

City of Irvine 2017 Program Synopsis

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2017

- Irvine ranked among ***"2017 Best Cities for Cybersecurity Professionals"*** in a report by personal finance website, GoodCall.com. https://www.goodcall.com/data-center/2017-best-cities-cybersecurity-professionals/
- Irvine ranked ***5th Best City to Be a Homeowner*** by SmartAsset. https://smartasset.com/mortgage/the-best-cities-to-be-a-homeowner
- Irvine ranked among ***Top 150 Cities for Millennials*** by Millennial Personal Finance. http://www.millennialpersonalfinance.com/best-cities-millennials/
- Irvine ranked ***10th Best City for Women*** by American City & County. http://americancityandcounty.com/public-safety/25-best-cities-women#slide-0-field_images-73291
- Irvine ranked ***#1 Major City in Fiscal Strength*** by The Fiscal Times. http://www.thefiscaltimes.com/2017/01/09/How-Strong-Are-Your-Citys-Finances-116-US-Cities-Ranked
- Sunset Magazine ranked Irvine as one of the ***Best Places to Live 2017*** in highlighting its ***20 Western Dream Towns***.

2016

- American Public Works Association (APWA) awarded the City of Irvine with ***three Project of the Year awards*** for, Adventure Playground, Irvine Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge and Peters Canyon Wash Capture and Reuse Pipeline.
- Irvine rated the ***#1 City for Teens*** in the nation among the 100 largest cities by SmartAsset, an online company that provides financial advice https://smartasset.com/mortgage/the-best-cities-for-teens
- Irvine ranked ***#2*** on Livability.com's ***10 Best College Towns, 2016*** based on a supportive environment for students to thrive both academically and socially http://www.livability.com/top-10/college/10-best-college-towns/2016/ca/irvine
- Irvine's Adventure Playground at University Community Park ranked ***One of the Ten Best Playground in Orange County*** by O.C. Register http://www.ocregister.com/articles/park-722210-playground-play.html
- Irvine identified as having the ***8th Best Park System in the U.S.*** by the Trust for Public Land https://nextcity.org/daily/entry/best-city-parks-in-us-trust-for-public-land-ranking-2016.
- Irvine ranked the ***3rd Best American City for Working Parents*** by Money Magazine http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/careersandeducation/the-top-10-american-cities-for-working-parents/ss-BBryaOV?ocid=SL5JDHP#image=9
- Irvine rated ***9th Most Family Friendly City*** in California by Estately Real Estate, including 3rd for schools, 3rd lowest crime rate, 10th shortest commute, 10th most affordable housing marketing and 11th lowest cost of living.

- Ranked the ***#2 City in California for Quality of Life*** by NerdWallet.com https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/mortgages/best-cities-quality-of-life-full-ranking/
- ICTV, the City's cable channel station, won ***Two 1st Place Star Awards and One 2nd Place Star Award*** from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors https://youtu.be/3O-Frt7bbSM?list=PL3PtwVD12EJlFbqx5ls_a4hYT4NOlGaqY; www.cityofirvine.org/ictv; and https://youtu.be/VPpmNa4tccU?list=PL3PtwVD12EJlFbqx5ls_a4hYT4NOlGaqY
- Irvine ranked the ***4th Safest U.S. City to Raise a Child*** by the SafeWise Report based on crime data, graduation rates, school rankings, after-school programs and open spaces http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-to-raise-a-child/
- The ***10th Most Beautifully Landscaped City Hall in the U.S.*** by LawnStarter https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/city-rankings/best-landscaped-city-halls/.
- Irvine rated the ***#11 Best City to Live in America*** based on crime, public schools, cost of living, job opportunities, and local amenities by Niche https://local.niche.com/rankings/cities/best-cities/.
- Ranked ***#1 Best City for an Active Retirement in America*** by Evelo Bicycles based on walking and biking opportunities, park acreage, weather, environmental quality and accessible health care http://www.evelo.com/blog/best-active-retirement-cities/.
- The ***#7 Best City to Find a Job in the U.S.*** by WalletHub.com based on 17 key metrics including job opportunities, employment growth and low unemployment https://wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-for-jobs/2173/#main-findings.

2015

- Ranked the ***Safest City in America*** by 24/7 Wall Street based on a range of variables including crime rates, educational attainment and unemployment rate.
- Ranked the ***1st Best City in the Nation for Veterans*** by WalletHub.com based on 10 essential metrics including job opportunities, veteran-owned businesses, veteran wage growth and availability of VA health facilities.
- Irvine ranked the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the 11th straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with more than 100,000 residents.
- City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) selected winner of ***2015 Individual and Community Preparedness Award*** by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Excellence in Volunteer Sustainability.
- City of Irvine Purchasing Department conferred ***2015 Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*** by National Procurement Institute.
- Irvine's Heritage Park recognized as the ***Best Playground in Orange County*** by Parenting OC Magazine.
- Irvine FOR Families program selected as ***Community Organization of the Year*** by Crime Survivors, Inc., a non-profit organization that provides advocacy and support for victims and survivors of crime.
- Irvine employees Officer Sean-Paul Crawford, Officer Jenny Lindsey and FOR Families Specialist Debbie Brunn recognized by Crime Survivors, Inc. with

Above and Beyond Award for assisting victims of crime, helping to empower them to survive and thrive.

- Irvine awarded the United States Conference of Mayors 2015 ***City Livability Award*** as one of the "Most Livable" Cities in America.
- Ranked the ***11th Best City in the Nation for Families*** by WalletHub.com based on 30 key metrics including community safety, number of playgrounds and job opportunities.
- Irvine identified by fivethirtyeight.com as the ***Most Integrated Major City in the U.S***. based on a diverse population both citywide and scattered throughout its neighborhoods http://www.allgov.com/news/controversies/chicago-most-segregated-city-in-us-irvine-california-the-least-150509?news=856439.
- Irvine ranked #1 in Parenting O.C. Magazine's article ***Best Cities for Families in Orange County*** among upscale residential communities.
- Irvine rated ***#3 Small American City of the Future 2015/16*** for economic potential by fDi (Foreign Direct Investment) Intelligence, a division of Financial Times Ltd.
- Irvine ranked ***7th Most Interesting City in America*** by SmartAsset.com based on cultural diversity, a steady flow of new residents with new ideas and perspectives, and new opportunities for restaurants and shops to open or expand.

2014

- Irvine named ***No. 7 Best City for an Active Lifestyle*** among most populous cities in U.S. by WalletHub.com, an online financial adviser, based on average monthly fitness club fees and number of swimming pools and parkland acres per capita.
- Ranked the ***3rd Best City in the Nation for Veterans*** by WalletHub.com based on 10 essential metrics including job opportunities, veteran-owned businesses, veteran wage growth and availability of VA health facilities.
- Irvine ranked the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the 10th straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with more than 100,000 residents.
- Irvine identified as having the ***4th Largest Percentage of Households Reporting Internet Subscriptions Nationwide*** by Government Technology magazine.
- Ranked No. 32 on ***U.S. Cities with the Most Doctoral Degree Holders*** list by On-Line Ph.D. Programs, a comprehensive online guide to earning a Ph.D.
- Ranked the ***28th Best City in America for Studying Computers and Technology*** by Computer Science Degree Hub, a guide on accredited computer degree programs.
- Rated the ***#1 City in California*** for the fourth consecutive time by *Money Magazine's* Best Place to Live 2014 list.
- Ranked the ***6th Best City to Live*** in America. by 24/7 Wall Street based on on a range of variables, including crime rates, employment growth, educational attainment, and housing affordability.
- Ranked the***11th Best City in the Nation for Hispanic Entrepreneurs*** by WalletHub.com based on 19 key metrics such as Hispanic entrepreneurship rates, corporate tax systems and the share of businesses owned by Hispanics.

- Ranked the ***4th Safest City in the Nation*** by MyLife, a social media website, based on law enforcement officers, traffic fatalities, violent crimes, property crimes, sex offenders and percentage of residents enrolled in health care.
- Ranked the ***4th Best City in the Nation for Pet Lovers*** by WalletHub.com based on 14 essential metrics including ownership and maintenance costs, health care and outdoor spaces in each city.
- ***National Association of Government Communicators Award*** for U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon 2013 held at the Orange County Great Park.
- Government Finance Officers Association ***Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*** for comprehensive annual financial report.
- Ranked ***3rd Best City in the Nation to Raise Children*** by MyLife.com based on low crime rate, public schools, public parks, average family income and cost of living.
- Ranked the ***5th Best City in the Nation for Families*** by WalletHub.com based on 31 key metrics including jobs, housing, schools, health care systems and opportunities for recreational and leisure activities.
- Rated ***3rd Best City in California for Young Adults*** by PublicCEO.com based on median salary for college grads, percent of residents between ages 20 and 34, and safety in the community.

- The California Police Chiefs Association awarded its most prestigious award, the ***Joe Molloy Award***, to Irvine Police Chief Dave Maggard, for his dedication and service to law enforcement and his professionalism, leadership, energy, and commitment to the mission of the Association.
- Irvine ranked first in 24/7 Wall Street's 2014 listing of ***Best-Run Cities in America*** based on economy, job market, crime level, and welfare of the population.
- Rated as the ***35th Best Place to Live in the U.S in 2014*** by Livibility.com based on what Americans value most in their communities including education, housing, transportation, infrastructure and community interaction.
- Irvine ranked No. 5 for ***Best Places for Young Families and Working Parents,*** No. 5 for ***Best Places for Soccer Moms and Dads,*** and No. 16 for ***Best Cities for Job Seekers*** for California cities with populations over 40,000 as reported by NerdWallet Finance, a personal finance website.
- ***Irvine Gives***, the City's online resource for charitable giving, recognized with the California Parks and Recreation Society's ***Award of Excellence.***

2013

- Irvine is the ***Fourth Best City in the U.S. to Find a Finance Job***, according to Accounting Principles, a nationwide recruiter for accounting and finance professionals.
- Ranked as one of the ***Top 10 U.S. Cities for Recreation and Living an Active Lifestyle*** by NerdWallet.com based on recreational options, open space and community parks.

- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the ninth straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.
- Based upon FBI statistics on violent crime, Irvine ranked as the ***Safest City*** in 2012 of communities with more than 200,000 by Law Street, an online site on law and public policy.
- Ranked ***Best City to Live In*** by the Orange County Register's annual "The Best of Orange County."
- Named a ***Bicycle Friendly Community*** by the American League of Bicyclists, recognizing Irvine's support of cycling on its extensive citywide trail system.
- City Clerk Sharie Apodaca presented the City Clerk's Association of California ***Award of Distinction for Voter Outreach*** for outstanding efforts to increase public awareness and encourage civic participation in the election process.
- Irvine ranked third in 24/7 Wall Street's 2013 listing of ***Best-Run Cities in America*** based on local economy, fiscal management and quality of life measures.
- Irvine's ***Jobs-to-Population Ratio*** of 94.8% is No. 1 for American cities with more than 200,000 residents.
- Southern California Edison ***Silver Tier Recognition*** for City's energy efficiency measures in municipal operations and promotion of energy conservation.
- California Park & Recreation Society ***Creating Community Through Partnerships and Service Opportunities*** award for City's Keen Center for Senior Resources.

2012

- The O.C. Great Park named a ***Frontline Park*** by the City Parks Alliance, a national organization recognizing urban park excellence, innovation, and stewardship across the country.
- The Orange County Business Council ***2012 Workforce Housing Scorecard*** gave Irvine the highest cumulative ranking for O.C. cities between 2010 and 2035 in balancing jobs growth and housing supply.
- Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada ***Distinguished Budget Presentation Award*** for City's FY2012-13 budget.
- Irvine ranked the 6th best place to live in the nation on Money Magazine's list of ***Best Places to Live in America*** based on strong job opportunities, great schools, low crime, quality health care and options for recreation.
- Ranked ***Best City to Live In*** by the Orange County Register's annual "The Best of Orange County."
- Named a ***Bicycle Friendly Community*** by the American League of Bicyclists.
- City Parks Alliance ***"Frontline Park"*** designation for urban park excellence for month of December for the Orange County Great Park.
- Forbes magazine online story ranked Irvine No. 6 among U.S. cities with the ***Happiest Young Professionals*** based on criteria including work-life balance, work environment, job resources, compensation, and growth opportunities.
- Orange Coast Magazine ***Most Whimsical Garden Award*** for the Orange County Great Park Farm + Food Lab.

- National Institute for Senior Center Excellence ***Award Winner-Senior Nutrition, Fitness and Health Category*** for City's EarthBox gardening program.
- First place ***Print Media – Best Direct Mail*** AdWheel Award from the American Public Works Association for *i*Shuttle residential outreach program.
- Internet Marketing Association's 2012 Impact Award for ***Best Website Aesthetics*** for the Orange County Great Park website.
- Third place winner in the 2012 ***National Cans for Cash Recycling Challenge — Most Innovative Campaign,*** with $5,000 grant donated to Human Options.
- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the eighth straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.
- Internet Marketing Association Impact Awards: ***Best Website Aesthetics*** for the Orange County Great Park website.
- Orange County Transportation Authority's ***Diamond Award*** for "Outstanding Marketing Program" for the City's *i*Shuttle program.
- ***Playful City USA*** designation from KaBoom!, a national non-profit organization promoting children's recreation and creation of more places for children to play.
- Southern California Association of Governments' ***Compass Blueprint Recognition Award*** for Irvine Business Complex Vision Project.
- National League of Cities ***Cultural Diversity Award*** second place winner for the development of creative and effective programs that improve and promote cultural diversity within the community.
- City of Irvine recognized as an ***Energy Leader*** in partnership with Southern California Edison.
- Ranked second in ***America's Best Run Cities*** by 24/7 Wall Street based on financial health, standard of living and municipal services.

2011

- Identified as ***#1 Safest City in America*** with a population over 100,000 by CQ Press in its annual publication titled *"City Crime Rankings 2011-2012: Crime in Metropolitan America."*
- Named the ***#1 Best Family-Friendly City in Orange County*** for cities with over 100,000 population by Parenting OC magazine.
- Recipient of Orange County Business Council's 2011 ***Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award - Responding to Globalization***.
- Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada ***Distinguished Budget Presentation Award*** for City's FY2011-12 budget.
- Irvine ranked 5th on Businessweek.com's ***Nation's Best Cities*** list based on overall quality of life. Irvine had the best schools ranking among the 50 cities on the list.
- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the seventh straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.
- University of California Master Gardener Program ***Master Gardener "Search for Excellence" 2nd Place Award*** for the O.C. Great Park Farm + Food Lab.

- Interactive Media Awards (IMA) for the O.C. Great Park Website: ***Outstanding Achievement – Community*** and ***Outstanding Achievement – Government.***
- Ranked ***Best City to Live In*** by the Orange County Register's annual "The Best of Orange County."
- Irvine was named a ***Top 100 place to Live in the U.S***. in RelocateAmerica's 14th annual rankings. Irvine received high marks for its master-planned villages, quality of schools, property values, low crime rate, parks and open space.
- Interactive Media Council's ***Outstanding Achievement for a Community and Government Website*** for the Orange County Great Park website recognizing design, content, feature functionality, usability, and technical standards.
- Irvine is ranked #1 for talent pool, #4 for economic potential and #6 for business friendliness for cities with 100,000-250,000 population on Financial Times' Foreign Direct Investment Magazine's ***"American Cities of the Future"*** list.
- American Planning Association's Donald E. Hunter ***Excellence in Economic Development Planning Award*** honorable mention for the Irvine Business Complex Mixed Use Vision Plan.
- California Park and Recreation Society ***Award of Excellence-Park Planning*** for Bommer Canyon Community Trailhead.
- ***Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*** by the National Purchasing Institute and California Association of Public Purchasing Officers.
- U.S. Conference of Mayor's ***Most Innovative Campaign*** award for City's "Cash for Cans" recycling program, with $5,000 award donated to the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Program.
- City of Irvine recognized as an ***Energy Leader*** in partnership with Southern California Edison.
- ***Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*** from the Government Finance Officers Association (32nd consecutive year).
- Bike to Work Week Challenge ***1st Place Award*** for most bicycle miles pledged.
- Web Marketing Association ***Standard of Excellence Award*** for City's environmental programs website.
- Southern California Gas Company ***Certificate of Participation*** for City's Energy Efficiency Programs, saving an estimated 14,092 therms of gas.

2010

- ***Excellence in Planning Implementation Award*** for the Irvine Business Complex (IBC) Vision Plan by Orange County Chapter of American Planning Association.
- ***Special Recognition Award*** for IBC Vision Plan by the Southern California Association of Governments Compass Blueprint program for excellence in the advancement of livability, mobility, prosperity and sustainability.
- Government Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada ***Distinguished Budget Presentation Award*** for City's FY2010-11 budget.
- A ***Tree City USA***, honored by the Arbor Day Foundation for Irvine's commitment to community forestry. Irvine has received this national designation for 21 years.
- Ranked ***Best City to Live In*** by the Orange County Register's annual "The Best of Orange County."

- California Park and Recreation Society ***Award of Excellence-Youth Development*** for Irvine's Youth Wellness Committee.
- The ***Speedo Jr. National Championships***, the ***ConocoPhillips National Championships*** and the ***Mutual of Omaha Pan Pacific Championships*** – all national or international swimming competitions – were held in Irvine.
- Selected as one of the ***100 Best Communities for Young People*** by America's Promise Alliance, for helping young people overcome challenges to succeed.
- Southern California Association of Governments (Regional) ***Compass Blueprint Awards Honorable Mention*** for the O.C. Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan.
- Ranked as the top city in California on Money Magazine's July 2010 list of ***Best Places to Live in America*** based on housing, finance and quality of life.
- ***Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*** by the National Purchasing Institute and California Association of Public Purchasing Officers.
- ***Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*** from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- City of Irvine recognized as an ***Energy Leader*** in partnership with Southern California Edison.
- U.S. Secretary of Defense Employer Support ***Freedom Award*** recognizing the Irvine Police Department for support of City employees in armed forces reserve and National Guard units, one of 15 cities nationwide receiving this honor.
- Ranked the ***Fifth Best City in the Nation for Business Start-ups*** by Bloomberg Businessweek.
- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the sixth straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.
- California Park and Recreation Society ***Awards of Excellence*** for Lunch Time Activities program and Financial Literacy Initiative program.
- National Cans for Cash City Recycling Challenge ***Most Innovative Campaign*** with $5,000 award donated to Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Program.

2009

- Irvine's city television channel (ICTV 30) awarded ***1st place for "Irvine News"*** program by National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors.
- ***2009 Excellence in Victim Services Award*** by the International Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Ranked as Orange County's ***No. 1 Best City to Live In*** by the Orange County Register.
- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the fifth straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.
- Multiple "Smarter City" national rankings by Natural Resources Defense Council for ***Recycling*** (#4), ***Standard of Living*** (#5), ***Green Building*** (#6), and ***Transportation*** (#7).
- American Planning Association (National) ***Focused Planning Issue Award*** for the O.C. Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan.

- California's top City in BusinessWeek's annual ***Best Small Cities for Business Startups***.
- U.S. Conference of Mayor's ***Most Innovative Campaign*** for City's "Cash for Cans" recycling program (2nd consecutive year).
- The League of California Cities' 2009 Award for the ***Advancement of Diverse Communities*** to City Manager Sean Joyce.
- Childcare Connections Collaborative ***Excellence in Childcare Planning Award*** for policies favorable to developing additional childcare facilities within the City.
- American Institute of Architects (National) ***Honor Award in Regional & Urban Design*** for the O.C. Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan.
- A ***Tree City USA***, honored by the Arbor Day Foundation for Irvine's commitment to community forestry to help promote a healthier city.
- Irvine Station Parking Structure, honored by the ***International Parking Institute*** with an Award of Merit.
- American Society of Landscape Architects (National) ***Professional Honor Award for Research*** for the O.C. Great Park Restoration Ecology Processes to Advance Natural Landscape Design.

- A ***Bicycle Friendly Community*** by the American League of Bicyclists, recognizing Irvine's support of sport and transportation cycling on its extensive, citywide trail system.
- ***Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*** from the Government Finance Officers Association.
- American Planning Association's ***Innovation in Green Community Planning Award*** for Hines California Green Master Plan in the Irvine Business Complex.
- American Planning Association's ***Award of Merit for Best Planning Practices*** for the City's Energy Plan and leadership toward energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reduction, and environmental conservation.
- ***Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*** by the National Purchasing Institute and California Association of Public Purchasing Officers.
- American Society of Landscape Architects (National) ***Professional Honor Award for General Design*** for the O.C. Great Park Observation Balloon Preview Park.
- American Public Works Association ***Project of the Year*** for food rescue program with Second Harvest Foodbank.

2008

- ***Green California Leadership Award*** for the distribution of 60,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs to Irvine residents through "A Brighter Future for Irvine" program.
- American Planning Association (O.C. & California) ***Focused Planning Issue Award*** for the Orange County Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan.
- Ranked as ***One of the Best Places to Live in America*** by Money Magazine.
- State of California ***Flex Your Power Award*** for the City's community Energy Partnership program.

- American Public Works Association ***Public Works Week Award*** for the City's environmental programs website outreach.
- Web Marketing Association ***Government Standard of Excellence Award*** for the City's environmental programs website.
- National Cans for Cash Recycling Challenge ***Most Innovative Campaign*** with $5,000 award donated to the Irvine Public Schools Foundation.
- Selected as one of the ***100 Best Communities for Young People*** by America's Promise Alliance, for helping young people overcome challenges to succeed.
- American Institute of Architects (California Council) ***Honor Award in Regional & Urban Design*** for the O.C. Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan.
- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America for the fourth straight year based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.
- ***Tree City USA Award*** by the Arbor Day Foundation (18th consecutive year).
- ***Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*** by the National Purchasing Institute and California Association of Public Purchasing Officers.
- Named ***Best Big City for Families in Orange County*** by Orange County Parenting Magazine.
- Orange County Great Park selected as part of the ***Sustainable Sites Initiative*** by American Society of Landscape Architects, the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center and the United States Botanic Garden.
- Named as ***One of the Best Cities to Live During a Recession*** by BusinessWeek.com.
- American Society of Landscape Architects ***National Honor Award for Analysis & Planning*** for the O.C. Great Park Comprehensive Master Plan.
- Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California ***2008 Award of Excellence*** for the Culver Drive Realignment and Widening Project.
- ***Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting*** from the Government Finance Officers Association.

2007

- ***Outstanding Planning Award*** from the Orange County chapter of the American Planning Association for Affordable Housing Strategy.
- Named ***Advocate of the Year*** by the Southern California Association of Non-Profit Housing for efforts to promote high-quality affordable housing.
- One of the ***100 Best Communities for Young People*** by America's Promise – Alliance for Youth.
- California Society for Ecological Restoration ***Members Award*** won by the O.C. Great Park Design Studio for Emphasis of Restoration & Scientific Educational Opportunities.
- ***Achievement Award*** by the California Parks and Recreation Society for "ReadyFitGo" program promoting a healthier Irvine.
- Irvine Animal Care Center named ***Shelter of the Year*** at the 53rd Annual Show Dogs of the Year Awards in New York City.

- ***Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award*** by the National Purchasing Institute and California Association of Public Purchasing Officers.
- Irvine identified as having the ***Lowest Violent Crime Rate*** in America based upon FBI statistics for cities with a population of more than 100,000 residents.