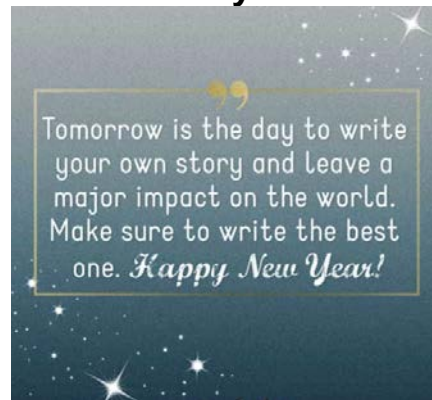




Working for a Better World
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Statement Regarding the Insurrection of January 6, 2021

Women For: Orange County joins with millions of citizens, leaders, officials, and organizations here and around the world in condemning the violent invasion of the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021.

The Trump supporters who assaulted the Capitol threatened our democracy. They brought hate and violence challenging the freedoms we hold dear, disrespecting our institutions, our traditions, and our law enforcement.

In a true democracy, all votes count. Fundamental to our democracy is the right of all eligible citizens to vote and for every vote to be counted regardless of race, creed, religion, or political party.

Eighty-two million Americans voted to elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. These votes were carefully counted, and the results withstood more than 60 legal challenges. This represents the will of the people.

George W. Bush wrote in his statement condemning the insurrection of January 6, "To those who are disappointed in the results of the election: Our country is more important than the politics of the moment. Let the officials elected by the people fulfill their duties and represent our voices in peace and safety."

The rioters who assaulted the Capitol pose a threat that cannot be ignored. There must be accountability as well as appropriate reactions from leaders.

This problem is bigger than any one person. Thus, Women For: Orange County encourages all citizens to come together and move forward to address these problems in order to build equity, create equality under the law, and support every American.

Women For: Orange County is proud to announce that we have joined the UNA-OC Council of Organizations (COO).

The Mission of UNA-OC is to “inform, inspire and mobilize the Orange County community to support the ideas and vital work of the United Nations. UNA-OC serves the community at large, by bringing awareness about humanitarian issues both on the local and global scale.”

The Council of Organizations (COO) <https://www.una-oc.org/partners> is an initiative of the United Nations Association - USA.

The COO is a coalition of nongovernmental organizations and local groups of organizations with interest in education, social justice, labor, energy and climate, the sustainable development goals, human rights, and health and women’s issues. The COO’s main mission is “to provide information about the UN and its programs and thereby to help the UN help the world.”

2021 Calendar

Online meetings will take place on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2 - 4 pm via Zoom.

Please note that meeting topics and/or dates may change if our speakers or panelists have unavoidable changes in their schedules.

We will continue to send out monthly newsletters and meeting flyers.

January 18th: Hoag Hospital versus Providence Health - The Lawsuit

February: Orange County Board of Supervisors
Who They Are - What They Are - Why Should You Care

March: Media Literacy - The Voice of Orange County

April: Cannabis - Current Research and Legislation

Throughout the rest of the year, we will present meetings and, if possible, events addressing the 100 year anniversary of Suffrage, feeding the hungry, advocacy, Black history and its current effects, how we can effect a hate free educational environment nationwide, the relationship between antisemitism and white nationalism and how to fight against these forces, the need for paid family and sick leave and how to achieve it, and finally a review of the Supreme Court decisions and how they will impact us all.

Please contact us at womenforoc@aol.com if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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Please mark your calendars for our next meeting
Hoag Hospital versus Providence Health: The Lawsuit

Monday, January 18, 2021

1:50 Join Zoom

2:00 - 3:00 pm - Zoom Panel Discussion*

3:00 - 3:30 pm Brief Question & Answer

The Hoag Founders filed suit in May 2020, to regain control of Hoag Hospital, one of Orange County's most trusted health care networks, and re-instate their independence from Providence Health.



Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, CA

Panel will address:

- * Why does local control of Hoag Hospital matter to you?
- * What is the latest on the May 2020 lawsuit?
- * What are your concerns regarding the changes to patient access to reproductive health and end of life options?
- * How can each of us make a difference and support the Hoag Founders' lawsuit?

Panelists include:

Beryl Smith, current Moderator of the Association of Presbyterian Members of Hoag (the APM), one of two "Founding Boards" of Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, and partner in the lawsuit. Previously held positions with Planned Parenthood, East and West Coast, and was a legislative advocate for 10 years in Maryland.

Steve Velkei, Esq., lead trial counsel for Baute Crochetiere Hartley & Velkei, will clarify the status of the lawsuit and discuss ways we can demonstrate our support for Hoag. Mr. Velkei, a graduate of Princeton University and Hastings College of Law, has been recognized by California Super Lawyers, Benchmark Litigation, and Law Dragon. He has an impressive resume, has lectured extensively, is LGBTQ and from a diverse background as well as being involved with major charitable groups and advocating for women's workplace equality.

Prof. Lori Freedman, PhD, an expert on reproductive health and religious institutions. Dr. Freedman is a sociologist and Greenwall Faculty Scholar at UCSF, currently investigating the ways in which reproductive health care is shaped by our social structure and medical culture. Author of *Willing and Unable: Doctors' Constraints in Abortion Care*, a qualitative study of the challenges to integrating abortion into physician practice.

Join *Zoom Panel Discussion

<https://zoom.us/j/95787975580?pwd=NHBQcjk3MmwvNVFHd3BSM1VyRER0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 957 8797 5580

Passcode: 126960

Any issues getting into Zoom meeting? Contact us through womenforoc@aol.com

59th Presidential Inauguration

The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) has scheduled the 59th inauguration for Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at noon on the west front of the U.S. Capitol. The theme for the ceremonies, as determined by this joint committee of House and Senate lawmakers, is, “**Our Determined Democracy: Forging a More Perfect Union.**”

Opening remarks will likely take place around 11:30 ET/8:30 am PT. The inauguration will be streamed by every major news station and other platforms such as Facebook Live, Twitter and YouTube. The inauguration will be nearly entirely virtual with only 1,000 people in attendance.

Update on Covid-19, Testing, Vaccines & Vaccinations

Currently two **vaccines** have been authorized for Emergency Use:

Pfizer-BioTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

For everything you ever wanted to know about **COVID-19 & Vaccines** from the FDA:

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-vaccines#eua-vaccines>

For the latest information on the COVID-19 **vaccine** from OC Health Care Agency

<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources>

Case counts and testing results from OC Health Care Agency

<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc>

All things related to Covid-19 **testing**

<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing>

California's **Vaccination** Plan

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

CA Vaccination Plan **Phases** (find out which phase you are in)

<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#When-can-I-get-vaccinated>

Vaccines for Long-term Care Facilities

<https://mailchi.mp/ochca/cvswalgreens>

Membership

Your continued support through membership renewal and donations allow us to bring outstanding speakers to our monthly online meetings and support our speakers and their organizations in their endeavors.

As a reminder, **Women For: Orange County** 2020 memberships have been extended to December 31, 2021.

If you are not a current member and would like to join, go to <http://www.womenfororangecounty.org> *membership*, then print the membership application, fill it in, and mail it with your check to:

W4OC
P.O. Box 5402
Irvine, CA 92626-4502

Our annual membership dues have remained at \$40.00 and \$20.00 for students/low income individuals.

As always, any donation will be gratefully accepted and much appreciated.



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