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## April 2023 Newsletter

Please join Women For: Orange County

CELEBRATE  
THE 35th ANNUAL  
**GREAT AMERICAN  
WRITE-IN**

Sponsored by  
**WOMEN FOR: ORANGE COUNTY**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023**  
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!

### **Participating Organizations**

*Americans United for Separation of Church & State*  
*Amnesty International, Irvine*  
*Brady Orange County*  
*California Coalition to End Child Marriage*  
*California Work & Family Coalition*  
*Childs-pace Foundation, Inc.*  
*Church of the Foothills UCC & DOC - Faith in Action*  
*Citizens' Climate Lobby*  
*Climate Reality Project - OC Chapter*  
*CLUE - Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice*  
*Community Action Fund of Planned Parenthood of OSBC*  
*Council on American-Islamic Relations, Greater LA (CAIR-LA)*  
*Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. OC Alumnae Chapter*  
*Fairview for Affordable Housing*  
*Friends Committee on National Legislation Advocacy Team*  
*Global Hope 365*  
*Habitat for Humanity of Orange County*  
*HB Huddle*  
*Heritage Museum of Orange County*  
*Holy Angels Church*  
*Housing is a Human Right OC (HHROC)*  
*Humanist Association of OC*  
*Iranian American Democrats of California*  
*IUCC Advocates for Peace and Justice*  
*League of Women Voters*  
*LGBTQ Center OC*  
*Los Amigos of Orange County*  
*LULAC - Orange County, District #1*  
*Military Families Speak Out*  
*Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America*  
*National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. O.C. Chapter*  
*National Council of Jewish Women*  
*National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Orange County Section*  
*National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW)*  
*National Women's Political Caucus of OC (NWPC-OC)*  
*Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club*  
*OC Equality Coalition (OCEC)*  
*OC Human Relations*  
*OC Interfaith Committee to Aid Farmworkers*  
*OC Justice Fund*  
*OC May Day Collective*  
*OC National Organization for Women (NOW)*  
*OC Peace Coalition*  
*OC Rapid Response Network*  
*OC Rights Collective - Palestinian Youth Movement*  
*People's Budget OC*  
*Progressive Democrats of America - People Demanding Action*  
*Radiant Health Centers*  
*StandUp for Kids*  
*Transforming Justice OC*  
*United Nations Association - USA, O.C. Chapter*  
*Veterans for Peace Chapter 110*  
*WAVE (Women for American Values and Ethics)*  
*Women's Rights Action Group of Tapestry, a UU Congregation*  
*Zonta Club of Newport Harbor*

**FREE ADMISSION! FREE PARKING! FREE REFRESHMENTS! FREE POSTAGE!**

[www.eventbrite.com/e/great-american-write-in-tickets-599236150457](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/great-american-write-in-tickets-599236150457)  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/730007888591293/>

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From 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.



**Women For: Orange County is a grassroots advocacy and educational organization. As engaged members of the community, we take action on local, state, national, and international issues. We believe in building a more inclusive democracy, cultivating peace by meeting human and environmental needs, empowering women, and creating a sustainable world of shared prosperity, freedom, and justice. Networking with like-minded groups, we focus on the following goals to help enact our shared vision:**

- \*Advancing human & civil rights \* Promoting peace & justice \* Improving public education**
- \* Securing health care for all \* Protecting the environment**

Most of the groups represented at the Great American Write-In reflect the stated goals of **Women For: Orange County**. In a few cases, groups have been included that deal with controversial issues on which **Women For: Orange County** has not taken a public stand.

**No participating organization may be anti-choice, racist, or sexist.**

***Remember to bring your return-address labels, and please carpool if you can!***

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[www.facebook.com/women-For-Orange-County-180712315298354](https://www.facebook.com/women-For-Orange-County-180712315298354)  
949-242-0254 / [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, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm PST**  
**Zoom Only**

**Church/State Separation Issues at the LA Board of Supervisors**

Evan Clark, Atheists United, is leading the fight against the LA County Board of Supervisors attempt to have the County build a permanent, coordinated faith-based partnership program which would include providing grants to faith-based organizations.

Register at - <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/554327/>

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

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**Follow-Up to The Climate Crisis and How It Is Affecting Us All**

**Recording of the meeting:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/oH8ZNd-JFx9pmDKUcuyt7obYRwXNWfOqY5RgxfkCBgbLE8vAyxxvQJhXSA9iBIO.yXBSxa1fSbEOZTsO>

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**Climate Action Campaign** with Ayn Craciun [www.climateactioncampaign.org](http://www.climateactioncampaign.org)

Twitter: [@sdclimateaction](https://twitter.com/sdclimateaction) Instagram: [@sdclimateaction](https://www.instagram.com/sdclimateaction) Facebook: [Facebook.com/ClimateActionCampaign](https://www.facebook.com/ClimateActionCampaign)

**Sunrise Movement Orange County** with Maryan Dallawar <https://sunriseoc.org/>

Other organization

**Rewiring America** – the leading electrification nonprofit, focused on electrifying everything in our communities. <https://www.rewiringamerica.org>

**Electrify Irvine** – adoption of resolution to address Climate Change and adopt a carbon neutral goal by 2030. <https://www.cityofirvine.org/electrify-irvine>

**League of Women Voters Climate Change Task Force** – establishes an on-going viable group of members who monitor climate change policy issues and provide education/advocacy leadership on that issue. [climate.change@lwvorangeoast.org](mailto:climate.change@lwvorangeoast.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 <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-orange-san-bernardino>

**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)

## \*\***SB 616** (Gonzalez) Paid Sick + Sick Days

This bill would require employers to allow employees to use seven or more paid sick days without wage loss or retaliation which will lead to a healthier, more productive workforce, and protect public health by significantly reducing the spread of communicable diseases in the workplace.

Update:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240SB616](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB616)

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**

Support letter sent to Irvine representatives in opposition to UCI hydrogen blending project which would cost ratepayers nearly \$13 million dollars and has the potential to harm students and faculty.

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