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## March 2023 Newsletter

Please join Women For: Orange County at our next online meeting

# The Climate Crisis and How It Is Affecting Us All



Presented by

Ayn Craciun, OC Policy Manager from **Climate Action Campaign**

And

Maryam Dallawar, OC Hub Coordinator with **Sunrise Movement**

**Monday, March 20, 2023**

1:50 pm Join Zoom

2:00 - 3:00 pm - **Zoom Presentation\***

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

**NOW is the time to respond to the climate crisis and act.**



The **Climate Action Campaign** has published the first-ever Climate Action Plan Report Card for Orange County assessing climate planning and climate action in every Orange County city. **Ayn Craciun's** work with the Climate Action Campaign focuses on advancing equity, facilitating adoption of zero carbon action plans, building electrification policies and community choice energy.



**Maryam Dallawar** will introduce us to the **Sunrise Movement Orange County** which is part of a national youth-led environmental organization. They are transforming Orange County into a place where the climate crisis is an urgent issue, fossil fuel executive's corruption in local politics is no longer viable, and politicians are elected who stand up for the health and wellbeing of all people, all while creating millions of good jobs in the process.

Join **\*Zoom Presentation**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86164156945?pwd=N3YvRUVVWT1hZcDlwZjVVeTIL09udz09>

Meeting ID: **861 6415 6945**

Passcode: **033878**

Any issues getting into Zoom meeting? Contact us through [womenforoc@aol.com](mailto:womenforoc@aol.com)

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**We hope you will consider attending:**

**Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC**  
**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 pm PST**  
**Hybrid meeting – Zoom & In-person**

**Stopping Hate & Chaos at the Orange Unified School District**

Kris Erickson, OUSD Board Member, and Lee Tousignant, parent of three OUSD students discuss inclusive learning environments, skilled educators and open governance at Orange USD in addition to the firing of the Superintendent, the Digital Library, promotion of a “Biblical Citizenship” and Brown Act complaints.

Register at - <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/552448/>

In Person: Irvine Ranch Water District Community Room  
15500 San Canyon Ave., Irvine, CA

For more information, [www.au-oc.org](http://www.au-oc.org)

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**2023 Calendar**

We will continue to email our monthly newsletters and meeting flyers. Meeting flyers, monthly newsletters, our webpage, and Facebook will provide more detailed meeting and event information.

**Meetings**

will continue to be offered on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month**

**July 17**

The Dismantling of Public Education & Why you should care

**October 16**

Is there Justice in the Criminal Justice System?  
(including the plight of women in prison)

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

## Events

**The Great American Write-In**  
at The Delhi Center in Santa Ana  
**Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Suffrage Day Luncheon**  
at the Hacienda in Santa Ana  
**Saturday, August 26, 2023**

Anyone who wants to help with any of our events should contact our president, Carol Tuch, at (949) 242-0253 or email at [womenforoc@aol.com](mailto:womenforoc@aol.com)

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### Other events and organizations that might interest you:

**Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties** has a monthly newsletter listing upcoming events and ways to become more involved in local Planned Parenthood advocacy work. Information available at (800) 230-7526 or (714) 922-4100 and [PublicAffairs@PPOSBC.org](mailto:PublicAffairs@PPOSBC.org)

**Supporters of Public Education-OC** presents meetings and activities to provide opportunities to learn about advocacy on issues in Orange County schools. Information on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SOPEOC/> or email: [sope.oc@gmail.com](mailto:sope.oc@gmail.com).

**UCI School of Law** is a visionary law school committed to enriching our communities through public service. They present many excellent free-to-the-public events with online registration. For more information: <https://calendar.law.uci.edu/>

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## Membership

Members and friends should have already received the 2023 membership reminder letter by mail with a remittance envelope. Dues remain at \$40 for individual memberships, \$60 for couples, \$20.00 for students/low-income individuals and \$100 for sustaining memberships.

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/3RFOyZI](http://bit.ly/3RFOyZI)) 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

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

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## Board of Directors

We currently have eight members on our board of directors who plan and take care of the business of Women For. If anyone is interested in finding out more about becoming a board member, contact any current board member: Carol Tuch @ 949-242-0253, Londa Woods, Peggy Goetz, Ellen Tewell, Marilyn Vassos, Steph Campbell, Sharon O'Hara, or Felicity Figueroa.

Other contact information is on our website at <http://www.womenfororangecounty.org/>.

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## Legislative Update 2023

Women For: Orange County supports the following legislative bills.

\*\* Denotes new legislation involvement since last Newsletter

**\*\*SB 94** (Cortese) Recall & resentencing: special circumstances

This bill allows judges to review life without parole and death penalty sentences for people with special circumstances before June 5, 1990. This would apply the law more fairly

Update: 1/25/23 Referred to Com. On Public Safety

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB94](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB94)

Although not legislation, Women For: Orange County has also supported:

Stop the **ACO/REACH pilot program**.

Support letter sent to Honorable Xavier Becerra (Sec. of HHS) & Honorable Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Admin for CMS) supporting their opposition to the ACO/REACH pilot program.

**\*\*UCI Hydrogen Blending Project** Signed on to letter sent to Irvine representatives in opposition to UCI hydrogen blending project. This project would pipe, blend and burn a toxic mix of hydrogen and gas in public buildings at UC Irvine. This project would cost ratepayers nearly \$13 million dollars and has the potential to harm students and faculty.

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