June 2022 Newsletter

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

American Democracy
How democracy is being attacked
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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=WHJzT1FLT2FFQnhpZEJrMngxMXYyUT09
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

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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

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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=

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**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.

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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.

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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: 45/26/22 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.

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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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