

Brianna Vega's Story

My name is Brianna Vega, I have lived in Garden Grove for the past 10 years.

I'd describe myself, I guess, as being studious and a little bit of fun. It's pretty much go to school, then go to work and try to fit in some fun time between all that. There's always lots of activities to do in Orange County, whether it be to go to the beach, go to one of the artisan food places - that's always a lot of fun to try out. There's always something to do in Orange County.

My biggest challenge at the moment is pretty much trying to find time for everything. Especially being a senior at college, it's going to be tough.

What I love about Orange County is the people, the diversity, all the different types of food. There's a great array of various foods, like there's Chinese food, Vietnamese food, Mexican food, we just have so many options. And you always have something to choose from, it's just great, it's a great melting pot.

A hate-free Orange County would be free of neo-Nazis. My brother goes to a Jewish school and there's actually been a lot of threats, neo-Nazi threats, so it's kind of scary for him to go to school there. The school is in Huntington Beach and there's surprisingly some (neo-Nazis) in Huntington Beach. You would be surprised where you'd find them. So, it (a hate-free OC) would be free of those types of people and of anything that threatens your safety and threatens the diversity as well.

My advice to the residents of Orange County is to keep an open-mind. There's lots of different view-points in Orange County and that's something to consider. Try to be considerate of your neighbors and what they're going through. It's not easy to live in Orange County, especially with the rising costs, living costs. There's a lot of development, so I would imagine that a lot of people in Orange County are somewhat struggling. So be mindful of that and be mindful of what other people are going through.