



ORANGE GOP

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Save the Dates

OC GOP Monthly Meeting

Sep 10, 7 PM, Zoom meeting
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650
Passcode: 184078

Get Out The Vote!

Sep 12, 19, 26 from 9-12 noon

Pres Debate Watch Party

Sep 29, 8:30 PM
OC GOP Headquarters

BBQ, Bluegrass & the Bill of Rights

Oct 3, 12 noon – 3 PM
Exchange Club Park
See website for tickets or call
Virginia Ferguson at
919-618-6430 or Waddy Davis
at 919-259-8837.

Get Involved!

The Orange County GOP is an all-volunteer organization of your neighbors who are interested in smaller and more effective government that follows conservative principles.

Your help will make a difference!

Please consider ways you can assist: organizing events, making phone calls, writing articles, working at the polls, attending county commission meetings, and more! To volunteer, visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

To join our email list, visit our website <https://orange.nc.gop> and sign up!

Questions? Email us at Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net

OC GOP Headquarters:

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Please join us for our regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 7 PM. Guest speakers will be Senator Phil Berger, Sr. and Becki Gray, Sr VP of the John Locke Foundation. This will be a virtual Zoom meeting.
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Stock up on some Trump merchandise before it's gone! We have yard signs, t-shirts, flags, hats, masks and more. All purchases help support our candidates and grassroots efforts in Orange County, so stop by today!



Chair's Corner

In just 60 days we will elect a President, Senator, Governor, LT Governor, Supreme Court Justices, and legislators. If you want to make a difference to save our country, help to GET OUT THE VOTE and talk to everyone you know – family, friends, and neighbors – and encourage them to vote.

This election is an ideological political war. We are under attack in America for the freedom and values as we know them against those turning our country into a socialist state. As Thomas Paine wrote, "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must...undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

If you are not registered to vote GO NOW to our website and click the Voter Information tab. You can also check your voter registration there.

In North Carolina, you have several methods to cast your vote.

- **You can vote in-person on Election Day**, November 3, in your precinct.
- **You can vote in-person early** at one of the county's six Early Voting locations from October 15-31.
- **You can vote absentee by mail.** If for some reason you might not get to the polls in person, any registered voter can vote with an absentee ballot. This is a great primary or backup plan in case something happens and you can't get to the polls. You can request an absentee ballot now. If you later decide to vote in person, you do not have to send in your absentee ballot, but now you have a backup plan. Absentee ballots are mailed as requests are received. If you vote absentee you cannot later vote in person. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is 5 PM on Oct 27.
- The North Carolina absentee ballot procedure seems to be secure. Each ballot will have a barcode that the voter can use to check the progress of the ballot from mailing to delivery to voting at the Board of Elections.

This election is all conservative hands on deck...

- *Waddy Davis, Colonel (Ret.) US Army Special Forces
Chairman, Orange County Republican Party*

OC BOCC Update by Riley Ruske

On August 19 Orange County Board of Commissioners Chair Penny Rich ordered the extension of the state of emergency through October 31—just three days before the national election. This coincides with the County Board of Elections and special interest groups aggressively soliciting citizens to vote by mail with absentee ballots. Additionally, this order prohibits indoor gatherings of more than 10 citizens and outdoor gatherings of more than 25 citizens even for campaign rallies. Does anyone sense an effort at voter

suppression? Is the First Amendment now a thing of the past in Orange County?

With the extension of the emergency declaration, the Sep 1 Commissioners business meeting was held virtually. The agenda came out with little time for the public to prepare. The Pledge of Allegiance Petition was scheduled for the end of a very lengthy program. Discussion lasted about 30 minutes. In the end, **the Pledge went down in flames**: five against and two for. I recommend that you view the video of the meeting—the Pledge discussion starts at the 3:32:44 mark. The video and detail of the discussion may be found on our website under News.

Please keep a close watch on the BOCC Agendas on the county website to know what they are doing and make sure you make your voice heard. Remember, **Orange County has the highest property and sales tax rates in the state** and the Commissioners are intent on raising the property tax rate to accommodate their excessive spending and borrowing!!

Absentee Voting vs. Universal Mail-In Voting by Kathy Brodie

We must have a free and fair election in November. Universal mail-in voting undermines that effort.

Universal mail-in voting and absentee voting are two different things. With *absentee* voting, the voter must request that a ballot be sent to his or her home (a simple process). Election officials verify that the request has been made by an eligible voter and then send out the requested absentee ballot. With *universal mail-in* voting, the Board of Elections mails a live ballot to every individual on the voter rolls. Unfortunately, many BOEs do not regularly update their voter rolls (even though they are required by law to do so), thereby allowing live ballots to be sent to people who have moved to another city or state and even to some who have died.

Anyone who has worked as an election official knows that **ballots are sacred**. Ballots shouldn't be treated like pieces of junk mail going to millions of households. Only 8 states have all mail-in voting. North Carolina does not.

Do Black Lives Matter? by Vince DiSandro

Do Black lives matter? Of course they do. But all lives matter, and it is not racist to say this. Unfortunately, many people support the Black Lives Matter movement without realizing who is behind it and what they stand for. The organizers proudly declare themselves trained Marxists, and one of their goals is the upending of American society.

A 2017 report from Black Lives Matters describes its founders – Alicia Garza, Patrice Khan-Cullers and Opal Tometi – as three radical Black organizers. In addition, until recently, Susan Rosenberg was listed as vice chair of the board of directors for Thousand Currents, BLM's financial sponsor. Susan Rosenberg was a member of the radical leftist organization known as May 19th Communist Organization which had ties with the Weather Underground terrorist group. Rosenberg was convicted on weapons and explosives charges and sentenced to 58 years in prison. She was pardoned by Bill Clinton in 2001.

Black Lives Matter is opposed to President Trump and the Republicans and says that they look forward to influencing the November elections. They raise money through the Act Blue donation platform. It is clear that BLM has succeeded in co-opting an otherwise laudable effort to seek racial justice and is using it as a cover to achieve their goal of the destruction of American society as we know it.

Additional information on this important topic can be found in the July 23 issue of *Washington Examiner* magazine from which this article is adapted.

Have You Heard About #WalkAway? by Diane Gentile

The #WalkAway Campaign is a grassroots movement of over 403,000 people founded in 2018 by former liberal Brandon Straka. It began as a social media video and written testimonial campaign in which people told their stories about why they no longer support the Democrat party. Some are tired of politics and government as usual and want to participate in a grassroots effort to protect and take back the country. Many are first-time voters. Together, they make up the #WalkAway Movement. If you know someone who is either disillusioned or on the fence this election, encourage them to visit <https://www.walkawaycampaign.com> and their Facebook groups (OfficialWalkAwayCampaign and WalkAwayNorthCarolina) and join this inspiring grassroots movement!



Orange County Needs You! Orange County is expecting a short supply of Republican Election Judges for the November election. Please consider serving your county (and your country) by agreeing to be nominated for this important task. You'll be paid for your time, and training will be provided if you are selected. If you are interested or have questions, please call Bob Randall at 919.732.4389 or 919.638.5418 or you may call the Orange County Board of Elections at 919.245.2350.

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