

PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message from Our President Deborah Pauly, J.D.



CPOC Activists Are on FIRE! Many Leaders Emerge, Connect & Develop



CPOC's mission is to connect and serve the liberty-minded, patriot community in Orange County. We network with many other activist organizations and work with them for the cause of affecting good government. What is good government? To our way of thinking, it is one that is responsive to the legal citizens, puts America First and does not offend the freedoms given to the people nor the constraints placed upon government's authority to act as delineated in the U.S. Constitution.

Good government is limited in power and the scope of its authority. It is locally controlled and not dictated to us from on high. It exercises sound fiscal management and honors the free market economy without undue interference.

That should be a pretty simple matter, but instead, it's a battle.

It's a never-ending battle because ***power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely***. That was an observation by renowned 19th century philosopher Lord John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton that **a person's sense of morality lessens as his or her power increases**.

It doesn't help when those placed in positions of power arrive there with significant pre-existing deficiencies in morality and ethics. Nowhere is that truth more fully demonstrated for us than before the Orange County Board of Supervisors (OC BoS).

One of CPOC's five core tenets is that we **hold elected officials accountable**. At the OC BoS, this is a never-ending battle and one that is rarely satisfying. Yet, we are called to persevere, to maintain that purpose in spite of difficulty, obstacles or discouragement. A team of CPOC members and associated activists have steadfastly monitored OC BoS agendas and attended twice monthly meetings to hold them and county staff accountable for myriad offenses against the best interests of the people.

Month after month, citizens have been calling on the OC BoS to look into concerns about the integrity of elections in our county. The Board finally placed on the agenda an item to "**receive a status update** from the Registrar of Voters on the next election cycle and County **compliance with election laws**." It was really just an orchestrated dog and pony show that included a "there isn't anything to see here" slide presentation.

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Over 70 Orange County patriots showed up for that April 25 meeting and 35 submitted speaker's cards. The board reduced public comment speaker's times from 3 minutes to only 1 1/2 minutes per person. The citizens were not worthy of 105 minutes (35 speakers X 3 minutes). Yet, we sat and listened to them blivate for over 110 minutes on this agenda item.

The board completely failed to address multiple requests that the ROV provide notice and hold a new public hearing under the Voter's Choice Act and submit a new plan to the state amending how we will hold elections in Orange County. That must happen 120 days prior to the next election. The next election is the presidential primary slated for March 5, 2024. Instead, they intend to press forward and not hold a hearing until 2025. Of course, that will be too late to salvage a broken system that's designed to permit multiple points of entry for fraudulent votes.

Here's the real kicker: Those 70-plus patriots — legal citizens — waited patiently as the OC BoS unanimously voted to establish an Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, to serve the interests of non-citizens, with a financial impact "to be determined," according to the staff report. There were 53 speakers for that item. These speakers were given the full 3-minutes per person. You can read all about Item #42 by clicking [here](#).

You may view the video [here](#). Just scroll down the agenda to your left and click on Item 42. The video automatically skips to that point in the meeting.

Item #42 went into the lunch break and lasted about an hour and a half. Those who wanted to address election integrity were required to leave, find lunch and reenter the palatial new Hall of Administration digs. We are subjected to invasive searches of ourselves and our belongings. Sheriffs deputies were going through nearly every item in ladies' purses, including opening wallets, lipstick cases, glass cases and every zipper compartment. Every time you leave to go to one of three the gender neutral bathrooms down the hall, you have to re-enter through security. This is what must be endured just so we can redress our grievances to elected officials.

Many citizen leaders have emerged and one of the greatest among them is CPOC member Katie Harkins, who has coordinated volunteers, monitored board agendas, provided talking points to inexperienced board attendees and faithfully spoken truth to power during public comments at nearly every meeting. As Tucker Carlson said upon being fired from FOX news, when someone speaks the truth, they become powerful. This is a powerful woman — a powerful woman with a servant's heart.

We are blessed to have many powerful truth-speakers emerging as leaders from within our membership. We support and lift up each other in that endeavor.



CPOC Member Katie Harkins has become a rock star activist organizing speakers and talking points to hold the Orange County Board of Supervisors accountable.

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Deep Dive into Election Integrity

Our May meeting will be all about truth and facts that have been discovered through hours of painstaking research and public records requests that has taken place over several years. This meeting will be HOT! Anyone who cares about Orange County...anyone who cares about our country... needs to attend and hear this information first hand.

There are two other important upcoming events where we need your participation.

Field Trip to OC Board of Education

CPOC will be taking its first "field trip" to attend a meeting of the Orange County Board of Education, (OCBoE) after Trustee Dr. Ken Williams' excellent presentation at the March CPOC General Membership Session.

CPOC's Education Officer Linda Cone will be leading this little expedition on Wednesday, May 3. She suggests we arrive at 4:45 p.m. to enter the Board Room of Orange County Department of Education, 200 Kalmus, Costa Mesa, 92626.

The main purpose will be to show support for our conservative majority and the actions they have been taking, including the video produced by Dr. Williams and distributed in last month's PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE. (You can access archives [here](#). A live link to the video is contained in that PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE.)

At CPOC's April meeting, 30 people signed up to participate. Ms. Cone has been in touch to coordinate with them. However, if you'd like to be added to the planning emails, write to her at lsjchurch@aol.com. I am so thankful for her leadership and sharing years of experience with new and emerging leaders.

Projecting patriotism into May Parade

We need you to join CPOC in the City of Orange May Parade on Saturday, May 6. It's a super fun way to start your day and it's so important that we project a positive patriotic element into that parade. We had a great time last year. It's a short, easy route to walk. This year Pennington Auto is providing a classic Blue Mustang convertible. Everyone should wear red, white and blue. I have a supply of 5 large American flags on lightweight poles thanks to CPOC member Betty Robinson, but we may need you to bring your own American Flag. Don't bring any tiny flags! Go Big! Go Bold! ...or at least go medium. We muster at around 9 a.m. (Photo from 2022 parade.)



We need two individuals to carry the CPOC banner. It would be great to have teenagers lead us. Anyone have children or grandchildren that you could recruit and maybe promise them burgers and milkshakes after the parade? Make it a family activity!

We need you. CPOC has already paid the entry fee and we do not have enough people signed up.

CPOC's Public Relations Director Laura Thomas is coordinating this effort. Contact her at laurathomasrealestate@hotmail.com for details. You will have a blast with your fellow patriots. We need to make a good showing. Thanks to you, patriotism is not dead in Orange County.