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Regional Center of Orange County Appoints Tustin Labor Attorney to Board

Board Also Renews Terms for Three Members and Elects Board Officers

Santa Ana, CA (January, 2020) -- The Board of Directors of [Regional Center of Orange County](#) has appointed Tustin's [Frances M.K. Hernandez](#) to serve a one-year term on the organization's unpaid volunteer board, beginning January 1, 2020. Hernandez (pictured), the parent of a son and daughter with developmental delays, is an associate in the Labor and Employment Practice Group at [Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton, LLP](#). She earned her J.D. at Columbia Law School and attended UC Irvine, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, and played on the women's soccer team.



In addition, three current board members were renewed for a three-year terms, January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2023: [Meena Chockalingam Bedekar](#) (Irvine), project manager with [Capital Group](#), and [Mine Hagen](#) (Dana Point), a retired engineer who previously worked for Raytheon – both parents of sons with developmental disabilities; and [Fernando Peña](#) (Costa Mesa), a person served by RCOC.

The Board also elected officers for the January 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 term:

- Chairperson [John “Chip” Wright](#) (Newport Beach), the parent of a son with special needs, is executive vice president with the commercial real estate firm [CBRE](#) in Newport Beach. He attended Arizona State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance;

- Vice-Chairperson [Clifford “Cliff” Amsden](#) (Laguna Niguel), the parent of a child with special needs, is a graduate of San Diego State University. He has more than two decades of experience in finance;
- Treasurer [Mine Hagen](#); and
- Secretary [Sylvia Delgado](#) (Costa Mesa), a person served by RCOC.

About Regional Center of Orange County

[Regional Center of Orange County](#) is one of 21 private, nonprofit organizations contracted by the [State of California](#) to coordinate lifelong services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The Regional Center is the first stop for those seeking to obtain local services and supports to help them live safely and with dignity in the community. RCOC serves more than 22,000 Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Developmental disabilities include autism, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, and intellectual disabilities.

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