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**Regional Center of Orange County Appoints Two New Board Members**

*Parent Liza Krassner (Irvine) and Self-Advocate Amy Jessee (Santa Ana) to Serve One-Year Terms Through 2017*

Santa Ana, CA (Jan. 2017) – The Board of Directors of [Regional Center of Orange County](#) has appointed Irvine’s [Liza Krassner](#) and Santa Ana’s Amy Jessee to serve one-year terms beginning in January and continuing through the end of 2017. Both are unpaid volunteer positions.

**Liza Krassner**, the parent of a son with autism, is Administrative Manager for Academic Programs and Facilities for the Program in Public Health at UC Irvine. She is also an [independent film producer](#), producing short films employing a diverse crew, including those with special needs. Passionate about promoting employment for adults with special needs, Krassner’s many volunteer activities have included serving as a parent volunteer for the Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders and a member of the Family Advisory Committee for the Autism Speaks Autism Treatment Network. She is also Secretary and Member of the Board of Governors for [Center Club Orange County](#).

**Amy Jessee**, a self-advocate who receives services from RCOC, has cerebral palsy. She also has a photographic memory for anything having to do with numbers. An active member of [Alliance of Abilities’ Integrity House](#) for nine years, she advocates for friends who can’t speak for themselves and has attended disability rights meetings in Sacramento and worked on transportation issues for people with disabilities.



*Liza Krassner, newly-appointed RCOC Board member*



*Amy Jessee, newly-appointed RCOC Board member*

***About Regional Center of Orange County***

Regional Center of Orange County is the private, nonprofit organization contracted by the State of California to coordinate life-long services and supports to more than 19,000 Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Developmental disabilities include intellectual disabilities, autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. Learn more at [www.rcocdd.com](http://www.rcocdd.com).

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