

PAULY'S PERSPECTIVE

A Message from Our President Deborah Pauly, Esq.



Do NOT participate in the Election Month fiasco; Vote on Election Day to help restore integrity

CPOC's Americanism Officer Betts Rivét reminds us that March is Women's History Month. You can read her Historical Tidbit in this edition of *The Conservative Chronicle*.

Personally, I detest identity politics, which is the tendency for people of a particular religion, ethnic group, social standing or economic background, to be susceptible to the suggestion that they form exclusive political alliances. Identity politics, as a mode of categorizing people, are closely connected to the forced acknowledgement that some social groups are oppressed, such as women, ethnic minorities, and people of divergent sexual orientations.

I'm still confounded by how women can fit into any minority category, since they comprise about half of the world's population. Ostensibly, it's because they do not share the same power, privilege and opportunities as men.

Identity politics is a method employed by the consulting class to divide people. It is often used in campaigns to manipulate people of the same "identity" into supporting one candidate over another:

- Vote for me, I'm The Only Woman!
- Vote for me, I'm The Only Korean!
- The Only Gay!
- The Only Black! etc. etc.

The mailers for this are targeted to voters of the same identity group. This is one of the reasons our country is so divided at present. It's part and parcel of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) paradigm. From Pauly's Perspective, it is particularly repugnant when Republicans employ identity politics during campaigns. We're supposed to be above that myopic thinking.

A healthier approach would be one that unites us by focusing on the content of our character — the inner person, how one thinks and the world view one overlays to that thinking. Identity politics has driven all manner of social movements that have lead to destruction and the unraveling of our once healthy (or at least healthier), functioning society. Identity politics is a wedge. It's not too late to salvage, if we can move away from it or refuse to be influenced by it.

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Election Integrity

The March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary is upon us. It can't come too soon.

Some ill-advised, but well-meaning voters, cast their votes weeks ago, as soon as ballots hit their mailboxes because that is what the Republican establishment told them to do. Ballots were mailed by the Orange County Registrar of Voters (ROV) on February 5.

Others of us want to return to a time when the integrity of our elections was not so much in doubt. **We will Vote in Person, in a Polling Place, on Election Day, by Paper Ballot. We will not surrender our mail-in ballot, but require the polling place to print out a ballot for use. We will refuse to vote by Provisional Ballot.**

We have already had multiple reports of individuals receiving more than one ballot by mail or receiving ballots for relatives who are dead or have moved — sometimes out-of-state and years ago. We have reports of ballots not being received or of them being returned to the ROV, despite the fact that the voter has not moved.

If you experience FIRST-HAND or witness FIRST-HAND any irregularities, contact one of our Election Integrity Officers who will send you an affidavit to document what you have witnessed or experienced. Contact Susan Stivers at [sstivers44@gmail.com](mailto:ssstivers44@gmail.com) or Cheryl Frink at design.scapes@cox.net who will guide and assist you.

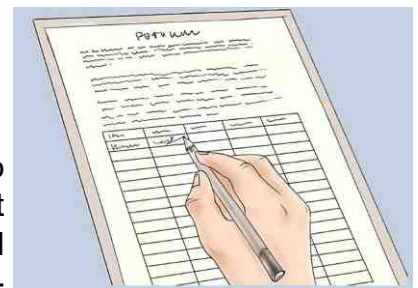
Our March 21 meeting will feature an inside report from a CPOC member who worked a polling place and a tutorial on using social media from our new Social Media Officer, plus our usual committee reports from CPOC's dynamic activist leaders.

Protect Kids Initiative

After the break we will be drilling down into the next major task, which is qualifying The **Protect Kids Initiative for the November 2024 General Election Ballot**. The state has misnamed this initiative as a statute to "Restrict Rights of Transgender Youth."

Well...not exactly.

What the statute would actually do is protect children by requiring schools to notify parents if there are mental health or gender confusion issues that need to be addressed; protect girls' sports by reserving them to biological females, and prevent sterilization or sexual mutilation of minors who are experiencing gender confusion while still too young to understand the long-term consequences of transitioning surgeries or medicines.



CPOC WILL BE COLLECTING COMPLETED PETITIONS AT THIS MEETING.

This link (ProtectKids.com) takes you to the Initiative packet which includes the three-page petition. Do not be overwhelmed! Four pages are instructions for our less experienced political activists. Please, familiarize yourself with the proper process so we are turning in **clean** petitions that will count! Organizers are aiming for April 15, 2024 to collect signatures.

CPOC may fund printing petitions to assist our dedicated activists. If you have questions, contact Linda Cone at (714) 470-5952.

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We are also in talks with staff for Assemblyman Bill Essayli, the leading proponent of this initiative. We are working out some scheduling conflicts. If all goes well, CPOC will be blessed to hear directly from this incredibly dynamic leader from Riverside County.

Make Orange County Great Again

I'd like to take a moment of personal privilege and ask that CPOC members support the America First Coalition running county-wide to renew the leadership of our Republican Party of Orange County. Central Committee races should not be viewed as a throw away vote. The leaders chosen will set the tone for how the party operates for the next four years. It is time for a change. Learn more about coalition candidates at: MakeOrangeCountyGreatAgain.com There are also useful links and maps for all nine newly drawn Assembly Districts.

In my race to represent Republicans in the 59th Assembly District, there are 23 candidates for six seats. It was exciting to see Reform Orange County PAC signs mysteriously popping up to support renewed leadership in the OC Republican Party. ReformOrangeCounty.us

Finally, PAULY'S PICKS for the Presidential Primary are available to read or download under the president's blog by clicking [here](#).

Even though voting has been taking place since February 7, we probably will not have certified results of the election by the time we meet on March 21 — more than six weeks after voting started and more than two weeks after "Election Day." Think about that. Election Day has morphed into Election Month. How is that better? It isn't.

