

Major Federal Agencies in Orange County & A Report on African-American Elected Officials

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MAJOR FEDERAL AGENCIES IN ORANGE COUNTY

Agency	# Employees
Housing & Urban Development Santa Ana	133
Department of Homeland Security Laguna Niguel	963
Food & Drug Administration Irvine	168
Internal Revenue Service Santa Ana	214
Internal Revenue Service Laguna Niguel	505
Transportation Security Administration Irvine	183
63rd Regional Readiness Command Los Alamitos	150
Defense Contract Management Agency Santa Ana	185
Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach	254
Army Southern California Recruiting Battalion, Mission Viejo	400
U.S. Marine Corps Recruiting Orange	110
United States Postal Service, Processing & Distribution Facility Anaheim	400
United States Postal Service Huntington Beach	235
United States Postal Service Orange Main Post Office Orange	350
United States Postal Service Processing & Distribution Center Santa Ana	1,085

Numerical data collected from the Orange County Combined Federal Campaign

ORANGE COUNTY AFRICAN AMERICAN ELECTED OFFICIALS

Currently, there are only four African Americans elected to positions in Orange County: Webster J. Guillory, County Assessor and Kathryn McCullough, Council Member, City of Lake Forest; Judge Karen L. Robinson, Superior Court, and Gavin Huntley-Fenner, Ph.D., President, Irvine Unified School Board.



Gavin Huntley-Fenner

Gavin Huntley-Fenner was elected to the Board in November 2006, after being appointed in 2005 to fill a board vacancy. He will serve as Board President for 2009.

For the 2009 calendar year, Gavin will serve as the Board representative to the Coalition for Legislative Action; PTA Council; Irvine Public Schools Foundation; and the Medical Advisory Board. He will serve as school liaison to Bonita Canyon, Rancho San Joaquin MS, Turtle Rock, University HS, University Park, and Westpark School.

Gavin is a scientist and safety consultant with Exponent. His doctorate is in Cognitive Sciences and he has published research regarding language acquisition and the early development of mathematics. Prior to his appointment to the Board, Gavin served on the Board of Trustees of the Irvine Public Schools Foundation. Huntley-Fenner earned his B.A. in Cognitive Science, Phi Beta Kappa, from Vassar College and his Ph.D. in Brain and Cognitive Sciences from MIT.



Judge Karen L. Robinson

Karen L. Robinson was first appointed as a judge of the Orange County Superior Court by Gov. Gray Davis making her the first black woman appointed to the bench in the county.

The appointment was not the first time Robinson had broken down barriers. Robinson was elected to the Costa Mesa City Council in 2000 and named mayor in 2002. Both were firsts for an African American.

She is a graduate of UCLA, where she earned both a B.A. in political science and her Juris Doctor. Judge Robinson began her legal career with the Long Beach litigation firm Keesal, Young & Logan. Prior to her 2003 appointment as judge of the Orange County Superior Court, she served as a judge pro-tem for the Los Angeles Superior Court and headed the California State University system's in-house litigation unit. Judge Robinson also served as a member of the Costa Mesa City Council from 2000-2003, including service as mayor from 2002-2003.



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- Farrell J. Chiles, Chairman of the Board (2002-2006)
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