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Orange County Business Council 2023 Annual Report

On behalf of the State of California, I extend my sincere congratulations to the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) on the release of their 2023 Annual Report.

Since its founding, OCBC has been a steadfast advocate for economic development and quality of life for businesses and residents throughout Orange County. The organization’s work has been expansive, including commitments to effectively tackle our state’s housing crisis, prepare California’s workforce for the economy of our future, and maintain California’s economy as one of the most robust and industrious in the world. My office is especially excited to collaborate with OCBC in creating opportunities for economic development in Orange County through the Community Economic Resilience Fund given OCBC’s important role as Convener for the Orange County region. It is in that spirit of partnership and legacy of advocacy that today we celebrate more than 125 years of OCBC.

On this significant milestone, I am grateful to OCBC for its continued efforts to support Orange County’s businesses, community, and economy. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful annual dinner event and a future just as bright as the past 125 years.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
March 2, 2023

Orange County Business Council
2 Park Plaza, Suite 100
Irvine, California 92614

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to all who have gathered for the release of the Orange County Business Council’s (OCBC) 2023 Annual Report.

Since its inception, OCBC has dedicated itself to supporting businesses and economic opportunity throughout Orange County. At its 2023 Annual Dinner, OCBC provides a space for industry and thought leaders to discuss solutions that empower Orange County businesses. There is no doubt that its work will continue to benefit countless members of the Orange County business community for many years to come.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Dave Bartlett, the outgoing 2022 Chair of OCBC, and Jodi Duva, the newly elected 2023 Chair of OCBC. They have proven themselves to be leaders of the highest caliber, and I wish them the greatest success.

As your United States Senator representing the State of California, I applaud the Orange County Business Council for its remarkable achievements and contributions. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable event.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
March 2, 2023

Orange County Business Council
2 Park Plaza, Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92614

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to congratulate the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) on the release of the 2023 Annual Report.

Since 1995, OCBC has served as a leading voice for Orange County businesses, unifying numerous diverse industries behind shared goals benefiting the community. I commend OCBC’s longtime advocacy on some of the most important issues facing California today, including infrastructure investment, workforce development, and workforce housing. I congratulate Mr. Dave Bartlett for his service as Chair of OCBC in 2022 and Ms. Jodi Duva for being elected Chair of OCBC for 2023.

As your United States Senator, I celebrate OCBC for its continued efforts to support Orange County’s businesses, community, and economy. I send my regards for a wonderful Annual Dinner event celebrating the extraordinary investments being made throughout Orange County.

Sincerely,

ALEX PADILLA
United States Senator
March 2, 2023

Orange County Business Council
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Irvine, CA 92614

Greetings:

It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the Orange County Business Council on releasing its 2023 Annual Report.

OCBC’s strong dedication to advancing its core initiatives, such as economic development, housing, workforce, and infrastructure, is essential to increasing Orange County’s quality of life. The Board of Supervisors shares with OCBC the vision of a more vibrant, economically secure future for our wonderful County.

In particular, the County of Orange appreciates OCBC’s research and advocacy work, which bridges the gap between private-and-public sector leaders.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I extend a special thank you to Dave Bartlett for his successful leadership as Chair of OCBC in 2022. I also congratulate Jodi Duva for assuming her new role as Chair for 2023 and offer my full support; OCBC’s prosperity in the coming year is of great importance to our shared community.

Thank you to the Council’s Board of Directors, members, and staff for their collective efforts in supporting Orange County’s vibrant economy. The Council’s work ensures that our diverse business community is active and thriving.

The Board of Supervisors looks forward to continuing to collaborate with OCBC. Please feel free to reach out to my office if you ever need a resource at the County; my staff will be more than happy to assist.

Kind Regards,

[Signature]
Donald P. Wagner
Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors
Third District Supervisor

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March 2, 2023

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE), I wish to applaud the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) on the release of their 2023 Annual Report.

OCBC is a vital partner for local educators as we work together to support Orange County’s workforce development. We are extremely grateful for their commitment to furthering educational achievement and equity at all grade levels, from early childhood to college. From their successful Leading Educational Attainment (LEA) initiative to their tireless advocacy at the local, state and federal levels on behalf of Orange County’s workforce, OCDE is proud to partner with OCBC.

Thank you to Mr. Dave Bartlett for his service as Chair of OCBC in 2022, and congratulations to Ms. Jodi Duva for being designated OCBC’s Chair in 2023. I look forward to working closely with Ms. Duva and OCBC during this important year for Orange County’s students and workforce.

I am grateful to OCBC for supporting OCDE in preparing the workforce of today and tomorrow for the 21st-century economy. I send my warmest regards for a successful Annual Dinner event.

Sincerely,

Al Mijares, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS, Orange County Business Council (OCBC) has come to be known as the leading voice of business, working in partnership with academia, government and community organizations, to enhance the economic development of the nation’s sixth largest county. OCBC’s establishment was formed through the merger of the 100-year old Orange County Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial League of Orange County and the Orange County Economic and Development Consortium.

With a member base of some of the region’s most influential businesses and organizations, OCBC represents and promotes the Orange County business community locally, in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C. Working with its investors, government and academia, OCBC promotes economic development with a focus on business resources, an education system that produces skilled workers, an increased supply of housing options to improve affordability and sound investments towards an efficient and reliable infrastructure.

Member organizations include businesses and local organizations representing a diverse cross section of industries including, biomedical, construction, education, financial services, health care, hospitality, manufacturing, municipalities, nonprofit, real estate, technology, tourism, transportation and utilities.
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Since its establishment, the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) has earned the trust of its investors, the community, academia and government to be the leading voice of business in this region. From a local, regional, statewide and national perspective, OCBC’s influence continues to shape the way companies do business and public services are supported in the nation’s sixth largest county.

As the 2023 Chair of the Board of Directors, it is my honor to lead this great organization. Although the national economy currently presents complex challenges with high inflation and rising interest rates, we continue to see and project significant investment by businesses and organizations in Orange County. New business sectors, such as electric vehicles and space travel, have established their headquarters here. Major investments by our local healthcare partners are developing this region into the nation’s leading market for medical technology and services. Add to that our educational institutions, an abundance of outdoor activities, tourist attractions, shopping and great weather and Orange County is poised for steady and sustainable growth. In addition, as the labor markets have transitioned into a hybrid workforce that values a work-life balance, there is no better place to be than Orange County.

This growth, however, will require additional resources to support these investments. For instance, despite a growing number of new projects, the housing supply remains our most significant crisis. It is imperative that we have a dependable workforce that is properly trained to handle the needs of our employers. And, we must ensure an efficient and reliable infrastructure that is sustainable and environmentally responsible. OCBC is playing a lead role in all of these challenges as we pursue economic development while maintaining the high standard of living we enjoy here.

A couple of examples from the past year include:

• OCBC kept jobs in Orange County when it helped an OCBC investor in the semi-conductor manufacturing industry remain in Orange County through an expansion that kept over 200 good-paying jobs locally, after being courted to move its primary facility out of state.

• Successfully advocating on behalf of an investor looking to transform a current facility into much-needed senior housing.

Being an investor with OCBC is the best way to engage in the growth of Orange County. It’s investing in the people, the employers and the public services we all depend on. It’s investing in a rich heritage of growth from fields of orange orchards to one of the world’s leading economies. Thank you for your support and the privilege of leading this dynamic organization in 2023.

Jodi Duva
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- Tim Jemal, SOCCCD Board President

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Cal State Fullerton
Two-thousand and twenty-two was a year for embracing change at the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) as the Board of Directors, staff and I used this leadership transition as an opportunity to evaluate our work with a focus on the future of the nation’s sixth largest county. As you’ll see in this report, we accomplished this while maintaining a high level of engagement in all of our focus areas. We’ll continue building upon our foundational core initiatives that make Orange County unique—economic development, workforce, housing and infrastructure—while focusing on our strengths to advocate, inform, connect and promote.

The keystone of these core initiatives is continued economic growth and development. Retraction is simply not an option if we are to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in this region. Many of us have lived here long enough to witness the transition of an agricultural center becoming a leading business and economic center. Many prominent companies have made Orange County their home or west coast center. Both private and public sectors are also making many significant investments. These investments create greater opportunities for our smaller businesses and entrepreneurs. To support this growth, Orange County needs a properly skilled workforce, a range of housing options, and an efficient and reliable infrastructure reflective of the county’s unique attributes.

OCBC is properly positioned to take the lead in driving economic development in 2023. Our ability to bring leading voices from all aspects of the county to the table with a focus on the facts helps us to develop the best solutions together. Engaged representation from a variety of businesses, non-profits, government agencies, elected officials and educational institutions provides the proper platform to drive economic growth. All while recognizing that this must be done with reasonable environmental goals, setting a pathway for responsible development and being an example for other regions.

Orange County is the best place to live, the best place to work, the best place to invest and the best place to play. Let’s keep it that way! Your investment in Orange County Business Council provides the resources necessary to allow us to work towards these objectives that benefit all of Orange County and we appreciate your continued engagement and support.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ball
President and Chief Executive Officer, Orange County Business Council
Orange County Business Council represents and promotes the business community, working with government and academia, to enhance Orange County’s economic development and prosperity in order to preserve a high quality of life.

Orange County Business Council’s mission is guided by its four core initiatives.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
Foster pro-business solutions that offer high-paying jobs recognizing the benefits of global trade to the local economy.

**HOUSING**
Increase a cost-effective supply and range of housing for the region.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**
Increase investments in the construction, management, and maintenance of the county’s infrastructure—including water, energy, transportation, digital connectivity, and air quality—to meet the demands of a growing population and expanding economy.

**WORKFORCE**
Ensure a pipeline of skilled workers for Orange County’s diverse businesses, and help provide resources leading to employee retention.

OCBC’s signature reports, produced in collaboration with various community partners, track a comprehensive range of issues important to Orange County’s long-term stability and prosperity. These research reports, such as the Orange County Community Indicators Report, gauge where the county is making progress, where improvement is needed and help form the basis for OCBC’s policy initiatives.
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OCBC’s advocacy efforts promote Orange County’s economy and maintain the region’s unrivaled work-life balance. By supporting policies that foster accessible housing, efficient transportation and regulations that enable a resilient economy and workforce, OCBC’s Government Affairs team develops meaningful partnerships between business and government. The partnerships, in exchange, ensure that the business community’s interests are represented locally, statewide and on a federal level.

OCBC Advocacy & Government Affairs efforts are centered on these core initiatives. To develop:

- Economic growth strategies that safeguard a vibrant, healthy business community.
- A reliable and modern infrastructure system that can move goods and people safely and efficiently.
- A workforce prepared to compete in a global economy.
- An adequate housing supply to meet market demand at all income levels.

**2022 Successes**

- Achieved a 61% success rate on killing bad state legislation and securing the Governor’s signature on supported bills, despite a strong anti-business climate in Sacramento.
- Hosted exclusive, productive meetings in Sacramento with elected leaders, state officials and key business voices, in addition to dozens of meetings with local, state and federal officials held in Orange County.
- Recognized 34 local government achievements at the prestigious 12th Annual Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Awards.
2023 Goals

• Ensure Orange County businesses receive appropriate regulatory and legislative support to withstand downward economic pressure.

• Strengthen relationships with elected officials as Orange County’s business voice in Sacramento and D.C., so that policy proposals adequately consider economic and job impacts.

• Pursue meaningful reforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that curtail abuses while maintaining the state’s best-in-the-nation environmental protections.

• Protect growth and employment opportunities by pursuing refinement of the Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA).

• Secure Orange County’s fair share of state and federal funding.

OCBC’s advocacy efforts have been put to the test—as has been the case nationwide—in the last few years. Building and nurturing relationships between business and government has never been more critical. One thing is clear: OCBC will continue pursuing policy changes on behalf of Orange County to position its diverse business community as leaders in an increasingly global economy.

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2022 Successes

- Hosted the CSUF/OCBC 28th Annual Economic Forecast Conference with over 500 attendees.
- Awarded Orange County’s Regional Convener for the Community Economic and Resilience Fund (CERF) grant.
- In conjunction with the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development, submitted eight proposals that encouraged nearly $920,000,000 in investments and 1,500 jobs in Orange County.
2023 Goals

• Leverage OCBC’s LocationOC.com website to attract companies outside of Orange County in key and emerging industry clusters, including manufacturing, information technology, high tech, and clean tech sectors.

• Execute the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF) grant to assemble a diverse stakeholder collaborative to build a more equitable, resilient and sustainable economy in Orange County.

• Promote Orange County global connectivity and international trade via strategic partnerships, delegation briefings, and guest speakers.

“...We are fortunate that Orange County’s economy has recovered from the pandemic in such a short amount of time. As we look to the future, this year’s Economic Development Committee will work alongside OCBC on the Community Economic Resilience Fund, and focus on building a newer and better economy. One that is more equitable for its residents, more resilient to economic shocks and more environmentally sustainable to meet the challenges of climate change.”

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As demographics evolve, Orange County must move from traditional housing models to innovative plans that provide homes of the future for the workforce of the future. With minimal land available, housing must be diverse, while requiring increased density. Whether it's single-family detached homes, townhomes, high-rise condominiums or apartments, mixed-use development or master planned communities, Orange County desperately needs housing supply to meet the growing market demand. Critical for a sustainable workforce, an adequate and affordable range of housing is a time-sensitive need. OCBC works with investors, cities, community partners and financial institutions to provide resources that address this imbalance.

2022 Successes

• Submitted verbal and written testimony to support the development of 8,439 total housing units countywide.

• Successfully defeated legislation that would have made an environmental review of housing developments even more stringent (AB 1001) and bills that would have arbitrarily limited new housing construction or added unnecessary costs (SB 12, SB 1404).

• Collaborated with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and regional business leaders to revise SCAG Regional Advanced Mitigation Program (RAMP) Policy Framework, so it doesn’t threaten housing developments.

• Hosted informative discussions with California Senate Housing Chair Scott Wiener, California Department of Housing & Community Development Director Gustavo Velasquez, the UC Berkeley Terner Center for Housing Innovation, Rancho Mission Viejo, Building Industry Association of California, UCI’s Livable Cities Lab, Jamboree Housing and other influential housing leaders.
2023 Goals

• Pursue sensible reform to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and advocate for legislation that addresses the backlog in housing supply.

• Collaborate with Building Industry Association, California Apartment Association, Orange County REALTORS®, Urban Land Institute, other pro-housing and nonprofit housing organizations to facilitate more development necessary to house Orange County’s workforce.

• Develop information, messaging, and data to communicate the business and economic impact of not building enough housing.

“Orange County housing must be accessible to all levels of earners. With rising home prices, affordable housing for a broad spectrum of the workforce at all income levels is crucial to maintaining the region’s economic growth. OCBC must continue its efforts to reform local and state regulations and develop a pro-housing ethos in Orange County to remove barriers that hinder the development of a range of workforce housing. Otherwise, Orange County risks losing talent to other regions.”

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Essential to the support of the economic development of Orange County is an infrastructure system that is efficient and reliable. Most economic regions would envy what the nation’s sixth most populous county offers—a pleasant Mediterranean climate combined with outdoor activities ranging from world-class beaches to hiking trails and parks that afford residents a healthy year-round work-life balance. OCBC advocates for a long-range view of a solid infrastructure that connects residents, businesses and visitors.

### 2022 Successes

- Supported passage of legislation that helps businesses reduce emissions (AB 2893), allows cost-effective development of drought mitigation projects (AB 1845) and removes barriers to broadband infrastructure deployment (SB 707). Defeated legislation that would restrict mobility solutions in Orange County (AB 1778, AB 2237, AB 2438) and restrict the logistics industry (AB 2840).

- Submitted comments to regulatory and policy boards on infrastructure investments that will impact Orange County, including the Delta Conveyance Project, ocean water desalination, solar electric rates, goods movement and supply chain regulations, local and regional transportation improvements, and internet service.

- Elevated the business community’s voice with OCBC representatives serving on AQMD’s Air Quality Management Plan Advisory Committee, Mobility 21 Board of Directors, and Goods Movement Alliance.
**2023 Goals**

- Advocate for Orange County to receive its fair share of funding from the historic state and federal infrastructure spending packages.
- Continue advancement of the Delta Conveyance Project to ensure SoCal water needs are met.
- Help lead the development of a comprehensive plan that utilizes modern technology to help residences and businesses transition to a climate-friendly base of reliable energy resources.
- Advocate for maintenance and increased investment in local infrastructure from public agencies and local governments.

“OCBC continues to lead the charge in 2023 for a sound and sustainable infrastructure that’s adaptable to the unique aspects of the Orange County region in a post-pandemic age. These initiatives address critical issues such as transportation services, water sourcing, broadband access and energy solutions while preserving the environmental integrity of our region.”

Kevin Haboian, HNTB Corporation
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Last year, Annette was integral to the team opening City of Hope Orange County Lennar Foundation Cancer Center, the most advanced cancer treatment and research center in Orange County. Here, the nation’s top specialists provide breakthrough treatments and offer access to more clinical trials than anywhere else in the region.

Annette is committed to Orange County’s health and well-being. We are grateful for her leadership and all who contribute to City of Hope Orange County. Hope lives here, thanks to Annette and the incredible City of Hope team.
Recognizing the importance of a skilled workforce to have a strong economy, OCBC collaborates with employers, educators and community partners to strengthen partnerships that prepare students to compete in a global workforce across various industries. By advocating for broader STEAM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) and 21st century skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and creativity, Orange County is preparing students for the innovative jobs of the future.

2022 Successes

- Supported CSUF in their budget request for the Engineering and Computer Science Innovation Hub. The innovation hub, designed to create a new and improved space, will provide students and the community capacity to increase hands-on learning labs, maker spaces to cultivate innovation and room to leverage new technologies. CSUF received $67.5 million for this project.

- Advanced the work of the Orange County Workforce Development Board, Anaheim Workforce Board, United for Financial Security Leadership Council, and OC Pathways Executive council by serving on their boards.

- Advocated for employers to engage high schools, community colleges, universities, and workforce development boards, with hiring, mentorships, internships, and career awareness opportunities.
2023 Goals

• Increase college enrollment and reduce the achievement gap among first-generation communities by launching the revised 10 Education Essentials for Families workbook, formerly known as the 10 Education Commandments for Families, and a corresponding online module to allow for greater access to the curriculum.

• Advance K-14 partnerships with employers by developing a Regional Training Center focused on the development, training and continuing education required for future workforce needs.

• Identify and develop career pathways for today’s students giving them the incentive and opportunity to become part of the future workforce of Orange County.

• Promote and expand financial literacy in the K-12 education system.

In an economy that is only more global and dynamic, one fact remains true: Orange County must reskill and upskill today’s workforce to earn higher wages if workers are indeed to have a work-life balance and thrive in the nation’s sixth largest county.

Shari Battle, Bank of America
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Led by Wallace Walrod, Ph.D. Chief Economic Advisor, OCBC’s Research Department provides an objective bridge between policymakers and community and business leaders, ensuring informed decision-making for OCBC’s core initiatives.

2022 Successes

- Led the development of the 2022-23 Orange County Community Indicators Report, a tool for business, academia, and government to understand the region’s evolution, successes and where more work needs to be done.

- Held over 25 events and committee meetings promoting OCBC’s core initiatives.

- Developed the nationwide and international Draper Innovation Indices (DII US and DII Global) which measure the strength of innovation, venture capital investment, and entrepreneurship environments at the national, state and global levels. The indices have gained significant international attention, including coverage in the Wall Street Journal; Dr. Walrod serves as the Draper Hero Institute’s Chief Economic Advisor.

- Promoted research findings on OCBC digital and social communications targeting local, regional and statewide audiences.
2023 Goals

• Produce the 2023-2024 Orange County Community Indicators Report in collaboration with regional partners.

• Produce the 2023-2024 Housing Scorecard, the fifth edition of this report.

• Collaborate with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) on regional economic research and trends.

• Provide supporting data for OCBC policy initiatives and communication.

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