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A Message to the First District

Dear Neighbor,

As we close out the year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the progress we made during my first year back representing the First District. Serving our community again has been an honor, and I remain focused on delivering results that reflect your priorities and the responsibility of this office.

My work focused on accountability, public safety, fiscal responsibility, and delivering policies that improve your quality of life in the First District. We took decisive steps to restore trust in County government by confronting the Andrew Do corruption scandal head on. We pushed for the return of stolen funds, secured the return of \$2.4 million in recovered property proceeds, and directed the preservation of records to support ongoing investigations.

We also worked to protect homeowners and working families by stopping harmful AQMD rule changes that would have forced costly appliance replacements, while securing a landmark agreement with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to reduce emissions in a responsible and practical way.

Additional efforts included improving transparency and public access at OC Animal Care, passing a countywide ban on synthetic kratom products to protect our youth, and saving taxpayers \$2.9 million by preventing an unnecessary and unproven mental health advertising contract.

As we look ahead to 2026, I remain committed to continued oversight, common-sense solutions, and responsive service to the First District. Thank you for the trust you place in me. It is a responsibility I take seriously every day.

Sincerely,

JANET NGUYEN

Supervisor, First District

Orange County Board of Supervisors

The First District is home to many of Orange County's first, largest, and most recognized places and events, including the largest Fourth of July parade west of the Mississippi. Together, these landmarks and traditions reflect the scale, history, and community pride that make the district a destination worth exploring.

THE HEART OF THE FIRST DISTRICT



VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL
Westminster



FREEDOM HALL
Fountain Valley



HISTORIC MAIN STREET GARDEN GROVE
Garden Grove



PACIFIC AIR SHOW
Huntington Beach



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
Garden Grove



DOG BEACH
Huntington Beach



NAVAL WEAPONS STATION
Seal Beach



ASIAN GARDEN MALL
Westminster



FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
Huntington Beach



JOINT FORCES TRAINING BASE
Los Alamitos

First District Accomplishments at a Glance

102 Board, commission,
and committee meetings

17 Directives, ordinances,
resolutions authored and passed

3,667 Constituent and small
business cases

1,589 Community events
and meetings attended

3,237 Certificates of Recognition and
Proclamations presented



Funding Returned to the First District

- **\$6,424,046 - Transportation and Infrastructure Funds**
Improved local road and transportation for safer and smoother travel
- **\$13,985,152 - OC Parks, Libraries, Animal Care Capital Improvements**
Refreshed neighborhood parks, libraries, and animal care facilities
- **\$7,500,000 - OC Public Works Capital Improvements**
Strengthened flood protection and improved local roadways
- **\$10,075,520 - AQMD Grants**
Replaced older school buses with cleaner vehicles to improve air quality

The Long Road to Justice

The fight to hold convicted former Supervisor Andrew Do accountable for his crimes that cost taxpayers millions

Upon taking office, one of my primary priorities was ensuring that Orange County residents received justice for the tremendous harm caused by the disgraced former Supervisor Andrew Do. I worked tirelessly to ensure that he received the maximum sentence allowed under the law.

I also championed efforts to recover \$10 million in stolen pandemic relief funds that were intended to support our seniors. Through a Board resolution, I directed County Counsel to submit victim impact statements to the federal court and the U.S. Attorney General, formally requesting the return of those funds to the County.

As part of the recovery efforts, the Department of Justice (DOJ) seized two homes and \$2.4 million in cash. Additional losses remain under review, including an incomplete Vietnam War Memorial project amounting to \$1 million dollars.

To ensure transparency and preserve the integrity of ongoing investigations, I directed County Counsel to indefinitely retain records related to Andrew Do's activities, including emails and official communications. A forensic audit of his spending remains ongoing, and the County continues to pursue recovery efforts in coordination with the Department of Justice.

In addition, I have called on CalOptima to release its finalized report regarding Andrew Do's actions during his tenure as Board Chair so the public has a complete and accurate understanding of what occurred. This is especially important in light of recent findings showing that Andrew Do authorized a letter of intent committing CalOptima to overpaying \$11 million for a facility owned by an associate, ultimately costing taxpayers \$450,000 in forfeited escrow funds.



For more info:
<https://bos1.oc.gov/corruption-files-andrew-do>



Animal Shelter Improvements

My commitment to Orange County Animal Care began before I returned to the Board of Supervisors. While serving in the State Senate, I began reviewing conditions at the shelter in response to persistent community complaints, elevated euthanasia rate, and the fact that it remained the only county shelter in California closed to the public following COVID. At the time, I succeeded in opening the shelter on a part-time basis and authored a law establishing standards for animal medical records in county shelters.

Upon taking office as Supervisor, one of my first actions was adopting an ordinance reopening the shelter full time, requiring monthly postings of operational data and creating a community relations position to address public concerns. These transparency requirements ensure public access to crucial information such as intakes, adoptions, and euthanasia statistics. We also increased crucial kennel staffing, benefitting all the animals.

Although my legislation on website data passed the Legislature when I was in the Senate – but vetoed by the Governor -- these reforms are now fully implemented at the County level. As a result, OC Animal Care has taken meaningful steps toward improving service delivery, accountability, and its relationship with the community.





Protecting Homeowners Against Costly Appliance Mandates

During my first year on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Board, I focused on advancing environmental progress while protecting residents from unnecessary financial burdens. That work resulted in two successful outcomes.

First, I relentlessly fought and publicly promoted my opposition to Rules 1111 and 1121, which would have required the phaseout of residential gas-powered water heaters, furnaces and appliances. This would have placed an extreme financial burden on homeowners by requiring upgrades of electrical systems costing tens of thousands of dollars per home. The AQMD Board ultimately voted against these staff-recommended regulations, marking the first time in 25 years that the Board declined to adopt a staff-backed proposal.

Second, I worked to move the Board away from a one-size-fits-all regulatory mandate and toward a negotiated cooperative agreement with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to advance zero-emission infrastructure. By pursuing collaboration instead of rulemaking, the agreement established a workable path to reducing emissions from cargo-handling equipment, trucks, trains, and ocean-going vessels while balancing environmental goals with operational realities and protecting working families from new costs.

Together, these efforts show that environmental progress can be achieved without placing unnecessary costs on homeowners and working families.

Making Synthetic Kratom and Nitrous Oxide Illegal

To protect our children and residents from dangerous and highly addictive substances, I authored and got the Board to pass an ordinance prohibiting the sale, distribution, and possession of synthetic kratom products. These synthetic kratom products are engineered to concentrate 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), a compound



medical experts are describing as "legal morphine" and is significantly more potent and addictive than natural kratom.

Nitrous oxide products sold for recreational use are often marketed in small canisters and widely available at convenience stores, posing serious health risks when misused. Both substances are frequently packaged in bright, candy-like designs and sold over the counter, increasing their appeal and accessibility to young people.

To expand these protections, I am actively encouraging cities throughout Orange County to adopt similar ordinances to reduce access to these high-risk products and protect public health.

Protecting our Voter Roll Against Animals Voting

The integrity of our elections is paramount. Maintaining accurate and secure voter rolls is essential to public trust in our elections. Following reports that a woman registered her dog and voted under the dog's name in the 2021 Newsom recall election, I directed the Registrar of Voters to review existing safeguards and identify any gaps in the voter registration process.

As part of this effort, the Registrar was instructed to cross-check voter registration records against available pet license databases and to obtain additional records from cities outside OC Animal Care's jurisdiction. The Board also approved a measure requiring these cross-checks as part of ongoing voter roll maintenance.

To further strengthen election integrity, the Board directed the Registrar to contact registrants who had not yet provided required identification information, such as a driver's license or Social Security number, and request that the information be updated ahead of future elections.



First District Hosted Community Events



Swearing-In Ceremony

I was sworn in for a new term as Orange County Supervisor at Mile Square Park, surrounded by neighbors, friends, and community leaders from across the County. Having more than 700 people come together was a powerful reminder of who I serve and the responsibility that comes with this role.



Empowering the Future: Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Fair

This year's internship expo helped hundreds of students explore real-world career paths while giving parents a better understanding of the opportunities available beyond traditional college routes. By connecting families directly with local employers in fields like automotive technology, nursing, law enforcement, construction, and aviation, the event highlighted practical and in-demand career options for the future.

Partner(s): Orange County Department of Education; Dr. Stefan Bean, County Superintendent of Schools.





Cultural Heritage Festival: 50 Years of the Vietnamese American Journey

The Cultural Heritage Festival welcomed over 30,000 visitors and marked 50 years by honoring the Vietnamese-American journey and the sacrifices of those forced to rebuild their lives far from home. As home to the largest Vietnamese population outside of Vietnam, Orange County provided a meaningful place for families to gather and celebrate through live performances, cultural foods, carnival activities, and historical exhibits.

Partner(s): City of Fountain Valley, OC Parks, and CalOptima.



13th Annual Free Health Expo

My annual Health Expo provides free comprehensive medical, dental, and vision care to hundreds of community members who might otherwise go without treatment. The expo provided medical, vision and dental exams which included prescription/reading glasses, cleanings, fillings, extractions, and preventive screenings, specialty care, flu shots, mental health services, and health counseling. Now in its 13th year, the event continues to remove cost barriers and connect families with essential health services.

Partner(s): Lestonnac Free Clinic, Vietnamese American Physicians Association of Southern California and Medical, Educational Missions and Outreach.



Free Pet Adoption Expo

The Free Pet Adoption Expo helped pets find loving homes by removing adoption fees and offering low-cost veterinary services such as vaccinations, wellness exams, microchipping, and preventive care. The overwhelming community response led to plans for another free pet adoption event in Huntington Beach in 2026.

Partner(s): OC Animal Care and WAGS.



Annual Beach Clean-Up

Volunteers came together at Huntington Beach and Seal Beach through a strong community effort to care for our coastline. The cleanup united residents to protect marine life, preserve coastal ecosystems, and strengthen pride in our shared public spaces.



Free Vision Clinic

My Free Vision Clinic delivers mobile vision services throughout the year, including eye screenings and prescription and reading glasses, directly to communities in need such as senior communities, mobile home parks, churches, and temples. Services were provided to residents of Leisure World and other places around the First District, making vision care accessible close to home for seniors who might otherwise delay or go without treatment

Partner(s): Lestonnac Free Clinic.



Drive-Thru Free Food Distribution

When the government shutdown cut off SNAP benefits for tens of thousands of families in our district, the drive-thru food distribution stepped in to fill the gap with free groceries. More than 1,500 households received food during a critical time, helping families and seniors put food on the table when other assistance was unavailable.

Partner(s): CalOptima Health, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Community Action Partnership.



Career Fair

This year's Career Fair brought job seekers and employers together in one place, giving First District residents direct access to open positions, career pathways, and training resources. With employers hiring on the spot and free resume and interview workshops available, the event helped residents take real steps toward employment and career advancement.

Partner(s): OC Workforce Development.





Community Healthcare & Social Services Expo

The Community Healthcare and Social Services Expo connected residents with free health screenings, help enrolling in public benefits, and access to essential social services. By bringing multiple resources together in one place, the event made it easier for families and seniors to get support they need without navigating multiple offices on their own.

Partner(s): CalOptima Health, Orange County Social Services Agency, and Community Action Partnership.



Women of Distinction

Women of Distinction is an annual recognition program I created during my time in the State Senate to honor women who make a lasting difference through service, leadership, and compassion. Each year, community members nominate business leaders, teachers, nurses, and local leaders whose everyday work uplifts others and strengthens our neighborhoods, especially during Women’s History Month.

Vu Lan Festival

This year, I partnered with the Le Vu Lan (Parental Season Festival), a meaningful Vietnamese Buddhist tradition centered on honoring parents, ancestors, and the values of gratitude, love, and parental respect. Bringing multiple generations together, the festival strengthened family bonds and preserved cultural and spiritual traditions that continue to unite our community.

Partner(s): Vietnamese American United Buddhist Congregation.



Free Tax Preparation Event

My Free Tax Preparation Event helps low-income families, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and residents with limited English proficiency file their taxes at no cost. This annual event helps remove financial and language barriers and ensures residents could access refunds, credits, and compliance assistance they might otherwise miss.

Partner(s): Orange County United Way and Little Saigon Voice.



Scan here to see our upcoming events!

Board Presentation Highlights



California Surfing Day



Ao Dai Day



Pickleball Day



Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Huntington Beach Fire Department - Marine Safety



Service Club Month



Jewish American Heritage Month

Around the First District



Citizen of Character Award
Scouting America and Boys



Champion of Youth Award
Boys and Girls Club



Reading Across America
Huntington Beach



Strawberry Festival
Garden Grove



Memorial Day & Veterans Day
Seal Beach



Fourth of July
Huntington Beach



OC Emergency Pet Clinics 50 Year Anniversary
Garden Grove



Los Cerritos Wetlands
Seal Beach



La Palma 70th Anniversary
La Palma



Tet Parade
Westminster



Easter Family Fun Day
Fountain Valley



Kiwanis Thanksgiving Food Distribution
Huntington Beach



Los Alamitos Park Ribbon Cutting
Los Alamitos



Rossmoor Graduation Parade
Rossmoor



Cypress City Council Update
Cypress



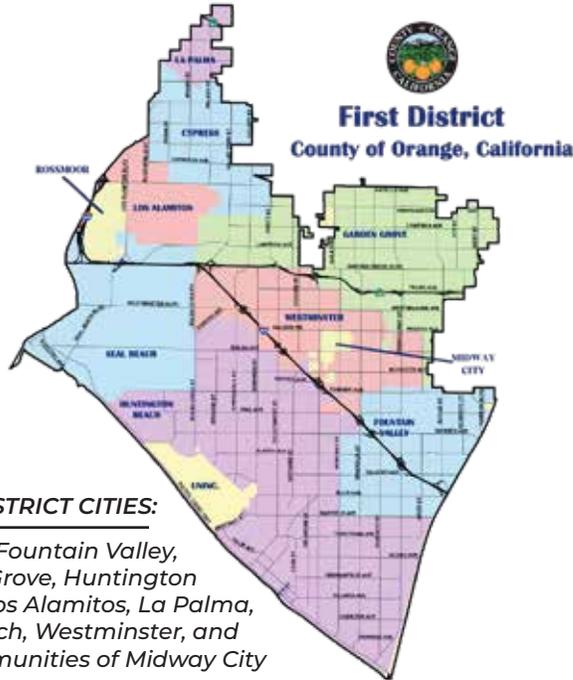
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