



*Working for a Better World
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December 2020



May your troubles be less, your blessings be more,
& nothing but happiness come through your door.
an Irish Blessing from the Women For Board to all of you

The Women For: Orange County Board has made the decision to continue with virtual meetings via Zoom for the foreseeable future due to Covid-19 and the uncontrolled spread of the virus. Of course, we will resume in-person meetings and events as soon as it is safe. With a vaccine in sight, we hope for rapid distribution and normalization of life in the OC!

**We miss seeing all of you and the ability to socialize.
Please stay safe.**

2021 Calendar

Following is our current calendar for January - April 2021. 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.

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

January: Hoag Hospital versus Providence Health - The Lawsuit

February: Orange County Board of Supervisors

March: Media Literacy - The Voice of OC

April: Cannabis

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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



Hoag Hospital Newport Beach, CA

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 must be able to keep local resources and decision making in Orange County to address all the health needs of community members for years to come," said Robert T. Braithwaite, president and chief executive officer of Hoag.

Beryl Smith, Hoag Founders Board member, will lead a panel discussion addressing the following questions:

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?

Join *Zoom Panel Discussion

<https://zoom.us/j/95787975580?pwd=NHBQcjk3MmwyNVFHd3B5M1VyRER0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 957 8797 5580

Passcode: 126960

Covid-19 Vaccine & Testing

On Thursday, December 10, Pfizer received the recommendation from an independent panel of experts that the FDA authorize Pfizer's vaccine for emergency use. Still, there are many questions regarding the Covid-19 Vaccine, but it appears we are moving in the right direction.

Following are some items of interest regarding the Covid-19 Vaccine

Great information with pictures (!) on how the current vaccines work:

<https://www.bbc.com/news/explainers-54880084>

CDC information bulletin on the vaccine as of December 3, 2020

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

Orange County Health Care Agency information on Covid-19 case counts and testing results

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

All things related to Covid-19 testing

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

As a reminder your current

Women For: Orange County membership

is 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:

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

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

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