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June 2021

June is the first month of the summer season, known as a great month to get married in, is National Pride Month celebrating the LGBTQ community, and has Flag Day (14), Juneteenth (19), Father's Day (20), and the longest day of the year (21) in it.



Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

Juneteenth is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Cel-Liberation Day. Dating back to 1865 on June 19th, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Please note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

A few Juneteenth celebrations:

NAACP Presents Juneteenth Black Family Reunion and Virtual Town Hall - June 19, 2021
<https://naacp.org/articles/naacp-presents-juneteenth-black-family-reunion-and-virtual-town-hall>
NAACAP Virtual Town Hall to Feature Current & Former NFL Players in Discussion About Role of Sports and Athletes in Struggle for Social Justice
<https://naacp.org/articles/naacp-virtual-town-hall-feature-current-and-former-nfl-players-discussion-about-role>

In recognition of this important commemoration, **Woman For: Orange County** is honored to host **Akiko-Ayalla Cooks**, one of the founders of No Racism in Schools #1865, on June 21st at 2 pm. Please see flyer below.

June meetings we hope you will consider attending:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC

Saturday, June 19th, 2 pm Zoom meeting: Dannie Ceseña: Health Care Collaborations for the LGBTQ Community. Dannie has over 15 years' experience working with non-profits in program development and advocacy.

Join Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/98034678918?pwd=YlItM2pVV1RrTFVKZ0JlbXNYRmNnUT09>

Meeting ID: 980 3467 8918 **Passcode:** 593835

For more information, check www.au-oc.org

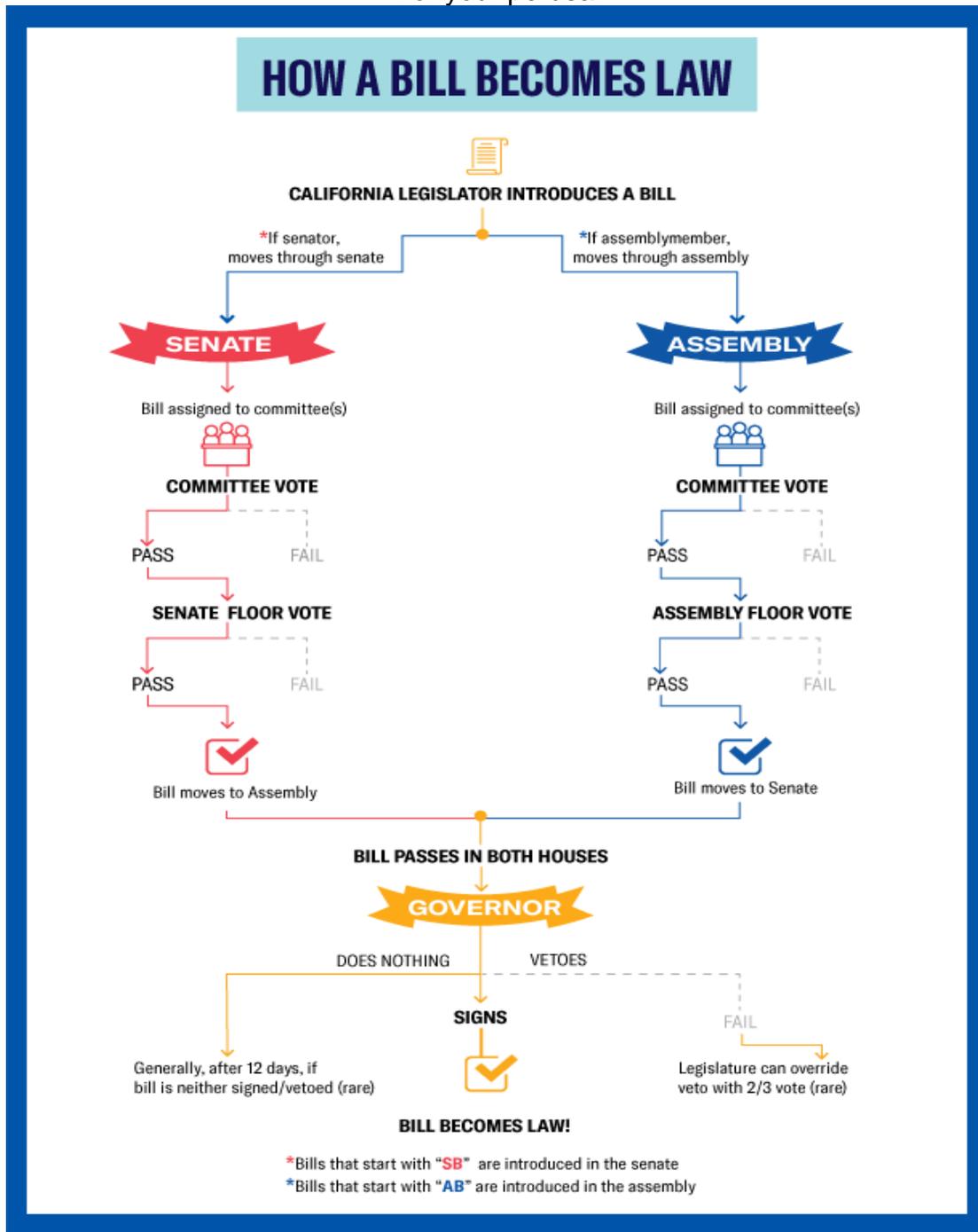
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June 21st, 2 pm Zoom meeting: Akiko-Ayalla Cooks, founder of No Racism In Schools #1865. A very timely discussion on anti-racism, social justice, and protecting our students and society at large from hateful harassment while taking positive actions to affect change. See the following flyer for more complete information.

Legislative Update

Women For: Orange County supports various legislative bills that are brought to our attention. Therefore, we decided to create a legislative update for our newsletter. We will update you on the progress of bills we support as well as sharing information regarding said legislation.

For your perusal



From: <https://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/learn/about-the-government/life-cycle-of-a-bill/>

All legislation begins as an idea and once introduced must be completed in a legislative year or begin again, must have 3 readings and go through relevant committees in both the House & Senate, requires reconciliation for changes, and then goes to the governor's desk.

Legislation W4OC has supported in 2021

AB 339 (Lee) to ensure all Californians can participate in the governmental decision-making process by expanding opportunities to join public meetings and make public comment at both the local level and the state legislature via telephonic or internet-based service options, both during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB339

Update: AB 339 will be read for the 3rd time in the Assembly on 6/1/2021.

AB 937 (Carrillo) The Vision Act to protect those who have already been deemed eligible for release from being funneled by local jails and our state prison system to immigration detention for deportation and ensures that our local and state tax dollars are not used to place immigrants into inhumane conditions within immigration detention, violate Constitutional protections, and separate immigrant families and communities.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB937

Update: A double referred bill, it found legislative success in both Public Safety Committee & Judiciary Committees as of April 20, 2021, and will be read for the 3rd time in the assembly on 6/1/21.

AB 1177 The California Public Banking Option which will provide Californians with a no-cost banking option, provide a stable, affordable financial platform, and reduce the risk of Californians falling into catastrophic debt, and begin to bridge the racial wealth gap.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1177

Update: AB 1177 will be read for the 3rd time in Assembly on 6/1/2021.

SB 264 (Min) which will to ban the sale of guns, ammunition, and firearm precursor parts (ghost guns) on state and county property, prevent illegal transfers and straw purchases at gun shows on state fairgrounds, and close the loophole that permits gun parts from being sold at sites where sales of traditional guns were banned.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB264

Update: SB 264 will be read for 3rd time in Senate on 6/1/21.

SB 380 (Eggman) The End of Life Option Act amends current legislation that will sunset in 2026. This bill will remove regulatory roadblocks to access end of life options and allow the 15 day wait to be waived if the prescribing physician deems it necessary. Additionally, this bill reauthorizes medical aid in dying by removing the sunset clause from the original bill thus permanently extending the End of Life Option Act.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB380

Update: SB 380 passed Senate Appropriations on 5/20/21, was read 3 times and sent to Assembly for 1st reading.

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

**Freedom For Immigrants'**, a collaborative of criminal justice and immigrant rights groups, proposal of a Budget 2 Save Lives (B2SL), a multi-year vision to move California toward a "Care First" future.

<https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/budget2savelives>

**Disability Rights California**, DRC, in requesting the Governor expand access to COVID-19 vaccinations for people living in jails and prisons. <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/>

The campaign to officially designate **Little Arabia District** in the City of Anaheim. Little Arabia District is a cultural destination in Anaheim, CA and the center for Orange County's Arab-American community.

<https://designatelittlearabia.org/>



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



Akiko-Ayalla Cooks

## Be the Change You Want to See & Fight Racism and Hate

**Akiko-Ayalla Cooks,  
Co-Founder of NO Racism in Schools #1865**

**Monday, June 21, 2021**

**1:50 Join Zoom**

**2:00 - 3:30 pm - Zoom Presentation\***  
**includes Question & Answer Periods**

Please join **Akiko-Ayalla Cooks, a Social Justice League Warrior** and **Co-Founder of NO Racism in Schools #1865** in a timely discussion. Akiko is a skilled speaker on anti-racism, systemic racism, inclusion, and social justice.

No Racism in Schools #1864 is a campaign focused on closing the gaps in policies, laws, and protocols that govern race related matters in schools. Their mission is to foster hate-free educational environments nationwide for all kids, creating zero tolerance. No Racism in Schools #1864 is an organization developed to include community voices in ongoing conversations with school districts to address systemic racism.

Akiko's skills in equity, inclusion, and anti-racism led to her work with American University and the Southern Poverty Law Center on their restorative justice programs, being a part of the Polarization and Extremism Research Innovation Lab (PERIL), coordinating bail-out efforts in several states with PLAN, and organizing the Las Vegas branch of the Mass Liberation Project.

For **Women For: Orange County**, Akiko will address:

- \*The need for, and benefits of, establishing anti-racism and anti-hate policies in schools.
- \*How to reach out to school districts to create anti-racism programs that establish boundaries, meaningful reporting of hate incidents/crimes, and begin the healing process.
- \*How to prevent and "counter-teach" hate.
- \*How curriculum can be used to fight racism through ethnic studies.
- \*The path to establishing statewide anti-racism legislation.

Join \*Zoom Presentation

<https://zoom.us/j/91666790744?pwd=SjdYRC9DVXdZTTByc0NoTlp6MGhzZz09>

Meeting ID: **916 6679 0744**

Passcode: **935153**

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

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## 2021 Calendar

Online meetings will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 2 - 3:30 pm via Zoom.

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

We will continue to send out monthly newsletters and meeting flyers.

**July: Paid Family Leave with Katie Waters-Smith**

**August: Supreme Court - Year in Review**

**September: Cannabis (rescheduled)**

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## Update on Covid-19, Testing, Vaccines & Vaccinations



For everything you ever wanted to know about **COVID-19 Vaccines** from CA.gov:  
<https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/>

For the latest information on the COVID-19 **vaccine** from OC Health Care Agency including Pod Site Schedules, vaccine availability and current Tier being vaccinated  
<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources>

(Updated May 27, 2021)

### Already vaccinated?

Keep track of your vaccination card.

Vaccination card may be needed for travel, business, and entrance into certain venues and locations.

1. Make a copy of your vaccination card to carry in your wallet.
2. Keep the original of your vaccination card with your other documents.
3. Take a picture of your vaccination card and save on your cell phone.
4. Send the picture of your vaccination card to your email address and save.
5. Notify your primary care physician of your vaccination.
6. Staples and Office Depot: will laminate proof of vaccination in-store for FREE. Staples service is available at all locations with no end date set. Office Depot service is available at Office Depot and Office Max locations through 7/25/21.

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## Membership

Your continued support through membership renewal and donations allows us to bring outstanding speakers to our monthly online meetings and support our speakers and their organizations in their endeavors.

As a reminder, **Women For: Orange County** 2020 memberships have been extended through December 31, 2021.

If you are not a current member 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 and \$20.00 for students/low-income individuals.

As always, any donation will be gratefully accepted and much appreciated.

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<http://www.womenfororangecounty.org>

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