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Orange County Employees Retirement System Appoints Darren Dang as Chief Technology Officer

Santa Ana, CA (May 2, 2025) – The Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Darren Dang as Chief Technology Officer (CTO), effective May 16, 2025. Mr. Dang brings over 25 years of leadership in technology, finance, and public-sector governance, with a distinguished track record of driving Artificial Intelligence (AI) innovation, cybersecurity modernization, and digital transformation.



Darren Dang, OCERS Chief Technology Officer

“I’m honored to join OCERS at such a pivotal time,” said Mr. Dang. “The opportunity to use emerging technologies to enhance member services and operational transparency aligns with my passion for public sector innovation.”

The Chief Technology Officer (CTO) role was recently established by the OCERS Board of Retirement as part of our continued commitment to advancing the technology goals outlined in Vision 2030. In this new role, Mr. Dang will lead OCERS’ technology strategy, including the development of a next-generation Pension Administration System, data automation and analytics initiatives, and ongoing investments in cybersecurity.

“Mr. Dang’s deep expertise in ethical AI governance, cybersecurity, and scalable digital infrastructure will be instrumental as we continue to modernize our systems and ensure the long-term sustainability of the retirement system,” said Steve Delaney, Chief Executive Officer at OCERS. “We are excited to have him join and help elevate the excellent work already done by our talented IT team.”

Mr. Dang has actively contributed to the OCERS Multi-Employer AI Roundtable and has served on advisory groups with the California Judicial Council and the National Center for State Courts.



His thought leadership has been featured in national forums and partnerships with firms like Microsoft, Google, Tableau, and Snowflake. Mr. Dang holds a Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), an MBA in Finance and Entrepreneurship from UCLA, a Bachelors in Engineering and Applied Science from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), and an Executive Certificate in Business Analytics from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Most recently, he served as Deputy Court Executive Officer and Acting Chief Data Officer at the Orange County Superior Court—one of the largest unified trial courts in the nation—where he led enterprise-wide tech initiatives, managed a \$270 million budget, and launched tools like AI-powered virtual assistants, real-time analytics dashboards, and a statewide model data warehouse.

“Darren’s appointment is an important step in advancing our technology-forward Vision 2030 goals,” said CEO Steve Delaney. “His expertise will help us deliver modern, secure, and responsive technology for our members and stakeholders.”

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About Orange County Employees Retirement System ([OCERS](#)):

For 80 years, the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) has been dedicated to delivering retirement, death, disability, and cost-of-living benefits to the employees of our 13 participating employers, which include the County of Orange, various special districts, and the City of San Juan Capistrano. Our mission is to deliver secure retirement and disability benefits with premier service quality.

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