



Board of Directors Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: MARCH 25, 2021 **ITEM NUMBER:** 10A

SUBJECT: Review of OC Fair Planning Considerations and Vote on 2021 Dates

DATE: March 19, 2021

FROM: Michele Richards, CEO

PRESENTATION BY: Michele Richards, CEO

RECOMMENDATION

Approve 2021 OC Fair dates for July 16-August 15 and authorize the CEO to use alternate dates of August 25-September 19 if necessary.

BACKGROUND

Staff has been carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation throughout Orange County, working closely with County officials and the Orange County Health Care Agency to assess. As reported at previous Board Meetings, OC FEC team has been diligently planning and preparing for the safe reopening of the annual OC Fair. As part of this process, meetings have been held with key fair partners who are ready to move forward.

Staff will provide the Board with:

- The most current data regarding the continued decline in COVID-19 cases in Orange County.
- Up-to-date information on the number of vaccinations administered in Orange County and the current immunity rate.
- Projections from President Biden and the OC Health Care Agency on the availability of vaccine by May and the nation's "independence from COVID-19 by the Fourth of July."
- Expected new guidelines from the State for the "Green Tier" and from the CDC as more people are vaccinated.
- Announcements from other area attractions set to reopen in April.
- OC FEC plan to safely welcome fairgoers back in 2021.