

# PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message from Our President Deborah Pauly, Esq.



## **EXPECT SUCCESS IN 2024!** **Don't Give Up Patriots; Don't You Dare Give Up!** **Campaign Season Comes Early this Year;** **Presidential Primary is March 5**

Those of us who have been involved in politics and political campaigns for any measurable length of time call this "The Silly Season." It's campaign season. New Testament prophecy talks about wars and rumors of wars, nations rising up against nations and kingdom against kingdom and that in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. Read Matthew 24:1-30 for the full recitation about the things that are "merely the beginnings of birth pangs." Those tribulations end with the Son of Man returning on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

We are about to enter our own period of tribulation, where there will be fraud (actual fraud) and rumors of fraud. There will be battles and rumors of battles. Republicans will rise up against Republicans and Democrats will rise up against Democrats. There will be all manner of silly campaign tactics employed, and if any truth is found in any of it, that will be quite by accident.

A presidential primary year after the decennial redistricting is particularly fraught.

If we are lucky and play it smart, the next two months of political tribulation will end with a new Orange County Republican Party Central Committee on the horizon, a confirmed conservative Orange County Board of Education, and some wonderful partisan nominees for the November General Election, including Donald J. Trump.

Our job is to keep our heads about us and persevere through it. By now we know who we can trust and who we cannot trust. Party affiliation has nothing to do with it. The problem is that voters have a short memory, so our job is to remind them about the failings of those we seek to replace.

*(Aside: As I was writing this column, Wrightwood, California, which is about two hours from me, experienced a 4.2 magnitude earthquake. Hmmm...)*

### **Rumors of foul play**

One of the earliest rumors of foul play was when No Party Preference (NPP) voters — not just in Orange County, but all over the State of California — began receiving postcard notices that they must declare in which party primary they wanted to vote. Since CPOC has a fairly large number of NPP voters, I began receiving texts and emails in mid-December when these notices started hitting mail boxes.

NPP voters were given the choice to vote only in the Democrat, American Independent or Libertarian Parties' primaries. There is such a tremendous distrust of the election process that many people assumed that something nefarious was afoot and the Registrars of Voters or Secretary of State were to blame.

No, the California Republican Party is to blame.

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This was a decision of the governing body of the Republican Party not to allow NPPs to vote in their primary elections. Yes, it was a poor decision, but it has been the case since at least January 2020 and it is within their legal purview to make that decision. I remember questioning the wisdom, but leadership seemed to think it would bolster Republican registration. Of course, it has done nothing to stop the hemorrhaging at all.

It had just the opposite affect. Only fools (or those purposefully seeking to destroy the GOP in California) would have thought that sending a message that “we exclude” undecided or disenfranchised voters from the process would lead to increased Republican registration.

The leadership of the American Independent Party, the Democrat Party and the Libertarian Party allows NPPs to choose to vote in their primaries. However, the voter must choose in which one — and only one — they will participate as a voter. The ROV properly notified NPP voters.

The leadership of the Republican Party, the Green Party and the Peace & Freedom Party chose NOT to allow NPPs to vote in their primaries. **The only way to vote in the Republican Party presidential primary is to re-register as a Republican**, which I have been saying and writing about since at least February 2023.

We should be blaming dirty dog Shawn Steel, our Republican National Committeeman, and county party chairman Feckless Fred Whitaker, who supported this harebrained strategy.

## Re-Register Republican

The **bigger problem and it does need to be addressed**, is that I have had multiple reports of individuals who have gone to the OC VOTE website to reregister for the purposes of participating in the Republican Presidential Primary this March and have been unable to do so because of technical difficulties with the website or an inability of the website to identify the voter when he or she seeks to re-register.

These are educated, technically savvy, professional adults who are having difficulty with the OC ROV Website.

This was brought to the attention of Orange County’s Registrar of Voters Bob Page. He responded very swiftly in a December 21, 2023 email:

Ms. Pauly:

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

I just tested [ocvote.gov/registration](https://ocvote.gov/registration) from my home computer and did not initially experience any problems with it.

But, if you could **encourage the voters who reported being unable to re-register to vote online to call our office tomorrow at 714-567-7600, a member of the Registrar of Voters team will assist them to identify any issue with the online registration service.**

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**Do you want to vote for President in the March 5, 2024 Primary?**

**If you want to vote in the Republican Presidential Primary Election or for the Republican Central Committee members who will represent you from your Assembly District, you MUST be registered as a Republican.**

All voters can vote in a primary election.  
Voting for President depends on the party you are registered with.

<p>If you are registered with a political party:</p> <p>You can vote for a candidate running for President in that party.</p>	<p>If you registered with no party preference, you can vote in the Presidential primary for the following parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- American Independent</li> <li>- Democratic</li> <li>- Libertarian</li> </ul> <p>You can select the party ballot at your polling place. If you vote by mail, you will be sent details to select a party ballot.</p>	<p>If you registered with no party preference and want to vote in the Presidential primary for one of the following political parties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Republican</li> <li>- Green</li> <li>- Peace &amp; Freedom</li> </ul> <p>You must register to vote with the above parties by February 20, 2024 or you will need to register and vote on a conditional ballot.</p>
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Register to vote: [www.registertovote.ca.gov](http://www.registertovote.ca.gov)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO OUR OFFICES BEFORE 12/31/2023**

I have declined to disclose a preference for a qualified political party. However, for the 2024 Presidential Primary Election ONLY, I request a vote by mail ballot for the:

(please check one)

Democratic Party

American Independent Party

Libertarian Party

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(tear here) [ocvote.gov/NPP](https://ocvote.gov/NPP)

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Note: The County of Orange Registrar of Voters' registration page on our website provides:

- information about voter registration
- a tool for voters to verify their current registration information
- an online form for voters to update their contact information ([a change of residential address within the same county does not require voters to re-register](#))
- a link to the Secretary of State's voter registration system for voters to re-register, which is required most of the year to update their political party preference (during the two weeks immediately preceding an election, voters can update their political party preference by completing and signing a form without re-registering)

The Secretary of State has not recently communicated to counties that their online registration system was down or experiencing problems. But, if the voters you mentioned can show us what obstacles they encountered, we can immediately report that to the Secretary of State.

Thank you.

Bob Page | Registrar of Voters | Orange County Registrar of Voters

**Bob Page followed up with the Secretary of State's office and he forwarded that reply to me, as well.**

Good morning,

You may register to vote on the Secretary of State's (SOS) website at [register-tovote.ca.gov](http://register-tovote.ca.gov). During the registration process you will be asked to provide your political party preference and given a drop down list of the qualified political parties (screenshot below).

The SOS has not been made aware or experienced any technical issues with the online voter registration system recently. If you or someone you know is having issues, please provide precise information to assist in troubleshooting any potential problem. Information that assists in troubleshooting issues include the following:

A screenshot of the error they received.

The date and time they received the error.

What type of device they are using to register (Android mobile, iPhone, PC, etc).

What browser they are using.

If you would prefer to receive a paper voter registration card, you may request a paper voter registration card be mailed to you by calling (800) 345-VOTE or emailing [elections@sos.ca.gov](mailto:elections@sos.ca.gov).

Thank you.

We hope this information is helpful to you. **If you have further questions about this or another matter related to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, please call (916) 657-2166.**

Sincerely,

Sarah Brar

Elections Web Mail Representative

[SBrar@sos.ca.gov](mailto:SBrar@sos.ca.gov)

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Political Party Preference". The question is "Do you want to choose a political party preference? \*". There are two radio button options: "Yes, my political party preference is" followed by a dropdown menu labeled "Select party preference", and "Other (specify):" followed by a text input field. The second option is "No Party/None, I do not want to choose a political party preference." Below the form, there is a small note: "(If you choose 'No Party/None,' you may not be able to vote for some parties' candidates at a primary election for U.S. President, or for a party's central committee.)"

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This is good information to share within your circles, so please forward this column.

## All About the Central Committee

There has been an uptick in Republican registration in Orange County, but much of that has to do with the grassroots efforts to wrest control of the Central Committee here. The Central Committee is the governing body of the business enterprise known as the Republican Party of Orange County.

Of course, the Party establishment is taking credit for those grassroots efforts. Many of you have seen those emails and forwarded them to me. This is something that the establishment is very good at: taking credit for the work, innovations, and idea of others. They are barren. So, they have no choice but to misappropriate.

*(In fact, the establishment just launched a rival organization to CPOC in Laguna Niguel last month. This "new" organization of retread RINOs meets on the same night and at the same time as CPOC. They are copying much of CPOC's structure, as well. That's a good sign that they are worried. Let's pray that they have good reason to be worried.)*

January's CPOC meeting is a **PARADE AT THE PODIUM** all about the Central Committee. Several CPOC members have qualified for the ballot and are running to save the Republican Party from the bad actors who have infiltrated and destroyed it. These CPOC members have also recruited good candidates from without their geographic spheres of influence.

**We want you to meet the America First Caucus candidates.** These important Central Committee races will be on your March Primary ballot. We won't have another opportunity to change the trajectory of the Republican Party for four more years.

**America First Caucus** candidates for Central Committee, who are CPOC members, will PAY NO FEE to participate at the podium. Non-members or those who have not been endorsed by the America First Caucus will pay \$20 to participate. We welcome all candidates who want to address our membership.

To reserve a speaking slot, contact CPOC's Special Projects Officer Stephanie Townsend at [stephanies68th@gmail.com](mailto:stephanies68th@gmail.com). Stephanie is also a qualified candidate for Central Committee and our point person for the 68th Assembly District Caucus.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our first meeting of 2024. Thursday, January 18. Doors open at 5:30. We are serving up juicy burgers to go with the juicy discussions.

Even though the Primary Election is on March 5, savvy candidates and campaign workers know that ballots mail beginning on February 5, 2024. We need to touch voters before ballots hit their mail boxes.

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