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February 2024 Newsletter

Join Us at GAWI 2024

CELEBRATE
THE 36th ANNUAL
**GREAT AMERICAN
WRITE-IN**

Sponsored by
WOMEN FOR: ORANGE COUNTY

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024
9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

DELHI COMMUNITY CENTER
505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana 92707



The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword!

At the Write-In:

- **MEET** representatives of local and national advocacy groups!
- **LEARN** about today's vital issues!
- **RAISE YOUR VOICE** by **WRITING** to the decision-makers who can make a difference in health, the environment, peace, human and civil rights, education!

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For more information, please contact
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FREE ADMISSION! FREE PARKING!

Participating Organizations

American Association of University Women (IBC-OC)
Americans United for Separation of Church & State
Amnesty International Irvine
Arab American Civic Council
Brady Orange County
California Alliance for Retired Americans
California Work & Family Coalition
Childs-pace Foundation, Inc.
Church of the Foothills UCC & DOC, Faith in Action
Citizens' Climate Lobby
CLUE-Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
Colombia Peace Project
Community Action Fund of Planned Parenthood of OSBC
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)
CPI-Public School Defenders' Hub
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. OC Alumnae Chapter
Freedom for Immigrants
Girls Inc.
Global Hope 365
Haitian Bridge Alliance
Housing is a Human Right OC
Humanist Association of OC
Iranian American Democrats of California
IUCC Advocates for Peace and Justice
Jewish Voice for Peace OC / If Not Now OC
League of Women Voters
LGBTQ Center OC
Military Families Speak Out
Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
National Action Network Orange County
National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., OC Chapter
National Council of Negro Women, OC Section
OC Interfaith Committee to Aid Farmworkers
OC Justice Fund
OC May Day Collective
OC National Organization for Women (NOW)
OC Peace Coalition
Orange Coast Huddle
Orange County Equality Coalition (OCEC)
Orange County Friends Meeting (Quakers)
People's Budget OC
Public Law Center
Radiant Health Centers
Save Green Space, Save the Cougars
South OC for All
StandUp for Kids
The Cambodian Family
The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation
United Nations Association - USA, OC Chapter
Veterans for Peace Chapter 110
Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE)
Yalla Indivisible / SoCal Palestine Coalition
Zonta Club of Newport Harbor

FREE REFRESHMENTS! FREE POSTAGE!

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From the South follow Barranca Parkway to Dyer, then right on Halladay to Central and turn left to the Delhi Center.

From the 55 Freeway, exit at Dyer West, then follow directions above.

From the North or West follow Warner to Maple, turn right to Central and left to the Delhi Center.



Save time and pre-register @
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/great-american-write-in-tickets-823286481027>

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At our **Membership Mixer** Hans Johnson inspired us all as well as sharing valuable information.

Hans discussed the importance of non-profits and their possible influence on policy. He emphasized non-partisan advocacy shared through personal stories can inform and affect how issues are perceived. Advocacy matters in a democracy! Basically, Hans encouraged us to share our stories, send clear positive messages, listen, lead by example, and wear a touchstone, or signal, to show our values with joy. In particular, he shared the story of the fight to save the Mojave Desert and stop Cadiz from pumping out water from our aquifers for private, corporate benefit.



Who will champion California's desert parks and Water as Dianne Feinstein did?

Find out what can be done.

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2023/10/champion-california-desert-dianne-feinstein/>

2024 Calendar

We will continue to email our monthly newsletters along with event and meeting flyers.

March 9 - The Great American Write-In
at The Delhi Center in Santa Ana

May or June – Climate Summit
Date, time, place **To Be Determined**

August 24th – 42nd Annual Suffrage Day Celebration
at The Hacienda in Santa Ana

September 16 – Ballot Propositions
2 pm ZOOM meeting ONLY
The League of Women Voters presents
Pros & Cons of the California State-Wide Propositions

Fall Event with Second Harvest
Date, time, place **To Be Determined**

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

Meetings will be via Zoom, hybrid or in-person.
Hybrid and in-person meetings will take place at the
Irvine Ranch Water District Duck Club
15 Riparian View, Irvine

Meeting flyers, monthly newsletters, our webpage, and Facebook will provide meeting and event information.

Membership

Members and friends should have already received the 2024 membership reminder letter by mail with a remittance envelope.

Membership fees support our general meetings as well as other events such as the Great American Write-In and the Suffrage Day Celebration. Additionally, funds are used to support non-partisan causes that align with Women For: Orange County's goals.

If you have not received your membership letter (bit.ly/49EVv5o) 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

Annual membership dues remain at \$40.00 for individuals, \$60 for couples, \$20 for students/low-income individuals. and \$100 for sustaining memberships.

As always, any donation will be gratefully accepted and is much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Legislative Update 2024

Women For: Orange County will continue to monitor legislation and inform you of legislation, written communication with legislators, and ballot petitions that we support throughout 2024.

The League of Women Voters of California can provide the **ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED** @ <https://www.vote411.org/> or



As a reminder, ballot petitions in California are commonly used to get a proposed law or constitutional amendment on the ballot in an upcoming election. It is a process that gives citizens and groups of citizens a way to get these items on the ballot without the support of the governor or state legislation.

The era of grassroots, volunteer signature drives to qualify a ballot measure long ago gave way to a system that pays people to collect signatures. Those collecting signatures are paid by the number of signatures they get. The pay varies among ballot petition issues and the timing of the signature collection.

**Be sure to read what you are signing when you are asked to sign ballot petitions.
Only the written material is guaranteed by law to be accurate.**

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