



May 27, 2026

Chair Doug Chaffee
Vice-Chair Katrina Foley
Orange County Board of Supervisors
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Santa Ana, CA 92701

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RE: Support for Continued County Sponsorship of the Center for Demographic Research (CDR) Through a Three-Year MOU

Dear Chair Chaffee and Vice-Chair Foley:

On behalf of the City of Dana Point, I write in strong support of the County of Orange continuing its sponsorship of the Center for Demographic Research at California State University, Fullerton (CDR) through the proposed three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) anticipated to come before the Board of Supervisors in June 2026.

For more than 30 years, CDR has served as Orange County's official source for demographic forecasts and projections. Its work provides local jurisdictions and regional agencies with reliable, objective, and data-driven information necessary to support sound planning and policy decisions related to housing, transportation, infrastructure, and economic development.

As Orange County communities continue to face increasing pressure from the State regarding housing mandates and regional planning requirements, access to accurate and defensible demographic data is more important than ever. CDR's Orange County Projections approved by the Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) play a critical role in informing transportation, air quality, and housing planning efforts at the local, countywide, and regional levels. These forecasts are especially important as preparations begin for the 7th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process.

The City of Dana Point values the collaborative and transparent approach CDR takes in working with Orange County cities and partner agencies. Their ability to incorporate local land use policies, development entitlements, and jurisdiction-specific information into

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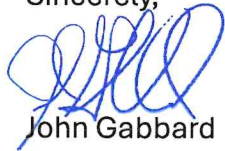
countywide forecasts helps ensure that planning decisions are grounded in realistic and locally informed assumptions.

CDR's work also supports the Orange County Transportation Authority's long-range transportation planning and countywide transportation model, while providing critical datasets used by consultants conducting environmental and infrastructure analyses throughout the region.

Maintaining County sponsorship of CDR is essential to preserving a high-quality, locally responsive demographic forecasting program that benefits all 34 Orange County cities and the County alike. I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the proposed MOU and continue its vital partnership with CDR.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership on behalf of Orange County communities.

Sincerely,



John Gabbard

Mayor, City of Dana Point