



ORANGE GOP

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Save the Dates

Coffee & Politics

May 1, 10 AM – 12 Noon
OCGOP Headquarters

OCGOP Monthly Meeting

May 13, 7 PM
Sunrise Church w/Zoom option:
Meeting ID: 897 3577 3650
Passcode: 184078

Informed Conservatives Book Club

May 15, 10 AM – 12 Noon
Durham GOP Headquarters

Precinct Chair Training

May 20, 7PM or May 22, 10 AM
OCGOP Headquarters

BBQ & Movie Night

May 28, 7:30 PM
Gathercole Home

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 <https://orange.nc.gop/volunteer>.

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

Questions? Email us at info@orangencgop.com

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Please join us for our regular Monthly Meeting to hear our special guest, Lt. Governor Mark Robinson, discuss education, the 2nd Amendment, and other key issues.

WHAT: OCGOP Monthly Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 13, 7 PM

WHERE: Sunrise Church in Chapel Hill w/Virtual Option

See the Event page of our website to RSVP!

Urgent: Help Stop Vaccine Passports in NC!

House Bill 558, a bill to ban mandatory Covid vaccines in North Carolina, is currently in committee in the state legislature. It is the only bill that has the potential to stop vaccine passports in this state, yet it is rumored that 6 Republicans intend to strip this bill of its teeth and effectively open the door for vaccine passports.

See the News page of our website for info to help fight back.



Chair's Corner

What makes the Republican Party stand out?

It is our unwavering to giving in to the Democrats and the popular media on conservative issues. After the 2008 presidential election, the major US news outlets were giddy with pleasure, and expressed their belief that the Republican Party was dead. Do you remember that? I do. And when Obama won a second term as President, I was floored. I told those who asked me, "America voted for Obama the first time, to prove they were not racist. The second time they voted for Obama, they proved they were stupid." Yes, my words. I got out of living politics every day for 2 years. I quit listening to Conservative Talk Radio regularly, and started to listen to Sports Talk. But we all know politics is too important to ignore. Now I serve as your County Chairman.

All that is said to help us gauge where we are today. We cannot cede to the opposition the core values that we stand on together.

- 1) Protection of the Family,
- 2) The Second Amendment,
- 3) Less Government in our everyday lives,
- 4) Protection of our Religious Values,
- 5) A Strong National Defense,
- 6) Fiscally Responsible Spending Policies,
- 7) A Responsible Education System, with Parental Choice, and
- 8) A Conservative Judiciary that interprets laws based on the Original Intent.

There will always be pushes on the fringe to "balance" our standards, to modernize with the times. We always need to resist the push to give-in, give-up, or leave any of our planks of our core beliefs that make the Republican Party distinctive. Our special guest at this month's meeting will be the Honorable Lt. Governor of NC Mark Robinson. Mark's claim to fame came when he stood up to an out-of-control Guilford County Commission in 2018 over gun control. We have hosted him 4 times previous, and each time he is unapologetic in his stand. We as a County Party stand with Mark.

I encourage you to attend today's Coffee Talk (I unfortunately have to be out of town for a family engagement). Edward Zapolsky will help host. Edward just finished a term as Vice-Chairman of the NCGOP 4th Congressional District, and

has a vast background in law enforcement.

I also need to mention a big hole that is coming to our group. Riley Ruske, who has covered the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and kept us updated, will soon be leaving Orange County. He made a family decision to spend his property tax money where his values are respected (taxes on average just increased 12% after the last revaluation). Thank you, Riley, for your independent voice of reason, and your stand for the American flag. Your friends salute you.

In the Cause of the Right,

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

OC BOCC Update by Riley Ruske

The **Board of County Commissioners** held virtual business meetings on April 6 and 20, virtual work sessions on April 13 and 22, a joint session with the school board on April 27 and a legislative breakfast with Senator Foushee and Reps. Insko and Meyer on April 19. The agendas covered 669 pages in total. The magnitude of these agendas makes it clear just how involved the BOCC gets in our private lives.

The April 6 Business Meeting reviewed the county manager's capital plan, a mobile home housing program, revaluation results and numerous boilerplate activities. The April 20 meeting was a public hearing on the planned \$680,000 of HUD spending on the Home Investment Partnership, a review of the Buckhorn Area Plan Study and various housekeeping items including the revaluation results.

The April 13 Work Session got into the details of the capital plan proposal. The April 22 meeting mostly covered advisory board appointments. On April 19, the board met with state legislators to discuss their "progressive" wish list for state government actions. These items were mentioned in last month's report.

The April 27 joint meeting with the school board was the usual discussion of the county portion of funding for the school systems. Naturally, the schools want more money as always. I recommend you read the OCGOP Education Action Team's letter about the horrific waste on "equity" personnel for the school system.

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

Promoting Conservative Values Through Action Teams by Waddy Davis

Get involved! Help impact change by joining the OCGOP **Advocacy Action Teams** on one of these issues: education, election integrity, immigration, or 2A-gun rights. We are addressing these four issues to better inform our fellow conservative patriots and follow up with our elected representatives in the NC Legislature and US Congress. It is a bottom-up, not a top-down, approach.

I have asked Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, a true conservative champion, to address these issues and other items he's working on that impact the political landscape when he speaks at our monthly meeting on May 13.

Don't like how the government is being run? Don't like how our tax dollars are being spent by the Biden Administration (current Fed budget for first 6 months of budget year is \$1.7 Trillion)? A trillion is a thousand billion and has 12 zeroes! Be a part of the solution: be a partner on the Advocacy Action Teams! Contact Waddy Davis at waddydavisstaystrong@gmail.com to get involved.

Share Your Skills and Passion with OCGOP

Do you like writing letters to the editor? Or posting news to social media?

Are you interested in planning events and meeting new people?

Do you feel compelled to reach out to others in the community to spread the conservative message?

Then consider joining one of our new **committees!** We are organizing committees to help jump start new activities, outreach efforts, and streamline our communications across OCGOP. If you are interested in participating, please contact Justice Payton at justicepayton@gmail.com for more information.

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 info@orangencgop.com to add your name/business to our vendor list. Thanks!

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