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ORANGE COUNTY OFFICE			
Economic Indicators			
	Q1 16	Q1 17	12-Month Forecast
Orange County Employment	1.57M	1.59M	
Orange County Unemployment	4.3%	3.8%	
U.S. Unemployment	4.9%	4.8%	

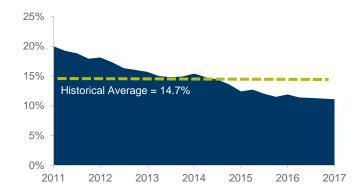
Market Indicators (Overall, All Classes)

	Q1 16	Q1 17	12-Month Forecast
Vacancy	11.9%	11.1%	
YTD Net Absorption (sf)	238,658	126,049	
Under Construction (sf)	1,658,424	2,187,903	
Average Asking Rent [¥]	\$2.16	\$2.34	

Overall Net Absorption/Overall Asking Rent 4Q TRAILING AVERAGE



Overall Vacancy



Economy

U.S. job growth trend remains firmly in place and nonfarm payroll employment has now increased for 78 consecutive months. Employment growth in the first quarter of 2017 was solid—averaging 178,000 jobs per month. Orange County posted an unemployment rate of 3.8% at the beginning of 2017, down from 4.1% a year ago. In the last 12 months, total nonfarm employment increased by 17,000 jobs, or an annual rate of 1.1%. With an addition of 6,100 jobs, the professional and business services sector reported the largest gain. The labor market will experience additional improvements over the next two years with an anticipated annual increase in nonfarm jobs of 2.0% this year before slowing slightly to 1.9% in 2018 as the county nears full employment. Meanwhile, Orange County's GDP is expected to accelerate to 3.2% in 2017 and maintain that rate in 2018.

Market Overview

At the beginning of 2017, the Orange County (OC) office market finished with healthy and strong fundamentals. Overall and direct vacancy rates remained steady at 11.1% and 10.7%, respectively. Year-over-year, overall vacancy is down 80 basis points (BPs) while direct vacancy saw a 70 BP decline in the same time period. These are the lowest vacancy rates seen in over a decade.

Current overall asking rents stand at \$2.34 FSG* countywide, reflecting a slower incline of asking prices across the county, yet second only to the year-end, pre-recessionary asking rate of \$2.37 FSG in 2006. Compared to year-over-year, overall asking rents continued to increase, and all indications are such that this trend will continue throughout 2017. Class B rents are rising as well since many tenants have been priced out of Class A space. At \$2.00 FSG, overall Class B rents are at an all-time high. Class B leasing activity made up 49% of the 1.8 MSF posted with 866,877 square feet (SF) this quarter.

Net absorption continues to show positive, but at a more subdued level to start 2017. With over 126,000 SF of positive absorption, there are still indications of healthy market conditions. Central County had the most net absorption at 227,000 SF, fueled by activity in Santa Ana. Although the Greater Airport area, West County and North Orange County showed marginal levels of negative absorption, one could state these levels were an indication of settling and the cautious optimism carrying over from the close of 2016.

The approximately 2.2 MSF of development projects remain on schedule and all could deliver before the close of 2017. With 537,000 SF or 35% of the tracked projects, the Greater Airport Area is comprised of all speculative product. South County has more SF under construction at 1.7 MSF, a blend of Build-To-Suit and speculative product types making up 77% of development projects.

Outlook

Expect rents to continue to rise at a slower pace and overall vacancy to decline till mid to late-2017. Vacancy may see a slight uptick as new construction will come online, however, new high-end product will likely push rates up in these markets. Sale rates are holding in large part because sentiment from private and institutional investors is more positive and stronger than anticipated post-election.

Therefore, expect to see a rise in office building sale availabilities by Q3 2017.

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SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SF)	SUBLET VACANT (SF)	DIRECT VACANT (SF)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	YTD DIRECT NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD LEASING ACTIVITY (SF)	UNDER CNSTR (SF)	OVERALL AVERAGE ASKING RENT (ALL CLASSES)*	OVERALL AVERAGE ASKING RENT (CLASS A)*
South Santa Ana	1,689,207	0	360,886	21.4%	71,733	71,733	101,665	0	\$2.66	\$2.77
Costa Mesa	5,280,016	24,253	728,104	14.2%	-6,394	-20,173	224,793	0	\$2.97	\$3.23
Newport Beach	8,016,346	23,191	729,903	9.4%	3,087	6,586	149,742	0	\$3.32	\$3.44
Irvine	23,037,761	111,796	2,303,826	10.5%	-78,522	-98,504	482,349	537,224	\$2.55	\$2.86
GREATER AIRPORT AREA/CBD	38,023,330	159,240	4,122,719	11.3%	-10,096	-40,358	958,549	537,224	\$2.82	\$3.08
Irvine Spectrum	8,084,619	64,252	276,346	3.7%	48,496	44,350	225,524	1,445,679	\$2.85	\$3.18
Lake Forest/R.S. Margarita	2,634,428	2,500	198,434	7.6%	-10,287	-10,287	5,595	0	\$2.23	\$2.50
Laguna Hills/Aliso Viejo	4,296,968	1,859	301,117	7.1%	-32,551	-7,941	30,597	205,000	\$2.80	\$3.29
Laguna Niguel/Laguna Beach	574,657	0	18,863	3.3%	-990	-990	0	0	\$2.43	\$2.75
Mission Viejo	1,289,140	7,897	180,261	14.6%	-20,452	-23,533	22,631	0	\$2.40	\$2.57
S.J. Cap/S. Clemente/Dana Point	1,274,048	0	30,716	2.4%	5,800	5,800	8,794	0	\$2.14	\$0.00
SOUTH COUNTY	18,153,860	31,042	1,005,737	5.7%	-9,984	7,399	293,141	1,650,679	\$2.59	\$3.07
Seal Beach	310,241	2,260	12,064	4.6%	13,789	13,789	14,151	0	\$2.93	\$2.93
Westminster	262,284	0	75,683	28.9%	326	326	5,005	0	\$2.13	\$0.00
Huntington Beach	1,303,980	12,989	91,146	8.0%	-1,152	-9,155	5,865	0	\$2.26	\$2.20
Fountain Valley	320,225	0	3,936	1.2%	1,714	1,714	1,714	0	\$1.65	\$0.00
Garden Grove	541,785	0	68,615	12.7%	2,738	2,738	2,738	0	\$1.83	\$0.00
Los Alamitos/Stanton	435,342	2,500	11,178	3.1%	-1,997	-4,497	1,032	0	\$1.41	\$0.00
Cypress	1,324,921	15,603	287,034	22.8%	-35,015	-35,015	0	0	\$1.79	\$0.00
WEST COUNTY	4,498,778	33,352	549,656	13.0%	-19,597	-30,100	30,505	0	\$1.93	\$2.37
Parkcenter Area	2,820,093	0	324,131	11.5%	-26,082	-26,082	21,717	0	\$1.86	\$1.98
Stadium Area	3,652,993	0	346,763	9.5%	4,700	4,700	53,176	0	\$2.06	\$2.52
The City Area	2,306,689	0	242,605	10.5%	-20,973	-20,973	29,840	0	\$2.47	\$2.67
Main Place Area	2,262,734	2,349	279,770	12.5%	-15,874	-18,223	12,818	0	\$2.28	\$2.52
Tustin (South of I-5)	687,575	0	112,631	16.4%	59,802	73,256	99,957	0	\$2.23	\$0.00
Santa Ana	3,411,691	0	862,283	25.3%	269,284	269,284	137,158	0	\$1.88	\$0.00
North/East Stadium	2,995,050	35,228	577,747	20.5%	-57,991	-56,869	22,063	0	\$1.59	\$2.12
East Orange	427,246	0	37,996	8.9%	-13,567	-13,567	0	0	\$1.95	\$0.00
Civic Center Area	2,032,872	0	285,749	14.1%	15,018	15,018	8,130	0	\$1.59	\$1.95
CENTRAL COUNTY	20,596,966	37,577	3,069,675	15.1%	214,317	226,544	384,859	0	\$1.89	\$2.30
Fullerton	1,283,776	0	114,013	8.9%	-37,604	-37,604	8,718	0	\$1.89	\$0.00
Brea/La Habra	3,920,170	68,007	275,394	8.8%	-10,525	-8,363	75,353	0	\$2.12	\$2.10
Placentia/Yorba Linda	270,646	0	20,336	7.5%	7,545	7,545	11,668	0	\$1.52	\$0.00
Buena Park/La Palma	1,109,616	0	221,539	20.0%	986	986	5,459	0	\$1.95	\$3.00
NORTH COUNTY	6,584,824	68,007	631,282	10.6%	-39,598	-37,436	101,198	0	\$2.00	\$2.26
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*Rental rates reflect gross asking \$psf/month $^{\Omega}$ Totals are not reflective of U.S. Overview

CLASS	INVENTORY (SF)	SUBLET VACANT (SF)	DIRECT VACANT (SF)	DIRECT VACANCY RATE	YTD DIRECT NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD LEASING ACTIVITY (SF)	UNDER CNSTR (SF)	DIRECT AVERAGE ASKING RENT*	OVERALL ERAGE ASKING RENT*
Class A	37,415,279	223,886	4,428,395	11.8%	163,201	133,390	884,632	2,187,903	\$2.90	\$2.87
Class B	48,186,504	105,332	4,879,052	10.1%	-34,375	-13,557	866,877	0	\$2.01	\$2.00
Class C	1,958,425	0	71,622	3.7%	6,216	6,216	16,743	0	\$1.92	\$1.92

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Key Lease Transactions Q1 2017

PROPERTY	SF	TENANT	TRANSACTION TYPE	SUBMARKET
3333 Susan Street	101,831	The Los Angeles Chargers	New Lease	Greater Airport Area
15253 Bake Pkwy	65,006	Blizzard Entertainment	New Lease	South County
1500 S Douglass Road	63,839	Carrington Mortgage	Expansion	Central County
1610 E Saint Andrew Place	62,755	Collectors Universe, Inc.	New Lease	Central County
3100 Lake Center Drive	60,462	OC 405 Partners	New Lease	Greater Airport Area
2600 Michelson Drive	60,013	Jacobs Engineering	New Lease	Greater Airport Area
217 Technology Drive	55,527	Kelley Blue Book Co., Inc.	Renewal	South County
5231 California	53,840	Toshiba	New Lease	Greater Airport Area
14201 Franklin Avenue	39,762	ABM Industries Inc.	New Lease	Central County

Key Sales Transactions Q1 2017

PROPERTY	SF	SELLER/BUYER	PRICE / \$PSF	SUBMARKET
7755 Irvine Center Drive	118,370	Menlo Equities/MerchSource	\$42,000,000/\$355	South County
5 Peters Canyon Road	156,451	TA Realty/GEM Realty	\$41,675,000/\$266	Greater Airport Area
Towne Centre Plaza	205,626	The Blackstone Group/Pinnacle Asset Mgmt Group Llc	\$40,000,000/\$195	South County
4 Polaris Way	90,610	Quest Software/Invesco	\$34,800,000/\$384	South County
19712-19762 MacArthur Blvd (Portfolio Sale)	105,401	CIP Real Estate/Kelemen Caamano Investments	\$27,028,000/\$256	Greater Airport Area
17900 Von Karman Ave	65,086	Gerson Bakar/Wilshire Capital	\$16,000,000/\$246	Greater Airport Area

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Explanation of Terms

Total Inventory: The total amount of office space (in buildings of a predetermined size by market) that can be rented by a third party.

Overall Vacancy Rate: The amount of unoccupied space (new, relet, and sublet) expressed as a percentage of total inventory.

Direct Vacancy Rate: The amount of unoccupied space available directly through the landlord (excludes sublease space).

Absorption: The net change in occupied space between two points in time. (Total occupied space in the present quarter minus total occupied space from the previous quarter, quoted on a net, not gross, basis.)

Leasing Activity: The sum of all leases over a period of time. This includes pre-leasing activity as well as expansions. It does not include renewals.

Under Construction: Industrial and office square footage that are being built and have not received certificates of occupancy (C of O). Projects which are beyond site preparation (concrete slab poured and construction is actively progressing). For C&W statistical purposes, these buildings will not be complete by the last day of the reporting quarter.

Under renovation: Office and industrial buildings that are undergoing renovation, rehabilitation or conversion and require a certificate of occupancy to be habitable.

Overall Weighted Asking Rents: Gross average asking rents weighted by the amount of available direct and sublease space in Class A, B and C properties.

Class A Asking Rents: Gross average asking rents weighted by the amount of available Class A direct and sublease space.

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