

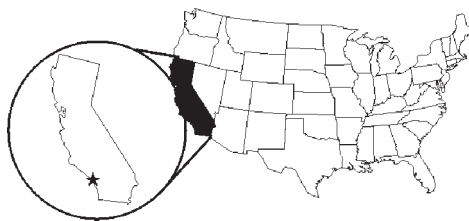
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA



Population Rank: U.S. # 51
California # 8

Proportions: 7:10 (official)

Adopted: 2 July 1984 (official)



DESIGN: Santa Ana's flag is divided diagonally from upper hoist to lower fly. The hoist triangle is medium blue; the fly triangle is yellow. On the center of the field is the city seal, approximately 4 units in diameter on a field of 7 by 10 units. The seal is surrounded by a dark blue ring which is fimbriated in gold where it overlaps the blue hoist triangle. On that ring **CITY OF SANTA ANA** arches clockwise over the top half and **CALIFORNIA** is centered on the lower half, counterclockwise, all in gold. At 8:30 and 3:30 o'clock is a small five-pointed star. The center of the seal has a white field. In the upper fly portion, between about 1:00 and 2:30 o'clock, half of a gold sun is visible with 8 gold equally-spaced rays emanating in straight lines to the inner edge of the blue ring. In a similar position on the hoist side is a line drawing in

blue of the Orange County government building, in partial profile toward the hoist. Below it, and close to the hoist side, is **ORANGE COUNTY SEAT OF GOVERNMENT**, in blue centered in three lines, two words over two words over one. In the center lower half of the seal is a blue line image of city hall, in partial profile toward the fly, with trees and shrubs. Centered below this building, in the same lettering, is **THE GOLDEN CITY**, directly above **FOUNDED 1869**. The seal was adopted officially in 1972.

SYMBOLISM: Blue and yellow (or gold) are the official colors of the city. The sun no doubt alludes to the abundant sunshine of the city. Santa Ana is the county seat of Orange County, hence the county building on the seal. The city's nickname is "The Golden City".

HOW SELECTED: Little is known about the flag's history. The ordinance of adoption is a scant four lines, and mentions nothing about how the flag was developed. City hall personnel have no other information available about the flag.

DESIGNER: Not available.

FORMER FLAGS: In 1976, the city council sponsored a contest among city residents for a design of the first official flag, with a deadline of May 31 of that year. Mayor John Garthe and Frank Blaszcak, the public information officer, were to choose the three top designs for council to select the winner. Evidently no design pleased the council sufficiently, for no flag was adopted as a result of the contest. JP 