
ALISO VIEJO

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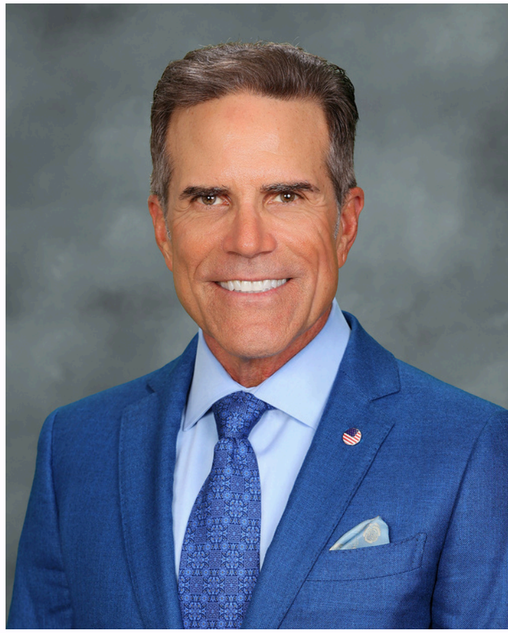

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In Honor Of



Mitzi Ortiz

Served the City of Aliso Viejo
2014-2025

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Aliso Viejo
Celebrating 25 Years
2001-2026



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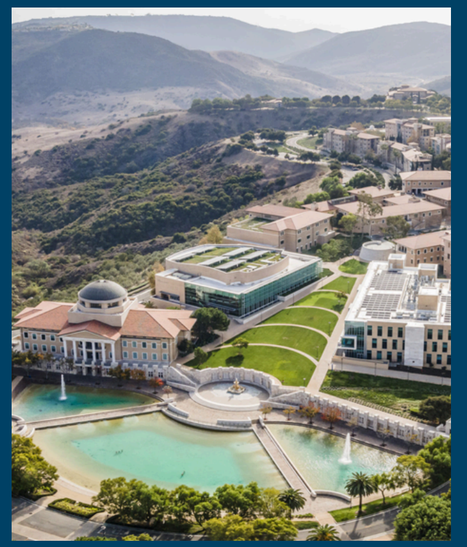
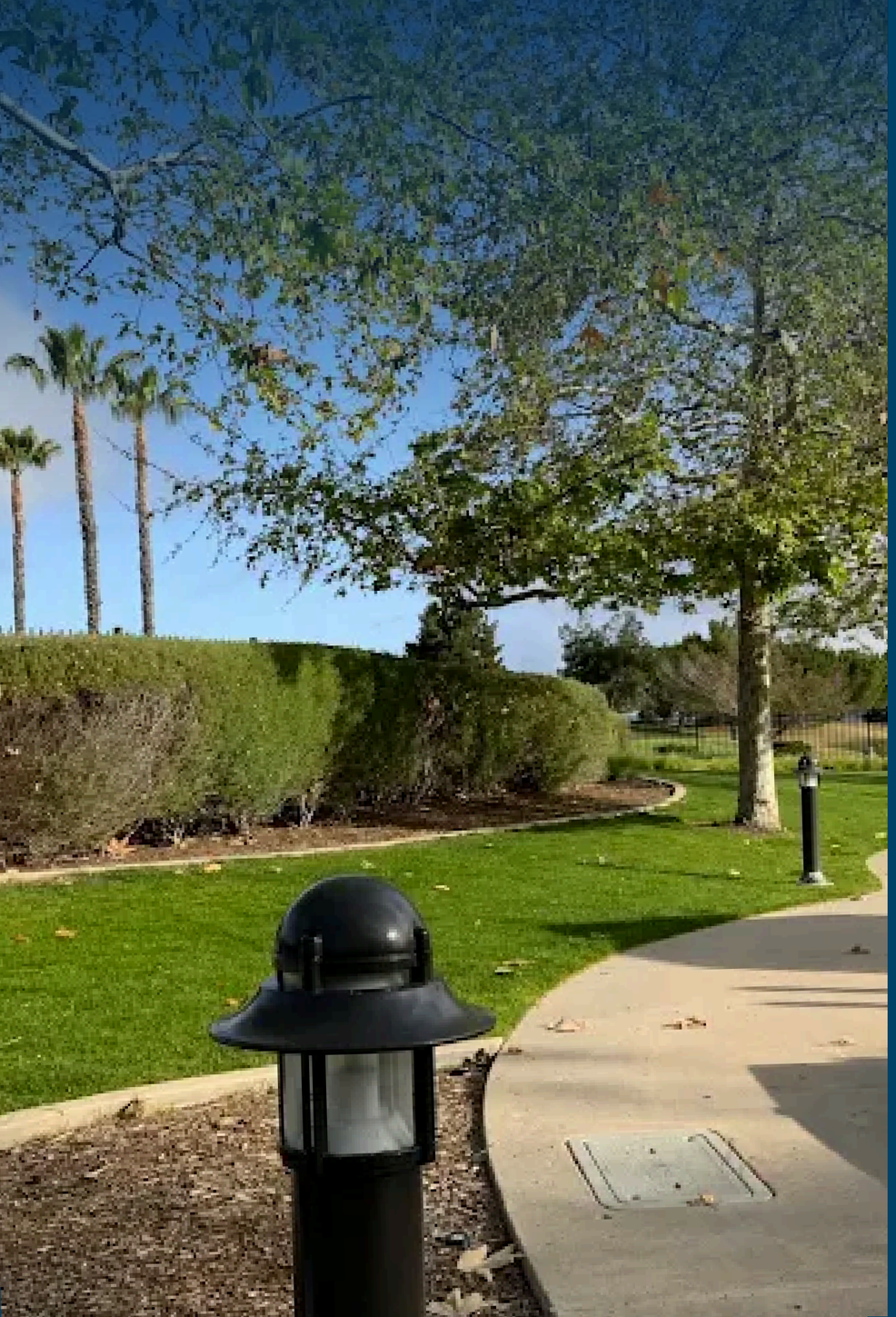
Where Everything Is Within Reach

Beaches. Parks. Community. Commerce.









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Mayor's Top 10

- **Pesticides Work**
- E-Bike Safety Stats
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- Historical Preservation
- Responsible Development - For Purchase
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- Pump Track
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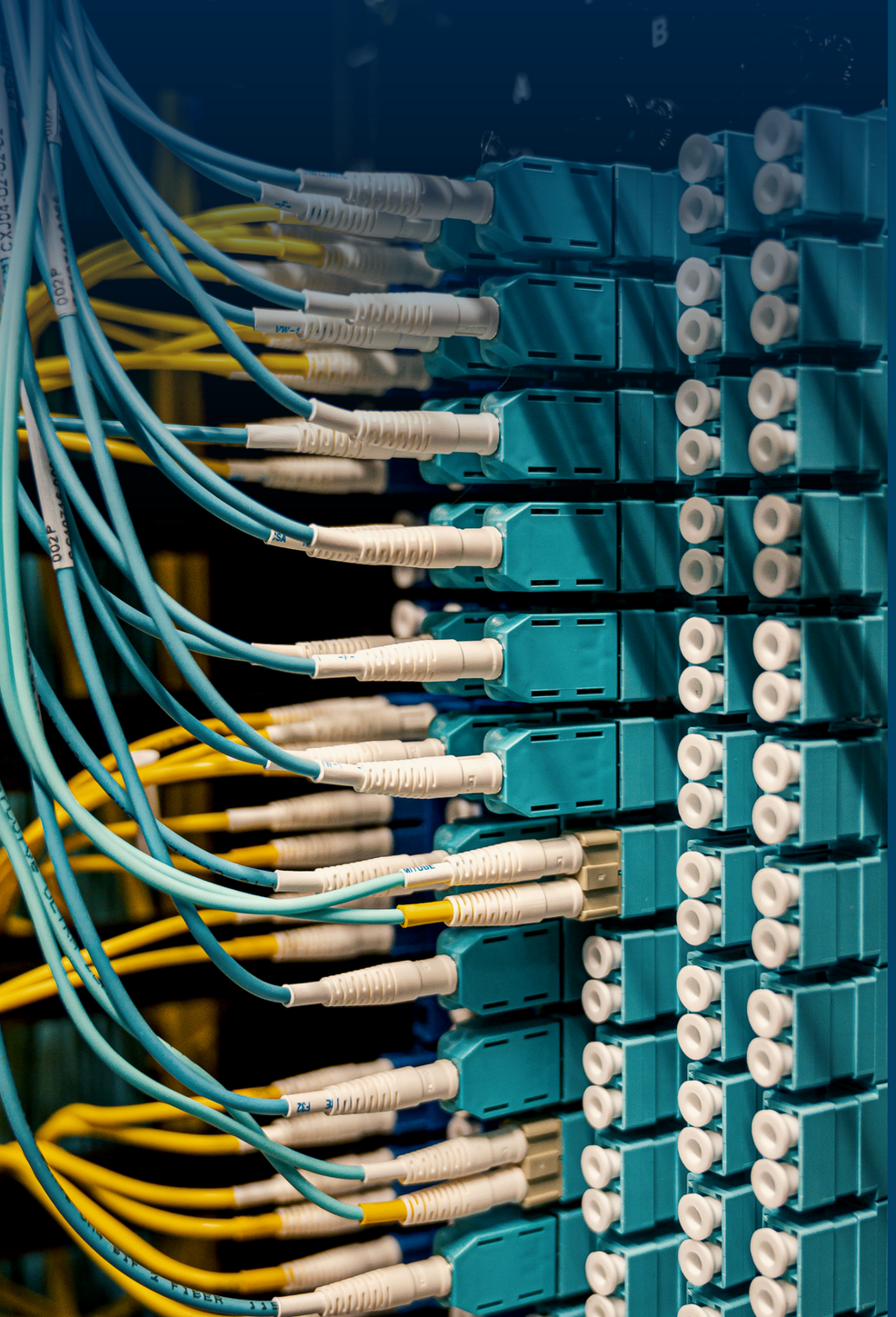

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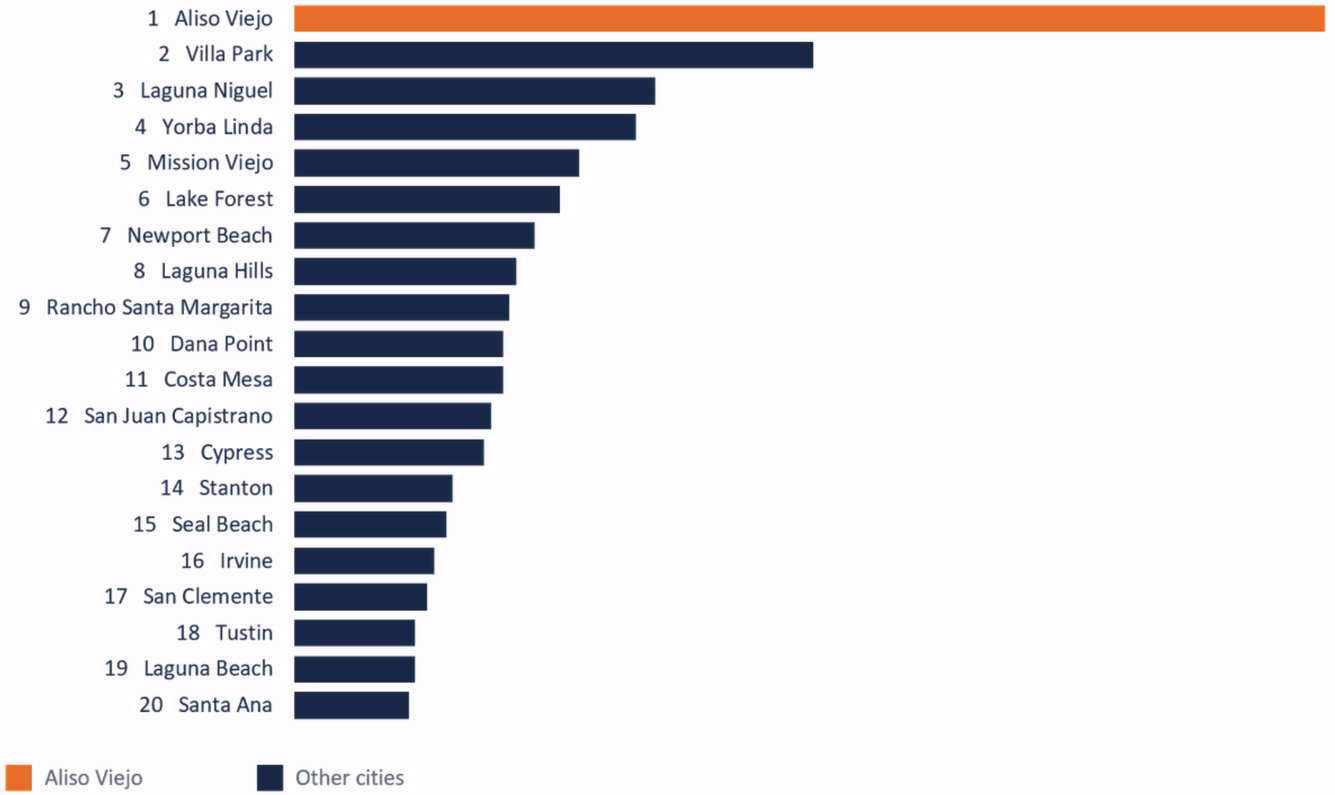
Reserves across Orange County cities

Top 20 cities by projected reserves relative to the adopted general fund budget, FY 2025-26



$49.0M

Aliso Viejo reserves against a $30.0M general fund budget

20 of 34

cities shown, ranked by reserves relative to the general fund budget

Bars share one scale. Checked against city records: Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Irvine, Santa Ana. Newport Beach and Mission Viejo figures conflict with city reporting; the rest are unverified. Reserve definitions vary by city.



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Brett Channing

City Manager

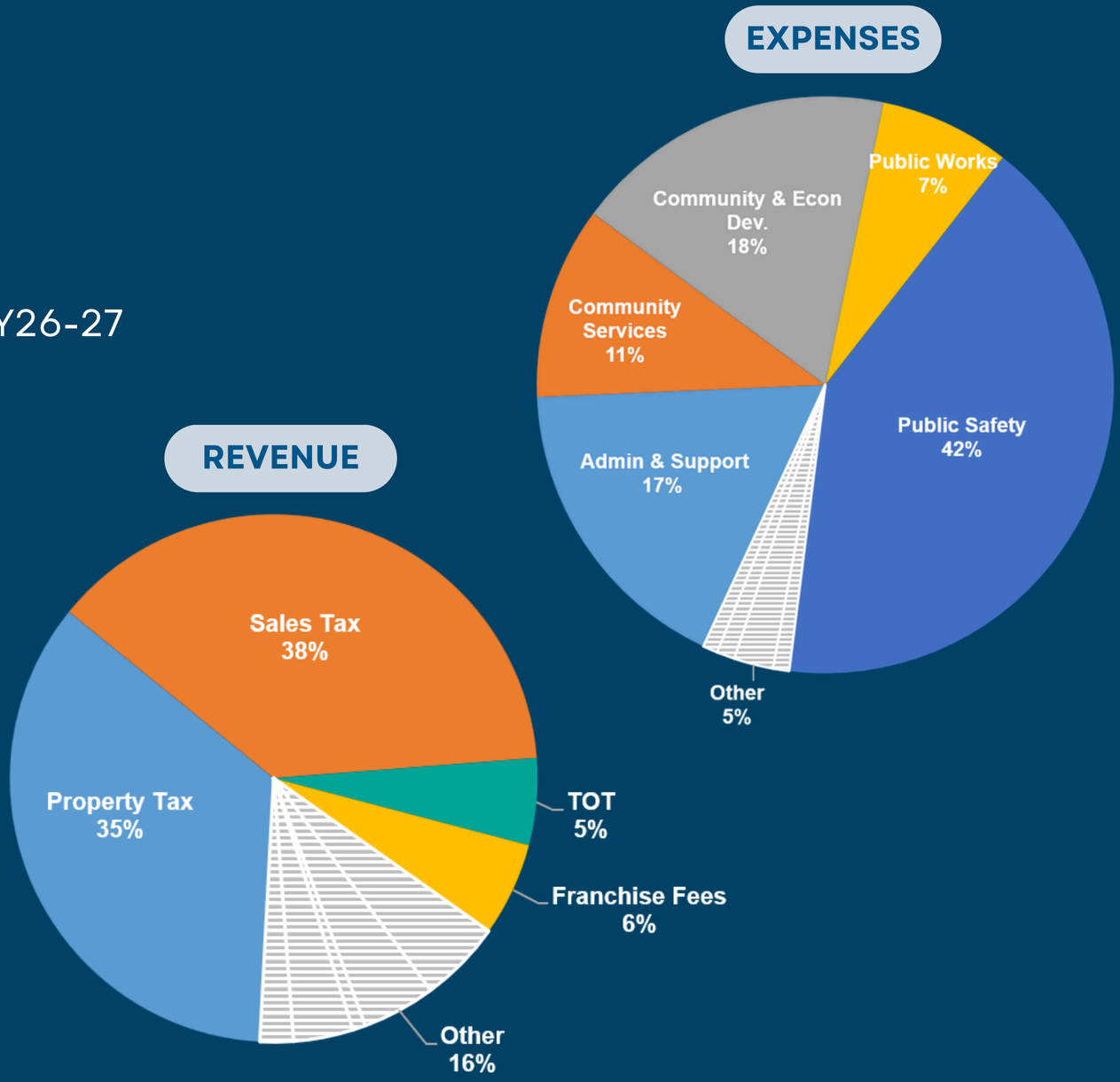
Finance
Overview & Updates

General *Overview*

- **Basics**
  - The City operates on a fiscal year basis, from July 1 through June 30.
  - Our goal is to have a balanced budget, maintaining revenue at or above expenditures.
  - City's general operating budget is approximately $30 million.
  - The City's top 4 revenue generators are:
    1. Sales Tax (40%)
    2. Property Tax (35%)
    3. Franchise Fees (5%)
    4. Transient Occupancy Tax (5%)
  - City is in great financial condition.

FY26-27 *Overview*

- In June, Council adopted a balanced budget for FY26-27
  - Total Revenue Budget: $30.1 Million
    - Estimated Top Revenue Generator
      - Sales Tax - $11.4 Million
  - Total Budget: $29.9 Million
    - Estimated Top Expense
      - Public Safety - $12.4 Million
        - Includes:
          - OCSD $11.4 Million
          - Animal Care
          - EOC
          - Other



Community Development
Overview & Updates

Community Development *Overview*

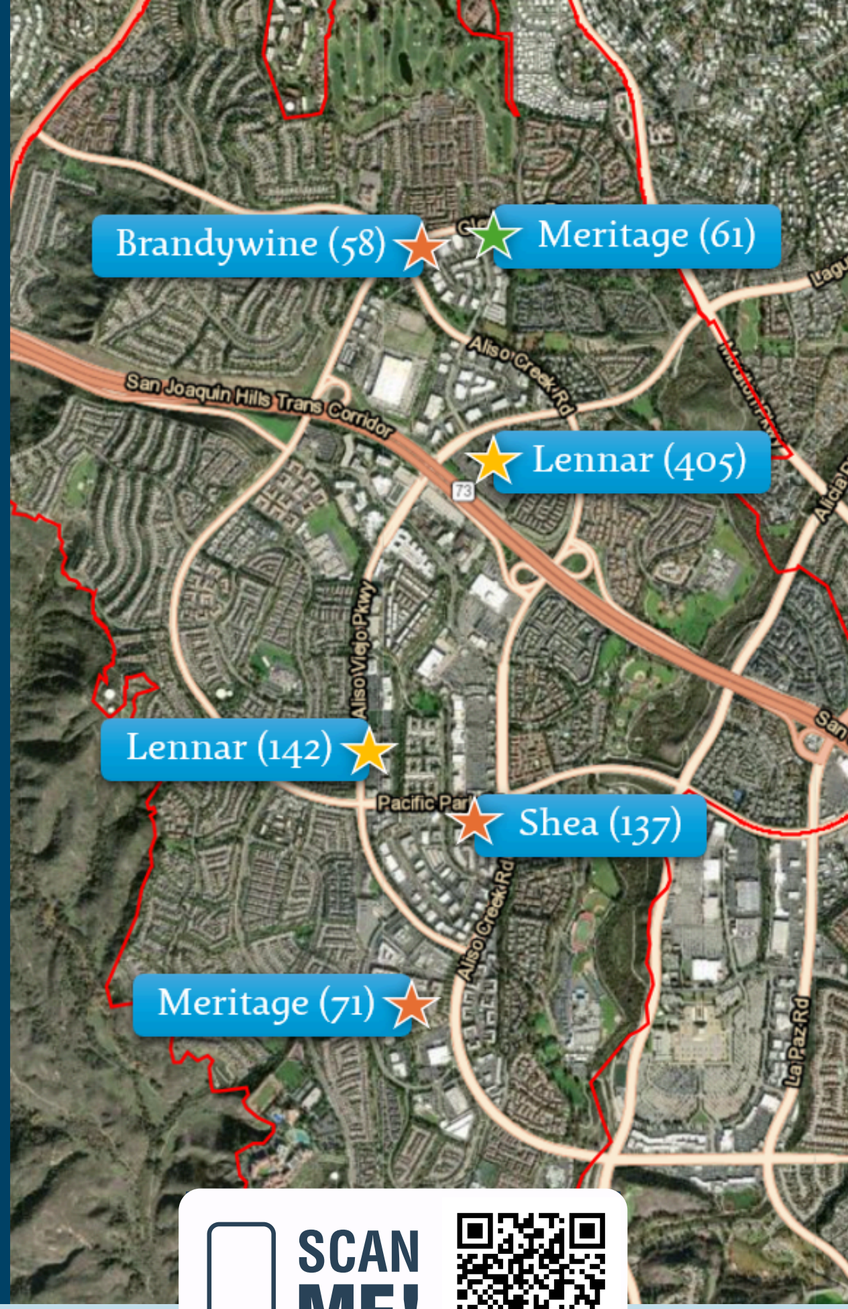
- **Planning & Economic Development**
  - Review development proposals for balanced growth and preservation
  - Support local businesses
  - Implement housing policies
- **Building and Safety**
  - Help residents navigate the permitting process
  - Ensure public safety and quality construction standards
- **Code Enforcement**
  - Maintain community character and value
  - Protect health, safety, and welfare of residents and businesses



Housing Development *Updates*

- **Major Projects**
  - **Approved**
    - 95 Argonaut (Meritage) - 61 Units
  - **Pending Council Approval**
    - 15 Argonaut (Brandywine) - 58 Units *(October 7)*
    - 27081 Aliso Creek Road (Shea) – 137 Units *(October 21)*
    - 400-700 Freedom Lane (Meritage) – 71 Units *(November 18)*
  - **Under Review**
    - 26940 Aliso Viejo Parkway (Lennar) – 142 Units
    - 1-5 Polaris (Lennar) - 405 Units

Trend: Office Properties → Three-Story Townhome Communities



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New Businesses
The Commons

- 99 Ranch Market
  - Atoyubu
  - Luxweet Cafe
- Philz Coffee
- Paris Baguette
- Marugame Udon
- Lucky Strike
- Sender One
- Omomo Tea Shoppe
- Vox Kitchen
- CoCo Ichibanya Curry House

The Commons Shopping Center in Aliso Viejo has dramatically transformed into a dynamic, one-stop destination for residents, offering an expanded mix of dining, retail, and service-oriented uses.









New Businesses
Town Center

- Keenda Dates Chocolate & More
- FS8 Aliso Viejo
- Coastal Flow
- Mane-Tained Salon
- New Mom School
- Kirin Noodle House
- Golden Spoon
- Panini Kabob Grill







Other Activity
Overview

- **Ongoing Developments**
  - Chilis - BMO Bank
    - Conceptual plans submitted for preliminary feedback
    - No application has been submitted for review
  - Macaroni Grill
    - Value Rock searching for tenant
- **Permit Activity**
  - The recent permit activity is trending toward interior residential remodels and HVAC upgrades.
- **Code Enforcement Cases**
  - Code enforcement cases reflect ongoing unpermitted work.



Public Works Overview & Updates

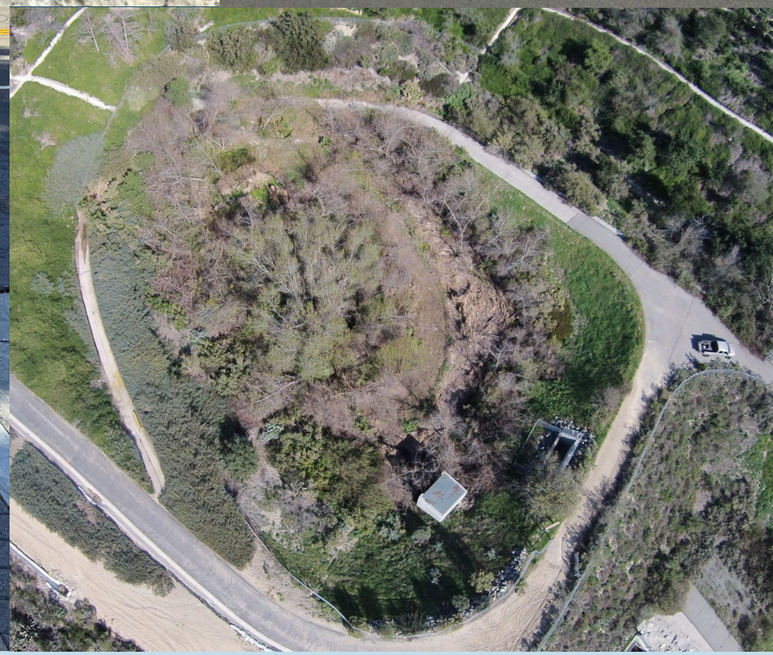
Public Works *Overview*

- **Infrastructure**
  - Streets
  - Sidewalks
  - Traffic Signals
  - Storm Drains
  - Wetlands









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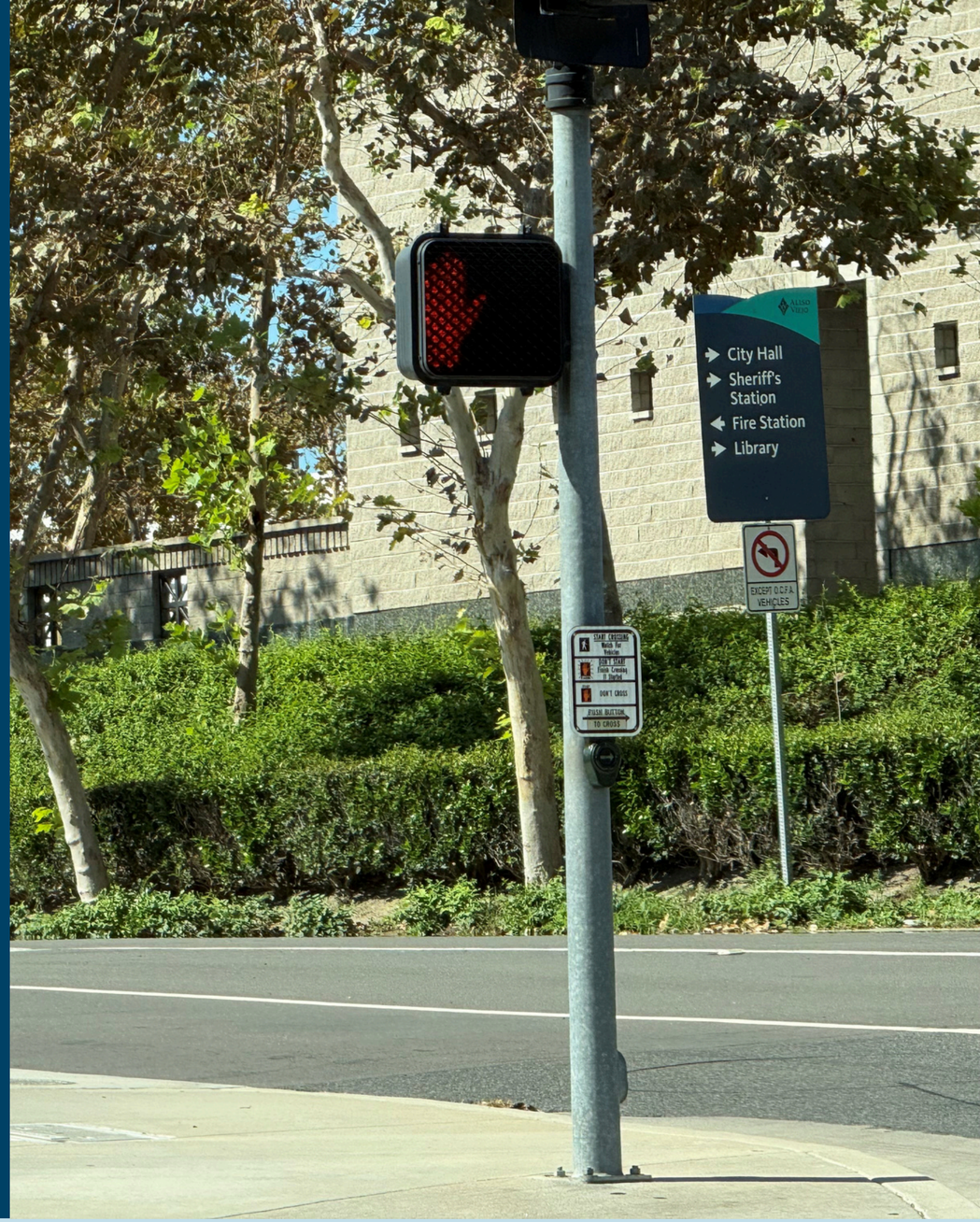

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Programs & Events

Aliso Viejo
Upcoming Events



Pet Fair & Vet Clinic
Saturday, October 3, 2026
AV Ranch | 9–11 a.m.

SCAN ME!

All Is Bright Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting Ceremony
Thursday, December 3, 2026
Town Center Fountain | 5–8 p.m.





Movie Night
Friday, October 16, 2026
AV Ranch | 5:30–9:30 p.m.
Movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

Artisans Market
Sunday, November 8, 2026
AV Ranch | 11 a.m.–3 p.m.







Aliso Viejo Programs





Fall Classes

Fall classes are still available for participants of all ages. Explore upcoming classes, workshops, free lectures, special events, and more.

Registration & Information:
949-425-2550 | avcity.org | recreation@avcity.org

SCAN ME!



Aliso Viejo Sponsorships

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Support the City of Aliso Viejo's Recreation & Community Services programs and special events while connecting your business with the community.

- Sponsorship opportunities are available for upcoming community events and programs
- Gain visibility through event signage, marketing materials, digital promotions, and event recognition
- Opportunities are available at various sponsorship levels to fit different budgets and goals
- Businesses and organizations interested in supporting City events are encouraged to contact Recreation & Community Services

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Follow us for fun events, community happenings, and ways to get involved. Stay in the loop on important updates, city services, and the news that keeps our community moving!

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Police Services Overview & Updates

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Ryan Buhr

Captain of Police Services



Public Safety

A Safe Community, A Proactive Approach

While overall crime remains low, law enforcement continues to adapt to evolving criminal trends:

1 Organized Retail Theft

Organized Retail Theft is not traditional shoplifting. These crimes are often committed by coordinated groups that target multiple businesses, steal large quantities of merchandise, and quickly resell stolen goods through online marketplaces and other channels.

2 Catalytic Converter Theft

Catalytic converter theft remains a concern throughout Southern California due to the valuable precious metals contained within these vehicle components. These thefts can occur in a matter of minutes and often result in significant repair costs for victims.

3 South American Theft Groups (SATG)

South American Theft Groups are highly organized criminal networks that travel throughout California targeting residential neighborhoods. These groups often conduct extensive surveillance and exploit opportunities when homes appear unoccupied.

4 Technology-facilitated crime

Criminal activity increasingly extends beyond the physical world and into the digital space. Online fraud, identity theft, financial scams, and cyber-enabled crimes continue to impact individuals, businesses, and communities nationwide.



Aliso Viejo remains a very safe community



Leveraging the Strength of the Orange County Sheriff's Department

Regional investigative teams	Crime analysts and intelligence sharing	Real-Time Operations Center (RTOC)
Specialized enforcement units	Air Support and K-9 resources	Countywide information-sharing networks

Aliso Viejo benefits from countywide resources and expertise.

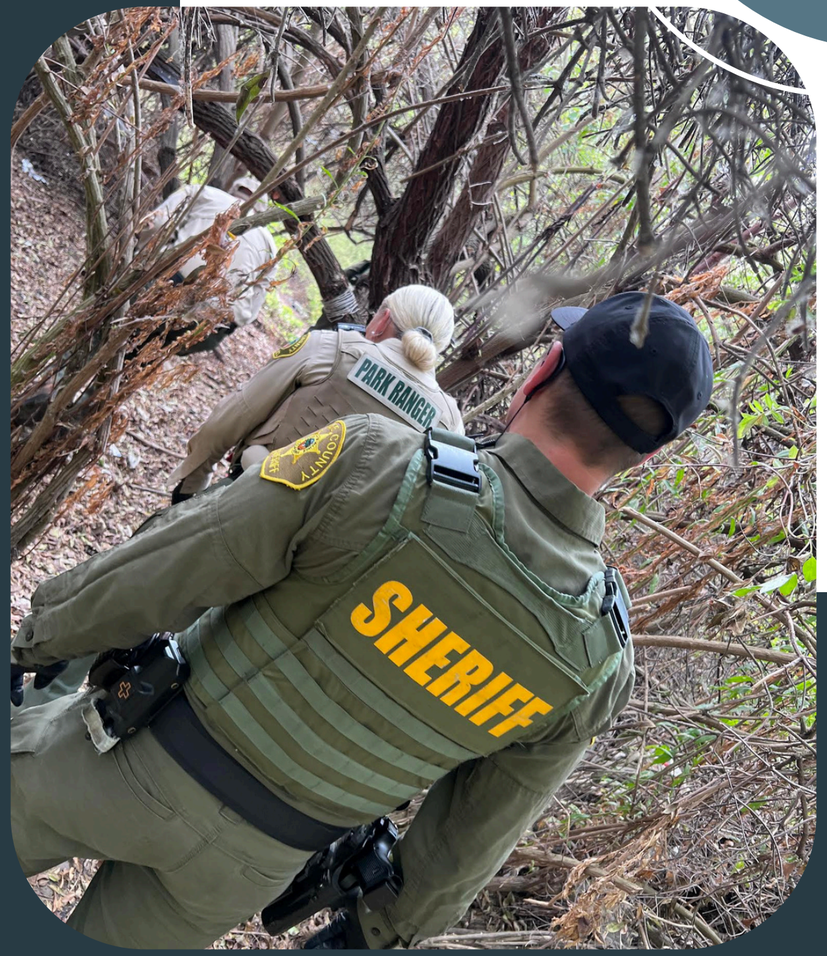
Partnerships & Homelessness

1 Connecting individuals with resources and services

2 Collaboration with Behavioral Health Bureau (BHB)

3 Partnership with OC Parks

4 Targeted outreach and engagement by the Community Services Unit (CSU)



Compassion Accountability Collaboration

Technology

Real-Time Information, Real-Time Results

Technology Supporting Better Outcomes

Capabilities include:

- Live video monitoring during critical incidents
- Officer safety livestreams
- Real-time suspect information
- Enhanced investigative support
- Faster deployment of resources



Traffic Safety E-Bike Enforcement



Addressing Community Concerns: Traffic Safety

Speed enforcement	**School zone safety**	**Collision reduction**
Neighborhood traffic concerns	**Pedestrian & bicycle safety**	**Distracted driving enforcement**



Enhancing Visibility & Community Engagement

The addition of a School Resource Officer / Motor Deputy hybrid position provides:

- Increased visibility near schools
- Enhanced traffic enforcement
- Expanded community engagement
- Greater responsiveness to school-related concerns

Addressing Community Concerns: E-Bike Enforcement

Education, Enforcement & Accountability

School-focused education campaigns

Compliance and accountability efforts

Parent outreach

Safety presentations

Targeted e-bike enforcement operations




CITY OF ALISO VIEJO
JULY
2001
CALIFORNIA

OCFA
Overview & Updates

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Division Chief

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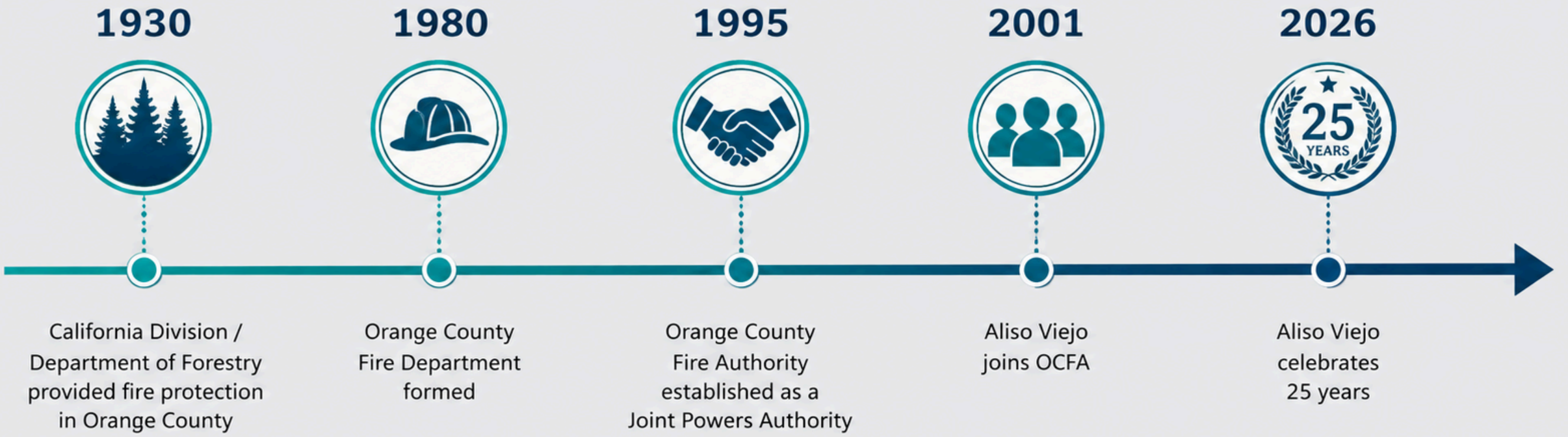
THE PAST

Our Roots: From CDF to OCFA

Orange County's fire service has evolved with the communities it protects.



Today: a mature regional all-risk fire-service system

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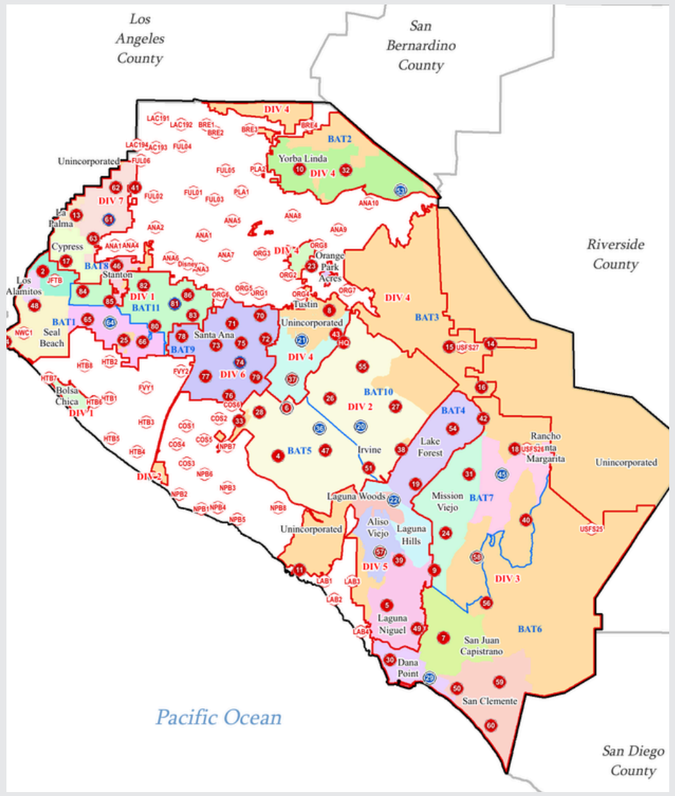
THE PRESENT

Local Service

Regional Strength

















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THE FUTURE

Water Where We Need It

Strategic water access improves aviation efficiency in hard-to-reach areas.

Remote water sources reduce travel time between helicopter fills and drops
More drops per hour can support faster containment efforts

Reduces the need to commit ground resources solely to helicopter filling

Supports firefighter safety, community protection and operational efficiency

Best value during vegetation fires in rugged or limited-access terrain

Located on Tivoli and Wood Canyon in Aliso Viejo
- Other Locations : San Clemente, Ortega Hwy, and Yorba Linda



Another example of investing before the emergency, so aircraft can support crews faster when minutes matter.

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THE FUTURE

A More Resilient Aliso Viejo

The future of fire protection includes every home and every resident.

READY

Fortify the home and create defensible space.

SET

Prepare a go-bag and a household evacuation plan.

GO

Leave early when directed or when conditions warrant.

HOME ASSESSMENT BENEFIT

- OCFA Home Assessment helps residents understand wildfire risk around the home
- Specialists evaluate vegetation, construction features and defensible space
- Residents receive practical recommendations to improve fire resistance
- An online Home Assessment tool is available for a personalized report

Resident call to action: visit ocfa.org/ready-set-go

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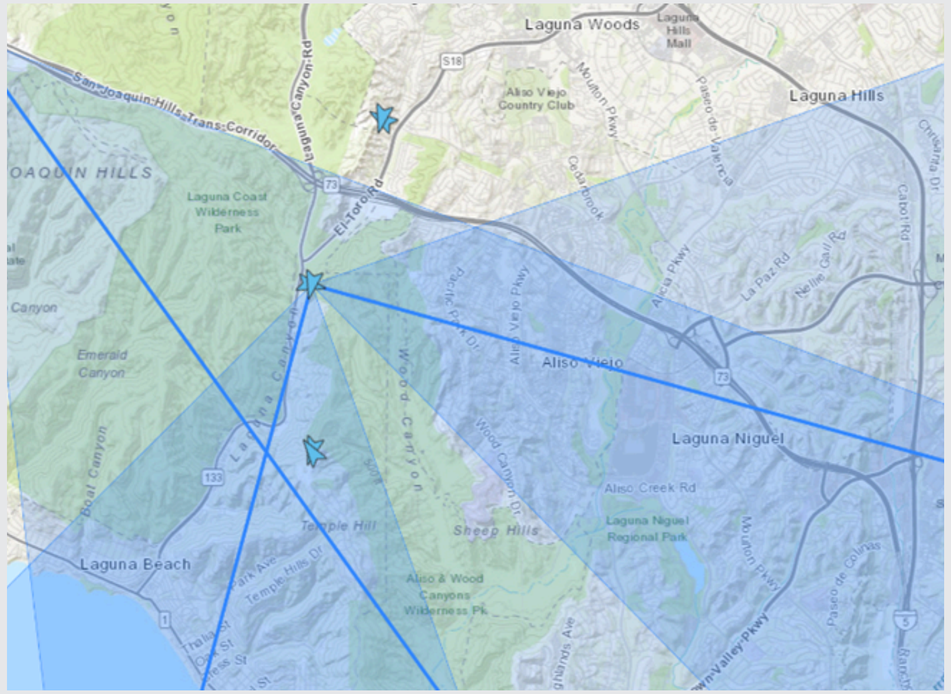
Seeing Fire Earlier

Earlier detection supports faster decisions and faster initial attack.

Camera networks monitor high-risk areas in real time
ALERTCalifornia operates a statewide camera network monitoring high-risk areas. 1,200 + cameras state wide

Cameras assist command centers with earlier incident awareness

Technology is a force multiplier — not a replacement for public reporting and field response



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Prepared Residents. Safer Homes.

Prevention, preparedness and direct contact with residents.

Public Education & Outreach

Fire safety and emergency preparedness messaging for residents.

Station Tours & School Visits

Community events and CERT (emergency response team) support.

Car Seat Safety Inspections

Free inspections performed by certified technicians.

Smoke Alarm & Escape Planning

Home escape planning resources for every household.

Recent local connection: Division 5 efforts include smoke alarm outreach, city preparedness coordination and community safety education with OCFA, the Red Cross, CERT and volunteers.

AVCA
Overview & Updates

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General Manager

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What is the Aliso Viejo Community Association

The Aliso Viejo Community Association (AVCA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the master-planned community in Aliso Viejo and Laguna Hills, California. Established in 1982, AVCA oversees 21 parks and various open spaces, ensuring they remain attractive, safe, and sustainable. With 16,850 residential and commercial units, AVCA aims to improve recreational experiences and preserve the community's architectural and aesthetic appeal.



AVCA Board of Directors



Mike Avramidis - Board President
Lisa Naegele - Board Vice President
Sara Tehrani - Board Treasurer
Bill Conley - Board Secretary
Becky Bainer - Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

AVCA Staff



Josh Hodosh - General Manager
Yessenia Munoz - Assistant General Manager
Chris Weaver - Director of Parks and Landscape
Chris Thurston - Parks and Facilities Manager
Liz Perez - Recreation Director
Jenn Hernandez - Community Coordinator
Brianna Murray - Administrative Coordinator
Monica Sotelo - Front Desk Coordinator







Community Partnerships

AVCA has been working to stengthen relationships and engage in active communication with community leaders, including businesses, city staff, user groups, the Sheriff, the Fire Authority, The Chamber of Commerce, and more. These collaborations have fostered a strong sense of community and have been instrumental in addressing local issues effectively. By working closely with these community leaders, AVCA has been able to tailor solutions that meet the needs of the community.

Achievements Through the Years



Emergency Preparedness

In 2023, Board member Mike Avramidis proposed a helipad and helopod in Aliso Viejo for wildfire response, which was implemented without community costs. This installation enhanced the OCFA's capacity to address the Rancho 2025 Fire in Laguna Beach and possible fires in the future.



Commitment to a Sustainable Future

AVCA follows a thorough Integrated Pest Management (IPM) strategy, while also attentively addressing member concerns regarding community product usage, communicating application schedules, and more.

Events & Community Initiatives

AVCA hosts over 20 incredible events annually, each designed to engage and enrich the community. These events are not just gatherings; they are vibrant celebrations filled with creativity and joy. The dedicated AVCA team goes above and beyond to ensure each event is a memorable experience, showcasing their dedication and expertise. Their hard work and passion shine through in every detail, making each event nothing short of amazing.





Events & Community Initiatives

AVCA organizes a variety of seasonal celebrations, including the Spring Celebration, 4th of July Celebration, Fall Harvest Festival, and Sunday with Santa. In addition, we host the Summer Series Concerts and Movies in the Park, along with several smaller events and initiatives throughout the year. This past year, our Summer Series events and 4th of July event had a combined total of 21,000 attendees.







Parks & Landscape Accomplishments

This year, the Parks & Landscape department has been working diligently to enhance AVCA's common areas. Their efforts have focused on maintaining our parks, introducing sustainable landscaping practices, and implementing new projects to improve community green areas. Their commitment ensures that these spaces remain enjoyable and accessible for all. Each project is thoughtfully planned keeping the community in mind.



Parks & Landscape 2026 Projects

01

Sports Fields Maintenance

AVCA has enhanced its sports fields by installing fresh Bermuda sod at Foxborough, ACCP, Sheephills, and Wingspan parks during the summer closure. Approximately 88,200 square feet of sod will ensure the sports turf remains in excellent condition for upcoming games.

02

Rainbow Bridge Pet Memorial

A Rainbow Bridge pet memorial has been gracefully installed at Creekside Park, offering a serene sanctuary for healing and reuniting with beloved pets who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge.



Parks & Landscape 2026 Projects

03

Slope Renovations

With increasing fire activity in California, focus is on fire-prone areas. Acacia Rodelens, a common shrub, is being removed due to its flammability. O'Connell Landscape is replacing it with low-growing myoporum to create a stable, fire-resistant, and attractive landscape.



04

Ridgecrest Park Acacia Removal and Renovation

The ongoing process of removing aged plant material at Ridgecrest Park ensures that AVCA's landscapes remain fresh and up-to-date.



Budget & Long-term Planning

AVCA’s team practices robust fiscal stewardship and long-term budgeting, consistently prioritizing what is best for our community. Carefully considering both short-term and long-term infrastructure needs.



The Impact of Our Volunteers





Our volunteers are the cornerstone of AVCA’s achievements. Thanks to the dedicated members of our community who invest their time and energy, we can host incredible events, generate innovative ideas for Parks & Landscape, provide support for architectural needs, and amplify our community's voice regarding budgets.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our committees:

- Events and Community Outreach
- Master Architectural
- Parks & Landscape
- Budget & Finance

AVCA thrives because of their countless hours of dedication to our community.

Celebrating 45 Years and Future Plans

AVCA is thrilled to begin celebrating our upcoming 45th Anniversary in 2027! We are currently in the planning phase, exploring various ways to celebrate with our community, and we will share our exciting plans soon.

Our team is always focused on the future, seeking innovative ways to enhance our community. We can’t wait to see what the future holds for AVCA and Aliso Viejo!



Connect with us!

Stay connect with AVCA and keep up with important information by visiting our website, signing up for our monthly E-Blast, and following us on social media!

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AVCA'S COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Woodfield Park Drill and Fill

Upgraded Directional Signs

Banner posts at select intersections

AVCP Bathroom Wall Partitions

Numerous slope renovations and mulching throughout the community

Woodfield Park Perimeter Fence

2027 BUDGET

The 2027 AVCA budget is officially scheduled to be approved at the Board meeting, October 12, 2026. The mailout will occur in November, the budget will reflect the continuing efforts of the Board of Directors to maintain and enhance the Association's common area and amenities while at the same time keeping expenditures in line.

Over the past few months, your Aliso Viejo Community Association Board of Directors and the Budget and Finance Committee have undertaken a thorough review of the operating/reserve budgets with the goal of providing more efficient operations and funding adequate reserves to meet long-term requirements.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

As we close out the year, we want to recognize the AVCA Volunteers for their hard work and dedication. Thank you to our Board of Directors and committees: Events and Community Outreach, Master Architectural, Parks & Landscape, and Budget & Finance. AVCA is successful because of their countless hours of commitment to their community. We appreciate you!

PREPARING OUR PARKS FOR WINTER:

AVCA's Overseeding project will take place from October to December at Foxborough Park, Woodfield Park, Aliso Viejo Community Park, Creekside Park, Pinewood Park, & Sheephills Park starting at select times (the Overseeding schedule is posted on the AVCA website), aiming to enhance grass thickness, color, and appearance by addressing the thatch layer that hinders water infiltration.

This process will mitigate disease, pests, and weeds while promoting root growth and reducing erosion. The overseeding includes de-thatching and aims to establish a green cover with annual ryegrass during winter. Seed will be applied on the parks' closure day, with germination expected in 7-10 days. Sheep Hills Park will be an exception, focusing on non-foot traffic areas.

The overseeding project is part of AVCA's Integrated Pest Management Program to minimize synthetic pest products.

WHAT'S AHEAD THIS QUARTER:

Musco Sports Field lighting enhancements featuring LED retrofits and the latest in light coverage technology will be installed at Woodfield Park in December.

Major slope renovations are set to take place at Canyon View Park, Woodfield Park, Springdale Park, and Oakview Park.

New seating areas in Springdale and AVCP parks will include new composite Adirondack chairs and a stylish coffee table.

Stay tuned for more exciting upgrades happening in your community! For more details, visit our website at www.AVCA.net!

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CITIZEN
OF THE
YEAR
PROGRAM



Thank You Nominees



Civic Service Award

The Civic Service Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made an outstanding contribution to the safety, well-being, or quality of life of our community.

2025

Civic Service Award

Deputy
Aaron Barragan



2026

Civic Service Award

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Citizen of the Year

This Citizen of the Year award recognizes residents who have demonstrated exceptional volunteerism and a commitment to making a positive difference in our community.



2025

Citizen of the Year

Leilani Harwood



2026

Citizen of the Year

Carol Caito

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Key to the City

The Key to the City is one of the highest honors the City can bestow. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to our community and whose service has made a lasting impact.



2025

Key to the City

Michael Avramidis

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2026

Key to the City

Lisa Naegele

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Thank You

