



# ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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## Save the Dates

### Coffee & Politics

Jan 9, 10 AM – 12 Noon  
OCGOP Headquarters

### OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Jan 14, 7 PM, Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650  
Passcode: 184078

### OCGOP Convention

Mar 20, 9 AM – 12 Noon  
Sunrise Church, Chapel Hill

### NCGOP Convention

June 4-6  
Greenville, NC

### Office Hours

M, W, F 10AM–4PM, Sat 10-1  
Closed T, TH, Sun

## 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! Visit [orange.nc.gop/volunteer](https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer).


To join our email list, sign up at <https://orange.nc.gop>.

Questions? Email us at [Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net](mailto:Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net)

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	<p><b>Happy New Year!</b></p> <p>Kick off 2021 with your fellow conservatives over coffee and bagels and chat about the politics of the day.</p> <p><b>WHAT:</b> Coffee &amp; Politics <b>WHEN:</b> Saturday, Jan. 9, 10 AM – 12 noon <b>WHERE:</b> OCGOP Headquarters, 125 Boone Square St.</p> <p>No RSVP required. Just come on down!</p>
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<p>Please join us for our regular <b>Monthly Meeting</b> on Thursday, January 14 at 7 PM. This will be a virtual Zoom meeting. Guest speakers will be <b>Tim Moore</b> (R), Speaker of the NC House of Representatives, and <b>Addu Ali</b>, Chair of the North Carolina Black Conservative Voices coalition for the NCGOP and State Operations Director for the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina. <b>Please submit questions for our speakers to Waddy Davis at 919-259-8837 by Jan. 10.</b></p> <p>Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650 Passcode: 184078</p>	
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## Chair's Corner

I appreciate everyone's support over the past 2020 election year. Thank you. It has been a total team effort. You made a difference! Be prayerful that 2021 will be a great year. We accomplished much at OCGOP last year – getting conservative voters to the polls (76% turnout) and beating the NCGOP state average of 75% (OCGOP had 69% in 2016 election), helping get all Republican Judicial candidates elected (3 NC Supreme Court and 5 NC Court of Appeals), winning NC for President Trump and Senatorial race for Thom Tillis. Thanks to the Lincoln-Reagan Dinner and BBQ & Bluegrass fundraising events, merchandising sales, and donations we have a healthy bank account – best in years. Our goal is to get steady donations throughout 2021 to support and maintain our OCGOP office. We were able to give generous donations to our candidates prior to the 2020 election. Again, thank you for your financial support.

The Georgia Senate races (Senator Kelly Loeffler and Senator David Perdue) will be finalized on January 5, 2021. It is still not too late to make donations to the Georgia Battleground Fund that directly supports both candidates.

Congress meets in joint session on January 6 to count electoral votes. A small group of GOP Senators, led by Ted Cruz and 11 other Senators, will object to the certification of the Presidential election results at the joint session of Congress. Senators Tillis and Burr are not standing up for President Trump. Hopefully our letters and calls are motivating them to object.

I have sent letters on behalf of OCGOP to Senator Tillis, Representative Tim Moore (Speaker of the NC House), and Senator Phil Berger, Sr. (President Pro Tempore of the NC Senate) requesting a full forensic election audit to identify vulnerabilities and fix voter laws to ensure public trust in election integrity and restore faith in the outcomes of future elections.

The OCGOP County Convention will be March 20 from 9 AM to noon. (More details to follow.) At the Convention, we must elect officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer). An OCGOP slate committee is working on finalizing candidates for our officer positions. If you are interested in a leadership position, or knowing more about what it entails, contact Larry Smith, Chair of the

Nominating Committee at Lcsam83@yahoo.com by Thursday, February 18.

I have had four terrific years serving and working together with you as Chairman of OCGOP. I will not be running for a third term. We have a great conservative base of patriots who will continue gaining traction moving our message forward. I plan to continue to be an activist working right alongside you. I also want to recognize and commend Trish Randall for giving her time unselfishly as OCGOP Secretary for the past 9 years and who will be leaving but will continue to be involved at the precinct level.

The Three Principles of Conservatism:

1. Stay out of my life.
2. Stay out of my business.
3. Stay out of my wallet.

Have a great year ahead. Very best regards,

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

## OC BOCC Update by Riley Ruske

While the year was filled with many boilerplate resolutions, several stand out as notable—you can read them on the county website and decide if they are good, bad, or just silly. On April 7, the board resolved to label Orange County as a socially conscious animal community, September 1 to adopt Juneteenth as a paid employee holiday, September 15 to support legalizing marijuana and expunging the records of criminals who violated associated laws, October 20 to support abolishing the Hyde amendment and basically make taxpayers pay for abortions, and on December 7 to support calls for reparations for events of over a hundred years ago. They also voted on Sep 1 with five opposed and two for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of their meetings. Apparently, they do not need to be reminded of their allegiance to our Flag and Republic.

Please get involved during 2021 to help change the behavior and actions of the Commissioners—local government has more impact on our citizens than we realize and if we cannot influence local government, we have no hope of influencing state or federal government. You do have an opportunity to have your conservative voice heard—apply to be a member of any of the forty advisory boards or the fifty-four outside agencies that influence the actions of Orange County government. Look for these opportunities on the county website and on the websites of the outside agencies. And attend and speak out at the BOCC regular business meetings, whether in person or virtually.

## Conservative Women's Shooting Club ~ Coming Soon!

The Orange County Republican Party is starting a Conservative Women's Shooting Club in the first quarter of 2021. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about shooting. Catherine Gutman and Rachel Mitchell (Instructor) will co-chair this new club with like-minded members. If you have never held or shot a gun, now you can! Call the OCGOP office if you want to be added to the club list.

## Orange County Board of Elections Update by Clare Brennan

Now that the 2020 election season is over in NC, here I provide a brief summary of the OC Board of Election (OC BoE)'s work over the past several months. Orange County had a 76.23% voter turnout during the 2020 election, with 85,281 ballots cast from 111,869 voters. This included 26,115 Absentee ballots; this unprecedented number was anticipated due to many voters mailing in ballots because of COVID concerns regarding in-person voting.

In addition to the management of Early Voting and Absentee voting, the Board also conducted a recount, as well as requested "hand-eye" recount for the NC Chief Justice of the Supreme Court race, where Justice Paul Newby was declared winner over Cheri Beasley.

And then there was the matter of the Black Lives Matter flags hanging over the Carrboro Town Hall. During the Early Voting period, the Board received complaints of voter intimidation because of these flags. One would have anticipated American flags to fly over a voting precinct, but this was not the case in "The People's Republic of Carrboro". Despite a formal request from the State Board of Elections, the Carrboro mayor with the town's legal counsel, refused to remove the flags, providing a non-sequitur rationale that the flags had been flying since July. I contacted the White House and US Supreme Court to raise awareness of Carrboro's refusal to abide by the NC State Board of Election's formal request and to seek input. The Board held an emergency meeting to resolve this matter, but deemed that closing this voting site would cause undue burden to voters in that precinct. Going forward, the Carrboro Town Hall likely will not be used as an Early Voting, nor Election Day voting site.

This was my first National election as a member of the OC BoE. Despite all the challenges of 2020 and the political issues that remain, it is an honor and privilege to serve on the Board!

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