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August 2021 Newsletter



"Summertime and the Living Is Easy"

Orange County Summer Events - This website listing events throughout the OC is constantly updated:
https://www.orangecounty.net/html/events_summer.html

Follow-up Information from July Paid Family Leave (PFL) meeting.

Family Values @ Work - in Your State: <https://familyvaluesatwork.org/states/>

CA Work & Family Coalition: <https://www.workfamilyca.org/>

PFL Educator Program & Legislative Advocacy offered by CA Work & Family Coalition:

- <https://www.workfamilyca.org/legislation> to advocate for AB 123, AB 1041 & AB 401
- Information on AB 123: <https://calmatters.org/politics/2021/07/california-paid-family-leave/>
- <https://www.workfamilyca.org/education> to sign up for 3 Part Webinar Series in September.

August meetings we hope you will consider attending:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC

Saturday, August 21st, 2 pm Zoom meeting: Evolution in the Public Schools: Progress is Possible with Glenn Branch, Deputy Director National Center for Science Education.

Glenn Branch will discuss the results of a recent national survey of American public high school biology teachers and middle school science teachers delving into teaching practices. The National Center for Science Education supports and defends the teaching of evolution and climate change.

Join Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85057662975?pwd=VGltSINDUVoxSmNwWUdzTlIQM0lOdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 5766 2975 Passcode: 174025

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

W4OC

August 16th, 2 pm Zoom meeting: Gerrymandering and Voting Rights. UCI Professor Anthony "Tony" Smith will discuss Voting Rights.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83143187405?pwd=aHREd2lqOU1MeVFyekhSU2NoaDVxQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 4318 7405

Passcode: 920444

See flyer below for more information.



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

Gerrymandering and Voting Rights



Voting rights are impacted by re-districting, state and federal law, gerrymandering, and the Supreme Court.

Join Professor Charles “Tony” Smith in a discussion of Voting Rights.

Monday, August 16, 2021

1:50 Join Zoom

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

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



Charles □ Tony □
Smith Professor in Political
Science

Professor Smith’s unifying theme of his research is how law and legal institutions fulfill, or inhibit, our rights. The foundation of American democracy rests on our right to vote.

Professor Smith’s newest book, *Gerrymandering the States: Partisanship, Race, and the Transformation of American Federalism*, addresses one of the many factors affecting voting rights.

Join us for this extremely critical discussion on Gerrymandering and Voting Rights.

Join *Zoom Panel Discussion

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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) Local government: open and public meetings.

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

Update: in Senate Appropriations for hearing 8/16/2021.

AB 937 (Carrillo) The Vision Act

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

Update: in Senate Appropriations for hearing 8/16/2021.

Oppose AB 1322 (Rivas) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The original version of AB 1322 promoted affordable housing.

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

Update: currently in Senate Environmental Quality com

AB 1041 (Wicks) expands The California Family Rights Act and redefines “designated person”.

** (Please note → last month this was incorrectly listed as a Senate Bill.)

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

Update: in Senate Appropriations com.; placed on suspense file

AB 1177 The California Public Banking Option.

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

Update: Read for 2nd time, amended, re-referred to Senate Appropriations for hearing 8/16/21.

SB 264 (Min) deals with the sale of firearms on state property, closing loopholes, and gun permits.

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

Update: SB 264 passed Senate; re-referred to Assembly Appropriations com.

SB 379 (Weiner) University of California: contracts for health facilities

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.

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

Update: re-referred to Assembly Appropriations.

Medicaid Dental Benefit Act support for proposed legislation

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

**Freedom For Immigrants**<sup>7</sup>, Budget 2 Save Lives (B2SL) <https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/budget2savelives>

**Disability Rights California**, DRC, <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/>

**Little Arabia District** as an official designation in the City of Anaheim. <https://designatelittlearabia.org/>

**Rise Up Willowick**, the disposition of the Willowick property <http://riseupwillowick.org/>

**Tenant’s United Santa Ana** to shift the initiative to an ordinance. <https://www.tenantsunitedsantaana.org/>

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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.

**September: Cannabis - Lost In the Weeds (rescheduled)**

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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 July 22, 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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