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April 2024 Newsletter



The **36th Annual Great American Write-In** was a success! Fifty-five organizations with issue information participated, and the 285 attendees sent out almost 2,740 pieces of mail to their representatives. According to the representatives of 100 Black Women, “The energy was amazing, the letters and causes on point. What an event!”



A special thank you to our chair, Felicity Figueroa. She did an amazing job organizing this year’s Great American Write-In. Thank you to Steph Campbell, Peggy Goetz, Londa Woods, Ellen Tewell, Judy Curry, Sharon O’Hara, Eduardo Figueroa, Rhett Kuseski, Ang Vassos, Steve Goetz, and all those who helped with the set-up of the Delhi Center on Friday afternoon. We are making a difference, and we could not do it without all your help and support.

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

American Association of University Women IBC-OC

<https://www.aauw-ca.org>

Americans United for Separation of Church & State

www.au-oc.org

Amnesty International, Irvine

www.aiusaoc.org

Arab American Civic Council

<https://aaciviccouncil.org>

Brady Orange County

www.bradyunited.org

Braver Angels

<https://braverangels.org>

California Alliance for Retired Americans

<https://californiaalliance.org>

California Work & Family Coalition

www.workfamilyca.org

Childs-pace Foundation, Inc.

<https://www.facebook.com/childspacefoundation>

Church of the Foothills UCC & DOC-Faith in Action

www.churchofthefoothills.org

Citizens' Climate Lobby

www.citizensclimatelobby.org

CLUE-Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice

www.cluejustice.org

Colombia Peace Project

P.O. Box 65, South Gate, CA 90280

Community Action Fund of Planned Parenthood of Orange & San Bernardino Counties

<https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/community-action-fund-planned-parenthood-orange-and-san-bernardi>

Council on American-Islamic Relations, Greater LA Area (CAIR-LA)

<https://ca.cair.com/losangeles>

CPI-Public School Defenders' Hub

<https://www.contemporarypolicyinstitute.org/defenders-hub-main>

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., O.C. Alumnae Chapter

www.orangecountydst.com

Freedom for Immigrants

<https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org>

Girls Inc. of Orange County

<https://www.girlsinc-oc.org>

Global Hope 365

www.globalhope365.org

Haitian Bridge Alliance

<https://haitianbridgealliance.org>

HEAAL-Health Equity for African Americans League

<https://heaaloc.org>

Housing is a Human Right OC

<https://housingisahumanrightoc.org>

Humanist Association of OC

<https://www.meetup.com/Humanist-Association-of-Orange-County>

Iranian American Democrats of California

<https://linktr.ee/iadc>

IUCC Advocates for Peace & Justice

<https://iucc.org/advocates-for-peace-justice>

Jewish Voice for Peace OC / If Not Now OC

<https://www.instagram.com/jvp.oc>

<https://www.instagram.com/ifnotnowla>

League of Women Voters

<https://lwvc.org>

LGBTQ Center OC

www.lgbtqcenteroc.org

Military Families Speak Out

<https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryFamiliesSpeakOut>

Moms Demand Action

<https://momsdemandaction.org>

National Action Network Orange County

nanoc2021@gmail.com

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. – OC

www.nc100bwoc.org

National Council of Negro Women – OC Section

<https://www.ncnwoc1988.org>

O.C. Interfaith Committee to Aid Farm Workers

<https://www.facebook.com/OCICAF>

O.C. Justice Fund

<https://www.ocjusticefund.org>

O.C. May Day Collective

<https://www.facebook.com/tonantzincollective>

O.C. National Organization for Women (NOW)

www.ocnow.org

O.C. Peace Coalition

quittherebel@hotmail.com

O.C. Rapid Response Network

<https://ocrapidresponse.org>

Orange Coast Huddle

www.orangecoasthuddle.com

Orange County Equality Coalition (OCEC)

www.ocequality.org

Orange County Friends Meeting (Quakers)

<https://orangecountyquakers.org>

People's Budget O.C.

<https://www.instagram.com/peoplesbudgetoc>

Public Law Center

<https://www.publiclawcenter.org>

Radiant Health Centers

www.radianthealthcenters.org

Save Green Space, Save the Cougars

silveradolinda@gmail.com

South OC for All

southocforallcollaborative@gmail.com

StandUp for Kids

<https://www.standupforkids.org/orangecounty>

The Cambodian Family

<https://cambodianfamily.org>

The G.R.E.E.N. Foundation

<https://www.thegreenfoundation.net>

United Nations Assn., O.C. Chapter

www.una-oc.org

Veterans for Peace – Orange County Chapter

www.veteransforpeace.org

WAVE (Women for American Values and Ethics)

www.wave4all.org

Women For: Orange County

www.womenfororangecounty.org

Yalla Indivisible / SoCal Palestine Coalition

https://www.instagram.com/yalla_indivisible

Zonta Club of Newport Harbor

www.zontanewportharbor.com

We hope you will also consider attending:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC

**Saturday, April 20th, 3:30 pm PST ← Note Time
via Zoom ONLY**

**Supporting the Rights of LGBTQIA+ Students
with**

Stephanie Camacho-Van Dyke, Senior Director of Advocacy and Education

Stephanie Camacho-Van Dyke (she/ella) is the Senior Director of Advocacy and Education of the LGBTQ Center in Orange County. She contributes to the fields of advocacy and education through her ongoing collaborations with Gender and Sexualities Alliance student leaders, educators, and administrators across Orange County, as well as community partners across the state.

Join Zoom: **Register** at - <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/613870/>

For more information, www.au-oc.org

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.sopec.org/> or email: 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/>



empowers people to work together on climate policy. CCL supporters organize chapters across the United States building support in Congress for a national bipartisan solution to climate change. Globally, CCL supports 150+ international chapters on six continents. <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

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.

W4OC signed a letter opposing three bills, **SB 1077, SB 1092, AB 2560**, which will poke holes in the authority of the Coastal Act thereby hindering coastal protection and access to the coastal environment.

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.**

2024 Calendar

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

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

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 92616-4502

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.

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<http://www.womenfororangecounty.org>

Please 'like' our WF:OC Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/Women-For-Orange-County-180712315298354/