



# ORANGE GOP

Your Orange County Conservative News

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## Save the Dates

### OCGOP Monthly Meeting

Apr 8, 7 PM, Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650  
Passcode: 184078

### Slack Training Meeting

Apr 15, 7 PM, Zoom meeting  
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650  
Passcode: 184078

### Informed Conservatives Book Club

Apr 17, 10 AM – 12 Noon  
OCGOP Headquarters

### 4<sup>th</sup> District Convention

April 24, 10 AM (New Date!)  
Location TBD w/Virtual Option

### Coffee & Politics

May 1, 10 AM – 12 Noon  
OCGOP Headquarters

### NCGOP Convention

June 3-6  
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](https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer).

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

Questions? Email us at [info@orangencgop.com](mailto:info@orangencgop.com)

### OCGOP Headquarters:

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### Important Convention Update!

The 4th Congressional District Convention of April 3, 2021 at the NCGOP Headquarters has been postponed to Saturday, April 24, 2021. The cutoff for registration is April 19, 2021.

**WHAT:** 4<sup>th</sup> District GOP Convention

**WHEN:** Saturday, Apr. 24, 10 AM

**WHERE:** Location TBD w/Virtual Option

See the event page on our website for registration link!

Please join us for our regular Monthly Meeting on Thursday, April 8 at 7 PM. This will be a virtual Zoom meeting.

Michael Whatley, Chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party, will be our guest speaker.

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## Chair's Corner

We are now into Fresh Spring Air. Time to get out of our dodgy Winter Abodes. I have talked to many of you in our Orange County Party over the last couple of weeks. Thank you for your well wishes of our newly elected Executive Committee. Some have told me they are thankful for the vaccines and those brave enough to take it. President Trump rallied for them through Operation Warp Speed so we could have the choice, as much as the Biden Administration belittles President Trump for putting the world in this position of having the vaccines. President Trump also recently encouraged the use of them. We have all seen the numbers and begin to wonder, "What If," over the last year. I have had my first dose, and expect to be Bullet Proof by the end of April. I have heard, read and discussed the pluses and minuses both ways about Big Pharma's answer to the pandemic. Some of you will not choose to take these vaccines. I will not criticize anyone for not receiving them. These are personal decisions.

There are chances we take in life, in almost every aspect of life. It's hard sometimes not to be criticized in those decisions in life. In our Party, we can choose to disagree, and not be Canceled Out, because we hold one position or another. In the Democrat Party, we see the 10% Progressives running everything, and shutting down, shouting down and running over those in the decent. I pray that the common-sense side of the Opposition can have the ability to take control again. But we know that Liberalism is a mental illness, as Rush would say. And the only cure is Conservatism.

In high school I took JROTC. In and out of classes we would argue our positions, during the early days of Reagan. When I later went to Bible College, the same things would happen. We would take a strong stance on any idea in the dorms and defend it as long as we could, with what well of information we had, which for freshman theologians was not a lot. There was one professor whose teachings seemed to challenge one of my most-held positions, which I cling to today. I still can go toe-to-toe on the subject. I hear other views, and I love those who espouse differing views, I just don't share them. Even in our recent County Convention we can see disagreement among us in our platform. We need to have a reasoned approach in all that we do.

I say all of this to begin to showcase our push into Advocacy Action Teams that our former Chairman, Waddy Davis, is leading in the charge. Their early efforts center around Immigration, Education, Election Integrity, and the 2nd

Amendment. I do not believe it's too late to get involved. They will be working up simple-to-understand position papers in each area and presenting them to our membership. I applaud their efforts to keep our minds sharp, during this time of our discontent, while we bide our time to be at the helm of both the White House and Governor's Mansion. As they complete one area they will move on to other positions. Candidates are preparing their campaigns for the 2022 Senate race in NC, and we hope for a sound, principled Conservative in the seat. We may disagree between candidates that we will advocate for in the Primary coming up a little more than a year from now. We, that live the burden of politics throughout the year, enjoy the fight, but for others, it is not even on their radar. II Timothy 2:4 tells us to be ready in season and out of season. We are sharpening our tools preparing for the season. Winter is gone and Spring is upon us.

- Rev. John B. Gaither, Chairman, Orange County Republican Party

## Promoting Conservative Values Through Action Teams by Waddy Davis

OCGOP is establishing **Advocacy Action Teams** to take on issues that need to be addressed at the county, state and national levels to affect policy changes that are being instituted by the left-leaning socialist movement we are witnessing today. Current areas of focus are Immigration, Education, Voter Integrity and Gun Control/2A Rights.

These Advocacy Action Teams are meeting to establish goals, resolutions and action steps to be taken to inform fellow conservatives and follow up with our elected officials to lobby for change. We hope to multiply the power of the team across a wider area to the other 99 counties in the state. If this is something you would be interested in, please follow up with Waddy Davis at waddydavis.7@gmail.com.

## OC BOCC Update by Riley Ruske

The **Board of County Commissioners** held virtual business meetings on March 2 and 16 and a virtual work session on March 9. The agendas covered 547 pages. The magnitude of these agendas makes it clear just how involved the BOCC gets in our private lives.

The March 2 Business Meeting handled a lot of boiler plate housekeeping issues. Perhaps the three most significant items are mentioned here. The Civil Rights Ordinance Amendment established discrimination protections based on hair styles, primarily related to those of black individuals. Wasn't there a 1960's song about hair?? The Bail Reform Initiative review basically deals with the pre-trial confinement of charged individuals who cannot afford to pay bail for release. The 203 Greensboro Library and Skills Center project deals with the \$1.8 million overrun on the budget of \$15.6 million that was just approved for the project proposal in March 2020.

The big issue in the March 9 meeting was the discussion between the Mebane City Council and the BOCC on the Buckhorn Area Plan. Interested persons should view the recorded meeting video on the Orange County Commissioners section of the county website. Your future property rights are at stake here.

The March 16 meeting had numerous items including the Public Hearing for the annual report for the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, proposed Employee Health Insurance and Other Benefits, and the Mobility on Demand (MOD) Pilot Program.

A word to concerned citizens and taxpayers: this is budget preparation season for the county. **Now is the time to look at the previous budget in detail and contact the BOCC and government department heads and commissions and let your concerns be known.** Otherwise, the plan of the government officials will steamroll through along with tax increases. If anyone is willing to work on analysis, review and reduction proposal regarding the budget let me know (email: riley@rileyruske.com). Citizen participation is key to good, lawful and fiscally responsible government. Visit the News tab of our website for the entire report on BOCC activities this month.

## #DefundthePolice...Coming Soon to Orange County!

Ready for Orange County to #DefundthePolice? If activists have their way, it might happen sooner than you think.

On March 21 the Orange County Human Relations Commission (HRC), a volunteer advisory board to the OC Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), hosted a "Community Conversation" titled "Unraveling the #DefundthePolice Debate". Panelists included Major Kevin Jones of the OC Sheriff's Office, Anna Richards of the CH-Carrboro NAACP, and James Williams from NC CRED. Information gathered from the event will be compiled into an action plan to be presented to the BOCC, though no specific dates were given as to when that would occur.

Though billed as a "Community Conversation", it was a very one-sided conversation, indeed. For details on what was discussed, please see the expanded version of this article under the News tab of our website.

Residents who are concerned about Orange County defunding the police should call the HRC at (919) 245-2487 before their next virtual meeting on April 12, or email the BOCC at [ocbocc@orangecountync.gov](mailto:ocbocc@orangecountync.gov) (note: emails publicly logged) to express support for law enforcement before it's too late.

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