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## **FDIC'S *MONEY SMART* Alliance Program Adds the County of Orange as Newest Member**

**Santa Ana, Calif.** (January 31, 2019) – On January 22, 2019, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) approved the County of Orange’s application to join the FDIC Money Smart Alliance Program, which is designed to promote financial education nationwide.

The *Money Smart* curriculum is comprised of 14 comprehensive instructor-led modules covering basic financial topics including an introduction to bank services, tips on obtaining credit and buying a home.

“Understanding the basics of money management is essential. The *Money Smart* program is a perfect addition to our existing County workforce-related programs and strengthens Orange County’s commitment to help people become economically self-sufficient,” said Orange County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Lisa Bartlett. “As an approved Money Smart Alliance Partner, the County will help participants enhance their money management skills, understand basic financial services offered by the financial mainstream and build their financial confidence to use banking services effectively.”

Scheduling for upcoming training sessions will begin on February 4, 2019; all classes are available free of charge and curriculum will be available in English, Vietnamese and Spanish.

“Financial education is absolutely crucial to strengthening our communities and improving quality of life. These workshops will put the power of knowledge in the hands of participants, increasing their ability to take control of their finances and future. It is exciting to expand programs like this that make a real impact on people’s lives and our economy,” said First District Supervisor Andrew Do, who supported workforce initiatives during his tenure as Board of Supervisors Chair in 2018.

For more information on adult financial programs offered by the County of Orange, please visit <http://www.oconestop.com>. For information on youth/young, adult (14-24) financial programs please visit [http://www.ocwib.org/young\\_adult](http://www.ocwib.org/young_adult).

The County is dedicated to helping employers, workers and communities prosper economically. Job seekers should visit one of the Centers ([www.oconestop.com](http://www.oconestop.com)) for access to job-search resources, job postings and training programs, as well as assistance with exploring career options, résumé and application preparation, career development, and much more. The County also helps businesses and employers by offering programs that focus on recruiting, training and retraining valued employees.

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