



# MINUTES

## AD HOC SAFE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE

February 4, 2020

6:00 PM

Council Chamber  
One Civic Center Plaza  
Irvine, California

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Co-Chair called the Ad Hoc Safe Community Task Force meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

Present:	9	MEMBER:	VIVIAN ATKINSON
		MEMBER:	RABBI YISROEL CINER
		MEMBER:	EDGAR DORMITORIO
		MEMBER:	IRA GLASKY
		MEMBER:	KAMBRIA HITTELMAN
		MEMBER:	PASTOR JORGE MOLINA
		MEMBER:	NOELLE SMILEY
		CO-CHAIR:	MAYOR PRO TEM MICHAEL CARROLL
		CO-CHAIR:	MAYOR CHRISTINA SHEA

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor/Co-Chair Shea led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor/Co-Chair Shea provided welcoming remarks that highlighted the goals and focus of the newly established Safe Community Task Force (Task Force) committee.

Mayor Pro Tem/Co-Chair Carroll provided welcoming remarks; noted May 1993 task force report and the intent to continue the good work done at that time; introduced the

members of the Task Force; and noted that resources concerning the Task Force would be on the City's website.

**\*CITY ATTORNEY OVERVIEW**

1. Ad Hoc Safe Community Task Force Structure

City Attorney Jeffrey Melching provided a PowerPoint presentation on the organizational and operational structure of the Task Force (Attachment 1).

**\*SPECIAL GUESTS**

1. Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer

District Attorney Spitzer was unable to attend the meeting.

2. Orange County Supervisor Donald Wagner

Supervisor Wagner thanked the Task Force for their willingness to volunteer on the committee; was grateful to see City leadership focused on this priority; asked the committee to use his office as a resource; noted the challenges that Irvine faces is county-wide; reiterated that legislation has encouraged stresses on local resources; and confirmed that the County stands ready to assist however collectively we can serve better.

Anthony Kuo, Councilmember and Vice Chair of the Orange County Great Park Board of Directors, noted that public safety is the highest priority; expressed encouragement that we have leaders in the City who brought forward this idea so that we can reassure our residents and businesses; and spoke that Irvine has been declared the safest City for over a decade.

**PROFESSIONAL TESTIMONY**

1. On behalf of Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer, Senior Assistant District Attorney Ebrahim Baytieh spoke on the following:

Partnership between the District Attorney's Office and the City; the importance of a varied task force community; shared suggestions such as practice policing, and ensuring the impact of hate crimes are recognized; the impact human trafficking has on the community and the need to educate the youth to deter future crime; the continuing efforts related to human trafficking; the relationship between hate incidents and hate crimes; spoke on the Orange County Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership Program; and offered support from the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Task Force Member questions and discussion included: what is the trend of hate crimes; concern for internet safety; inquired on current programs the District Attorney's

Office has in place for outreach within the community; and questioned the differentiation between a hate crime and a hate incident.

## 2. Irvine Police Department

Chief Mike Hamel and Acting Business Services Administrator, Crime Analyst Darcy Jones presented a PowerPoint presentation on an overview of Public Safety; crime statistics and pressing crime concerns; and a recap of the original May 1993 Safe Community Task Force Report and outcomes (Attachment 2).

Task Member questions and discussion included: appreciation of the Public Safety Department (PS); discussed the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and the Citizen's Police Academy program; the importance of the Driving Under the Influence (DUI) checkpoints; noted the Community Police Academy (CPA) program; complimented the City's Drone Program; noted the positive interactions between students and PS; noted the positive relationship between the Irvine Unified School District and PS; reflected on the challenges of social media and its perception of higher crime rates; noted appreciation of the collaboration between University of California, Irvine (UCI) and PS; tracking of hate crimes and hate incidents; and questioned what the City can do to better support PS.

Chief Hamel replied the department had always received any needed resources; expressed his appreciation at the leadership of the City as there is an investment in public safety; and stated that the City does have ongoing crime related to the theft of delivered packages.

## 3. Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force

Sergeant Juan Reveles presented a PowerPoint presentation on the structure of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force; and an overview of human trafficking. (Attachment 3).

Task Member questions and discussion included: why victims do not want to cooperate with law enforcement; percentage of females coming from foster care system or homelessness; what can the public do and how we can help identify and report these activities; questioned how to reply to residents who are concerned with brothels; and inquired on how many human trafficking cases have been in the City.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Newgent, Irvine resident, spoke on the Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) recommendation for two-way radio communication in the classroom during an emergency from the 1993 Task Force report; and thanked the Task Force Members for their effort in this area.

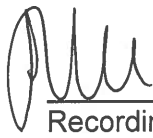
## **TASK FORCE DELIBERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Task Force deliberation and recommendations included the following:

1. Requested representation from the County of Orange to speak on Mental Health Services Act funds at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting when the focus will be on mental health issues.
2. Requested a 10-minute presentation on the role of social media and the internet, including perception and misinformation.
3. Requested Police Chief Hamel to provide statistics on human trafficking cases in Irvine and to further educate the community about human trafficking.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor/Co-Chair Shea adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. to **Thursday, March 5, 2020**, 6 p.m., City of Irvine, Council Chamber, One Civic Center Plaza, Irvine, California.

 Stephanie Womack  
Recording Secretary