



1,400-Person Education Healing Mass

The quality of our kids' education has a direct impact on their quality of life. In Orange County, only 50% of residents have a high school degree - and high school dropout rates are trending upward.

In Santa Ana, six low-performing schools have been identified for the state's turnaround program. Parents at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church are determined to get involved and improve their kids' schools.

To this end, OCCCO leaders organized a 1,400-person healing mass where thousand of prayers were offered to God. Santa Ana Unified School District Superintendent Jane Russo committed to work with OCCCO leaders to improve local schools through increased parent engagement.

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130 Rally to Address Homelessness

For the past two years, the Poverty Task Force of Anaheim - a group co-led by OCCCO and CLUE Orange County - has been working hard to address the issue of homelessness in Orange County.

In Anaheim, over 42,000 residents live below the Federal Poverty Level and 83% of Anaheim students are eligible for free or reduced lunches. The motel family crisis in Anaheim is well documented.

At a recent rally at Anaheim City Hall, the Poverty Task Force presented their 5-year plan to address homelessness to Councilwoman Lorri Galloway. She agreed to work with us to pass this plan for services, shelter, and support to Anaheim's homeless.

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Other News + Information

OCCCO hires two new staff members:
Andrew Hausermann, 714-931-6041
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218 Santa Ana residents gather at Immaculate Heart of Mary to learn about the US citizenship process - 119 took a step toward citizenship.

SACReD - Santa Ana Collaborative for Responsible Development - held a public forum to discuss the development of a park in the Station District - 35 residents and community leaders were in attendance.

and other community partners collaborated to host a Candidates Forum for Anaheim City Council and Mayoral candidates at the Islamic Institute of Orange County - over 150 were present.

New Park and Community Garden

Resident leaders from St. Anne's Catholic Church in Santa Ana won a commitment from the City of Santa Ana to build a new park and community garden on a 1.4-acre plot of land at Orange and McFadden.

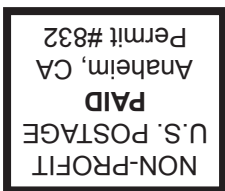
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Eddie Carmona Heads to Bakersfield

5-year OCCCO organizer, Eddie Carmona, recently took the next step in his career, moving on to become the Executive Director of a PICO affiliate in Bakersfield. Eddie, you will be missed! Best of luck on your journey...





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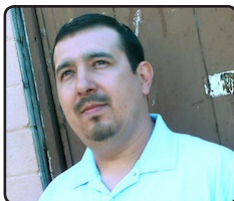


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