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## BRUCE CHANNING APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ACC-OC

*The new executive director brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Association after spending more than 20 years as the Laguna Hills City Manager*

**ORANGE, CA** (May 6, 2019) - The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) Board of Directors voted unanimously to name Bruce Channing as ACC-OC's Executive Director last week. ACC-OC is the region's leading public policy, education and advocacy group.

Channing, the longtime and former City Manager of Laguna Hills, takes over the helm of ACC-OC as it works to address one of Orange County's most important issues – homelessness and the supply of supportive housing units countywide – via the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (Trust). The Trust is a collaborative effort between ACC-OC, the County of Orange and Orange County cities and is intended to provide a simple, fast, and plentiful way to streamline funds to construct more supportive housing across the region.



“The Board is so pleased to have Bruce with us at ACC-OC. His knowledge of the organization dates back to its inception, so he knows it well. He also comes from the city management field and has a great understanding of how city managers and councils rely on groups like the ACC-OC to add critical value to cities’ important initiatives,” said Laurie Davies, ACC-OC board president and Laguna Niguel Mayor Pro Tem.

ACC-OC also specializes in bringing local elected officials and city staff together for trainings, educational forums, and networking events. As a result, ACC-OC builds a knowledge base and forges a common approach to Orange County cities’ concerns, including residential recovery home proliferation, fiscal sustainability, water issues, infrastructure funding, smart technologies, and housing and homelessness. ACC-OC also advocates at the State and Federal level for local control, fiscal restraint and Orange County-centered values and goals.

“Bringing Bruce on board here is an important step for us, as Bruce has the unique skills to navigate our many bipartisan policy issues with local, regional, state, and national leaders,” said Jennifer Fitzgerald, ACC-OC board’s past president and Fullerton Mayor Pro Tem. “As our organization continues to improve how we serve our members, he’s able to take both a fresh and informed approach to what ACC-OC looks like and does in 2019, 2020, and beyond.”

“I look forward to this new adventure with the team and Board at ACC-OC,” Channing said. “I have great passion for helping cities and other public agencies in Orange County work cooperatively and effectively as they address the complex issues and challenges that affect the quality of life for everyone here in Orange County. I have a long history of helping cities operate efficiently - and work together - to accomplish our mutual goals. The ACC-OC is well-positioned to continue solving problems and building partnerships that are needed to successfully address our cities’ challenges, especially at this time, when cooperation and collaboration is critically important among the County’s service providers,”

Channing starts his role at ACC-OC on May 6th. He takes over from Interim Executive Director Dave Kiff, who will remain available to help the organization as needed during a transition period.

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