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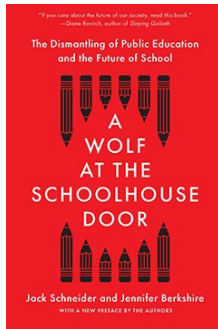
Women For: Orange County

July 2023 Newsletter

Join our next online meeting

The Dismantling of Public Education

& Why You Should Care



Join

Jennifer Berkshire
Lecturer, Author, Journalist, Podcaster

Monday, July 17, 2023

Zoom Only

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

includes Question & Answer Period

1:50 pm Join

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83194068871>

Meeting ID: 831 9406 8871

2:00 - 3:00 pm Zoom Presentation

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



Jennifer Berkshire

Dr. Jennifer Berkshire is the host of the education podcast Have You Heard and the co-author of *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door: the Dismantling of Public Education and the Future of School*. Her writing on education and politics has been featured in the *Nation*, the *New Republic*, the *New York Times*, and other publications. She teaches in the

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

July meeting, we hope you will consider attending:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC
Saturday, July 15th, 4:30 pm PST
Zoom ONLY

June Everett - Satanic Temple,
"Educatin' With Satan"

June will discuss the After School Satan Clubs and why we need them. The Mission of the After School Satan Club focuses on free inquiry and rationalism, the scientific basis for which we know what we know about the world around us.

To Join Zoom Register at: <https://www.mobilize.us/au/event/566980/>

For more information, www.au-oc.org

2023 Calendar

We will continue to email our monthly newsletters and meeting flyers. Meeting flyers, monthly newsletters, our webpage, and Facebook will provide more detailed meeting and event information.

~ Meetings ~

will continue to be offered on the **3rd Monday of the month**

October 16

Is there Justice in the Criminal Justice System?
(including the plight of women in prison)

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

~ Events ~

SAVE THE DATE



41ST ANNUAL SUFFRAGE DAY CELEBRATION

Women For: Orange County will hold its 40th Annual Suffrage Day Champagne Brunch.

Saturday,
August 26, 2023
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

The program will honor Orange County activists **Rebecca R. Gomez, Ph.D.**, Tustin City Council, **Ameena Mirza Qazi**, Co-Executive Director of Peace & Justice Law Center, and **Gema Suárez**, Community Organizing Coordinator at El Centro Cultural de Mexico. They embody the spirit and characteristics of those who have struggled courageously for women's suffrage and other human rights.

The Hacienda
1725 College Avenue
Santa Ana, CA
92706

The keynote speaker will be **Mia Yamamoto, JD**, one of the most distinguished and successful criminal defense attorneys in Southern California will be presenting, "Strangling Autonomy: Trans Youth to Reproductive Rights."

Tickets go on sale July 16, 2023.

Invitations will be mailed in mid-July
Tickets may be purchased via Eventbrite or mail.

➔ Anyone who wants to help with any of our events should contact our president, Carol Tuch, at (949) 661-9470 or email womenforoc@aol.com

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.facebook.com/SOPEOC/> or email: 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/>

Membership

Women For: Orange County 2023 membership letter: bit.ly/3RFOyZI

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.

Board of Directors

We currently have eight members on our board of directors who plan and take care of the business of Women For. If anyone is interested in finding out more about becoming a board member, contact any current board member: Carol Tuch @ 949-242-0253, Londa Woods, Peggy Goetz, Ellen Tewell, Marilyn Vassos, Steph Campbell, Sharon O'Hara, or Felicity Figueroa.

Other contact information is on our website at <http://www.womenfororangecounty.org/>.

Legislative Update for 2023

Women For: Orange County supports the following legislative bills.

** Denotes new legislation involvement since last Newsletter

SB 94 (Cortese) Recall & resentencing: special circumstances

This bill allows judges to review life without parole and death penalty sentences for people with special circumstances before June 5, 1990. This would apply the law more fairly.

Update: 6/20/23 amended. Re-referred on 6/18/23 to Assembly Appropriates

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB94

SB 616 (Gonzalez) Paid Sick + Sick Days

This bill would require employers to allow employees to use seven or more paid sick days without wage loss or retaliation which will lead to a healthier, more productive workforce, and protect public health by significantly reducing the spread of communicable diseases in the workplace.

Update: 6/19/23 Amended. Re-referred to Labor and Employment

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240SB616

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

Stop the **ACO/REACH pilot program**.

Support letter sent to Honorable Xavier Becerra (Sec. of HHS) & Honorable Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Admin for CMS) supporting their opposition to the ACO/REACH pilot program.

UCI Hydrogen Blending Project

Support letter sent to Irvine representatives in opposition to UCI hydrogen blending project which would cost ratepayers nearly \$13 million dollars and has the potential to harm students and faculty.

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