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a grassroots advocacy organization, founded 1984

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Dear Members and Friends:

Greetings from Women For: Orange County. Our organization is interested in learning about and supporting vital, relevant, and thought-provoking issues that affect us and our communities. Meetings and events are designed to inform and encourage a growing and diverse progressive presence in Orange County. February is our Annual Membership Drive, and we invite you to renew your Women For membership or to join us as a new member.

As we are sure you are aware, the pandemic affected our ability to continue holding in-person meetings and events. Despite the obstacles presented by COVID-19, Women For is proud of its accomplishments during 2020 and 2021:

We began the year 2020 by participating in the Women's March. In February, our meeting "Celebrating Women's Suffrage" was presented by the League of Women Voters. And then we were forced to suspend our meetings due to the pandemic. We evaluated our options and transitioned to online Zoom meetings and began publishing a monthly newsletter. Our online meetings included a shared meeting, "The Power Worshippers: Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism," with Americans United, the movie *62 Days - A Documentary*, "Pros and Cons of the California Propositions," Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters for Orange County, discussing voting safety, and a panel discussion on Homelessness, Mental Health, and Law Enforcement. In August, we were honored to be a beneficiary of the Joann Paige Ruden Family Trust.

Continuing our online Zoom meetings in 2021, we were privileged to present programs investigating Hoag Hospital versus Providence Health, the workings of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, and Media Literacy. We also had speakers probing Antisemitism in Orange County, Fighting Racism and Hate, and Paid Family Leave. Rounding out the year 2021 Gerrymandering and Voter Rights, Cannabis Research, and The Black Experience in Orange County were discussed.

Through your membership, we were able to donate money to groups supporting progressive interests such as the League of Women Voters, Second Harvest and The Voice of OC. We have also continued to support legislation that aligns with our core mission to advocate for causes that create a better world.

Your membership will help us to continue presenting great programs and supporting important causes in 2022. Please return your membership check in the enclosed reply envelope. If you no longer wish to receive our mailings, please indicate this on the remit envelope. We hope you have a healthy and productive New Year, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Carol Tuch, President

Londa Woods, Membership Chair

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