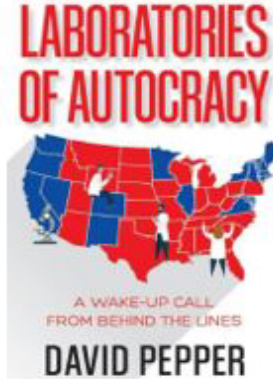




Working for a Better World
a grassroots advocacy organization founded in 1984

June 2022 Newsletter

Please join Women For: Orange County at our next **online or in-person** meeting



American Democracy

How democracy is being attacked

**What we can do to ensure
American Democracy endures**

Join

David Pepper

**Lawyer, Writer, Political activist,
Former elected official, Adjunct professor**

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 (Note day & time change)

Either In-Person or by Zoom (Note venue options)

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

includes Question & Answer Period

In-Person: You **must** email **Women For: Orange County** at womenforoc@aol.com and request a place as we are limited to 25 people in person. You will receive a confirmation response.

Irvine Ranch Water District Community Meeting Room*, 15500 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine
Proof of Vaccination or Masks are not Required

By Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83370114790?pwd=WHJzTIFLT2FFQnhpZEJrMngxMXYyUT09>

Meeting ID: 833 7011 4790

Passcode: 965126

Join Zoom: 10:50 am

David Pepper has written four novels that bridge real-world politics and fiction. His latest book, *Laboratories for Autocracy: A Wake-up Call from Behind the Lines*, raises an alarm and hopes to inspire action on a national, state, and individual level to fight autocracy and ensure American democracy endures.

He will be discussing:

- What is currently happening in statehouses across the country
- The levers of power being quietly abused
- The deepest threats to democracy happening everyday
- How the Laboratories of Autocracy are at work

As part of this discussion, David Pepper will present how we can:

- ensure positive public outcomes
- go on the offense to protect American democracy
- bring accountability to statehouses
- reclaim our Democracy at a national, state, and individual level



David Pepper

*Irvine Ranch Water District makes its facilities available for use by residents and non-profit organizations merely as a public service, but does not, by allowing this use, endorse or support the purpose of the event or its sponsor.

Another May meeting, we hope you will consider attending

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC

Saturday, June 18th, 4 pm Zoom ONLY

Webinar on Banned Books - Censorship on the Rise

From: www.everylibrary.org - A powerful conversation introduced by
Every Library Executive Director John Chrastka

To Join Zoom: Register at <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/456162/>

For more information, www.au-oc.org

Follow-up to May Meeting:

Moms Demand Action in Orange County with Patricia Boe

Please check our website <http://womenfororangecounty.org>

for meeting recordings.

CA - OC - March for our Lives Rally

Saturday, June 11, 12 pm

Pearson Park, Anaheim

Sign-up for Event:

<https://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-action-event/45435/signup/?source=&akid=&zip=>

2022 Calendar

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

Online meetings will take place on the

3rd Monday of the month, 2 - 3:30 pm, via Zoom.

Hybrid meetings, in-person AND on Zoom, will take place on the

3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 am - 12:30 pm at

the Irvine Ranch Water District Duck Club

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

We are proud and excited to announce the return of our
Suffrage Day Luncheon and **The Great American Write-In**

July - Summer Break

Suffrage Day Luncheon - Sunday, August 21, 2022

at The Hacienda

September - League of Women Voters' Ballot Propositions

October - To Be Determined

November - To Be Determined
December - Winter Break

The Great American Write-In at The Delhi
Will be postponed for the last time to the **Spring of 2023**
to gain maximum effectiveness by happening after the Fall 2022 election.

Membership

Women For: Orange County 2022 membership letter: <https://bit.ly/3vBMDg1>

If you would like to renew your membership
or 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 are much appreciated.
Thank you for your continued support.

Legislative Update for 2022

Women For: Orange County supports the following legislative bills.

** Denotes new legislation involvement since last Newsletter

AB 2203 (Luz Rivas) Fair employment and housing protections: credit reports
Update: 4/5/22 Ordered to inactive file at request of Assembly Member Luz Rivas
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2203

AB 1949 (Low) Employees: bereavement leave
Update: 5/27/22 in Senate for first reading
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1949

SB 951 (Durazo) Unemployment insurance: disability insurance: paid family leave
Update: 5/27/22 Passed to Assembly; read first time, in committee
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB951

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

****Regional Advance Mitigation Policy Framework (RAMP)**

Support letter sent to Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). This program seeks to mitigate impacts of proposed projects in advance thus streamlining permits and protecting and restoring the environment. The potential is for a \$1 billion conservation investment in Southern California ecosystems.



Residential households are now eligible for another set of FREE COVID-19 test kits

Each order now includes 8 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests

Order test kits at: <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

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<http://www.womenfororangecounty.org>

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