



## CEO's Message



### Balancing the Budget

County financial staff is hard at work developing the FY 2008/09 proposed budget. With uncertainty surrounding the extent and duration of the current economic cycle, the County is developing next year's budget with a disciplined approach consistent with our Strategic Financial Plan.

Although we still face challenges resulting from the State's \$17.2 billion budget deficit, our conservative fiscal management and implementation of proactive budget controls has prepared the County to face this and other challenges in the coming year. The proposed budget plan assumes the continuation of the current economic trends and reduced growth in tax revenues. Property taxes, which accounts for the largest share of the County's General Purpose Revenue, are anticipated to grow at a slower rate as a result of the downturn in the housing market. In anticipation of these challenges and the need to trend our spending plan downward, the Board of Supervisors increased general fund reserves by \$13 million and directed that the County Executive Office develop a level spending plan for FY 2008/09.

This conservative approach to the management of the budget has created a foundation that allows the County to maintain existing levels of

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## Update: Employee Salary Public Records Request

The majority of current and former County employee names, titles and salaries paid during the 2007 calendar year were released to the Orange County Register last week in response to the paper's public records request.

Names of all employees who requested redaction due to safety risks were not released. These requests for redaction were reviewed on an individual basis by a panel consisting of staff from Human Resources Department, Social Services Agency and County Counsel. If a request for redaction was insufficient in providing enough information to determine a threat to safety if the employers name were revealed, contact was made with the employee requesting additional information or supporting documentation. Employees then had another opportunity to state the significant threat to their safety and/or documentation for review.

Names of employees who initially requested redaction and could not support that a safety threat exists due to their employer's name being revealed will be provided to the *Register*. This second release of information will be included with the majority of employee information already provided to the paper.

At this time, the employee information has not been published by the paper. It is possible that it may soon be published in the paper's hard copy and/or on the paper's web site. The intentions of the paper are not yet known.

### Background

The California State Supreme Court recently ruled that public employee salary information, regardless of position or salary amount, is public information and may be accessed by any member of the public.

The *Orange County Register* requested the names, titles, base salaries, overtime, premium and other pay amounts for all current and former County employees who received compensation during the 2007 calendar year. The request was reviewed with County Counsel and it was determined that the information requested is generally public and must be disclosed.

To view frequently asked questions about the public records disclosure, visit:

<http://ocintranet.ocgov.com/Docs/EmployeeSalaryDisclosureFAQ.pdf>.

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service while strategically investing in new projects that build efficiency and enhance services for the citizens of Orange County. Highlights of the FY 2008/09 budget proposal include:

- Funding to support development of the County Accounting and Personnel System (CAPS)
- Consideration of funding support for the Probation Department to implement Continuous Electronic Monitoring with GPS for certain classes of offenders
- Funding to support the harbor revitalization project at Dana Point Harbor
- Funding for the expansion of the Laguna Niguel Library
- Funding for the Airport Improvement Program that includes improvements to the terminal, parking structure and other projects

Later this month, the County will hold its 13th annual Public Budget Workshop to inform the public about the budget process and highlight significant changes for the upcoming year. The agenda for this year's workshop include:

- Continuous Electronic Monitoring with GPS (Probation Department)
- DNA Laboratory (District Attorney's Office)
- Public Mass Notification System (CEO/IT)

Following the workshop, the County will hold public hearings to provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the budget proposal and for the Board of Supervisors to discuss and request information from staff regarding the budget components. With direction received by the Board during the Public Hearings, staff will develop a final version of the budget for adoption at the June 24th Board Meeting.

**Thomas G. Mauk**  
County Executive Officer

## Director Helps Form OC Community Resources Department



**Steve Franks coaches a new team as Director of OC Community Resources. Franks was previously an executive manager with the Health Care Agency.**

With a month into his new post as Director of OC Community Resources, Steve Franks welcomes the exciting challenges to come with heading up a newly-formed department. As director, Franks oversees the services and staff of OC Community Services, OC Animal Care, OC Parks, and OC Public Libraries.

"Many of our residents receive services from a number of our programs," said Franks. "This allows our new department to develop active relationships between our programs, share resources and build even greater customer service."

OC Community Resources was formed in March as part of the County's reorganization to consolidate departments and improve the County's financial position through the sharing of administrative resources and achieving economies of scale. Aligning the four service systems will increase access and improve the delivery of services.

Franks' experience working for the County began as an intern in 1981 for the previously named Community Services Agency. Since that time, he has held varied positions with increasing responsibility, including working in the County Budget Office, serving as Chief of Staff for former Second District Supervisor Jim Silva, and most recently as an Executive Manager for the Health Care Agency.

Although not a native Californian, Orange County has been home to Franks for most of his life. He lived outside of the area while attending college, when he earned a degree in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles. He now lives in Brea with his wife, DeeDee, and their three children.

"This is a tremendous opportunity offered to me by the CEO with support of the Board to help put a new department together," said Franks. "I am extremely fortunate to work with a terrific group of individuals to provide the best services possible. Providing these services to the same community that I grew up in is also an extremely rewarding experience."

Franks is an avid basketball fan and recently coached the girl's basketball team at Western High School in Buena Park for five years.

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## The Branches of OC Community Resources

- Karen Roper was recently appointed as Director of **OC Community Services**, which is comprised of Community Investment, Housing, Human Relations, Office on Aging & Homeless Prevention and Veterans Services. She has worked for five different County departments spanning more than 27 years. A focus of her service with the County has been on the development of the aging and homeless system of care and most recently served as Executive Director of Office on Aging & Homeless Prevention.
- As Director of **OC Animal Care** Jennifer Phillips, manages animal control, a veterinarian clinic, an animal care center as well as pet licensing and administrative operations. Since she has led OC Animal Care over the past four years, public outreach has been a key focus that has notably resulted in a 45% increase in pet adoptions. Phillips' diverse background in public service includes having worked for the LA County Sanitation Districts, Orange County Transportation Authority and the City of Fullerton.
- Earlier this year, Mark Denny was selected as Director of **OC Parks**. Denny served as Assistant Director for the park system for two years and prior to joining the unit served as Chief of Staff of Third District Supervisor Bill Campbell. Since joining OC Parks, he has been instrumental in passing and implementing its new Strategic Plan which was adopted by the Board last October. Denny also serves as a Reserve Park Ranger in his free time.
- Helen Fried was appointed by the Board of Supervisors last month as the County Librarian, having served as Acting Librarian since March 2007. Fried was employed by the Long Beach Public Library for more than 15 years in a number of administrative capacities before joining **OC Public Libraries** six years ago. She managed the introduction of downloadable audio books and initiated the Literary Orange festival.

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## May is National Foster Care Month

Each May, National Foster Care Month advocates the importance of permanency for the estimated 513,000 American children and youth in out-of-home care. Many cannot be safely returned to their own families either temporarily or permanently because their families are in crisis or may be unwilling and/or unable to provide for the children's essential wellbeing.

Throughout Orange County, people are serving as foster parents, adoptive parents, caregivers, mentors, advocates, social workers, and volunteers to help children and teens who have been abused and/or neglected. Thanks to these often unsung heroes, many dependent children will safely reunite with their parents and/or relatives or be adopted by loving families.

The *Orange County Register* and *Coast Magazine* recently spotlighted two Orange County mothers

who have fostered and adopted former foster children. The *Register* shared the story of [Alena Strickland](#), a former Los Angeles County resident who recently relocated to Lake Forest and has provided foster care for 120 children, including those with major disabilities.

*Coast Magazine* explored the world of alternative childbearing through the stories of five Orange County women, including [Guiselle Scott](#), who adopted a young girl through Orange County Social Services.

Children in Orange County and in communities throughout the United States urgently need more foster and adoptive parents to come to their aid. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, call 888-871-KIDS or visit [www.oc4kids.com](http://www.oc4kids.com) for additional information.



## Change is in the Air at John Wayne Airport

Change is in the air and on the ground at John Wayne Airport (JWA). Designed to serve 8.4 million annual passengers, the Thomas F. Riley Terminal served nearly 10 million passengers in 2007.

As a result, security screening checkpoints, baggage claim, parking and other terminal facilities are operating beyond their design capacity. JWA's multi-year "Airport Improvement Program" will bring much needed facility improvements to the business and leisure travelers who use the Airport. Construction of a new overnight parking area is well underway, restrooms are being renovated, and new power receptacles have been installed in Terminals A and B so passengers can charge their electronic devices.

This fall, Parking Structure B1 will be removed to make room for the new passenger terminal. The new overnight parking area will become Temporary Parking Lot C, located south of existing Parking Structure B1. Lot C will be available for passenger parking until a replacement parking structure is built.

During this time, the Airport will have a few hundred spaces less than it does now. Travelers are encouraged to allow more time to find parking or consider alternate methods of transportation - especially on the Airport's busiest days, Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information about JWA's Improvement Program, please visit [www.ocair.com/improvements](http://www.ocair.com/improvements).



Pictured is an architectural rendering of a completed Temporary Parking Lot C, scheduled to open August 1, 2008. The center of the rendering represents the construction area where existing Parking Structure B1 is removed and the area is being prepared for construction of Terminal C.

## Volunteers with Child Support Services Clear the Way for Clients



Volunteers with the Child Support Services Department were recognized for their dedicated service in a department ceremony last month. From left, David Goldsworth and Arlette Pfest are recognized by CSS Director Jan Sturla. CSS Volunteer not pictured is Miriam Reynoso.

Each Tuesday and Thursday, three bilingual volunteers dedicate their afternoon to help clients at the Child Support Services Department. David Goldsworth, Miriam Reynoso and Arlette Pfest attentively walk through forms, answer questions, and help clients understand sometimes intricate processes and materials.

Completing financial and paternity-related forms can be involved and often invokes questions. Through the work of the department's volunteers, assurance and understanding is available for Spanish and English-speaking clients who may have gone without asking for assistance otherwise. A strong foundation of customer service is achieved as they meet clients on a one-on-one basis to guide them through a personal subject.

"The processes related to child support can be intimidating to those who have not had experience with legal

matters, especially to those whose primary language is not English," said Child Support Services Volunteer Coordinator Robin Vann. "The clients are deeply grateful to have the volunteers help them understand or interpret the forms and walk them through the fine details."

Combined, Goldsworth, Reynoso and Pfest have donated approximately 1,000 hours of their personal time over the last two years. Goldsworth alone has given nearly 650 hours.

In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, the three volunteers were recognized in a department ceremony on April 22nd for their tireless and caring service.

"The whole department appreciates the work they do for us," said Vann. "They happily donate their personal time to help us reach out and connect to our community."

### Get The 411 On OC Registrar of Voters

- 84% of Orange County's eligible voter population, or 1.5 million people, are registered to vote – the highest registration rate of eligible citizens in the State of California.
- Orange County was the first jurisdiction in the United States to use an electronic ballot stuffing and sorting system for vote-by-mail ballots and GPS technology to track Rapid Deployment Teams on Election Day, whose members troubleshoot polling places.
- For each countywide election, the services of 9,000 volunteers are needed and approximately 500,000 vote-by-mail ballots are requested.
- Orange County is the only jurisdiction in the United States that provides early voting opportunities at an airport location (John Wayne Airport), and was the first to deploy a mobile polling place for voting and outreach.

To get more of the 411, visit: <http://www.ocvote.com/>



# Human Relations Commission Hosts Awards 37

Recipients were recognized by the Orange County Human Relations Commission for their outstanding contributions toward eradicating prejudice, intolerance and discrimination from the community at its Awards 37 ceremony May 1st.

Cities. It celebrated its 37th anniversary this month with more than 500 attendees at The Grove in Anaheim. The following individuals, law enforcement, school and community organizations received top honors.

## Distinguished School Awards

Corona Del Mar High School  
Huntington Beach High School  
Sycamore Jr. High School

## Community Leader Awards

OC Human Trafficking Task Force  
Breath of Fire Latina Theater Ensemble  
Adrienne Santellan  
Sande Hart  
Ken Khanh Nguyen  
Rev. Robert Rohdenburg



Westminster Police Chief Andy Hall and his team focused on helping deal with the challenges of mental illness.

## Community-Oriented Policing Awards

Fullerton Police Department  
Tustin Police Department  
Westminster Police Department

To learn more, please visit [http://www.ochumanrelations.org/Awards\\_page.asp](http://www.ochumanrelations.org/Awards_page.asp).



Pictured above are Corona Del Mar students receiving awards from Mario Mainero, Chief of Staff for Chairman John M.W. Moorlach and Matthew Harper, Policy Analyst for Supervisor Janet Nguyen.



## 35 Years

**Teri Garza**  
OC Community Resources

## 30 Years

**Mark Greiner**  
Sheriff-Coroner

## 25 Years

**Deborah Almanzan**  
District Attorney

**Nancy Hesketh**  
Health Care Agency

**Raul Vasquez**  
Probation

**Curtis Casler**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Jose Armas**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Anothony DiAngelo**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Paul Kingsley**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Steven Dexter**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Michael Krueger**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**David Pless**  
Social Services Agency

**Markay Eason**  
Probation

**Brian Young**  
OC Public Works

**Phillip Azevedo**  
OC Community Resources

**Peter Hillebrecht**  
OC Public Works

**20 Years**  
**Steven Harness**  
Assessor

**Janet Eickholt**  
County Executive Office

**Grace Scott**  
County Executive Office

**Karen Schatzle**  
District Attorney

**Ellie Karimi**  
Health Care Agency

**Anna Ruiz**  
Probation

**Karla Siefkes**  
Probation

**Wendy Zane**  
Probation

**Lowell Smith**  
Probation

**Bruce Campbell**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Dave Black**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Ruth Rodriguez**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Dan Batchik**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Lindy Pyne**  
Social Services Agency

**Rachel Forman**  
Social Services Agency

**Anju Sapra**  
Social Services Agency

**Lydia Garcia**  
OC Public Works

**Angel Aguilera**  
OC Public Works

**Jon Anderson**  
OC Public Works

**Matthew Platt**  
OC Public Works

**Minerva Wilson**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Jacqui Voss**  
OC Community Resources

**Ira Stein**  
John Wayne Airport

**Beatriz De La Torre**  
John Wayne Airport

**Judith De Leon**  
County Executive Office

**Ricardo DeGuzman**  
OC Public Works

**Charles Beal**  
OC Public Works

**Douglas Zeissner**  
OC Public Works

**Bonifacio Vasquez**  
OC Community Resources

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