

KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR TAX DOLLARS

RESIDENTS NEEDED FROM THE FIRST, SECOND, FOURTH, AND FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

OC Go (also known as Measure M) is the Transportation Ordinance and Plan approved first by Orange County voters in 1990 and renewed again by voters in 2006. The combined measures raise the sales tax in Orange County by one-half cent for a total period of 50 years to alleviate traffic congestion. This money is administered by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and pays for specific voter-approved transportation projects for freeway improvements, local street and road improvements, and rail and transit programs specified in the Plan.

OC Go calls for an independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee to oversee compliance with the Ordinance as specified in the Transportation Ordinance and Plan.

The responsibilities of the 11-member Taxpayer Oversight Committee are to:

- Ensure all transportation revenue collected from OC Go is spent on the projects approved by the voters as part of the Plan;
- Ratify any changes in the Plan and recommend any major changes go back to the voters for approval;
- Participate in ensuring that all jurisdictions in Orange County conform with the requirements of OC Go before receipt of any tax monies for local projects;
- Hold annual public meetings regarding the expenditure and status of funds generated by OC Go;
- Review independent audits of issues regarding the Plan and performance of the Orange County Local Transportation Authority regarding the expenditure of OC Go sales tax monies.
- Annually certify OCTA is proceeding in accordance with the Plan.

HOW ARE MEMBERS CHOSEN?

Taxpayer Oversight Committee candidates are chosen by the Grand Jurors Association of Orange County (GJAOC), which has formed a five-member Taxpayer Oversight Committee Selection Panel to conduct an extensive recruitment program. The panel screens all applications, conducts interviews and recommends candidates for membership on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee. The GJAOC is made up of former grand jurors who have a continuing concern for good government and whose purpose is to promote public understanding of the functions and purpose of the grand jury. The GJAOC is a neutral body serving the interests of the citizens of Orange County.

Taxpayer Oversight Committee members represent each of the five Orange County Supervisorial Districts and have been meeting regularly since 1990. At this time, the GJAOC is conducting a recruitment to fill four vacancies with one representative from each of the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. The GJAOC will recommend as many as five finalists from each district. The new members are to be chosen by lottery at the June 28, 2021 meeting of the OCTA Board of Directors. The terms for the new committee members will begin July 1, 2021. The representatives will serve three-year terms which expire on June 30, 2024. *This is a volunteer position and no monetary compensation will be paid to committee members.* The chairperson is the elected Auditor-Controller of Orange County. The Auditor-Controller's term coincides with his/her elected/appointed term.

WHO CAN APPLY TO SERVE?

Any Orange County citizen 18 years or older may apply to serve on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee. Potential candidates will be reviewed on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Commitment and ability to participate in Taxpayer Oversight Committee meetings for a three-year term from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. The Committee will maintain time and meeting requirements. The Committee currently meets quarterly.
2. Demonstrated interest and history of participation in community activities, with special emphasis on transportation-related activities.
3. Lack of financial conflict of interest with respect to the allocation of sales tax revenue generated by OC Go. All Taxpayer Oversight Committee members are required to sign a conflict of interest form when accepting appointment.
4. Elected or appointed city, district, county, state or federal officials **are not** eligible to serve.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

All applications **MUST** be received no later than **May 2, 2021**. For additional information, please call 714-974-9699 or visit octa.net/TOC recruitment. Please print and mail completed application to:

GJAOC
Attn: TOC Application Screening
P.O. BOX 354
Orange, CA 92856-9998

APPLICATION FOR TAXPAYER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Please type or print using dark ink. Additional sheets may be attached if needed. Please be as comprehensive as possible.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Business Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Residence Address: _____
Street City Zip Code

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Supervisory District Number: _____ (Call Registrar of Voters at (714) 567-7582 to confirm your district.)

Present Employment Status: ☐ Employed ☐ Unemployed ☐ Retired

Present Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Ethnic Origin (optional): _____ How long have you lived in Orange County? _____ year(s)

Are you a citizen of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a registered voter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you (or your spouse) or any entity that you either work for or have a financial interest in, received any financial remuneration for goods or services provided by you, or by any entity you work for or have a financial interest in, that was paid for with OC Go revenues, either directly or indirectly, within the past 12 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain.

Do you have any possible conflict of interest with respect to the allocation of OC Go revenues? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain.

Are you currently an elected or appointed officer of any public entity? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(Note: All public officers shall complete an [intent to resign form](#).)

If so, please explain.

Are you related to or closely associated with any elected official or public employee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please state the nature of the association.

Have you ever been convicted of malfeasance in office, or of any felony? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain.

As a member of any profession or organization, or as a holder of any office, have you ever been suspended, disbarred, or otherwise disqualified?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain.

Do you personally have any past or pending issues related to development or transportation in any Orange County city?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain.

Have you ever been involved in a lawsuit with OCTA?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please explain.

Do you possess research abilities, including complex reading facility and capability to assess and analyze facts?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there any reason that you may be biased and not objective if you are chosen to serve as a member of the Taxpayer Oversight Committee?

☐ Yes ☐ No

While no specific time commitment is predetermined, are you willing to make a conscientious effort for a period of three years to give membership on this committee a priority and participate as necessary?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are presently active or have been active in the past five years in any organization, please give the organization name, nature of your activities and duties, and appropriate dates.
(Attach sheet if necessary)

In what transportation-related activities have you been involved?

What do you know about OC Go/Measure M?

What specialized skill or expertise would you bring to the Oversight Committee?

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

List highest grade completed, any degrees you hold and the college/university attended and date of graduation.

EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND:

List or attach your resume, including positions and titles held.

How did you hear about the Taxpayer Oversight Committee?☐ Online☐ *OC Register*☐ *LA Times*☐ OCTA Website☐ Newspaper/Magazines☐ *OC Register*☐ *LA Times*☐ Local Advertisement☐ Social Media☐ *Facebook / Instagram*☐ *Twitter*☐ *E-mail*☐ Other: _____**Why do you wish to be considered for membership on the Taxpayer Oversight Committee?**

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P.O. BOX 354
Orange, CA [92856-9998](tel:928569998)

For more information 714-974-9699.

I hereby declare the information provided in this Application for the Taxpayer Oversight Committee is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my statements may be verified and I give permission to do so.

Date

Signature