

## **Surabhi Barbhaya**

### **Election Statement (2019-2020 term)- Position: Vice Director of Public Information**

I moved to the Orange County three years ago and have been serving on OCAPA board as an appointed official for past two years. During this time, I have served as an Award Subcommittee Member and helped organize Annual Awards Banquette. I have used my graphics skills to help the board from time to time with the design of various event flyers, save the dates, and presentations, as well as helped with luncheons. Before joining OCAPA, I served as a board member on St. Louis APA chapter for three years. My involvement included helping board with organizing the State conference and other annual events, chairing APA awards jury, and organizing luncheons. OCAPA has given me a great platform to get to know the planning community and I would like to take every opportunity to make sure that Orange Section members receive all the benefits that OCAPA has to offer.

If elected, I would like to accomplish the following during my next term:

- Update the format of the email newsletter.
- Work with website coordinator to make newsletter complementary to the new website design (in the process of development) and make it easily accessible on the website.
- Showcase Orange County planning articles and blogs submitted by OC Planners in the monthly and quarterly newsletter.

About me:

- Current Employment: Senior Urban Planner, Michael Baker International, Santa Ana.
- Education:
  - Bachelor of Architecture, India (1999)
  - Master of Community Planning, University of Cincinnati (2005)
- APA member: 14 years