"The Orange County Planning Officials Leadership Initiative Collaborative’s mission is to encourage and support planning commissioners in their quest to become knowledgeable, competent, and ethical community servants committed to building a sustainable and resilient quality of life in their communities through the application of sound planning."
Orange County Planning Officials Leadership Initiative Collaborative (OCPOLI-C) is an alliance of Orange County planning commissioners - working in collaboration with professional planners in the public, private and non-profit sectors – who are committed to understanding and implementing good planning principles and practices guided by ethical leadership and transparent governance.

Through their participation in OCPOLI-C, planning commissioners build collaborative relationships with their peers, planning professionals and technical experts through a forum that provides resources and opportunities to advance their planning knowledge, hone practical planning skills and develop the leadership tools they need to serve as effective community servants.

As an on-going collective effort, OCPOLI-C leverages the knowledge of experienced planning commissioners and seasoned planning professionals to engage, educate and empower a sustainable pipeline of planning commissioners who will champion responsible planning, respect the public process and preserve the public trust in the exercise of their important land-use decision making authority.

You're A Planning Commissioner.

Now what?

Serving as a planning commissioner carries with it significant responsibility. You are a planning official vested with powerful decision-making authority granted you by state and local law. The decisions you make can have lasting economic and quality-of-life impacts on property owners and your constituents, impact public services and infrastructure, and materially affect your jurisdiction's fiscal health.

What do I need to know?

The short answer is, “A lot.” The extent that you possess a working knowledge and understanding of basic principles and practices of planning, land use, laws and regulations, governmental procedures and ethics determines your effectiveness as a planning official and your enjoyment in serving your community.

How can OCPOLI-C help me?

Orange County Planning Officials Leadership Initiative Collaborative is designed to help you develop your knowledge, understanding and leadership skills as a planning commissioner. OCPOLI-C creates a forum by which planning commissioners, planning directors and seasoned planning professionals collaborate to share information and ideas. OCPOLI-C hosts an annual half-day forum to identify and prioritize issues and challenges facing planning officials, and to develop collaborative educational strategies to address them through a series of workshops and at the Orange County Planning Directors Association’s annual forum.

How can I get involved in OCPOLI-C?

If you are a planning official in a city or other jurisdiction within Orange County and want to learn more about participating in OCPOLI-C, please contact Adrienne Gladson, AICP, at ocpolic@gmail.com.