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Mayor Sandy Rains Elected as Representative of Orange County Council of Governments and Southern California Association of Governments



Laguna Niguel, CA – On January 12, 2023, Mayor Sandy Rains was elected as the Orange County Council of Governments Representative, and as the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council District 12 Representative.

Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) is a voluntary joint-powers agency that provides a vehicle for public agencies to engage cooperatively on matters important to the county as a whole. OCCOG convenes jurisdictions throughout the county to address land use, energy, mobility, air quality, and water issues facing Orange County residents and ensures that Orange County is represented in regional decision-making. OCCOG is governed by a 19-member Board of Directors, and its representatives also serve on SCAG committees and Regional Council to further ensure Orange County's voice is heard when regional policy making occur.

As the subregional planning agency for Orange County, OCCOG is also responsible for conducting the elections for SCAG representatives for Orange County. Members of the OCCOG Board of Directors represent cities within their respective SCAG district and serve on the SCAG Regional Council. SCAG is a joint-powers authority under California state law, established as an association of local governments and agencies that voluntarily convene as a forum to address regional issues. As the SCAG Regional Council District 12 Representative, Mayor Sandy Rains will be representing numerous communities across Southern Orange County, including the cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Laguna Niguel, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining local control while also having a represented voice heard during regional decision making, Mayor Rains stated, “I’m committed to advocating for every person and every neighborhood”.

At the regional level, Mayor Sandy Rains also serves on the Housing Committee for the League of California Cities and as the City Council Liaison to both the Orange County Fire Authority and the Capistrano Unified School District. Her elected role as OCCOG and SCAG Regional Council District 12 Representative will go through December 2023.

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