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## May 2024 Newsletter

### SAVE THE DATE



### 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SUFFRAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Women For: Orange County will hold its  
42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Suffrage Day Champagne Brunch.

The program will honor Orange County activists for their  
unique contributions and who embody the spirit and  
characteristics of those who have struggled courageously  
for women's suffrage and all human rights.

We look forward to another successful celebration.

Saturday,  
**August 24, 2024**  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Hacienda  
1725 College Avenue  
Santa Ana, CA  
92706

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**We hope you will also consider attending:**  
**Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC**

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 – 5:30 pm ← Note Time**  
**via Zoom ONLY**

**From Junkie to Judge: Recovery Without God**  
**with**  
**Mary Beth O'Connor**

Mary Beth will be speaking about her new and very personal memoir, From Junkie to Judge: One Woman's Triumph Over Trauma and Addiction. She will describe her long history of injecting methamphetamine, how she built a secular recovery program along with the benefits and obstacles in doing so. Mary Beth will provide recovery resources and take questions.

Join Zoom: **Register** at - <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/616695/>

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

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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.sopecoc.org/> 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/>



### **Citizens' Climate Lobby**

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/>

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## **2024 Calendar**

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

**August 24<sup>th</sup> – 42<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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.

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## **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](http://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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## 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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<http://www.womenfororangecounty.org>

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