

# The County of Orange Report

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## Election Looms Large in the OC

Republican candidates have their hands full as they try to reverse the 2018 election results. Recent national polling suggests they may be swimming upstream.

### ORANGE COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL RACES

| DISTRICT              | INCUMBENT                 | CHALLENGER           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 38 <sup>TH</sup> C.D. | LINDA SANCHEZ (D)         | MICHAEL TOLAN (D)    |
|                       | Sanchez easily re-elected |                      |
| 39 <sup>TH</sup> C.D. | GIL CISNEROS (D)          | YOUNG KIM (R)        |
| CPR = likely Democrat | IE = likely Democrat      | SCB = leans Democrat |
| 45 <sup>TH</sup> C.D. | KATIE PORTER (D)          | GREG RATHS (R)       |
| CPR = safe Democrat   | IE = safe Democrat        | SCB = safe Democrat  |
| 46 <sup>TH</sup> C.D. | LOU CORREA (D)            | JAMES WATERS (R)     |
|                       | Correa easily re-elected  |                      |
| 48 <sup>TH</sup> C.D. | HARLEY ROUDA (D)          | MICHELLE STEEL (R)   |
| CPR = leans Democrat  | IE = leans Democrat       | SCB = leans Democrat |
| 49 <sup>TH</sup> C.D. | MIKE LEVIN (D)            | BRYAN MARYOTT (R)    |
| CPR = safe Democrat   | IE = safe Democrat        | SCB = safe Democrat  |

**Note definitions:**

**CPR** = COOK POLITICAL REPORT  
**IE** = INSIDE ELECTIONS  
**SCB** = SABATO'S CRYSTAL BALL

**ORANGE COUNTY STATE SENATE RACES**

| <b>DISTRICT</b>       | <b>INCUMBENT</b>              | <b>CHALLENGER</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 29 <sup>TH</sup> S.D. | LING LING CHANG (R)           | JOSH NEWMAN (D)   |
|                       | down to the wire              |                   |
| 37 <sup>TH</sup> S.D. | JOHN MOORLACH (R)             | DAVE MIN          |
|                       | big effort to defeat GOP icon |                   |

**ORANGE COUNTY STATE ASSEMBLY RACES**

| <b>DISTRICT</b>                   | <b>INCUMBENT</b>            | <b>CHALLENGER</b>   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 65 <sup>TH</sup> A.D.             | SHARON QUIRK-SILVA (D)      | CYNTHIA THACKER (R) |
|                                   | easy re-election            |                     |
| 68 <sup>TH</sup> A.D.             | STEVEN CHOI (R)             | MELISSA FOX (D)     |
|                                   | another endangered GOP seat |                     |
| 69 <sup>TH</sup> A.D.             | TOM DALY (D)                | JON PAUL WHITE (R)  |
|                                   | easy re-election            |                     |
| 72 <sup>ND</sup> A.D. / OPEN SEAT | JANET NGUYEN (R)            | DEIDRE NGUYEN (D)   |
|                                   | one of the GOPs best bets   |                     |
| 73 <sup>RD</sup> A.D. / OPEN SEAT | LAURIE DAVIES (R)           | SCOTT RHINEHART (D) |
|                                   | still safe Republican       |                     |
| 74 <sup>TH</sup> A.D.             | COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS (D)    | DIANE DIXON (R)     |
|                                   | a chance of a GOP pick-up   |                     |

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR RACE**

| <b>DISTRICT</b> | <b>INCUMBENT</b>                | <b>CHALLENGER</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| DISTRICT - 1    | ANDREW DO (non-partisan)        | SERGIO CONTRERAS  |
|                 | very competitive/very expensive |                   |



The October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of LAFCO occurs after our print deadline, so if matters of substance are discussed, they will be briefed at the upcoming meeting. Not unlike many other pre-election meetings, the agenda is short and devoid of controversy. The Comprehensive Quarterly Report will be the main item of focus.

#### 5. CONSENT CALENDAR

**a.) September 9, 2020 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes**

The Commission will consider approval of the September 9, 2020 meeting minutes.

**b.) OC LAFCO 2021 Meeting Calendar**

The Commission will consider adoption of the OC LAFCO 2021 Meeting Calendar.

**c.) OCERS FY 2021-22 Retirement Contribution Rates and Prepayment Program**

The Commission will consider the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 retirement contribution rates, as approved by the Orange County Employees Retirement System (OCERS) Board of Retirement and receive a report on the OCERS prepayment program.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARING

No public hearing items scheduled.

#### 7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

**a.) Legislative Report (October 2020)**

The Commission will receive an update on legislation reviewed by the Commission during the 2019-20 legislative session and a review of anticipated legislation for the 2020-21 legislative session.

**b.) Comprehensive Quarterly Report – First Quarter**

The Commission will receive the first comprehensive quarterly report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

### **Orange County Board / Controversy Avoidance**



The October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, as well as the upcoming October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting reflect an agenda tailored for the upcoming election. Unfortunately for the Board, agendas short of substance have not quelled the number of people attending the Board meeting to speak on either COVID-19 policy or Public Comments. Something has to fill the vacuum.

## Orange County COVID-19 Stats

| <b>ORANGE COUNTY COVID-19 STATS</b> | <b>AS OF 10/13/2020</b> | <b>AS OF 9/13/2020</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE            | 56,070                  | 50,930                 |
| CUMULATIVE DEATHS TO DATE           | 1,341                   | 1,093                  |
| DEATHS REPORTED TODAY               | 0                       | 0                      |
| CUMULATIVE TESTS TO DATE            | 957,839                 | 737,558                |
| TESTS REPORTED TODAY                | 9,168                   | 5,136                  |
| CASES CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED        | 160                     | 196 *                  |
| CASES CURRENTLY IN ICU              | 57                      | 58                     |
| CUMULATIVE RECOVERED TO DATE        | 50,130                  | 45,197 *               |

\* = INCLUDES *ICU* CASES



## Where Orange County Ranks [as of 10/13/2020]

| LOCATION              | POPULATION       | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS       |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| CALIFORNIA            | 40,129,160       | 852,406         | 16,581       |
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY    | 10,247,557       | 280,961         | 6,773        |
| <b>ORANGE COUNTY</b>  | <b>3,228,519</b> | <b>56,070</b>   | <b>1,341</b> |
| RIVERSIDE COUNTY      | 2,468,145        | 62,279          | 1,256        |
| SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY | 2,217,398        | 57,235          | 986          |
| SAN DIEGO COUNTY      | 3,370,418        | 50,748          | 826          |



## **State Moves Goalpost - O.C. Re-opening Further Delayed**

Orange County's quest to move towards greater re-openings took it on the chin with the addition of a new metric to overcome.

Beginning October 6, 2020, the state created a health equity metric. This first in the nation policy creates a complex new maze to navigate to be eligible for upgrading its color category from less restrictive red to orange. Justification for the new metric is largely based on Latinos comprising 40% of the state population but accounting for 61% of California's COVID-19 cases.

The metric requires additional efforts and results in each county's 25% of census tracts that score the lowest in the California Healthy Places Index.

The metric developed by the Public Health Alliance of Southern California compile a number of social determinants of healthcare that can be predictive of life expectancy. In Orange County, the cities of Anaheim and Santa Ana will largely determine the fate of Orange County's rating.



### **LATEST PRESIDENTIAL POLLS**

With 21 days until the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election, the Presidential race polling gap has widened from last month's report. Former Vice-President Joe Biden continues to maintain a lead over President Trump in the national polling.

| <b>DATE</b> | <b>POLL</b>          | <b>RESULTS</b>     | <b>SPREAD</b> |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| OCTOBER 11  | ABC NEWS / WASH POST | BIDEN 55, TRUMP 43 | BIDEN +12     |
| OCTOBER 9   | THE HILL / HARRISX   | BIDEN 45, TRUMP 40 | BIDEN +5      |
| OCTOBER 7   | ECONOMIST / YOUNGOV  | BIDEN 51, TRUMP 42 | BIDEN +9      |
| OCTOBER 7   | FOX NEWS             | BIDEN 53, TRUMP 43 | BIDEN +10     |
| OCTOBER 7   | RASMUSSEN REPORT     | BIDEN 52, TRUMP 40 | BIDEN +12     |