



# ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ORANGE COUNTY

EDUCATION. POLICY. ADVOCACY.

CITY OF FULLERTON



# About ACC-OC

- ACC-OC represents Orange County at all levels of government: **Regional, State, and Federal**.
- We **advocate for policies** that strengthen local control, enhance public services, and improve community well-being.
- Membership base of **26 Member Cities** and over **55 Affiliate Members** including public agencies, universities, utilities, the medical community, nonprofits, and major employers.
- **13 voting board members** with a wide range of regional representation.



*ACC-OC brings diverse expertise to regional problem-solving while fostering effective public-private partnerships.*

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2025-26 ACC-OC



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SoCalGas



**Kris Murray**  
ACC-OC

*\*2nd District Representative currently Vacant*



# Who is ACC-OC

## Member Cities:

**Aliso Viejo** **Anaheim** **Buena Park** **Costa Mesa** **Dana Point** **Fountain Valley**

**Garden Grove** **Huntington Beach** **Irvine** **Laguna Beach** **Laguna Hills** **Laguna Niguel**

**Lake Forest** **La Palma** **Los Alamitos** **Mission Viejo** **Newport Beach** **Orange** **Placentia**

**San Juan Capistrano** **Santa Ana** **Seal Beach** **Stanton** **Villa Park** **Westminster** **Yorba Linda**





# Who is ACC-OC

## Affiliate Members:



Aleshire & Wynder **AltaMed** Amazon Web Services **Anaheim Transportation Network** AT&T **Best, Best & Krieger** Burke, Williams & Sorenson **OC Black Chamber** Cal State Fullerton **CalOptima Health** Charter Communications **Cityside Fiber** Clear Advocacy **Crown Castle** Chrysalis **Cox Communications** CR&R Inc. **Disneyland Resort** Faubel Public Affairs **Falck** **First 5 OC** Goodwill OC **Hospital Association of Southern California** Irvine Ranch Water District **Kosmont Companies** Jacob Green and Associates **Jamboree Housing** John Wayne Airport **Mesa Water District** Metropolitan Water District **Moulton Niguel Water District** Municipal Water District of Orange County **National CORE** National Demographics Corporation **Orange County Conservation Corps** Orange County Museum of Art **Orange County Power Authority** Orange County Realtors Association **Orange County Sanitation District** Orange County Transportation Authority **Orange County Water District** Quality Management Group **Republic Services** Rutan & Tucker, LLP **Santa Margarita Water District** Southern California Gas **Southern California Edison** Tangram Interiors **Todd Priest & Associates** TNT Fireworks **Transportation Corridor Agencies** UC Irvine **UCI Health** UC Irvine's Institute of Transportation Studies **Vanir** West Coast Arborists Waste Management **Wild Rivers** Woodruff & Smart **Yorba Linda Water District**



# EDUCATION: **BOLD** BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## Empowering Local Leadership

### **BOLD Programs: Better Opportunities for Learning and Development**

- Hands-on tours, webinars, and briefings led by Policy Committees
- Real-time exposure to regional projects and policy issues

### **Newly Elected Councilmember Orientation**

- Foundations in governance, finance, and public service
- Features mandatory AB 1234 and AB 1661 training with certification provided by Best Best & Krieger

### **Workshops & Webinars**

- Topics include energy, water, land use, safety, and health:
  - State update on new municipal water conservation standards
  - Transforming Medi-Cal through California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)
  - Sober Living Home and Residential Treatment Facilities Update





# POLICY: Shaping Regional Solutions

## ACC-OC Policy Committees

Led by elected officials and focused on regional needs:

- Housing & Homelessness
  - Mayor Valerie Amezcuca, City of Santa Ana
- Transportation & Infrastructure
  - Councilman Patrick Harper, City of Fountain Valley
- Environment, Energy & Water
  - Mayor Alex Rounaghi, City of Laguna Beach
- Economic Development & Tourism
  - Mayor Janice Lim, City of Yorba Linda
- Healthcare, Veterans & Community Services
  - Councilman Howard Hart, City of San Juan Capistrano

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## ACC-OC: KEEPING OC IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# POLICY:

## California Sober Living and Recovery Home Task Force (CASLAR)



- ACC-OC provides administrative oversight for CASLAR, working to provide statewide leadership on behavioral health and recovery housing policy.
- Focus Areas:
  - Advocating for state-level regulatory standards to **ensure patient safety** in unregulated and for-profit sober living and group homes.
  - Supporting **local control to empower cities** to ensure these facilities operate safely and legally within residential neighborhoods.
  - Policy development and **legislative reform** during Prop 1. implementation.
- Learn More: [www.soberlivingtaskforce.com](http://www.soberlivingtaskforce.com)



# POLICY:

## SoCalGas Regional Energy Pathways Program



A partnership with SoCalGas and ACC-OC empowering Orange County cities and public sector agencies with energy efficiency solutions, technical assistance, and funding opportunities:

- **Rebates & Customized Incentives**

- Financial support for energy-efficient equipment upgrades.
- Customized incentives for large public sector customers (50,000+ therms annually).

- **Energy Efficiency Third-Party Programs**

- Public Direct Install Program: No-cost & co-pay energy-saving measures for small & medium public facilities.
- Large Public Sector (LPS) Program: Comprehensive facility assessments, project prioritization, and energy savings calculations.

- **Statewide Programs & Resources**

- Instant Rebates for commercial kitchens & water heating systems.
- Education & Training at the SoCalGas Energy Resource Center (ERC) in Downey, CA.



# ADVOCACY:

## Orange County's United Voice

### Legislative & Regulatory Committee

- Reviews and recommends positions on bills and regulations
- Monthly meetings open to all member cities

### Sacramento Legislative Advocacy Trip

- In-person delegation meetings with lawmakers and agency directors
- Focused on state priorities like housing, infrastructure, and public safety

### Federal Advocacy Trip – Washington, D.C.

- Engagement with Congress and federal agencies
- Amplifying Orange County's voice on national priorities

### Local Issue-Based Action

- Response campaigns to key issues (e.g., AQMD Rules 1111/1121)
- Coalition-building and outreach tools

### Legislative Tracking & Support

- Live bill updates, sample city letters, and talking points
- Support for staff and elected advocacy





# ON THE HORIZON:

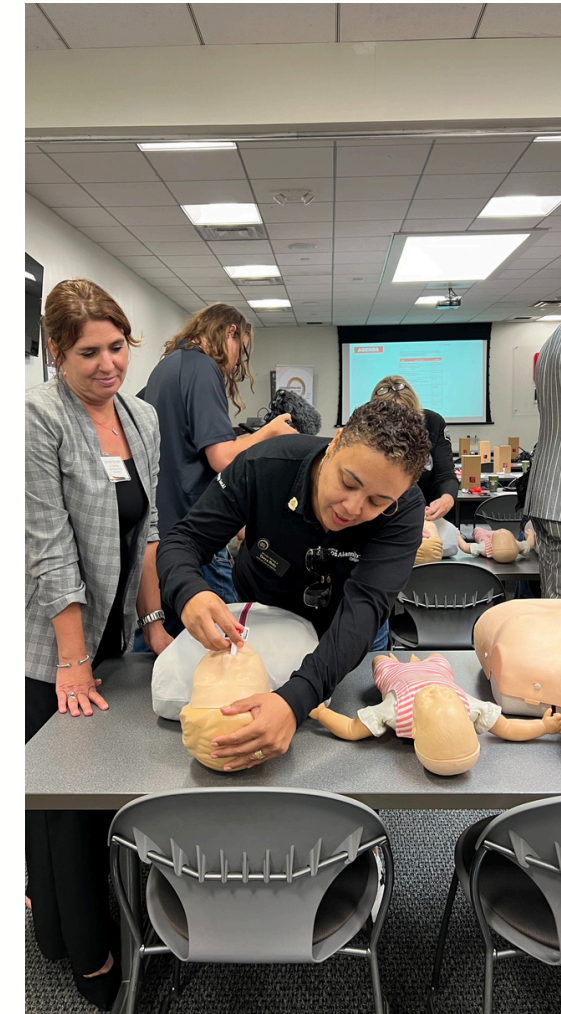
## Working Together to Move Orange County Forward

### Upcoming Issue Areas:

- Focus on Addressing Aging and Veterans in Orange County
- LA28 and FIFA World Cup - Supporting Orange County as a Major Tourism Destination
- Collaborative Fiscal Tools to Support City Budget Sustainability

### Connect with Us:

- ACC-OC online resources promote cities, advocate solutions, educate and inform officials.
- Resource-focused website with member portal: [www.ACCOC.org](http://www.ACCOC.org)
- Dynamic online weekly Policy Pulse newsletter and ACC-OC Open Session Blog.



**WWW.ACCOC.ORG**





# ON THE HORIZON: Upcoming Events



**Date:** Thursday, July 17, 2025

**Time:** 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**Location:** Wild Rivers, 10000 Great Park Blvd, Irvine, CA 92618, USA



**Date:** October 20-23, 2025

**Location:** Kimpton George Hotel  
15 E St NW, Washington, DC 20001, USA



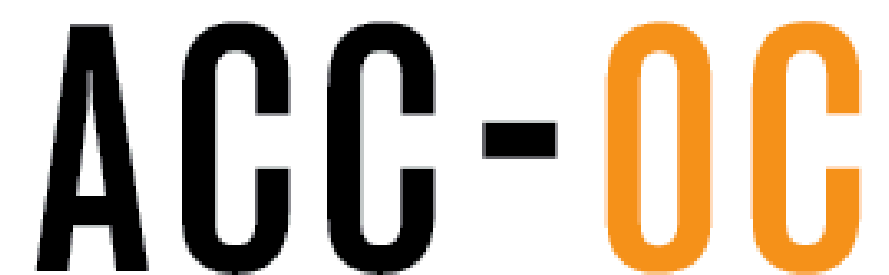
**Orange County Transportation Authority**  
**Express Lanes Program**  
**Sept. 9 - 11:00 AM**  
*Registration Opening Soon*



**Orange County Waste & Recycling**  
**Frank R. Bowerman Landfill Tour**  
**Sept. 18 - 9:30 - 11:30 AM**  
*Registration Opening Soon*

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# Thank You

On behalf of ACC-OC, thank you to the City of Fullerton for your time and consideration of renewing membership.

We look forward to partnering on our programs, communications, and advocacy efforts on behalf of Orange County cities!

*For more information, visit  
[www.ACCOC.org](http://www.ACCOC.org)*