



ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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Save the Dates

Coffee & Politics

Mar 6, 10 AM – 12 Noon
OCGOP Headquarters

Organizational Meeting: Action Teams

Mar 11, 7 PM

Note: There will be no regular Monthly Meeting in March due to the Convention.

OCGOP Convention

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

4th District Convention

April 3, 10 AM
NCGOP HQ, Raleigh

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! To volunteer visit orange.nc.gop/volunteer.

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

Questions? Email us at Chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net

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	<p><i>It's that time again!</i></p> <p>It's time for our monthly get-together over coffee and bagels to talk about the politics of the day.</p> <p>WHAT: Coffee & Politics WHEN: Saturday, Mar. 6, 10 AM – 12 noon WHERE: OCGOP Headquarters, 125 Boone Square St. No RSVP required. Just come on down!</p>
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There will be an organizational meeting to discuss forming **Action Teams** on Thursday, March 11, at 7 PM at OCGOP Headquarters.

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Chair's Corner

It is incumbent **upon us** to hold our elected state and national officials responsible for their actions or inactions. It is our responsibility to make our views known to them. Make your opinion heard by calling and writing our elected representatives: Senator Burr (R), Senator Tillis (R), Rep. David Price (D), NC Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R), and NC Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, Sr. (R). Email addresses and phone numbers are easy to find online or on our website.

Please put the dates below on your calendar for the upcoming OCGOP, 4th District and NCGOP Conventions. We plan to hold the Precinct Meetings IN-PERSON at Sunrise Church, and the main OCGOP Convention will be a hybrid with virtual Zoom and IN-PERSON options to increase attendance due to Covid. Registration including a \$10 registration fee is required; **the deadline to register is Tuesday, March 16.** Visit the Convention tab on our website to register.

We will hold elections for Chairman, 1st and 2nd Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive committee, and Delegates to the 4th District and NCGOP State Conventions. To be a Delegate, you must have been registered as a Republican in Orange County as of January 31, 2021. Zoom voting instructions will be forthcoming.

Special guest speakers are our new Supreme Court Justice Phil Berger, Jr. and Becki Gray, Sr. VP John Locke Foundation. Virginia Ferguson will be the Convention Chairperson. Breakfast refreshments, coffee, and water will be available.

Due to the complexities of the hybrid convention format, anyone wishing to submit a Resolution this year must do so in advance and not at the Convention itself. **The deadline to submit a Resolution is 5 March 2021.** Send to Resolutions Committee Chair, Seamus O'Neill, at soneill@liscarnan.com or visit the Convention tab of our website for more info.

Convention Dates (including election of officers)

- Orange County: Saturday, March 20, 2021; 8-9:00 AM Check-in, 9-10:00 AM Precinct IN-PERSON Meetings, 10-12:00 OCGOP Virtual & In-person Convention. Register online at our website under the Convention tab.
- 4th District: April 3, 2021 at 10 AM Virtual and In-person at the NCGOP Headquarters in Raleigh.
- State Convention: June 4 through June 6, 2021 in Greenville, NC.

2022 Elections

Primary elections for 2022 are just months away. Candidate registration is in December 2021.

- US Senate: Burr (R) is not running for re-election. CENSURED FROM OCGOP!
- US House: House districts will be re-drawn in 2021 by the North Carolina legislators, with the gain of 1 North Carolina House seat. The SBOE is recommending to the General Assembly that all Elections be delayed until 3 May 2022 due to delay in Census data. The NC General Assembly will make the decision as redistricting cannot start until the Census results are released. Then after the expected lawsuits by the Left, we might have final redistricting just before the candidate registration period ends.
- NC Senate 23: Valerie Foushee (D) is incumbent.
- NC House 50: Graig Meyer (D) is incumbent.
- NC House 56: Verla Insko (D) is incumbent.

If you are interested in running for office please contact us at chairmanocncgop@centurylink.net.

"The Constitution was never meant to prevent people from praying, its declared purpose was to protect their FREEDOM TO PRAY." - Ronald Reagan, 40th President

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

Promoting Conservative Values Through Action Teams

Don't like how government is being run? Don't like how your tax dollars are being spent? Do something about it!

Come to our organizational meeting at OCGOP Headquarters on Thursday, March 11, at 7 PM. We will talk about forming **Action Teams** to research, monitor, and inform the wider OCGOP community on issues of importance to members. These might be at the school board, county, state or national level.

Together, we can make a difference at the grassroots level and promote Orange County conservatives' values.

OC BOCC Update by Riley Ruske

The **Board of County Commissioners** held two virtual business meetings in February with agendas of 646 pages. The magnitude of these agendas makes it clear just how deep into our private lives county government intrudes.

On February 2, the BOCC reviewed Climate Action Grants derived from the Marcoplos climate tax added to the property tax. This tax increase was over \$400,000 for 2020. The highest-ranking grant requests were \$95,000 to install solar panels on 10 rooftops, \$122,000 for 30 hot water heaters (over \$4,000 each!!!!), \$75,000 for a Cane Creek solar array, \$40,000 for planting 40 trees (\$1,000 per tree!!!) and \$18,000 for an electric vehicle charging station to provide free charges (while most of us have to pay for our own fuel and the highway taxes along with it) and \$220,000 for 40 LED community multi-use park field lights.

The BOCC also made appointments to the Justice Advisory Council, the Broadband Task Force, and the Election Advisory Group. I've lost track of just how many commissions, advisory boards, and groups the BOCC has created.

Another item on the agenda was the approval of an \$8.2 million increase in the 2020 – 2021 budget. They just can't help themselves from spending, spending and spending!! There is never any relief on taxes.

The February 16 Virtual Business Meeting was more business as usual and included acknowledgement of the withdrawal of Buc-ee's gas station plan request. We really didn't want those 200 jobs and tax revenues!

An important note about the February 9 Work Session—the Board discussed the continuing attempt to infringe on 2nd Amendment rights of citizens based on buffer zones around residential areas. If you are a gun owner you need to watch this development closely in order to protect your Constitutionally guaranteed right to keep and bear arms.

Visit the News tab of our website for the entire report on BOCC activities this month.

Supporting Conservative Businesses in Our Community

Interested in supporting conservatives in our business community? We are! The OCGOP is developing our network of contacts and vendors who share our values and that we can support with our dollars. If you offer any of the following services and would like for us to add you to our list of "preferred" vendors for OCGOP business in the future, please let us know: Attorney, Graphic design/artwork, Printing/copy center services, Custom tees/merchandise, Signs (yard signs, banners, etc.), Catering, Other? Surprise us!

Email us at chairmanocncgop@centurylink.com to add your name/business to our vendor list. Thanks!

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