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July 2021 Newsletter



4th of July

The Continental Congress voted in favor of declaring independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was approved and adopted by Congress on July 4, 1776 and marked by the ringing of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It was not signed until August 2, 1776. Fireworks on the 4th of July date back to 1777 due to John Adams declaring that people should celebrate with “Pomp and parade, with shews, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this time forward forever more.”

Please stay safe and enjoy your 4th of July.

Information on 4th of July Events

in Orange County: <https://enjoyorangecounty.com/fourth-of-july-events-orange-county/>

in Los Angeles, Orange County & Long Beach: <https://www.ocregister.com/2021/06/25/heres-where-to-find-fourth-of-july-fireworks-shows-in-southern-california/>

in Irvine: <https://www.destinationirvine.com/blog/post/celebrate-the-4th-of-july-oc-style/>

Information for your perusal as well as follow-ups to previous meetings.

Hoag Hospital Versus Providence Health

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2021-06-18/uc-regents-catholic-healthcare-restrictions>

Resources for Information on Israel and Palestine

Jewish Voices for Peace:

<https://jewishvoiceforpeace.org/israeli-palestinian-conflict-101/>

Palestinian Studies at Brown University:

https://libguides.brown.edu/Palestine/arab_israelirelations

Historical Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Documents:

<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/me.htm>

Global Policy Forum:

<https://archive.globalpolicy.org/security-council/index-of-countries-on-the-security-council-agenda/israel-palestine-and-the-occupied-territories/38338.html>

Timeline of the conflict:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timeline_of_the_Israeli%E2%80%93Palestinian_conflict

Timeline of Palestine's History:

https://interactive.aljazeera.com/aje/palestineremix/timeline_main.html

7-part series on NPR called "The Mideast: A Century of Conflict"
<https://legacy.npr.org/news/specials/mideast/history/index.html>

Information from Akiko-Ayalla Cooks of No Racism in Schools #1865
Guide to help parents, caregivers and educators understand how extremists are exploiting and targeting children and young adults.

Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) toolkit:
<https://www.splcenter.org/20200630/building-resilience-confronting-risk-covid-19-era-parents-caregivers-guide-online>

Southern Poverty Law Center's Social Justice Standards "The Teaching Tolerance Anti-Bias Framework"
https://www.learningforjustice.org/sites/default/files/2017-06/TT_Social_Justice_Standards_0.pdf

American University's Polarization and Extremism Research and Innovation Lab (PERIL) projects and resources: <https://www.american.edu/centers/university-excellence/peril.cfm>

Activists Organizations

Through community organizing, mobilizing and education, SURJ chapters move white people to take action as part of a multi-racial majority for racial and economic justice. Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): <https://surj.org/about/>

Orange County Racial Justice Collaborative: <https://www.ocracialjustice.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/ocrjc/>

An online affinity group designed to help white people build stamina for discussing racism, systemic injustice, racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in their everyday lives.
My Work To Do: <https://www.myworktodo.com/>

July meetings we hope you will consider attending:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC

Saturday, July 17th, 2 pm Zoom meeting: Confronting Christian Nationalism: A Discussion from the Baptist Joint Committee Facilitated by Rev. Nancy Brink. The Baptist Joint Committee has supported the separation of church and state since 1936. Rev. Brink is a Trustee of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Join Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92884657764?pwd=Q1h3bU9GQIAzWkwxTFIYR09qc3NqZz09>

Meeting ID: 928 8465 7764 **Passcode:** 993669

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

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July 19th, 2 pm Zoom meeting: All People Have a Right to Care for Their Loved Ones: Why Paid Family Leave Matters with Katie Waters-Smith, Political Organizing Director, and Charlette Flanders, Education and Training Manager, from the California Work & Family Coalition.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87460782019?pwd=T25WNUF5VHk4ZlpFVEhGSndJWDBFUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6078 2019 **Passcode:** 444668

See flyer below for more information.



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

All People Have a Right to Care for Their Loved Ones: Why Paid Family Leave Matters

Monday, July 19, 2021

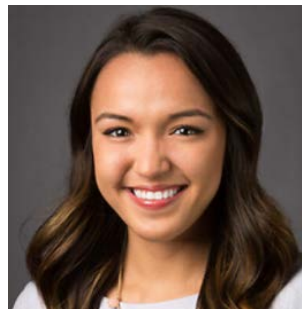
1:50 Join Zoom

2:00 - 3:00 pm - Zoom Panel Discussion*

3:00 - 3:30 pm Brief Question & Answer



Katie Waters-Smith
Political Organizing
Director



Charlette Flanders
Education and Training
Manager

Join our speakers, [Katie Waters-Smith](#) and [Charlette Flanders](#) from the California Work & Family Coalition when they discuss:

Paid Family Leave Rights: What is paid family leave, who can use it and how to apply.

Paid Sick Days: Discussion of permanent paid sick days and COVID-19 paid sick days.

Action Items: How you can take action to advocate for more inclusive paid leave policies by supporting AB 1041, the Chosen Family Bill.

About the California Work & Family Coalition

<https://www.workfamilyca.org/>

The California Work & Family Coalition is a statewide alliance of organizations formed in 2002 that is united in the belief that all people should have the time and resources to care for themselves and each other. Through organizing, advocacy, and education, we are fighting for a world where all workers and family members have access to paid leave to bond with new children and care for our families.

Join *Zoom Presentation

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87460782019?pwd=T25WNUF5VHk4ZlpFVEhGSndJWDBFUT09>

Meeting ID: **874 6078 2019**

Passcode: **444668**

Any issues getting into Zoom meeting? Contact us through womenforoc@aol.com

Legislative Update for 2021

** Denotes new legislation involvement since last Newsletter

AB 339 (Lee) expand participation in the governmental decision-making process by expanding opportunities to join public meetings and make public comment via telephonic or internet-based service options.

Note → Changes have been made to this bill

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

Update: AB 339 passed 3rd reading in the Assembly; in Senate for reading 7/1/2021.

AB 937 (Carrillo) The Vision Act to protect those being released from the prison system from immigration detention and experiencing Constitutional violations.

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

Update: passed Assembly; in Senate, read 1st time and referred to committee; hearing date 7/13/21.

** **Oppose AB 1322** (Rivas) The original version of AB 1322 promoted affordable housing. The current revision would allow city councils and boards of supervisors to override the will of local voters and decline to enforce ballot initiatives if they believe it conflicts with state law thus undercutting fundamental tenets of our democracy.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1322

Update: currently in Senate Environmental Quality com

AB 1177 The California Public Banking Option to provide a no-cost banking option and an affordable financial platform, 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 amended and passed Assembly; in Senate for committee hearing 7/5/21.

SB 264 (Min) which deals with the sale of firearms on state property specifically ghost guns and straw purchases and hopes to 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 passed Senate; in Assembly Public Safety com.

** **SB 379** (Weiner) a bill to stop the UC Regents from participating in denials of reproductive and LGBTQ-inclusive healthcare. Support Letter sent to the UC Regents to refrain from participating in contracts that would place harmful restrictions on providers and patients.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB379

Update: Currently in Senate - placed on suspense file

SB 380 (Eggman) The End of Life Option Act amends current legislation that will sunset in 2026 and reauthorizes medical aid in dying to permanently extend the End of Life Option Act.

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

Update: SB 380 passed out of Senate on 6/22/21, sent to Assembly Judiciary hearing 7/6/21.

** **SB 1041** (Wicks) expands The California Family Rights Act impacting caregivers by redefining “designated person” allowed to take time off from work to care loved ones; it assists the elderly, LGBTQ+ community, and immigrants.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1041

Update: passed out of Assembly 5/28/21; in Senate Appropriations com. For hearing 7/5/21.

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

**Freedom For Immigrants**<sup>1</sup>, 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.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/>

The campaign to officially designate **Little Arabia District** in the City of Anaheim. <https://designatelittlearabia.org/>

**\*\*Rise Up Willowick**, the disposition of the Willowick property as proposed by the Trust for Public Land, Clifford Beers Housing, and the State Coastal conservancy. <http://riseupwillowick.org/>  
**\*\*Tenant's United Santa Ana**, request to shift the initiative to an ordinance in order to protect the city's most vulnerable tenants by providing several protections, financial relief and rent stabilization.

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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.

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

**September: Cannabis - Lost In the Weeds (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 COVID-19 from OC Health Care Agency including vaccine facts, testing, vaccinations, and current variant information.  
<https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-vaccine-resources>

(Updated June 28, 2021)

Already vaccinated?

Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record portal:  
<https://myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov/>

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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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