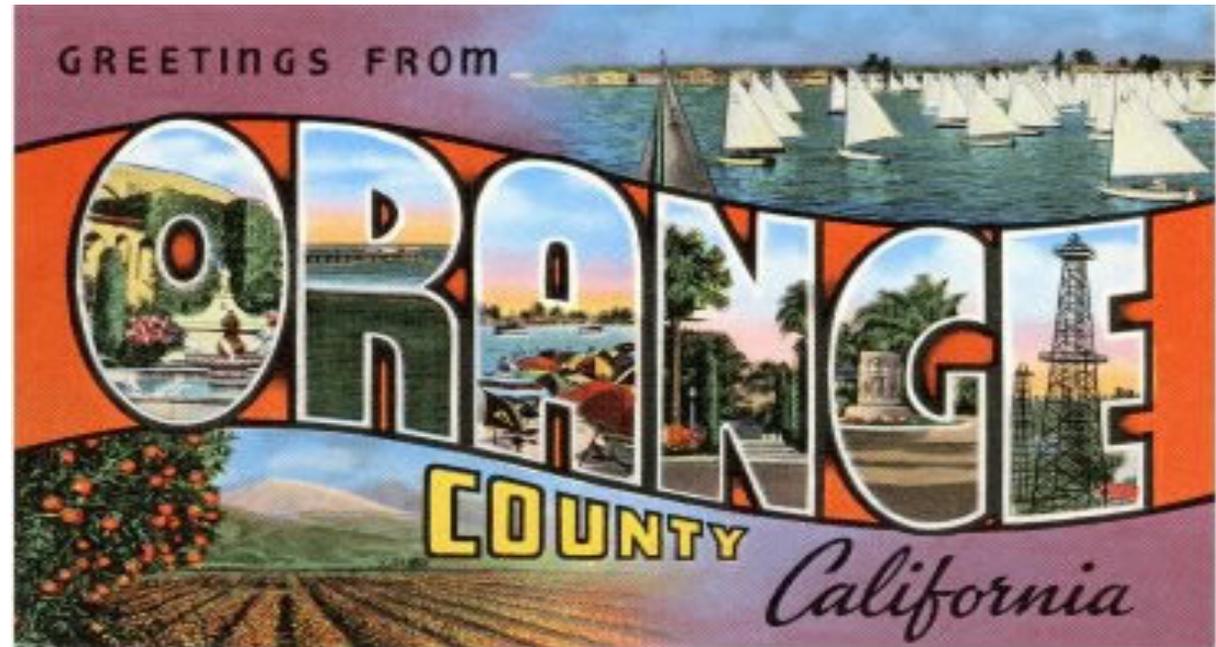


# Who Are The **OC Board of Supervisors**?: What They Do and Why You Should Care"



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# The Five Supervisors Wield Tremendous Power

- Their actions affect all Orange County residents.

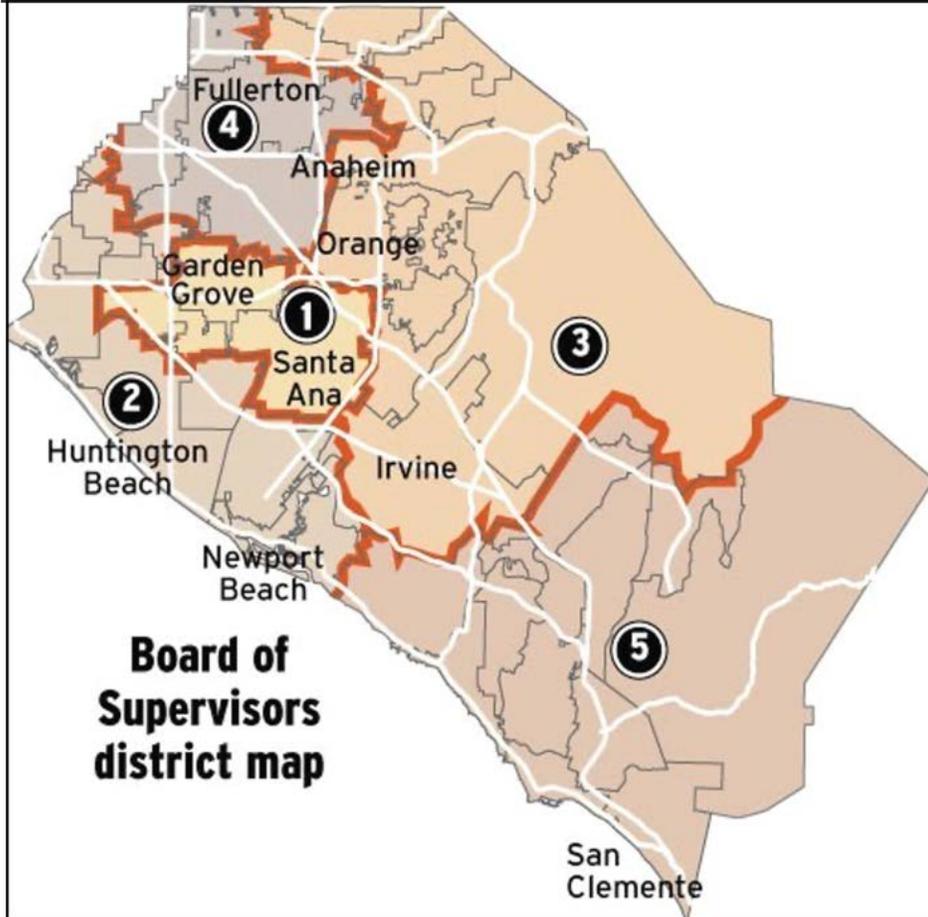
The Board of Supervisors is governmental body that oversees the operations and management of the County and its many special districts. The board makes decisions relating to land use, public utilities, and transportation, both directly and indirectly through its power over budgets and appointments to boards, committees, and commissions. Services that are ultimately managed by the board include regional parks, water, sewers, animal control, buses, freeways, and commuter rail.

- Each county in California is required to have a Board of Supervisors consisting of five members. A board member must be a registered voter of, and reside in, the district from which the member is elected.

The cities and unincorporated areas in Orange County are divided into five Supervisorial Districts. Although the districts vary in physical size, their populations are approximately the same, and each district elects a Supervisor to a four-year term. Each Supervisor can serve two four-year terms.

- Terms are staggered so that all districts do not have elections at the same time. The First and Third Districts had elections in 2020, and the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Districts will have elections in 2022.
- These five elected officials comprise the Orange County Board of Supervisors. Every year, the Board elects two of its members to serve as chair and vice chair.

# Who Is Your Supervisor?



District 1	<a href="#">Andrew Do, Chairman</a> First District (714) 834-3110	Fountain Valley (Portions of), Garden Grove, Midway City, Santa Ana, Westminster
District 2	<a href="#">VACANT</a> Second District (714) 834-3220	Buena Park (Portions of), Costa Mesa, Cypress, Fountain Valley (Portions of), Huntington Beach, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, Stanton
District 3	<a href="#">Donald P. Wagner</a> Third District (714) 834-3330	Anaheim (Portions of), Irvine (Portions of), Orange, Tustin, Villa Park, Yorba Linda
District 4	<a href="#">Doug Chaffee, Vice Chairman</a> Fourth District (714) 834-3440	Anaheim (Portions of), Brea, Buena Park (Portions of), Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia
District 5	<a href="#">Lisa Bartlett</a> Fifth District (714) 834-3550	The Cities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Irvine (portion of), Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe, Trabuco Canyon (portion of), and Wagon Wheel

# Authorities of Board of Supervisors



**Executive, Legislative,**



**and Quasi-judicial**



# Executive Role

- Sets priorities for the County & establishes policy
- Makes appointments to boards, committees and commissions
- Oversees most County departments and programs and annually approves their budgets
- Appropriates and spends money (controls County budgets)
- Supervises the official conduct of County officers and employees.
  - Supervision of elected officers like the Sheriff and DA is more limited
- Controls all County property and conducts public hearings on land-use
- The Board's legislative and executive activities are conducted at public meetings with certain personnel and legal matters discussed in closed sessions.

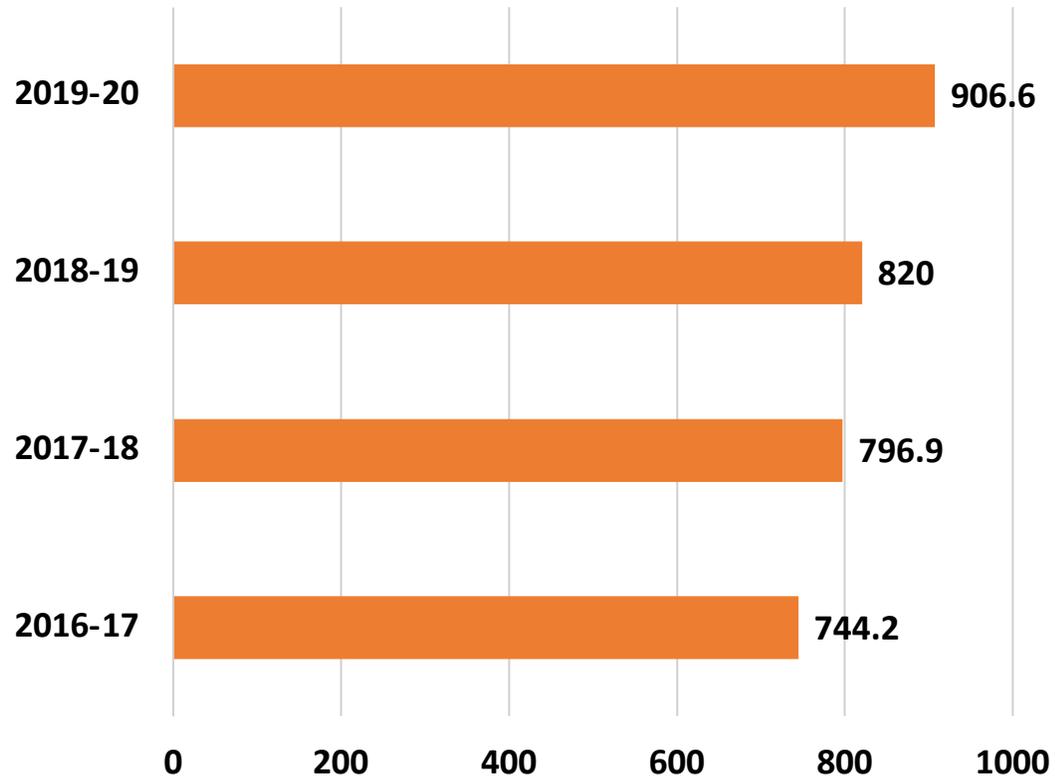
# Examples of Setting Bad Policies + Downplaying the COVID-19 Pandemic + Effects on OC Communities

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- Following political agenda of the White House and not taking immediate action.
- Not acknowledging the severity of the virus and its disproportionate impacts on vulnerable and low socio-economic communities.
- Lack of access to testing + contact tracing, lack of disclosure of hospitalization data, information regarding outbreaks in schools, businesses and skilled nursing facilities.
- Mask mandate forcing Health Officer's resignation in May 2020.
- Not enforcing masks at BOS meetings and not pushing Sheriff Barnes to enforce state issued Covid mandates throughout county.

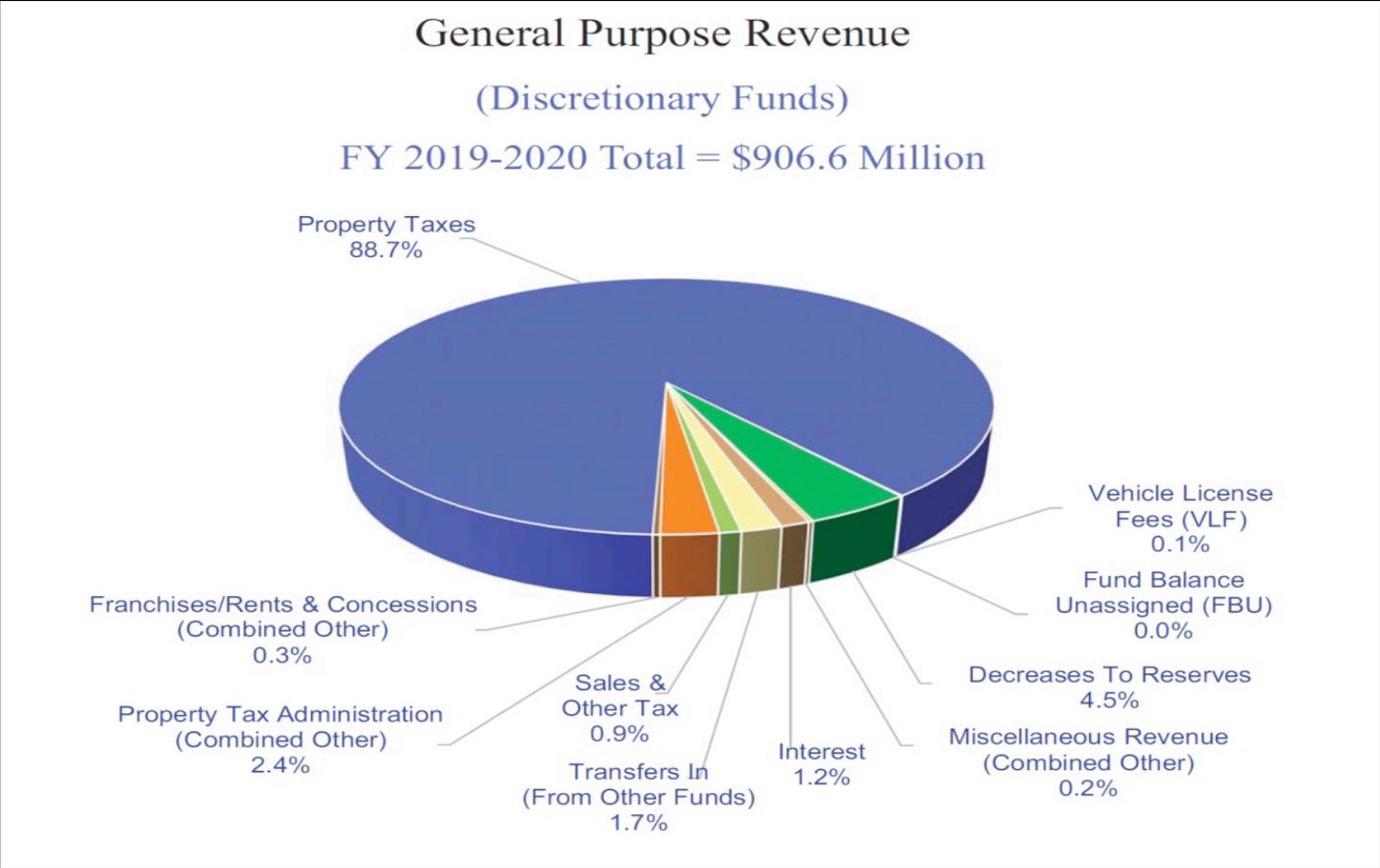
# The Board Controls & Sets Priorities For An Almost \$1 Billion Discretionary Budget.

Discretionary Budget (in millions)



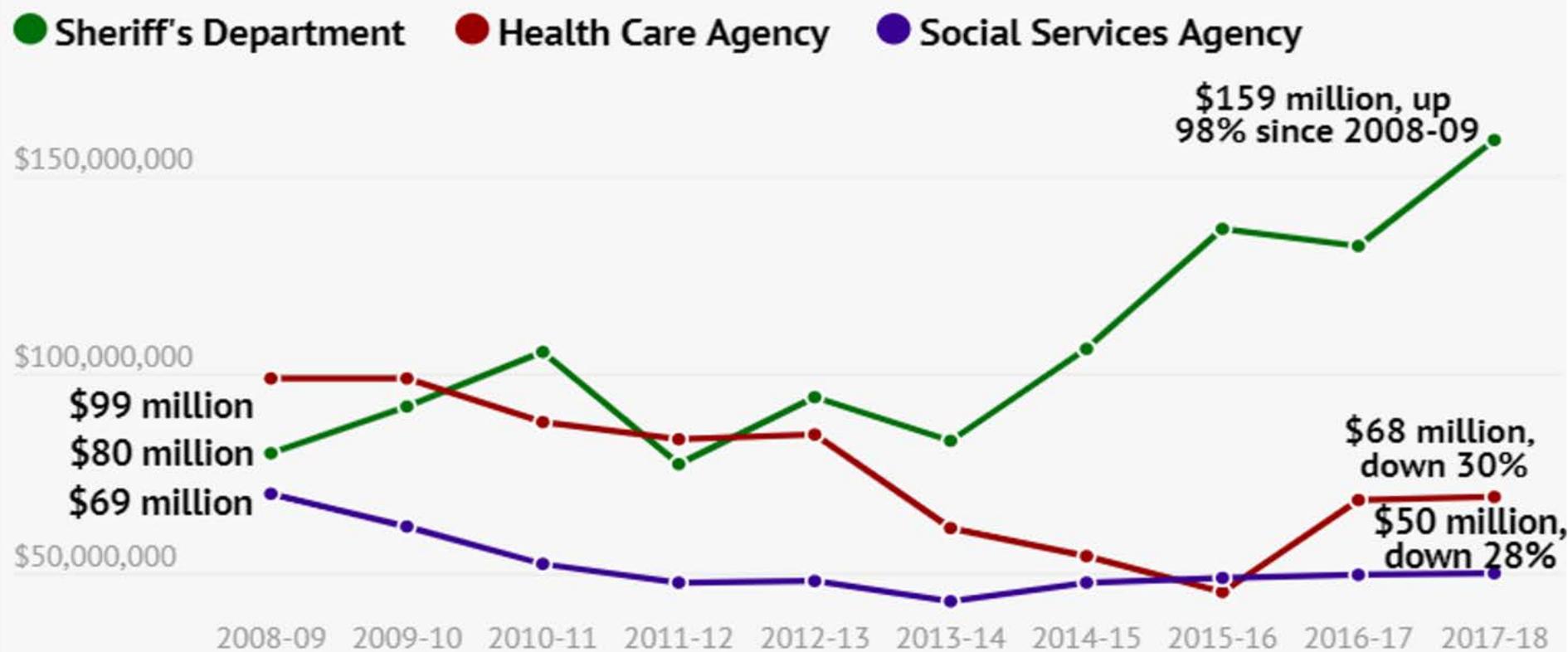
• **+162.4 million  
since 2016**

# Discretionary Revenue Comes From Your Tax Dollars



# OC Sheriff vs. Health & Social Services: Supervisors' Spending Priorities

OC supervisors almost doubled the amount the Sheriff's Department received from the taxpayer money the supervisors directly control, known as discretionary funds. At the same time, public health and social services sand saw reductions in their discretionary funding. These departments get additional funding from restricted state and federal dollars, while the discretionary dollars are under the direct control of supervisors.



SOURCE: County budgets and expenditure data

NICK GERDA & SONYA QUICK, Voice of OC

# Does the Orange County budget reflect YOUR priorities?

GOING TO  
JAIL SHOULD **NOT**  
BE A DEATH  
SENTENCE !!



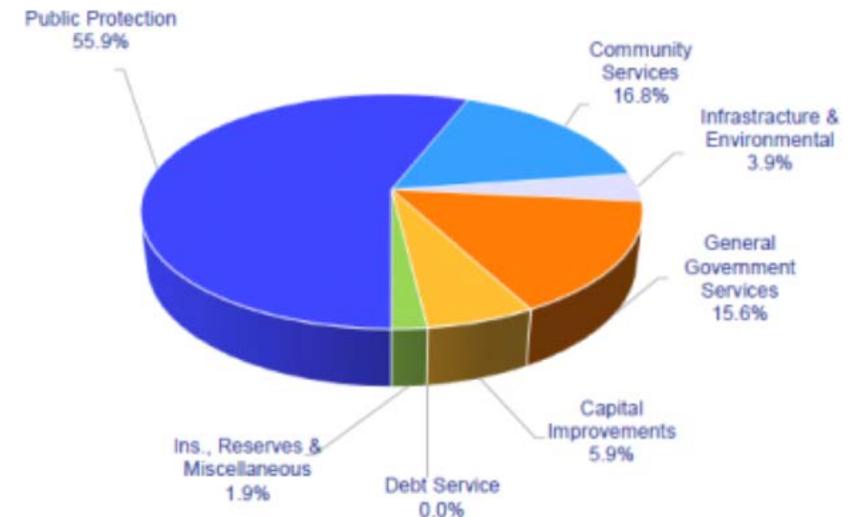
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**The Board allocates most (more than half) of the county's discretionary funding to "Public Protection" over Social Services & Healthcare agencies; still true now in midst of a global pandemic.**

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### General Fund Net County Cost (NCC) by Program

FY 2019-2020 Total = \$906.6 Million



# Legislative Role

In its legislative duties, the Board adopts ordinances, resolutions and minute orders within the limits prescribed by State law.

For example, the Board created the Office of Independent Review in 2008:

- to review OCSD's internal investigations into in-custody deaths and complaints of employee misconduct

In 2015, the Board amended the ordinances to expand the scope of the OIR, redefined its purpose, and expanded its oversight responsibilities to include:

- The Office of the District Attorney, Office of the Public Defender, the Probation Department and the Social Services Agency



# County Revenue Authority

- Supervisors can raise local revenues by imposing or increasing a tax, an assessment, or a fee
  - Tax: charge against an individual or landowner which pays for public services
  - Assessment: revenue generated must be used for specific improvements or services
  - Fee: charge on an individual which cannot exceed the reasonable cost of providing the service
- It can also put bond measures on the ballot
- The Board can only impose taxes, assessments, and fees which the Legislature or the Constitution allow the county to impose and which are approved by either a simple or two-thirds majority of local voters

# Quasi-Judicial Role

## **Orange County to pay nearly \$300,000 to former jail nurse who was prevented from treating inmate**

Jennifer Westfield said she was threatened by a deputy to stay quiet about the inmate she found barely conscious in the men's shower

- May settle claims made against the county
- May examine and audit the accounts of all county officers as they relate to the management and disbursement of funds
  - With a subpoena to the county officer to bring all requested filed to the Board
  - Board may delegate the subpoena power to a committee of its own members
- Land use decision and tax issues

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# Good Governance

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# What Is It & Why We Need It?

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- Good governance is defined as "responsible conduct of public affairs and management of public resources."
- Why should you care about good governance? Lack of it could lead to **corruption, lack of economic development, and even civil war.**

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# Principles of Good Governance

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1. Participatory
2. Responsive
3. Efficient & Effective
4. Transparent
5. Rule of Law
6. Ethical Conduct
7. Competence & Capacity
8. Innovation & Openness
9. Sustainability
10. Sound Financial Management
11. Human Right, Cultural Diversity & Social Cohesion
12. Accountability

# Participatory



## Board of Supervisors Public Meetings

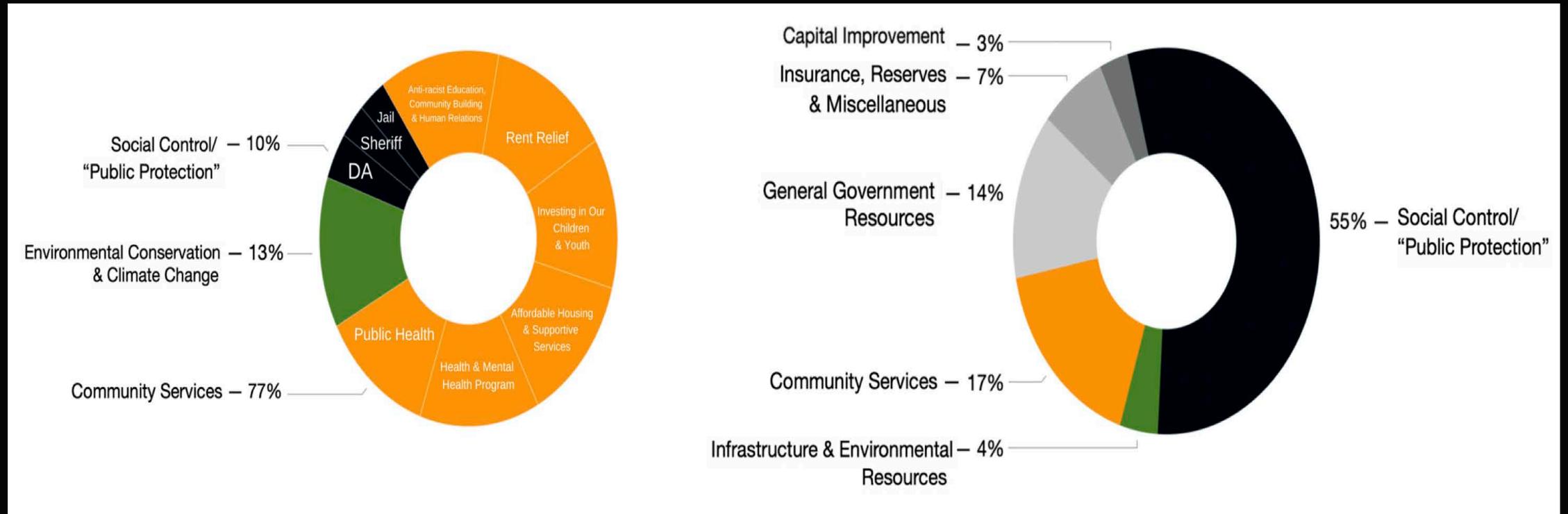


**Responsive**

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# Results of 2020 PBOC Survey



**VIEW REPORT:**

<https://peoplesbudgetoc.org/the-peoples-budget>

# Power & Money to End Homelessness

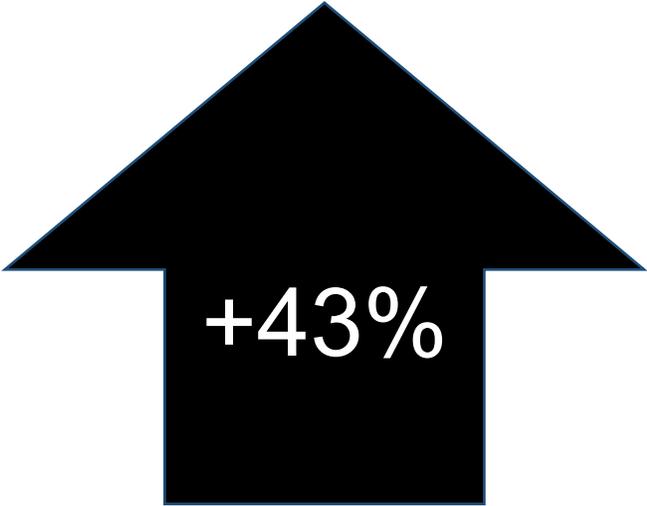
**The Board could end chronic homelessness with money to spare, just by using the increase in the discretionary budget since 2016**

- Annual cost of housing chronically homeless person + services (UCI Cost Study): \$51,587
- Number of chronically homeless people who could have been housed with the **\$162.4 million increase** in discretionary funding since 2016: 3,148
- According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2019 "Point-in-Time" (PIT) count of people experiencing homelessness, overall homelessness in Orange County has increased by 61 percent since 2013 to almost 7,000 individuals on any given night, while unsheltered homelessness has more than doubled. More than half (58% percent) of all people experiencing homelessness in Orange County live in unsheltered locations.

# And Homelessness Continues to Grow

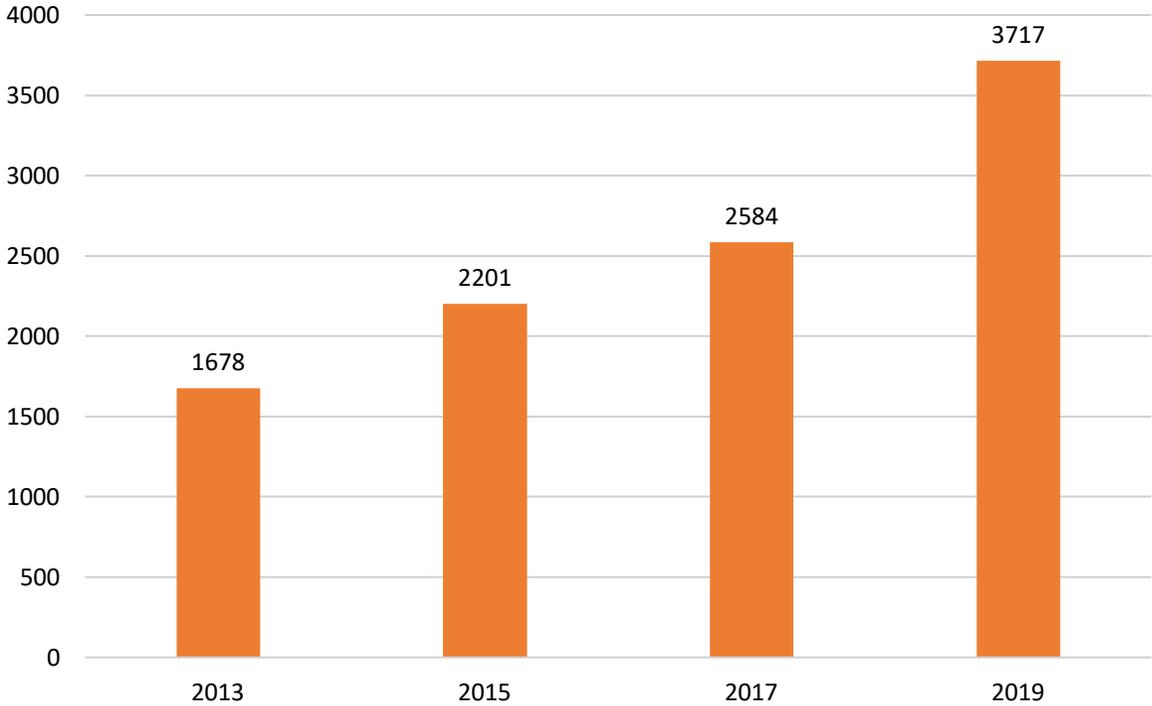
2017 PIT COUNT: 4,792

2019 PIT COUNT: 6860



UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED SINCE 2013

Unsheltered Homelessness in Orange County



# Musick Expansion

- OC plans to add two housing structures, a total of **896** beds to the James A. Musick Facility in Irvine; a majority of the beds are slated to be “mental health” beds.
- The expansion would increase the jail’s capacity from roughly 1,200 to 2,200, and increase the county’s rated capacity to **6,188**

Type of Beds	Current Bed Counts	Target Bed Counts
Mental Health	140	600
Lanternman-Petris-Short (LPS)	5	45
Substance use disorder	0	200

**Effective  
&  
Efficient**



# **Human Rights, Cultural Diversity & Social Cohesion**

# OC Jails

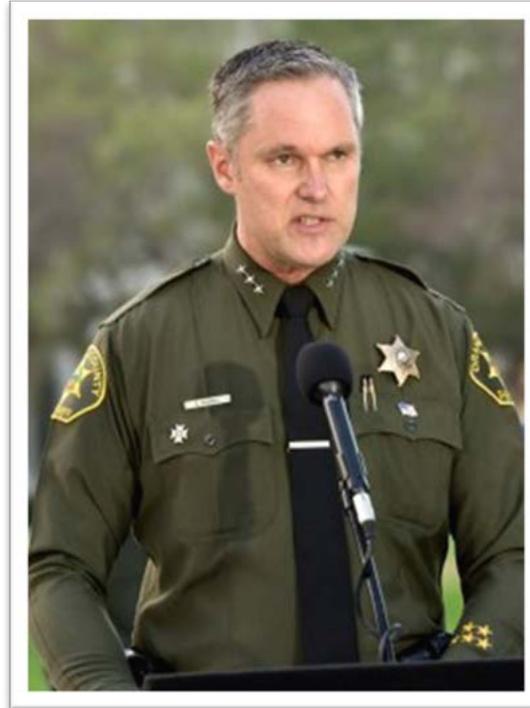
- OCSD operates the **5th** largest sheriff's department and **9th** largest jail system in the United States

## Before COVID-19 (2019)

- Average daily population **5,447**
- Annual bookings **55,000+**
- Roughly **55%** of the ADP was unsentenced

## Currently

- Average daily population **2,900**

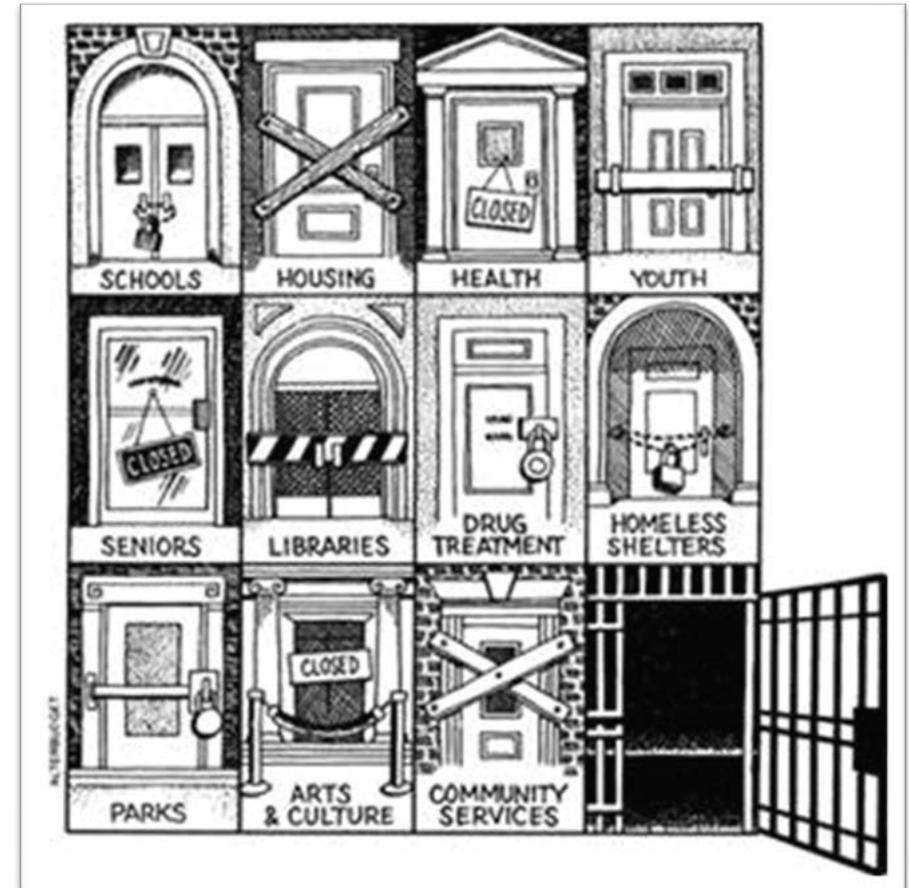


- Latinx and Black folx make up **63%** of OC's jail population
- Black folx account for **9%** of people behind bars while accounting for **1.5%** of OC's population
- Latinx folx account for **54%** of people behind bars while accounting for **34%** of OC's population

# Sound Financial Management

# OC BoS Approved a \$260 Million Jail Expansion

- The Board unanimously approved and awarded the construction agreement with Bernard Bros., Inc. on May 5, 2020; Vanir Management will serve as the management company.
- Bernard Bros., Inc.'s base estimate for the cost of construction services is \$261,118,000
  - This is **56%** above (in other words, **\$94,118,000** above) the county's initial estimate for the cost of construction (which, as prepared by an outside agency in 2018, was \$167,000,000)



# Where is the Jail Expansion Money Coming From?

## CONSTRUCTION COSTS

- Assembly Bill 900 (2007), \$100 million
- Senate Bill 1022 (2011), \$80 million
- Loan from OC Waste and Recycling, \$14.5 million

## OPERATING COSTS

- Public Safety Sales Tax
- AB 109

**+ County General Fund/ Discretionary Funds/  
YOUR MONEY!**

# Sound Financial Management

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## Todd A Spitzer Salary Overview

- As District Attorney at Orange County, Todd Spitzer made \$405,650.05 in total compensation. Of this total \$277,072 was received as a salary, \$121,934.24 was received as benefits and \$6,643.77 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to Orange County payrolls for the 2019 fiscal year.
- Todd Spitzer total compensation is **60% higher** than average [district attorney salary](#), and **257% higher** than average [Orange County salary](#)

## Donald D Barnes Salary Overview

- As Sheriff-Coroner at Orange County, Donald Barnes made \$405,285.97 in total compensation. Of this total \$244,366 was received as a salary, \$46,373.51 was received as benefits and \$114,545.97 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to Orange County payrolls for the 2019 fiscal year.
- Donald Barnes total compensation is **51% higher** than average [sheriff/coroner salary](#) and **257% higher** than average [Orange County salary](#)

# Sound Financial Management

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## Lisa A Bartlett Salary Overview

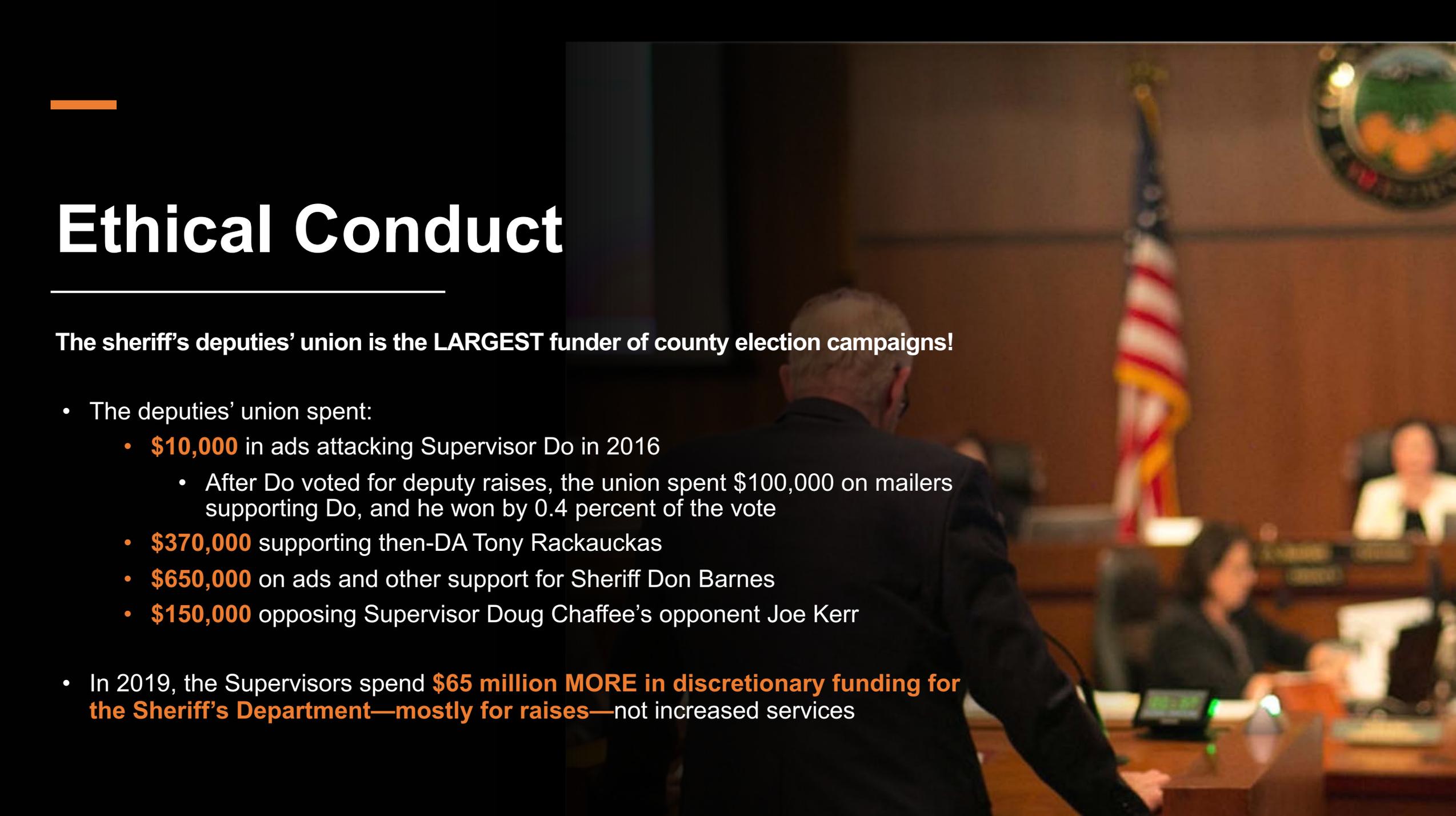
- As Member, Board Of Supervisors at Orange County, Lisa Bartlett made \$251,244.10 in total compensation. Of this total \$168,383 was received as a salary, \$76,612.55 was received as benefits and \$6,247.92 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to Orange County payrolls for the 2019 fiscal year.
- Lisa Bartlett total compensation is **44% higher** than average [member, board of supervisors salary](#), and **121% higher** than average [Orange County salary](#)

## Andrew H Do Salary Overview

- As Member, Board Of Supervisors at Orange County, Andrew Do made \$256,925.83 in total compensation. Of this total \$168,383 was received as a salary, \$74,033.84 was received as benefits and \$14,508.36 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to Orange County payrolls for the 2019 fiscal year.
- Andrew Do total compensation is **48% higher** than average [member, board of supervisors salary](#) and **126% higher** than average [Orange County salary](#)

## Donald P Wagner Salary Overview

- As Member, Board Of Supervisors at Orange County, Donald Wagner made \$189,893.32 in total compensation. Of this total \$124,985 was received as a salary, \$55,664.93 was received as benefits and \$9,243.39 came from other types of compensation. This information is according to Orange County payrolls for the 2019 fiscal year.
- Donald Wagner total compensation is **9% higher** than average [member, board of supervisors salary](#) and **67% higher** than average [Orange County salary](#)



# Ethical Conduct

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The sheriff's deputies' union is the **LARGEST** funder of county election campaigns!

- The deputies' union spent:
  - **\$10,000** in ads attacking Supervisor Do in 2016
    - After Do voted for deputy raises, the union spent \$100,000 on mailers supporting Do, and he won by 0.4 percent of the vote
  - **\$370,000** supporting then-DA Tony Rackauckas
  - **\$650,000** on ads and other support for Sheriff Don Barnes
  - **\$150,000** opposing Supervisor Doug Chaffee's opponent Joe Kerr
- In 2019, the Supervisors spend **\$65 million MORE in discretionary funding for the Sheriff's Department—mostly for raises—**not increased services

# MARCH 9, 2021: 2nd SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT Special Election

- Look out for you ballot in the mail

- Cast you vote by **March 9, 2021**

**Orange County**

**Board of Supervisors**



# TAKE ACTION!

CONTACT YOUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Unsure of your  
district?  
[Click Here to Locate](#)

✓ Demand that the Board of Supervisors respect both the health and safety needs of the community, as well as their right to participate in public decision making, and finally adopt a format to allow community members to provide their public comments remotely via teleconference or virtually. Not doing so stifles public participation!

- [Click for 2021 BOS Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Click for all BOS Meetings & Agendas](#)
- [Click for Info On How to Submit Written Public Comment](#)
  - Comment must be submitted before start of BOS meeting at 9:30 AM
- [Click to view live on the web](#) (*Live broadcast in English only*)  
Listen to the live meetings by calling (866) 590-5055, Access Code: 4138489

# More Demands for the OC Board of Supervisors

- Cancel the Musick expansion contract!
- Increase funding for community-based mental health and substance use disorder care, including prevention and diversion programs
- Implement policies and practices that reduce the county's jail population, stop the revolving door of incarceration, and support community wellbeing



