



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, February 6, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

County Administration North
First Floor, Multi-Purpose Room
400 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair
2nd District Representative

Christine Marick, Vice Chair
4th District Representative

Jennifer Beall
3rd District Representative

Laura Ramos
At Large Representative

Maribel Sevilla
1st District Representative

Joanne Weiss
5th District Representative

Crystal Miles
At Large Representative

County Executive Office Liaison
Liz Guillen-Merchant

Clerk of the Commission
Valerie Sanchez

Health Care Agency Liaison
Brandy Miller

Social Services Agency Liaison
Dr. Sara Marchese

OC Community Resources Liaison
Mary Beth Anderson

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Brazer Aceves, Marick, Miles, Sevilla and Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioners Beall and Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brazer Aceves led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Emerald Archer of Girls Inc of Orange Co - Commends the Commission for its work; a new political landscape creating concerns around educational equity, leadership, and opportunities that foster success for women and girls; already seeing push back regarding DEI initiatives, prioritize research on how national policies impact girls and women; and the importance of a space for girls to be smart, strong and bold.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the November 6, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission

On the motion of Commissioner Marick, seconded by Commissioner Miles, with Commissioners Sevilla and Weiss abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 6, 2024 regular meeting

2. Approve minutes of the December 5, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, with Commissioner Weiss abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of the December 5, 2024 regular meeting

3. Establish and adopt a 2025 meeting schedule calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, the Commission approved a 2025 meeting schedule to remain on the first Thursday of each month and changing the meeting time to 9:00am – 11:00am

On the motion of Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Sevilla, the Commission approved motion to make July a “dark” month without a scheduled meeting

4. Approve proposed amendments to the Commission’s Bylaws for submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and adoption

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, with Chair Brazer Acevez voting no, the Commission approved the proposed bylaws as amended with the vision statement and mandate amended to read:

VISION STATEMENT

The Orange County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls will advocate for the lives and wellbeing of women and girls through building strong collaboration with Orange County stakeholders, identifying needs/gaps, sharing and utilizing resources as well as engaging, educating and empowering the community on key issues affecting the wellbeing of women and girls in Orange County.

MANDATE

Monitor and identify critical areas affecting women and girls, especially in priority populations, including but not limited to areas such as:

- **Discrimination**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Child and Dependent Care**
- **Mental Health**
- **Healthcare**

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- Violence and Domestic Abuse
- Economic Equity and Financial Security
- Education
- Leadership and Representation

And the Orange County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls will prepare reports and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on these areas.

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, the Commission approved the increase in membership to thirteen members with two members nominated by each Supervisorial District and three members designated "at-large" and to delete Article IV (A)(3) eliminating the addition of alternates

5. Discuss data requested and focus areas to be included in the first annual report on the Status of Women and Girls in Orange County

Data Analytics Senior Manager Chrislyn Nefas-Ferencz presented on additional data that was requested at prior meeting to include in the first annual report; Chair Brazer Aceves created a Data Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioners Sevilla, Miles and Chair Brazer Aceves.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Weiss – Commented that the acronym OC SWAG is gendered language and suggested using another acronym

Commissioner Miles – Commented that there are now protections in place for women in women's sports

Chair Brazer-Aceves – Commented on concerns for immigrant women and girls and how discussions about immigration should not be a stigmatized topic

ADJOURNMENT: 1:06 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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Valerie Sanchez

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission

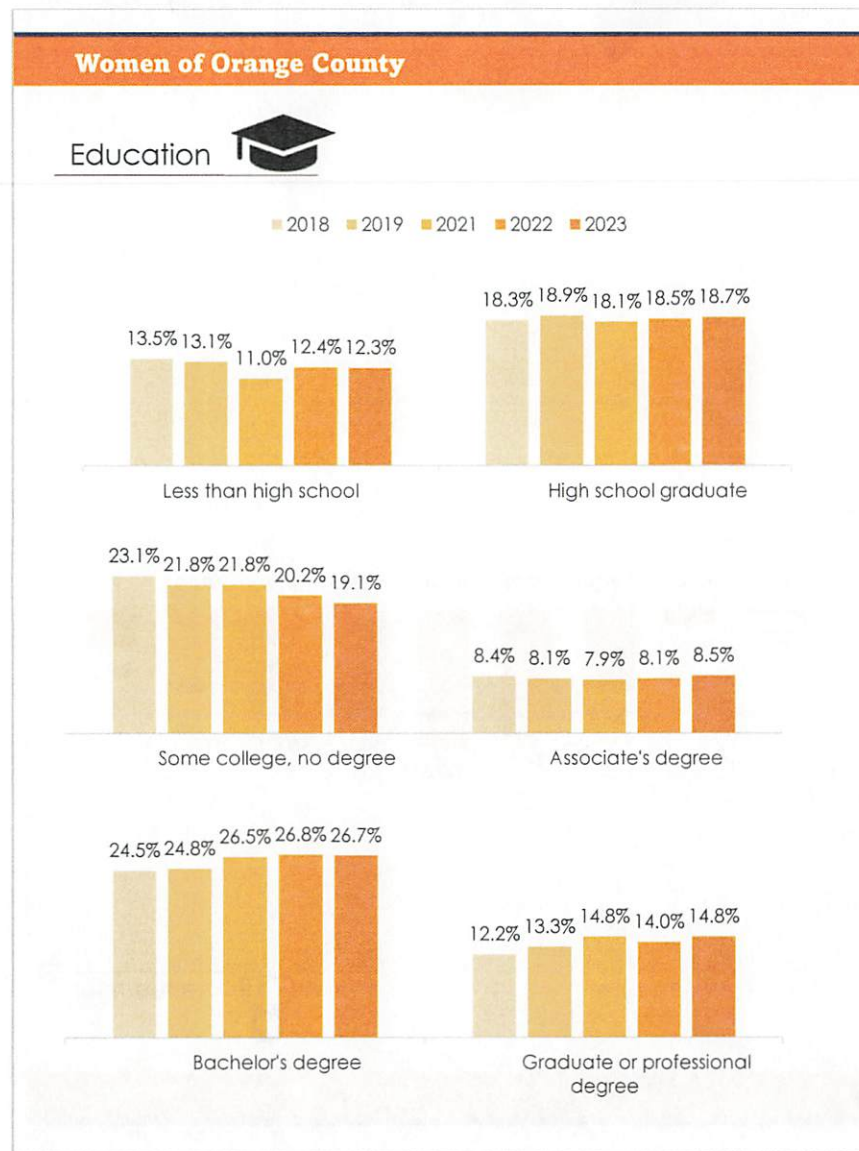
Signed by:

Katelyn Brazer Aceves

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair

Highest Degree Obtained by Year

Over the past 5 years, **OC** women with no degrees remained fairly the same. Women with a Bachelor's degree and Graduate or Professional degree slightly increased and the percentage of those with some college or no degree slightly decreased.

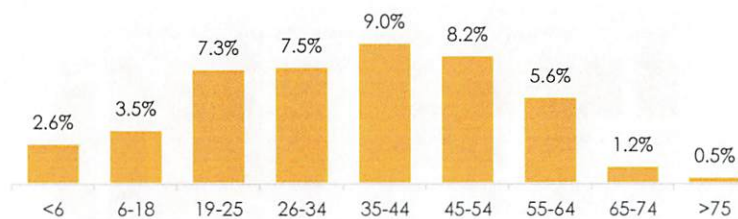


Uninsured by Age

Almost one in ten people in OC age between 35-44 does not have insurance.

Women of Orange County

Insurance



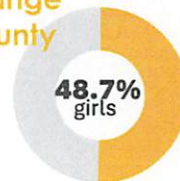
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The data presented in this report are from American Census Survey 1-Year and 5-Year Estimate Data Profiles for girls between age 0-17.

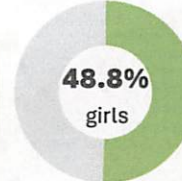
Demographics

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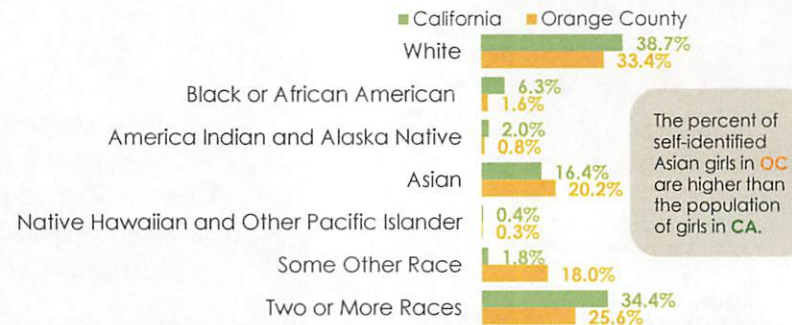


OC girls are closely representative of the overall population of girls in CA.

California



Race



Ethnicity

There are less girls who identify as Hispanic or Latino in OC compared to CA.



Absenteeism Rate by School District

Of all the 25 school districts in OC, Anaheim Elementary/Anaheim Union High has the highest absenteeism rate of 25%, followed by Santa Ana Unified 20%, and Newport-Mesa Unified 19%. Cypress/Anaheim Union High has the lowest rate of 7%.

Girls of Orange County

Absenteeism

