individuals and entities who have contributed to the greater good of the community, while advocating for advancement. Moreover, her commitment to assisting Irvine residents and businesses by navigating City services, addressing public safety concerns, or meeting with the public on certain issues that matter most to them, Councilmember Liu is always here to serve.

Any member of the public requesting assistance can call our office at **949-724-6301** or email **MelindaLiu@cityofirvine.org**.

85

Certificates Presented

127

Constituents Assisted

\$11,225

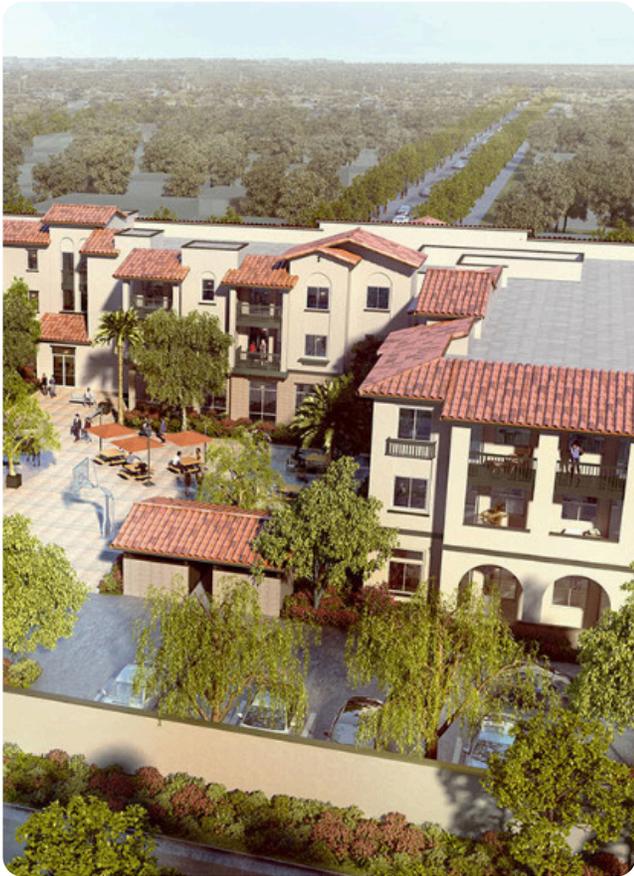
Funds provided to local organizations

5

Memos Passed



ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE TRUST



Councilmember Liu serves as Vice Chair of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT), an organization that plays a pivotal role in addressing the housing crisis in Orange County. The organization, led by Chair Katrina Foley, is committed to constructing housing units tailored to the community's needs, striving to provide sustainable solutions to the pressing issue of affordable housing.

Aligned Goals

OCHFT's goals align directly with the housing issues Councilmember Liu aims to address, including building affordable housing for people from all backgrounds to live and work in the City of Irvine.

2,293

Number of affordable housing units built across the county with OCHFT.

Councilmember Liu is overseeing the development of multiple housing projects in Irvine, which prioritize affordability:

- Cypress Village
- Salerno at Cypress Village
- Cartwright Family Apartments

3

Number of ongoing projects within the City of Irvine.

ORANGE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT



Councilmember Liu is a board member of the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSAN) Board of Directors. OCSAN offers wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling services for Northwest and Central Orange County, including the City of Irvine. The board's primary objective is to safeguard public health by delivering efficient wastewater treatment at the lowest possible cost to residents.

Irvine Projects

OC SAN is actively contributing to Irvine's framework through several key projects. They are currently overseeing the Airway-Airport Loop Sewer Rehabilitation Project, strategically positioned at the Irvine-Costa Mesa border. This significant undertaking is part of OC SAN's commitment to ensuring efficient sanitation infrastructure.

\$245 MILLION

Investment made by OCSAN for critical infrastructure countywide.

2.6 MILLION

The number of residents that OC San provides services for across Orange County.

100,000

The number of annual assessments done by OC SAN to ensure our ocean water is safe.

IRVINE & TUSTIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON



Key Achievements

- Secured a new Irvine Connect route for Northwood High School.
- Hosted IUSD students in Team Liu's summer internship program.
- Began planning a construction careers pathway with the LA and OC Building and Construction Trades Council.
- Facilitated regular communication between IPD, IUSD, TUSD, and the City regarding e-bike-related challenges and updates.
- Introduced a memo to ban Nitrous Oxide and Kratom in Irvine.

11

Number of Schools in District 1

The City of Irvine is home to the Irvine Unified School District and several Tustin Unified schools, serving thousands of students annually. With District 1 being home to 11 unique schools, including 5 from IUSD and 4 from TUSD, it is a backyard issue for Councilmember Liu to ensure that the City and schools continue to work together.

88

Number of IUSD families helped by Irvine Cares

45

Number of Irvine Unified schools

MEET TEAM LIU

and learn their favorite Team Liu event

Evette Kim

Chief of Staff

Our office organized the City of Irvine's inaugural Flag Day celebration to honor our nation's flag and recognize local heroes. Councilmember Liu presented flags from the City, as well as flags flown over the U.S. Capitol secured through Congressman Min. In recognition of the 50th anniversary of Black April, we also presented flags flown at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam, certified by Ambassador Mark Knapper, whom I met nearly a decade ago while working in Korea. Additionally, we secured flags flown over Kuwait with support from my military colleagues and presented them to local veterans. We look forward to continuing this meaningful tradition and bringing our community together.



Oseas Garcia

Principal Council Executive Assistant
(Constituent Services)

Given Councilmember Melinda Liu's dedication to supporting Irvine's older adult community, she aims to ensure all seniors have access to necessary resources. We organized the successful 2025 Older Adults Resource Fair, connecting over 250 attendees with 25+ organizations offering crucial services like legal aid and health resources. Plans for another resource fair in Summer 2026 are underway, highlighting her ongoing commitment to service.



MEET TEAM LIU

and learn their favorite Team Liu event

Sophie Nadel

Principal Council Executive Assistant
(Communications)

Leading the Office's Gun Safety Town Hall was a fulfilling opportunity to help promote community education. Collaborating with the Irvine Police Department, Vice Chair Katrina Foley, WAVE, and Be Smart highlighted community support for educating families on preventing gun violence. The event focused on safe storage and responsible ownership, offering attendees a free gun lock to connect them with valuable resources.



Jacob Tauro

Council Executive Assistant
(Policy)

On September 3rd, we organized our first blood drive with Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris and the American Red Cross. We secured the Northwood Community Center for the event and helped with outreach, resulting in all 40 sign-up slots being filled. Additional walk-in appointments allowed even more donations, and I donated blood for the first time. This effort has the potential to save up to 120 lives, and based on the strong turnout and community response, more blood drives will be planned in the future to continue supporting this critical need.



MEET TEAM LIU

and learn their favorite Team Liu event

Isabella Brown

Council Executive Assistant
(Community Engagement)

Youth engagement has been a priority for our office. On September 19, 2025, our office hosted an inaugural Youth Conference at the Las Lomas Community Center, welcoming first-year college and transfer students for a day of mentorship and career exploration. Watching students connect with mentors and gain confidence in their future paths was especially meaningful to me, as it embodied our office's mission to empower Irvine's next generation of leaders.



MEET OUR COMMISSIONERS

Seth Grossman

Planning Commissioner

Commissioner Grossman is committed to community service, having served on the Child Care Committee and as Finance Chair for the Irvine Unified Council PTA. He has been involved in School Site Councils and led the successful Measure E campaign for school funding. As a youth sports advocate, he has been the President of Northwood Little League and continues to support Northwood High Baseball as an Athletic Booster.



Rupali Joshi

Vice Chair, Transportation Commissioner

Commissioner Joshi, an Irvine resident with a background in marketing, has held senior management roles at companies like PepsiCo and Taco Bell. She holds a BA in Business Administration from Chapman University and an MBA from UC Irvine. Councilmember Liu trusts that Joshi will prioritize the City's interests and maintain high work standards.



MEET OUR COMMISSIONERS

Naz Hamid

Vice Chair, Community & Library Services Commissioner

Commissioner Hamid has lived in Irvine for over twenty years with her multi-generational family. She has been involved in IUSD schools, served on a District committee, and is an active PTSA member. Her family enjoys local parks, childcare, and various community services. Passionate about serving residents, Naz is honored to return to the commission.



Felicia Gopaul, CFP

Finance Commissioner

Felicia Gopaul, is a financial expert with over 30 years of experience, specializing in helping individuals and small businesses achieve their financial goals. She is a Certified Financial Planner, having served as one of 50 CFP Board Ambassadors in the U.S., A 2x Amazon best-selling author, and instructor of the Financial Foundations Course. Felicia has lived in Irvine since 2012 and enjoys family life with her husband and two children.



MEET OUR COMMISSIONERS

Ted Hsieh

Sustainability Commissioner

Ted Hsieh, an Irvine resident since 2006, serves as our Sustainability Commissioner, dedicated to promoting sustainable practices with transparency and equity. He holds a B.A. in Computer Science and Biology from Stanford and has experience as a software engineer. In addition to leading Chen Hsieh Bros, Inc., Hsieh volunteers as president of Northwood Little League, works on park upgrades, coaches youth baseball, and mentors teens at KidWorks in Santa Ana.



Mike Chen

Older Adults Commissioner

Since moving to Irvine in 1982, Commissioner Mike Chen has developed strong ties to the City, raising two children who attended IUSD schools. He has volunteered for over 32 years with the South Coast Chinese Cultural Association, serving as Chairman. Additionally, he contributed to the Irvine Global Village Festival Steering Committee and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and he is the Chartered Organization Representative for Boy Scouts Troop 616.



MEET OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Health & Wellness
Advisory Committee

Diane Aviles

Diversity, Equity, and
Inclusion Committee

Wendy Bokota

Public Art
Committee

Katie Farrell

Investment Advisory
Committee

**Neeraj Ram
Kashalkar**

MEMOS SUBMITTED

Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs)

On March 25th, our office, along with the Office of Councilmember William Go, passed a memo to discuss the implementation of Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) in Irvine. LPIs allow pedestrians to enter an intersection before cars in the parallel direction to ensure their visibility and safety.

“Having a close and accessible library for our residents promotes further education and community here in Irvine.”

– Councilmember Melinda Liu

Sober Living and Group Homes Ordinance

Councilmember Liu participated in OC Sober Living Task Force, where she learned about the impacts sober living homes have on neighborhoods, including both the benefits they provide and the challenges they create.

25 CANDIDATE LOCATIONS

Number of recommended LPI locations by the City following the memo.

Constructing a Library/Community Center in District 1

This memo supports advancing equity for District 1 residents by guiding the development of a new library and community center that expands access to learning and enrichment opportunities for all Irvine residents, including those without access to a car. It will also provide essential services like childcare that working families rely on.

9 BILLS

Total number of California State Bills that the California Sober Living and Recovery Task Force have championed in 2025.

MEMOS SUBMITTED

Inaugural Lunar New Year

On December 9th, Councilmember Liu introduced a memo on establishing a Citywide Lunar New Year event.

KRATOM ORDINANCE

Alongside the Nitrous Oxide memo, our office submitted a memo to prevent the drug Kratom from being sold in Irvine.

Nitrous Oxide Ban Ordinance

This memo proposes banning nitrous oxide sales in Irvine to protect residents from its harmful effects. The goal is to limit access to a substance that creates serious health risks, especially for young people, and to curb nuisances like littered canisters and late night gatherings. The ban would also help prevent accidents and impaired driving by reducing misuse. The recommendation is supported by the OC Health Care Agency and expert input from OCFA, IPD, and the CA Narcotic Officers Association.

“Parents in Irvine should have reliable, and safe childcare accessible for their children, prior to enrolling into school.”

– Councilmember Melinda Liu

Ages 0-4 Citywide Childcare Expansion

This memo was submitted by the Offices of Councilmember Liu and Councilmember Go on September 9th, aiming to expand childcare for pre-school age children. The proposal supports economic stability for families by providing dependable childcare options.

MENA INCLUSION ACT

On June 26th, this memo was introduced in regards to state support for those of Middle Eastern and North African recognition on census data.

COUNCIL RECAP :

TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY



Throughout the year, Councilmember Liu began recording council recap videos immediately following each session to ensure transparency and accessibility regarding the activities conducted on our council.

From highlighting important item conversations, such as the fate of Irvine's status in the Orange County Power Authority, to the consideration of the City's 4th of July celebrations, Councilmember Liu has explained the information that informed her decisions on the agenda.

These videos have continued to be well-received on social media, as having a transparent look into the City's decision-making has been proven to be quite helpful.

Times the Council meeting videos were watched

**10,000+
VIEWS**

of Meetings Covered

**11 COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

TEAM LIU EVENTS

MLK DAY OF SERVICE



On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Councilmember Liu, in collaboration with Congressman Min and Councilmember Go, spearheaded a “Day of Service” dedicated to putting together care packages. This event attracted more than a dozen volunteers who supported the OCFA firefighters who were engaged in the Palisades and Eaton fires, offering appreciation and support to those who served on the front lines.

Assembling Care Packages:

As the Palisades and Eaton fires took place this year across Los Angeles County, OCFA firefighters joined the efforts to combat the fires. With limited resources available, our office worked alongside others in the community to assemble care packages for the firefighters out in the field.

What Items Were Provided:

- Eye Drops
- Hand wipes
- Lip balm
- Single Pack Motrin
- Beef Jerky
- Electrolyte Powder

TEAM LIU EVENTS

WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR



Highlights:

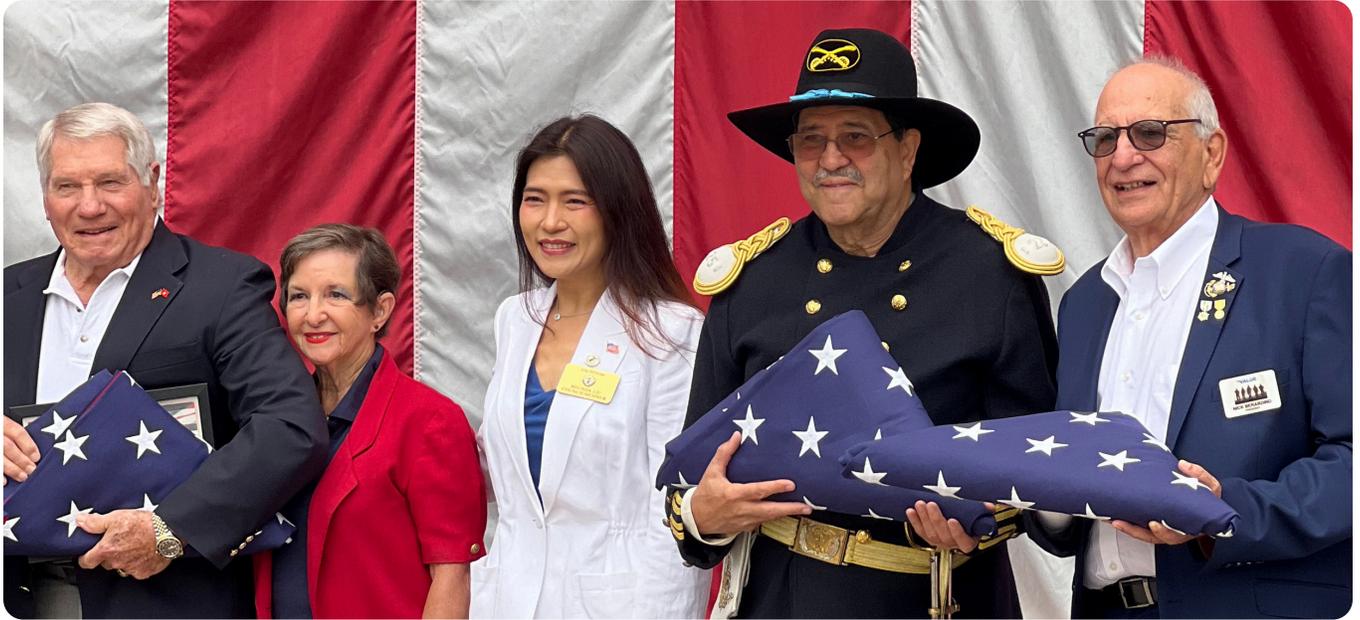
- Free yoga sessions for the community.
- Introductory boxing class provided by Rumble boxing.
- Children's activities, including coloring sheets.

Community Partners:

- Orange County Women 2 Women
- Alzheimer's Association of OC
- Girl's Inc,
- HeraHub
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & Inland Empire

With March marking Women's History Month, our Office, alongside Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris and Councilmember William Go, hosted a Health & Wellness Fair. Focusing on self-care and wellness, this event highlighted the importance of taking time for one's personal well-being. In addition to classes and activities, resources focused on parenting, physical health, and mental health were available to all attendees.

TEAM LIU EVENTS INAUGURAL FLAG DAY



Our office organized the City of Irvine's inaugural Flag Day celebration, honoring our nation's flag and recognizing local heroes. Councilmember Melinda Liu presented a flag from the City of Irvine to Byron Salvatierra, a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Iraq War, and two flags flown over the U.S. Capitol, secured through Congressman Dave Min, to Michelle De La Cruz, Commander of American Legion Post 838, and Glenn Shingu, both U.S. Marine Corps veterans. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Black April, we presented three flags flown at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam, certified by Ambassador Mark Knapper. These were given to Bobby McDonald, Nick Berardino, and Colonels Alice and Norman Marshall in recognition of their service during the Vietnam War. We also secured three flags flown over Kuwait and later presented one to Harwood Garland II, Irvine's Veteran of the Year, honored by Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris.

Flags Gifted From:

- Two flags flown over the U.S. Capitol.
- Three flags flown over the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- Three flags flown over Kuwait.

Community Partners:

- US Congressman Dave Min
- Ambassador Mark Knapper
- State Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris
- American Legion Post 838

TEAM LIU EVENTS OLDER ADULTS RESOURCE FAIR



Highlights:

- Resources from over 25 community partners across Orange County.
- Representatives from Congressman Min, Senator Steven Choi, and Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris' Offices.
- Interactive classes

Community Partners:

- Evergreen Chinese Senior Association
- Irvine Adult Day Health Services
- Community Legal Aid SoCal
- Orange County Registrar of Voters
- SCAN Health Plan
- Council on Aging- Southern California
- American Red Cross

This June, Councilmember Liu organized an Older Adult Resource Fair aimed at empowering Irvine's senior citizens by offering vital resources to promote a graceful and seamless aging experience. Attendees enjoyed various seminars, including an Estate Planning Class, a Scam Prevention course, and an Introductory Dance Class, providing opportunities that nurtured both the mind and the spirit.

TEAM LIU EVENTS FIREARM SAFETY TOWNHALL



Public safety is a key priority for Councilmember Liu. This fall, Councilmember Liu partnered with Supervisor Katrina Foley to organize a Firearm Safety Event in response to growing concerns around firearm safety. During the event, the Irvine Police Department shared valuable safety information and distributed free gun locks to promote responsible firearm storage and help keep families safe.

Highlights:

- A presentation from the Irvine Police Department concerning safe gun storage and gun locks.
- Complimentary gun locks provided by the Irvine Police Department.
- Safe gun storage demonstration provided by Be Smart.

Community Partners:

- Vice Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Katrina Foley
- Irvine Police Department
- Be Smart
- WAVE

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS



Councilmember Liu's Promises:

- Senior Services
- Youth Engagement
- Public Safety
- Sustainable Development
- Honoring Our Veterans

Councilmember Liu's Highlights:

- Advocating for the Orange County Veterans Cemetery
- Expanding Childcare in Irvine
- Ensuring Irvine's Public Transportation is Expanded
- Establishing Future Irvine Public Library Locations

The efforts undertaken by Councilmember Liu and her team are rooted in her fundamental promises and values as a Councilmember. From the policies she has championed to the boards and committees she participates in, as well as the events she hosts and attends, Councilmember Liu is committed to honoring her commitments and advocating for the residents of Irvine.

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS SENIOR SERVICES



MISSION

Councilmember Liu is deeply passionate about helping seniors in Irvine. With her experience caring for her parents, she knows firsthand the issues that senior citizens in Irvine face and intends to create an Irvine that is friendly to all citizens, regardless of age.

OLDER ADULTS FAIR

A successful resource fair for older adults and their families brought together seniors with valuable services that support well being, safety, and community connection. The event featured classes on scam prevention and real estate planning along with an introductory dance session. 25 organizations participated, including the Elder Law and Disability Rights Center, South Asian Senior Association, and Community Legal Aid SoCal, with remarks provided by Irvine elected officials.



SENIOR TRUST EDUCATION

Councilmember Liu partnered with the OC Chinese Chamber of Commerce to host a trust management presentation delivered in Mandarin, offering seniors practical guidance on protecting assets and planning for the future. This workshop helped connect older residents with reliable information.

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT



MISSION

One of Councilmember Liu's biggest passions as an elected official is engaging with the next generation and encouraging them to engage with their communities to make positive change. To accomplish this goal, she has undertaken several events and initiatives.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Over the summer, our office launched its first internship program for over 40 high school and college students, focusing on local government functions. Interns chose from three sections: Policy, Community Engagement, and Communications, to explore their interests and witness local government work firsthand.



YOUTH CONFERENCE DAY

On September 19th, our office hosted Youth Conference Day, targeting college transfer students to explore college and career opportunities. Colleges, officials, and organizations participated, offering various opportunities. The event also featured workshops on networking and finances, providing essential life skills at a critical time for students.

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC SAFETY



MISSION

Councilmember Liu is passionate about ensuring the public safety of the Irvine Community. From her partnership with the Orange County Fire Authority to ensure the City is Fire Ready, to serving on the Sober Living Task Force to learn about sober living homes' impacts, she is dedicated to keeping communities safe. Here are some actions she has taken regarding public safety.

FIRE SAFETY TOWN HALL

On May 19th, our office, in collaboration with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), the Irvine Police Department (IPD), Southern California Edison (SCE), and the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), held a wildfire town hall.

Residents were informed of how to prepare their homes in the event of a wildfire, as well as proactive steps they can take to keep them and their loved ones safe.

EMPLOYEE CERT

This Fall, Team Liu participated in the three-week-long Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) for City of Irvine employees. This program served to educate the team on how to best prepare for emergencies and understand necessary protocol.

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC SAFETY *(continued)*

LEADING PEDESTRIAN INTERVAL MEMO

In April 2025, Councilmember Liu and Councilmember William Go worked together to create a memo introducing Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPIs) in Irvine. Leading Pedestrian Intervals allow for pedestrians to enter an intersection before cars turning in the parallel direction can enter, ensuring pedestrians are clearly visible to drivers.

GUN SAFETY TOWN HALL

On September 4th, our office, in collaboration with the Irvine Police Department and the Office of Supervisor Foley, hosted a gun safety town hall to inform Irvine residents about the importance of handling a firearm, especially since many people use guns as part of their home defense. IPD gave free gun locks to attendees, with community partners providing safe storage options as well.



PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



MISSION

Councilmember Liu aims to ensure that Irvine's growth is mindful of its environmental impact and strives to make sure the City continues to be one of America's greenest.

iCONNECT EXPANSION

Following feedback from Northwood High School students about the iConnect Bus Service route, Councilmember Liu addressed the issue with City Staff. They revised the bus route to include a stop at Northwood High School, allowing students to access the free shuttle service for school transportation.



COOL IRVINE PARTNERSHIP

Councilmember Liu has actively participated in events by Cool Irvine, a climate action organization focused on youth engagement. Her involvement includes hosting an Earth Day Art Contest and speaking at youth leadership events. She stressed the importance of youth connecting with local officials and collaborating with community members to foster positive change.

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS HONORING OUR VETERANS



MISSION

As the home to the former El Toro Marine Base and the future home of the Flying Leatherneck Aviation museum, Irvine has deep roots and connections to the United States Military. Councilmember Liu is dedicated to honoring the veterans who served to protect our freedoms.

GYPSUM CANYON

Ensuring that those who served our nation have a peaceful place to rest has been a pressing issue in the Office of Councilmember Liu. Advocating for the Gypsum Canyon Veterans Cemetery both on the Irvine City Council dais and across the county at Assemblymember Quirk-Silva's public forum. Councilmember Liu has stood with VALOR and many local veterans organizations.



IMAC DONATION DRIVE

Councilmember Liu has collaborated with the Irvine Marine Adoption Committee (IMAC) and the Irvine 2/11 Adoption Committee, actively supporting their mission to assist veterans and their families residing in Irvine.

PROMISES & HIGHLIGHTS HONORING OUR VETERANS *(continued)*



FLAG SPONSORSHIP

This July, the Office of Councilmember Melinda Liu sponsored two flags for the City's Field of Valor event, with the proceeds benefitting the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee. The two flags were dedicated to Nick Berardino and Bobby McDonald of VALOR.



FOOD BOX DONATION

Following a Citywide Food Box Distribution, Team Liu brought the remaining food boxes down to Camp Pendleton's 2nd Battalion 11th Marine Regiment, just weeks before Thanksgiving, ensuring they had food for the holidays. Delivering these boxes in person allowed Team Liu to thank our troops for their sacrifices directly and deliver them to the base office.

FLAG DELIVERY

In recognition of Veterans' Day, Councilmember Liu joined the City of Irvine to present flags to residents who have served our nation. The City hosts this event annually and is always on the lookout for new volunteers!

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

This year, we honor community leaders in Irvine and Orange County for their impactful dedication and service. Recognized for their leadership and contributions, these individuals strengthen our community and reflect the values of our city, inspiring positive change.

NICK BERARDINO

Nick Berardino has been a source of advocacy for both union workers and veterans across Orange County. His work with VALOR has helped make insurmountable strides with the Orange County Veterans Cemetery.

BOBBY MCDONALD

Bobby McDonald serves as the President of the Black Chamber of Orange County and is a decorated military veteran. He advocates for minority-owned businesses as well as veterans' rights across the County.

YULAN CHUNG

Yulan Chung has been an advocate for the Chinese community in Irvine for over a decade. Serving as Executive Director of the South Coast Chinese Cultural Center and Principal of the Irvine Chinese School.

JACK TOAN

He leads the Asian American Museum of Orange County, advancing efforts to preserve and share Asian American history and culture in Orange County, with the museum to be located at the Great Park Cultural Terrace.

PREETI SINGH

Preeti Singh is the president of the South Asian Senior Association in Irvine, where she leads efforts to support cultural engagement, resources, and well-being for the South Asian senior community.

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

BOBBY SIMMONS

Bobby Simmons is the Irvine Police Department Emergency Services Manager, ensuring that in times of natural disasters, he has helped develop an extensive evacuation plan.

NICK FREEMAN

Chief Nick Freeman serves as the Division 2 Chief of Orange County Fire Authority, which encompasses District 1. He has helped ensure District 1 is fire-ready and that the community is ready and resilient if a fire were to strike.

MIKE NYSTROM

Mike Nystrom has served as the Northwood High School PTSA President, as well as an active volunteer in our City's community. Whether it be donating blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive or assisting at Harvest Solutions, he ensures a positive impact on our City.

PATTY OH

Patty Oh serves as the program manager for Cool Irvine, an organization focusing on creating a planet-friendly and disaster-resilient City to ensure its enjoyment for future generations.

MARK ENTER

Mark Enter is the CEO and Founder of PSQ Productions. A longtime Irvine resident, Mark continues to make Irvine a memorable place for fun and community. We are grateful for his tireless efforts to create unforgettable experiences here in our City.

JORDAN LIU

Jordan Liu is a Program Specialist at the Irvine Police Department, enhancing community outreach. She notably developed the Chinese language CERT program, making her a valuable asset to the Irvine community.

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

JULIE ZEOLI

Julie Zeoli serves as Irvine's first City Librarian. Ms. Zeoli led the opening of the new Irvine Public Library System earlier this year, beginning with the Heritage and University Park Libraries.

CURTIS DREVER

Curtis Drever serves as the President of Love Irvine and is a longtime resident of the City. You may see him doing incredible community work, including hosting Love Irvine's 2025 Cityside Serve Day.

ALEX MENDOZA

Officer Mendoza serves as a D.A.R.E. Officer for the City, focusing on Drug Abuse Resistance Education to prevent drug use through education. By educating young Irvine residents, with his trusty Cybertruck sidekick, Officer Mendoza is a favorite amongst the residents.

SUZANNA CHOI

Suzanna Choi serves as the President of the Asian Business Association of Orange County (ABAOC). Lighting up every room she enters, Ms. Choi continues to connect with local business leaders all across OC.

TINA ANDERSON

Ms. Anderson serves as the President of the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee, volunteering about 12-16 hours a day to assist families from Camp Pendleton's 2/11 Battalion.

FELIPE DELGADO

Felipe Delgado serves as Secretary of the Board for the Irvine International Academy, residing within the City since 1969. Delgado's efforts in the community also include his record of serving on the board of the Woodbridge Master Association.

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

KRISTY CHEN

Kristy Chen serves as the Bilingual Community Program Specialist for the OC Registrar of Voters, with a focus on the Chinese Community in Orange County.

SEAN CRUMBY

Sean Crumby serves as Irvine's City Manager. He is responsible for executing projects approved by the City Council. We are thankful for his incredible work and service to our City.

KERRY LEWIS

Kerry Lewis is a key part of Irvine's CERT program, educating residents on how to protect themselves and their communities in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

STEVE TORELLI

Steve Torelli serves as the Director of the Great Park. A longtime City employee, Torelli is known for his strong work ethic and uplifting spirit.

CHRISTINE TULLY

Christine Tully, a key member of the Irvine Police Department's Emergency Management Team, was named IPD Employee of the Quarter this year. She also manages the City CERT program, enhancing community safety in Irvine.

MALIA CARY

Malia Cary serves as the Second Harvest Food Bank Government Affairs Manager, helping to connect our office with volunteer events and providing food to residents in need across Irvine and Orange County.

DAVE COFFARO

He serves as the President and CEO of the Greater Irvine Chamber, an organization that helps businesses start and grow in Irvine, fostering economic growth and opportunity in our City.

IMPACTFUL ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations have consistently contributed to the well-being of Irvine, and their dedication and mission-driven work continue to strengthen our community.

LOVE IRVINE

Love Irvine's goal is to unite the residents of Irvine with purposeful events and service initiatives. With events like Love Irvine Day, their impact stretches across our community, through volunteer service and spiritual resolutions.



2/11 IRVINE MARINE ADOPTION COMMITTEE

The City of Irvine adopted the 2nd Battalion 11th Marines over 15 years ago, supporting the City's adopted battalion by participating in and donating to a variety of activities.

HOPE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

HOPE Center is a welcoming space for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to express themselves through art. It fosters talent discovery, builds confidence, and connects the community, enabling artists to share their creativity meaningfully.

TECO

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) services and actively promotes cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and educational partnerships, strengthening ties between Taiwan and the local Irvine community.

SASA

The South Asian American Seniors Association organizes weekly events to foster connections through educational and intergenerational programs. These gatherings help our older adults stay active and engaged within a community that promotes healthy living.

COOL IRVINE

Cool Irvine commits to sustainability in the City of Irvine, providing multiple programs to educate the community on creating eco-friendly neighborhoods.

IMPACTFUL ORGANIZATIONS



NORTHWOOD HS PTSA

The Parent Teacher Student Association of Northwood ensures that the students' interests are continued to be cared for and vouched for within our City. The PTSA also lobbies at the state level for Irvine students and families.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

With a dedicated farming space in the City of Irvine, the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County works tirelessly to address food insecurity in Irvine and across the County.

ROTARY IRVINE

The Irvine Rotary Club is a local chapter of the International Organization, uniting dedicated volunteers from the Irvine community to engage in meaningful local and international volunteering opportunities.

JAMBOREE HOUSING

Jamboree Housing is an organization dedicated to building low-income and workforce housing in Irvine and Orange County by collaborating with community partners as well as state and local governments.

FAMILIES FORWARD

Families Forward works to address homelessness for families with children, providing access to housing and resources that create lasting stability. These include food assistance, career coaching, and mental health counseling.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 838

Post 838 in Irvine is a veteran service organization dedicated to supporting military veterans, their families, and the broader community. The post offers programs that honor service, build camaraderie, and provide resources for veterans' health, well-being, and transition to civilian life.

IMPACTFUL ORGANIZATIONS

FRIENDS OF KATIE WHEELER

The Katie Wheeler Library is a cherished City landmark, supported by the 'Friends of' program, which raises additional funds. We appreciate their dedication during the transition to the Irvine Public Library system!

EVERGREEN CHINESE SENIOR ASSOCIATION

The Irvine Evergreen Chinese Senior Association supports Chinese seniors across Irvine by fostering a social network to enhance seniors' quality of life through monthly activities and events.

IRVINE CHILDREN'S FUND

The Irvine Children's Fund collaborates with the Irvine Child Care Project to provide before and after-school care for children from lower-income working families in Irvine.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross is an emergency organization that provides disaster relief. Our office has worked alongside the Red Cross to host blood drives, helping deliver lifesaving blood donations to hospitals.



FLYING LEATHERNECKS AVIATION MUSEUM

Comprised of community leaders and decorated veterans, the Flying Leathernecks Organization is dedicated to the opening of a museum in the Great Park to honor Irvine's military past and its former military members who served at the El Toro Marine Base.

AMERICAN ARAB BUSINESS COUNCIL

The American Arab Business Council (AABC) of California is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting American Arab businesses, including those here in Irvine.

RECOGNIZING BUSINESSES

These businesses exemplify the innovation and community partnership that drive Irvine's success, strengthening both our economic landscape and our shared future.



BURNT CRUMBS

Burnt Crumbs is renowned for its extensive selection of breakfast and brunch options. Councilmember Liu especially enjoys their tall, fluffy pancakes, which come in a variety of unique flavors.

BLUE HUMMINGBIRD COFFEE

Blue Hummingbird Coffee opened the doors to a new location here in Irvine this year. The cafe was also a great partner to our office, providing coffee for the November Human Trafficking Event.

CASSEL EARTH COFFEE

Cassel Earth Coffee is a nationally recognized favorite, ranked sixth in the country for its quality and community experience. The shop is known for its delicious lattes and pastries crafted by passionate baristas, and Irvine locals love its relaxed atmosphere that's perfect for both work and downtime.

ZILLYMONKEY

Zillymonkey is known for its wide variety of exotic, cute collectibles, including a huge selection of stuffed Miffys and other themed characters. Whether it is for you or someone you know, Zillymonkey has something for everyone!

HANDEL'S ICE CREAM

Located in the Irvine Marketplace, Handel's Ice Cream is known for its wide array of innovative flavors and combinations that will have your taste buds bursting with joy!

PSQ PRODUCTIONS

Irvine proudly hosts PSQ Productions, the creative force behind events such as Irvine Nights and Winter Fest OC. We extend our gratitude to them for crafting incredible experiences at the Great Park Live and throughout Southern California, adding an extra touch of joy to our City!

NOTABLE ELECTEDS

Katrina Foley

Vice Chair, Board of Supervisors

As the Vice Chair of the OC Board of Supervisors, she represents Southern Irvine and collaborates on legislation and events to improve community life. Notable events include the Gun Safety Event, volunteer activities with the Second Harvest Food Bank, and a Senior Resource Fair, along with donation drives for the Irvine Marines Adoption Committee. The Vice Chair and I also work together on the Orange County Housing Finance Trust to address affordable housing. We appreciate her dedication to safety, quality of life, and environmental protection in our county.



Don Wagner

Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Donald Wagner, a longtime Irvine resident and former Mayor, represents North Irvine and is involved with the Orange County Fire and Transportation Authorities. Our office collaborated with him on various events, including one at the Katie Wheeler Library, as well as veterans' rights advocacy. We appreciate his strong support for wildfire prevention and efforts to tackle the opioid and fentanyl crisis in Orange County.



NOTABLE ELECTEDS

Cottie Petrie-Norris

California State Assemblymember

Taking office in 2019, she has been an advocate for climate efforts, including clean energy, utility bill affordability, and emergency preparedness across the state. This year, we worked with the Assemblymember and her office by planning events, including September's Red Cross Blood Donation Drive, volunteering drives with the Second Harvest Food Bank, and partnering with their office for our Women's Health and Senior Resource Fairs, as well as our Youth Conference.



Steven Choi

California State Senator

Our State Senator Steven Choi is another Irvine representative who has deep roots within our City. Getting his start in public service on the Irvine Unified School District's Board of Trustees, then serving as the City of Irvine's mayor from 2012-2016. The senator places a large emphasis on education, which has been greatly appreciated as Irvine opened the Irvine Public Library system this year. We have worked with the senator for several events, including our Senior Resource Fair and Youth Conference.

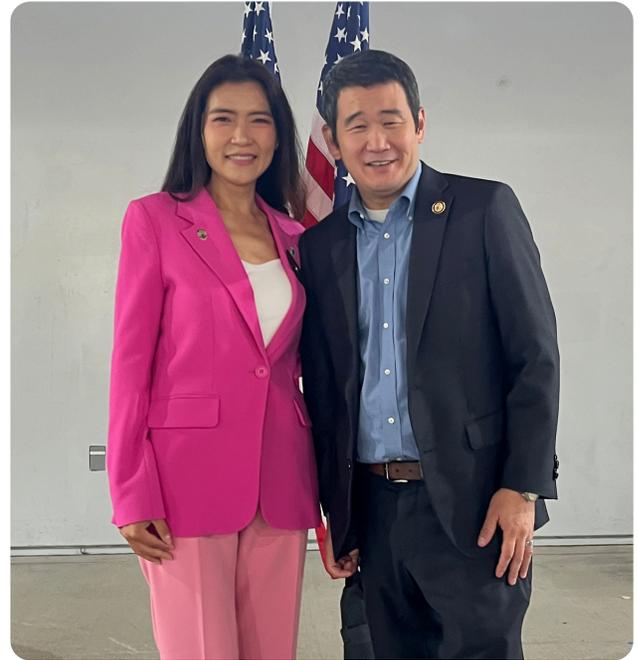


NOTABLE ELECTEDS

Dave Min

U.S. House of Representatives

Congressman Dave Min has advocated for the City of Irvine at both the state and national levels since his career in the state senate began in 2021. As our Congressman, he has been working to secure funding for Irvine families for healthcare, education, and childcare. We have worked with the Congressman for events such as our MLK day of service, gathering flags to hand out to our honored troops for Flag Day, and as a partner for our Older Adults Resource Fair.



Rob Bonta

California State Attorney General

Attorney General Rob Bonta has been serving our state of California since 2021, enforcing and defending the laws that protect California. Attorney General Bonta has made time to visit Irvine this year, recognizing Juneteenth with our City in the Great Park.



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



“I connected with Councilmember Liu’s office because of its genuine commitment to youth engagement and community partnership. From the high school and college internship program to the Youth Conference, the office showed me how accessible and impactful local government can be.”

- Anthony Nocedal

This year, the Office of Councilmember Liu launched an internship program designed for civic-minded high school and college students throughout Irvine. Participants gained valuable, hands-on experience in areas such as policy research, communications, and community engagement.

With both Summer and Fall cohorts, this initiative has fostered the creation of community events, including the Youth Conference and Team Liu Pop-up, while also enabling involvement in community service activities like Love Irvine Day.

Total Summer Interns

24 Interns

Total Events Planned Alongside Interns

3 Events

Community Service Completed by Team Liu Interns

Over 500 Hours

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



The City of Irvine makes civic participation accessible with several methods to share your thoughts and stay up-to-date with the City and City Council events.

To participate in City of Irvine Zoom meetings:

Join: zoom.us/join
Meeting ID: 160 043 4844
Passcode: 272906

Watch the City livestreams:

CITYOFRVINE.ORG/ICTV

2026 LOOKING AHEAD

Team Liu Looks Forward To The Year Ahead

Team Liu is excited to continue connecting with the Irvine community, finding more organizations and businesses to support, and continuing to assist residents with how to improve their lives each day here in Irvine.

In 2026, our office plans to continue hosting resource fairs and activities for residents, promoting intentional and meaningful policy, and hearing directly from Irvine residents on how to best advocate for them in our City.

Thank you for closing out 2025 with our office, and may the best be yet to come.



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