

OC Business Expo to Bring over 1,000 Business Leaders to Newport Beach on May 7

Event to feature 100+ exhibitors, investor access, and a high-impact startup pitch session

NEWPORT BEACH, CA, UNITED STATES, May 5, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Orange County Iranian American Chamber of Commerce (OCIACC) will host the highly anticipated OC Business Expo on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel, bringing together more than 1,500 entrepreneurs, executives, investors, and community leaders for one of Orange County's most dynamic business events.

With over 100 exhibitors and a robust lineup of speakers and government leaders, the Expo is designed to foster meaningful connections, drive business growth, and create real opportunities for startups and established companies alike.

A High-Impact, Multi-Experience Event

The OC Business Expo offers a curated, outcome-driven experience across several key environments:

Founders Hall

The main stage will feature opening remarks from regional and state leaders, followed by a powerful lineup of speakers addressing innovation, capital access, and business growth.

Featured speakers include:

- Jeffrey Ball, President & CEO, Orange County Business Council
- Shirin Behzadi, National Bestselling Author & Private Equity Leader
- Susan Akbarpour, Entrepreneur, Investor & Board Director

Distinguished guests include elected officials such as Congressman Dave Min, Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, Vice Chair Katrina Foley, Irvine Mayor Larry Agran, Irvine councilwoman Melinda Liu and and Artesia city councilmember Ali Sajjad.

Investors Lounge & One-Minute Pitch



The poster for the OC Business Expo 2026 features the TAVAN logo at the top, followed by the event title in large orange and blue letters. Below the title is the tagline: "WHERE VISIONARY LEADERS, INVESTORS, AND ENTREPRENEURS MEET, CONNECT, INNOVATE, AND GROW". A central image shows a modern hotel building. To the right of the image is a list of featured speakers with their names, titles, and photos. At the bottom left, the event date and time are listed: "MAY 7TH 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM RENAISSANCE HOTEL 4500 MACARTHUR BLVD NEWPORT BEACH". At the bottom right, there is a "REGISTER TODAY" section with a QR code and a small OCIACC logo.

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OC BUSINESS EXPO 2026

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The OC Business Expo welcomes entrepreneurs, tech innovators, investors, and business leaders for an evening of connection and opportunity. Featuring keynote insights, a dynamic fireside chat, 150+ exhibitors, and access to TAVAN resources designed to help businesses grow, scale, and thrive.

SHIRIN BEHZADI
Keynote Speaker: Bestselling Author, \$900M Raised in Private Equity, Vice Chair, United Way, Orange County

SUSAN AKBARPOUR
Fireside Chat: Serial Entrepreneur & Investor, Board Director, Multiple AI Companies, Philanthropist

JEFFREY BALL
Featured Speaker: President & CEO, Orange County Business Council

SHANI MOSLEHI
Founder & CEO, OCIACC

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4500 MACARTHUR BLVD
NEWPORT BEACH

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Exhibitor Spots & Sponsorship Opportunities Available





OC Business Expo, May 7th, 2026

A standout feature of the Expo, the Open Mic One-Minute Pitch Session will give startups a rare opportunity to present their ideas live in front of a room of active investors, emphasizing clarity, traction, and real-time opportunity.

Bamboo Garden Networking Experience

From 4:00 to 5:00 PM, attendees will enjoy a curated outdoor networking reception in the hotel's signature Bamboo Garden, designed to facilitate authentic, high-value connections and added fun feature is fresh BBQ Persian kabob!

TAVAN Village

A signature initiative of OCIACC, TAVAN Village will provide access to free and low-cost resources for underserved entrepreneurs, including business advisory services, financial literacy, workforce development support, and sustainability programs.

Driving Real Outcomes, Not Just Attendance

"This Expo is about more than bringing people together, it's about creating real opportunity," said Shani Moslehi, Founder & CEO of OCIACC.

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This Expo is about connection, capital access, and real opportunity for founders and small businesses across Orange County”

Shani Moslehi, CEO at OC Iranian American Chamber of Commerce

“We are intentionally connecting founders, angel investors, and community leaders to drive access to capital, collaboration, and long-term growth.”

Event Details

OC Business Expo

Thursday, May 7, 2026

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel

4500 MacArthur Blvd., Newport Beach, CA

Complimentary self-parking

Tickets are open to business owners, startups, investors,

professionals, and community members.

For more information, visit: www.ociacc.com



The poster for the OC Business Expo 2026 Open Mic One-Minute Pitch session features a dark background with a microphone in the foreground. The OCIACC logo is at the top left, with the tagline 'Unite. Collaborate. Achieve.' below it. The main title 'OC BUSINESS EXPO 2026' is in large, bold, orange and white letters. Below it, 'OPEN MIC ONE-MINUTE PITCH' is in white and green. A red banner at the top right says 'LAST CALL! LIMITED SPOTS LEFT!'. A green banner below the title says '60 SECONDS. REAL OPPORTUNITY.' with a clock icon. Below that, a green banner says 'STARTUPS – THIS IS YOUR STAGE! LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!' with a rocket icon. At the bottom, there are three icons: a calendar for 'THURSDAY MAY 7, 2026', a clock for '4:00 PM – 8:00 PM', and a location pin for 'RENAISSANCE NEWPORT BEACH HOTEL 4500 MacArthur Blvd, Newport Beach, CA'. The bottom of the poster has the slogan 'TOGETHER, WE GROW.' in white and green.

Startups One Min Open Mic Presentation

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The poster for the OC Business Expo 2026 features a green and orange color scheme. At the top, the OCIACC logo is displayed with the website ociacc.com and phone number 949.370.0102. The main title 'OC BUSINESS EXPO 2026' is in large, bold letters, followed by the tagline 'WHERE VISIONARY LEADERS, INVESTORS, AND ENTREPRENEURS MEET, CONNECT, INNOVATE, AND GROW'. Below this, a green banner indicates 'MEET 100+ EXHIBITORS' at the Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel on May 7, 2026, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. A list of exhibitors is provided in four columns.

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- OC Grom Solar
- Radio KIRN 670
- Department of General Services - DGS
- The Coffee Queens
- OC Power Authority
- OC CEO Collective | SoCal Women in Business
- Farmers & Merchants Bank
- Arshameli Design
- Bato App
- Dylan Blake Customs
- Kaiser Permanente
- CalSavers Retirement Savings Program
- HKBASC and HRTDC
- The Picklr
- Virscend University
- Innovative Craftsmanship
- Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce
- Safe Lab
- SCORE
- ameriCARE Central Orange County
- Oasis Senior Advisors - OC Hills/SPAC LLC
- Valpak Advertising
- KCIS
- Elman Bio Inc.
- Arab American Business Chamber
- GL Larson Insurance & Financial Solutions
- Asodehdelan
- Wallis Bank
- Callison Inc
- The Hadi Law Group
- Hamid Financial LLC
- AT&T
- OC Chinese American Chamber of Commerce
- Meuteman Press of Tustin
- XBN
- Filipino American CCOC
- Pure Creative
- Electronic Payments
- Edward Jones
- California Credit Union
- OC Board of Supervisors
- Kiana Beauty
- California High-Speed Rail Authority
- ABWA Wind Song Chapter
- Irvine Valley College
- Common Cause Grants and Consulting
- Lena Ghazel Realtor
- IKEA Costa Mesa
- Delicious Delights
- OC Auto Body
- Turkish Airlines
- KAMPP Technology & Marketing
- CIBA Business Network
- Lion's Partners Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Diversity Biz Forum - DBF
- Suren Restaurant
- Mona Design
- Khondanika Magazine
- Sofia University
- DJ Navidi
- Payk Bantar
- Lily of the Valley
- B90 FC
- 8 Club
- ASAN
- Norooz Clinic
- Laguna Hills Chamber of Commerce
- OCTA
- Rosy Beauty
- Rumi App
- Heidari Law Group LLC
- Child Foundation
- Zoom Business Brokers
- Community Marketing Liaison
- Niguel Family Dentistry
- Commercial Bank of California
- Security Plus Services
- Afghan American Business Alliance
- Asian Business Association OC
- U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
- California Green Business Network
- SEEB Magazine
- Nakun Inc
- My Post
- PayChex
- Daily Hug Coffee Roasters Inc.
- Paneteha Catering
- Almas Entertainment
- Vector Environmental Consulting Inc
- Gowns And Gardens
- Bank of America

Partial list of Exhibitors

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