



REGIONAL CENTER  
OF ORANGE COUNTY

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**THOMASINA PARKER ELECTED TO CHAIR REGIONAL CENTER  
OF ORANGE COUNTY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SANTA ANA, Calif., February – Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) announced that Thomasina R. Parker has been elected to complete the term of Board Chairman Christian Dubia, Jr., a prominent Orange County attorney who recently resigned from the board due to health reasons. The term runs until January, 2011.

A resident of Huntington Beach, Parker has been a member of the RCOC board since July 2006 and has been board treasurer since March 2007. Recently retired after 34 years of service as a civilian employee, she was deputy director for the federal government's Defense Contract Management Agency in Santa Ana. In that role, she was responsible for managing upwards of \$60 billion in contacts with thousands of suppliers for the United States military.

“Chris Dubia was a tremendous asset to the Regional Center's board for many years, and we were saddened that he could no longer lead the board,” said RCOC Executive Director Larry Landauer. “However, Thomasina has proven leadership skills, and we are delighted that she agreed to step up and lead the board during this critical time when the regional center is being asked to do more with less.”

Parker is the parent of a 35-year-old son with developmental disabilities who has been a client of RCOC since he was just a few months old. In addition to her service to RCOC, she is president of the Friends of Rancho Los Cerritos, an historical site in Long Beach, and a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer. Though retired, she is still a member of the National Contract Management Association and the American Society for Military Comptrollers. She earned her undergraduate degree in English Literature at UCLA before starting her career with the Department of Defense.

Regional Center of Orange County ([www.rcocdd.com](http://www.rcocdd.com)) is the private, nonprofit organization contracted by the State of California to coordinate services and supports for the more than 17,000 Orange County residents with developmental disabilities and their families. Developmental disabilities include mental retardation, autism, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. RCOC's board of directors is composed entirely of volunteers.

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