

## Steve Connolly Appointed Director of Office of Independent Review

Stephen Connolly began work this month excited by the opportunity to lead the County's newest department as Executive Director of the Office of Independent Review (OIR). After a quick tour of his Santa Ana office space, he set out to meet as many new faces as possible.

OIR was created by the Board of Supervisors to monitor, assist and advise the Orange County Sheriff-Coroner in investigations of alleged officer misconduct and reviews of critical incidents, including officer-involved shootings and in-custody deaths.

"I have tremendous respect for peace officers. At the same time, I'm trying to add value by providing an outside perspective," said Connolly. "My job is to make sure – from a front row seat – that the Department's own review systems are working the way they're supposed to, and that problems are being fixed. Ideally, OIR will give the public a better understanding of the Department, and more confidence in how it handles things."

Connolly was born and raised in Massachusetts and moved to Long Beach with his wife in 1987. While the couple both worked as teachers, he obtained a Masters Degree in English Literature from the University of California, Irvine and spent four years attending night classes at Loyola University School of Law in Los Angeles.

After his admission into the State Bar, Connolly accepted a position at a firm defending clients accused of white collar crimes. When a colleague was appointed the Los Angeles Police Commissioner as a member of the Rampart Review Committee, Connolly joined the team. This was his first experience in dealing with the controversies and misconduct issues that can harm law enforcement's standing in the community.

In 2001, he was asked to come on board the new Los Angeles Department Office of Independent Review as a staff lawyer. "Seven years ago, Los Angeles was where Orange County is now in its relationship to civilian oversight," Connolly said. "The deputies in L.A. were uncer-

tain at first, but the relationship definitely improved through communication and collaboration. They developed some trust that we were there to help improve the department, not to make it look bad."

Connolly looks forward to working with the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Officer, County Counsel, the District Attorney, the Human Relations Commission and members of the public. He sees his office as a potential link between the different groups and the Sheriff's Department.

The additional responsibilities of the oversight unit include providing status reports and findings to the Board and Sheriff-Coroner on OIR investigations, reporting to the community, and highlighting the efforts of Department employees who perform their duties in an exemplary manner.

"Everyone wants the Department to perform well," Connolly said. "We may have different paths and different responsibilities, but we share the same ultimate destination."



**Steve Connolly begins his new position as the County's Executive Director of the Office of Independent Review.**

## Ground Breaks on Self-Generating Power Facility

Starting next year, as employees in the Santa Ana Civic Center boot up their computers to begin the workday, the electricity needed to operate everything from lights to copiers will also be supplied by the County.

“The cogeneration conversion project is expected to provide significant future cost savings while creating a source of self-generating electricity and heat for surrounding facilities,” said Philip Cook, OC Public Works.

OC Public Works operates a Central Utility Facility (CUF) that provides steam for heating and chilled water for cooling. Since the CUF opened in 1968, it has supplied heat and air conditioning around the clock to County, city, state and federal buildings in the Civic Center. Electricity needs, however, are fulfilled by Southern California Edison.

Cogeneration is the simultaneous production of heat and power in a single process that results in more efficient facility power and heat generation. Construction work will continue between the Santa Ana Public Library and the City of Santa Ana City Hall until the end of October, and in the area between Buildings 10 and 12 until November.

For more information, please contact Barbara Tidball, OC Public Works at (714) 567-6516 or [Barbara.Tidball@rdmd.ocgov.com](mailto:Barbara.Tidball@rdmd.ocgov.com).



A worker inspects a mechanical vault for steam lines.

## Employees Needed for Presidential Election

County employees, especially those with bilingual Chinese, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese speaking abilities, are needed to help staff and manage 1,300 polling places for the Nov. 4th General Election.

To learn more, please read the details below. For additional information, contact the Registrar of Voters' office by calling (714) 567-7575.

### Eligibility

- Must be able to read and speak English
- Must be able to work from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Election Day
- Must be registered to vote in California
- Must complete training

### Compensation

In addition to your normal day's (8 hours) pay, you will receive:

- A stipend of \$20 to complete required training
- A stipend of \$75 to serve as a Clerk
- A stipend of \$100 to serve as an Inspector, plus \$10 to pick up supplies
- A stipend of \$100 plus mileage to serve as a Coordinator or on A-Team





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### Duties

- Set-up and administer designated Polling Place
- Direct voters to sign-in and verify signature
- Assist voters to operate the electronic voting machine or applicable system
- Answer voters' procedural questions
- Close polls at the end of the Election Day

### How To Apply

1. Sign up online at <http://www.ocvote.com/volunteer/>
2. Your application will automatically be forwarded to your Supervisor
3. Supervisor will approve or disapprove your application for each election selected
4. If approved, you will be assigned to a polling place or a position
5. If disapproved by your Supervisor, you will be notified via email

## A-4 Skyhawk Memorial Dedicated

To the sounds of the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band, an A-4 Skyhawk Marine Memorial was unveiled Sept. 9 in the Santa Ana Civic Center. The ceremony was dedicated by the Board of Supervisors, KOCE-TV's co-host Ed Arnold and U.S. Marine Corps Major General Terry Robling.

In 1998, Capt. Dan McCoy of the Santa Ana Police Dept. formed the Orange County Marine Corps Memorial Foundation with the goal of creating this veteran's memorial. The Board of Supervisors directed the County Executive Office to work with the Foundation to make its dream a reality in 1999.

The completed memorial, located in the Civic Center Plaza, features an authentic A-4 Skyhawk Aircraft. This type of plane was flown out of Orange County during wartime.



Visitors to the Civic Center Plaza get a closer look at the new Marine Memorial on dedication day.



The Presentation of the Colors by VMFA-232, United States Marine Corps.



Musical selections played by the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band accompany the ceremony.

# Adult Literacy Tutor Receives Excellence in Volunteerism Award

Costa Mesa resident Floy Newman was honored by the Board of Supervisors with the *Excellence in Volunteerism Award* for her dedication to OC Public Libraries' READ/Orange County adult literacy program in a special ceremony Sept. 6.

The award is part of a County of Orange recognition program that emphasizes sustained volunteer service and celebrates the contributions of exceptional volunteers who are making a positive impact within County government and within the community.

Newman has been actively involved as a literacy tutor for five years, giving her time and expertise to inmate instruction through the Working for Inmate Literacy Now (WIN) component of READ/Orange County.

When asked about some of her most meaningful experiences as a literacy tutor, Floy describes a developmentally delayed student who she has worked with on-and-off for approximately two years. As a result of her intervention, he progressed from struggling through three sentences in a Dr. Seuss book to confidently reading about dolphins at a third-grade reading level.

For more information about the READ/Orange County adult literacy program, please call (714) 566-3070 or visit [www.readoc.org](http://www.readoc.org).



Steve Franks, Director of OC Community Resources (left) and Marcia Tungate, OC Public Libraries (center) present Floy Newman with the award (right).

## Upcoming United Way Events



### Oct. 13 – Golf Tournament

Golfers will tee-off to an 8 a.m. shotgun start at the Green River Gold Course. Tournament registration includes a goodie bag, 18 holes with cart, continental breakfast, banquet lunch, opportunity drawing ticket and more. Green fees are \$125 after Sept. 12. Register soon, this event will sell out!

For more information, please contact Lisa Poma at (714) 834-5689.

### Oct. 8 – Kick-Off Rally at the Old Orange County Courthouse

Enjoy delicious barbeque, cold drinks and lively entertainment at the sports-themed Kick-Off Rally located at 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Pat Martinez at (714) 834-2468.

### Oct. 23 – Lamoreaux Justice Center Mini-Rally

There is sure to be lots of shopping opportunities and tasty treats at the Mini-Rally in Orange from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For more information, please contact Cynthia Contreras at (714) 569-2218.

For more information, please visit <http://ocintranet.ocgov.com/unitedway/>.

## Get The 411 On OC John Wayne Airport

- In 1939, John Wayne Airport was given the designator SNA, which stands for Santa Ana, the largest city near the airport at the time.
- Beginning in 1942, the federal government paid the County of Orange \$1-per-year for use of John Wayne Airport during the war. The airport was returned to the County in 1948.
- The Colombian airport scenes in the film Clear and Present Danger were filmed at John Wayne Airport. The signs featured in the movie were simply translated into Spanish, but the styling of the signs remained the same as those used in the airport today.
- A locally run airline known as Air Irvine operated at John Wayne Airport from 1982 to 1984.

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



### 40 Years

**Erin Gierke**  
Social Services Agency

### 35 Years

**Levell Barnes**  
OC Waste & Recycling

### 25 Years

**Michael Hiller**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Jean Wilkinson**  
Public Defender

**Jay Roberts**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Felipe Munoz**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Nathan Nishimoto**  
Social Services Agency

**Colleen Avila**  
Treasurer-Tax Collector

**Rogelia Martinez**  
Treasurer-Tax Collector

**Jeff Wermers**  
OC Community Resources

### 20 Years

**Veronica Benitez**  
Health Care Agency

**Luis Martinez**  
Health Care Agency

**Franklin Pope**  
Health Care Agency

**Merida Hughes**  
Health Care Agency

**Dan Yokoyama**  
Health Care Agency

**Dean Clarke**  
Health Care Agency

**Manuel Panga**  
Health Care Agency

**Pamela Ickes**  
Health Care Agency

**Blanca Ortiz**  
Health Care Agency

**Kimberly Stansfield**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Richard Zuber**  
Sheriff-Coroner

**Maria Lange**  
Probation

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Probation

**Leslie Harp**

Probation

**Kathy Martin**

Probation

**Brian Cochran**

Probation

**Desiree Tilford**

Probation

**Barry Permenter**

Sheriff-Coroner

**Raymond Weems**

Sheriff-Coroner

**Todd Schmaltz**

Sheriff-Coroner

**Sheryl Dubsky**

Sheriff-Coroner

**Elmar Bonifacio**

Sheriff-Coroner

**Donna Jefferson**

Social Services Agency

**Judith Mitchell**

Social Services Agency

**Bachtuyet Le**

Social Services Agency

**Anh Ngoc Nguyen**

Social Services Agency

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