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September 2021 Newsletter

Follow-up Information from August Gerrymandering and Voting Rights meeting.

Professor Tony Smith suggested the following action items

ACTION ITEM #1: Help organizations that are helping people to vote.

ACTION ITEM #2: Teach and help citizens to vote

ACTION ITEM #3: Go to Congressional town halls whenever available

Websites to assist in following through on Action Items:

Common Power (<https://commonpower.org>) - an online organization that mobilizes volunteers to assist voters around the country.

League of Women Voters: Voter Registration (<https://www.lwv.org/elections/increasing-voter-registration>) - year-round effort by the League of Women Voters to make sure all eligible Americans have the opportunity to register and vote.

Common Cause (<https://www.commoncause.org/california/>) - dedicated to building a democracy that includes everyone, working on voting rights, redistricting reform, government transparency and ending structural inequities.

Vote Forward (<https://votefwd.org>) - volunteers send handwritten letters to unregistered and low-propensity voters encouraging them to participate in our democracy.

Democracy Docket (<https://www.democracymocket.com>) - a news website focused on voting rights and election litigation in the US, founded by Marc Elias.

For all information on voting, clearing your signature, casting your ballot, etc. in the Recall election:
<https://ocvote.gov/>

We would like to acknowledge and thank Claudia Shambaugh for her assistance. If you would like to listen to either of her radio shows, "Ask A Leader" on Tuesday, 9-10 am (<https://kuci.org/wp/shows/ask-a-leader/>), or "Digging Out" on Monday, 8-9 am (<https://kuci.org/wp/shows/public-affairs-digging-out/>), please tune in to KUCI 88.9 FM

September meetings we hope you will consider attending:

Americans United for Separation of Church and State-OC

Saturday, September 18th, 2 pm Zoom meeting: *What It means to Be Moral: Why Religion Is Not Necessary for Living an Ethical Life* Professor Phil Zuckerman, professor of sociology and secular studies at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA will discuss secularism and its value as a positive moral creed.

Join Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89059045130?pwd=RVd5Y1lzVW1aQ2UySig4S2pJQUdPQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 5904 5130 **Passcode:** 378362

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

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September 20th, 2 pm Zoom meeting: *What's New in Cannabis Research?* UCI Professor Daniele Piomelli, Director of UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis

See flyer below for more information.



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

What's New in Cannabis Research?

Professor Daniele Piomelli, Director of the UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis

Monday, August 16, 2021

1:50 Join Zoom

2:00 - 3:00 pm - Zoom Presentation*

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



Professor Daniele Piomelli

Daniele Piomelli is a Distinguished Professor of Anatomy & Neurobiology and Louise Turner Arnold Chair in Neurosciences at UCI School of Medicine. He is also the Director of the UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis.

Professor Piomelli's research focuses on understanding how endocannabinoid substances affect the function of the brain and other organs. More recently, his focus has been on the potential impacts of cannabinoids during lifespan and the potential benefits for selected human disorders.

Join us for this very special presentation by Professor Daniele Piomelli:

- * Explanation of your body's endogenous cannabinoid system
 - * Endocannabinoid-based medications
- * Long-term effect of adolescent and adult cannabis "exposure"
- * Safety and efficacy of cannabis-based products including the treatment of chronic pain & sleep disorders

The *UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis* fosters multidisciplinary investigations in basic medical sciences, clinical sciences, and jurisprudence.

The *UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis* was established in 2018 and seeks to explore:

- the long-term effects of prolonged use of cannabis within various populations
- discovery of endocannabinoid-based medications
- the safety and efficacy of cannabis-based products for a wide variety of illnesses
- legal oversight, regulation, criminalization, and ethics in the cannabis industry
- comparative studies on cannabis-control regimes

Professor Piomelli is the Editor-in-Chief of Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research, "the first and only peer-reviewed journal entirely dedicated to the study of cannabis, its derivatives, and their endogenous counterparts in the human body."

Join *Zoom Presentation

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84317723484?pwd=UmV2aFp0aDkvZ0F3Z01jTHBBMG1QT09>

Meeting ID: 843 1772 3484

Passcode: 727582

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: Amended 8/25/21; in Senate for 3rd reading.

AB 937 (Carrillo) The Vision Act

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

Update: ordered to Senate for 3rd reading on 8/26/2021.

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 committee process

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

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

Update: in Senate for 3rd reading.

AB 1177 The California Public Banking Option.

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

Update: Read 2nd time, referred to Senate for 3rd reading.

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; in Assembly for 3rd reading.

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: Passed Senate; in Assembly floor process.

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

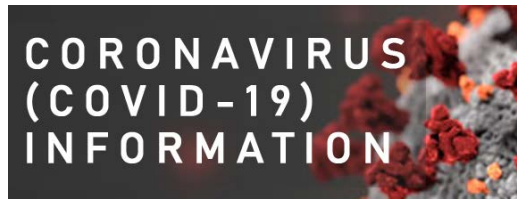
Online meetings will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 2 - 3:30 pm via Zoom.

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.

October: The Black Experience in the OC: It's Not Just Hair  
November: Food Insecurity

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Ways to prevent, treat or fight COVID-19 including [Monoclonal Antibody Treatment](https://combatcovid.hhs.gov/)  
<https://combatcovid.hhs.gov/>

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 August 26, 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](http://www.womenfororangecounty.org) 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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