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Orange County Rescue Mission
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**Jim Palmer named Chairman
of Orange County Commission**

Tustin – California

Orange County Rescue Mission President and Tustin Resident, Jim Palmer, has been named Chairman of the Housing and Community Services Commission of Orange County. Over the last year, Jim has served as the Vice-Chairman and has overseen many programs that include the creation of 166 new affordable housing units, rental



assistance to 9,500 seniors, persons living with a disability, veterans, and homeless households in 31 of the County's 34 cities, including Tustin. These programs, overseen by Palmer, completed rehabilitation to 39 housing units, administered \$4,772,731 in CDBG grants. This commission coordinated a public/private effort that secured \$11.3 million in federal funds to support homeless programs. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Bill Campbell, states, "I appreciate Jim's approach of providing a hand-up, not a hand-out, to those in need." Under Jim's Chairmanship, the Commission will focus

on increasing and preserving affordable housing opportunities for those in greatest need, enhance the livability of the County's fourteen unincorporated and thirteen participating neighborhoods. In addition to serving as a County Commissioner, Jim serves on the Board of the Orange County Mental Health Board.

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