

The County of Orange Report

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Surprises Highlight Orange County Election Tally

Election day has come and gone, yet as of November 9th several close races lay in the balance because there are still nearly 100,000 ballots still to count in the County. The predicted “Blue Wave” failed to materialize in the county and ended up as a “blue ripple” at best.

The most impactful races involve Michelle Steel’s impressive victory over Democrat Harley Rouda; Young Kim ‘s narrow lead over Democratic Congressman Gil Cisneros; State Senator John Moorlach’s defeat at the hands of Dave Min; Ling Ling Chang’s probable defeat as well; along with incumbent Supervisor Andrew Do’s larger than expected margin of victory in his re-election bid.

ORANGE COUNTY CONGRESSIONAL RESULTS

| DISTRICT | INCUMBENT | CHALLENGER |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 38 TH C.D. | LINDA SANCHEZ (D) - 74.3% | MICHAEL TOLAN (D) - 25.7% |
| | Sanchez is easily re-elected | |
| 39 TH C.D. | GIL CISNEROS (D) - 49.5% | YOUNG KIM (R) - 50.5% |
| Will be decided by the number of | outstanding ballots remaining in Los | Angeles & San Bernardino counties |
| 45 TH C.D. | KATIE PORTER (D) - 53.5% | GREG RATHS (R) - 46.5% |
| | Porter wins, but much closer | then expected |
| 46 TH C.D. | LOU CORREA (D) - 68.8% | JAMES WATERS (R) - 31.2% |
| | Correa is easily re-elected | |
| 47 TH C.D. | ALAN LOWENTHAL (D) - 72.5% | JOHN BRISCOE (R) - 37.2% |
| | Lowenthal is easily re-elected | |
| 48 TH C.D. | HARLEY ROUDA (D) - 49.1% | MICHELLE STEEL (R) - 50.9% |
| | Part of the national GOP | Congressional gain |
| 49 TH C.D. | MIKE LEVIN (D) - 53.3% | BRYAN MARYOTT (R) - 46.7% |
| | Mike Levin wins it in San Diego | County |

ORANGE COUNTY STATE SENATE RESULTS

| DISTRICT | INCUMBENT | CHALLENGER |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 29 TH S.D. | LING LING CHANG (R) - 48.5% | JOSH NEWMAN (D) - 51.5% |
| | | Democrats win key seat |
| 37 TH S.D. | JOHN MOORLACH (R) - 48.8% | DAVE MIN (D) - 51.2% |
| | GOP icon has fallen | |

ORANGE COUNTY STATE ASSEMBLY RESULTS

| DISTRICT | INCUMBENT | CHALLENGER |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 55 TH A.D. | PHILLIP CHEN (R) - 55.0% | ANDREW RODRIGUEZ (D) - 45.0% |
| | Chen is easily re-elected | |
| 65 TH A.D. | SHARON QUIRK-SILVA (D) - 58.3% | CYNTHIA THACKER (R) - 41.7% |
| | Quirk-Silva is easily re-elected | |
| 68 TH A.D. | STEVEN CHOI (R) - 53.0% | MELISSA FOX (D) - 47.0% |
| | Surprisingly easy re-election for | Choi |
| 69 TH A.D. | TOM DALY (D) - 73% | JON PAUL WHITE (R) - 27.0% |
| | Daly is easily re-elected again | |
| 72 ND A.D. / OPEN SEAT | JANET NGUYEN (R) - 54.0% | DEIDRE NGUYEN (D) - 46.0% |
| | A comeback for Janet Nguyen | |
| 73 RD A.D. / OPEN SEAT | LAURIE DAVIES (R) - 58.4% | SCOTT RHINEHART (D) - 41.6% |
| | Davies keeps the seat GOP | |
| 74 TH A.D. | COTTIE PETRIE-NORRIS (D) - 50.6% | DIANE DIXON (R) - 49.4% |
| | Close, but Petrie-Norris should | hang on |

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR RESULTS

| DISTRICT | INCUMBENT | CHALLENGER |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| DISTRICT - 1 (non-partisan) | ANDREW DO - 51.65% | SERGIO CONTRERAS - 48.35% |
| Andrew Do shows surprising | strength in the 27% GOP | district |

Congratulations to Director Jim Fiser on his successful re-election to the Mesa Water Board!

DECISION 2020



Barring meaningful court intervention or successful recounts in multiple states, President-Elect Joe Biden has defeated President Donald Trump.

By apportioning electors from the five un-called states, the most likely finish will be Joe Biden 306 electoral votes to Donald Trump's 232. As of this Sunday morning (November 8, 2020), President-Elect Biden holds a 4.4 million vote lead nationally with California being responsible for the entirety of the margin.

The election was so close, that a flip of just 49,000 votes in four close states would have secured President Trump's re-election.



Senate Republicans outperformed projections by a mile. When the dust settles, the GOP will have suffered a one vote net loss. However, two seats will not be determined until the State of Georgia holds its unusual run-off election on January 5, 2021. Look forward to all-time spending records being broken as the partisan balance in the U.S. Senate will be determined by this election. Heading into this election, Republicans now hold a 50-48 margin in the upper house. If Democrats win the two seats, a 50-50 vote tie on senate votes would be broken by the new Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris. A one or two vote pick-up by the Republicans would stall much of the Biden agenda moving forward.



The most surprising part of the 2020 election is not only the avoidance of "blue wave" losses in the House, but a certainty of making gains perhaps sizable gains for Republicans. As of this moment, Republicans have already secured a five seat pick-up, but they are also leading in nine races, which haven't finished counting ballots.

Our best projection at this time would be a House of Representatives comprised of 223 Democrats and 212 Republicans.



Republicans in Sacramento are more and more resembling the Maytag Repairman's office [ask an older person].

The numbers dwindling year by year and increasingly irrelevant, are as follows:

- ★ The partisan balance in the new State Senate should be 31 Democrats and 9 Republicans
- ★ Assembly Republicans should end up with 20 seats out of the 80 member chamber

Relevancy in the Legislature begins with a party holding over 1/3 of each House. Republicans have now slipped to 1/4 of the membership in the Assembly and less than that in the State Senate.



Supervisor Andrew Do's more comfortable than expected victory leaves the non-partisan Board of Supervisors with a 4-1 Republican advantage more or less. With Michelle Steel's apparent Congressional victory, Steels's seat will soon be vacant, triggering a Special Election in 2021.

Several people are already eyeing the seat, with the possibility that former Supervisor John Moorlach might enter the fray as well.



This was a bad year for former office holders who were counting on their past popularity to propel them to victory. Leading this list was former Democrat Congresswoman *Loretta Sanchez* who was defeated in her run for Rancho Santiago Community College Board seat. Other examples include current Assemblyman *Tyler Diep* defeated in his run for MWDOC, former Assemblyman *Matt Harper* defeated in his attempt to return to the Huntington Beach City Council and longtime Anaheim City Councilmember *Lucille Kring* was defeated in her run for a local Anaheim School Board seat.

Red Poll ✧ Blue Poll ✧ Good Poll ✧ Fools' Poll

Once again the reputation of national pollsters "take it on the chin". For the second time, most pollsters underestimated President Trump's national strength. Again, there were even more grievous errors in state polling. Here is a sample of some of the worst:

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|----------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| NATIONAL POLLS | 11-2-2020 | USC DORNSLIFE | BIDEN 54 | TRUMP 43 |
| | 11-2-2020 | QUINNIPIAC | BIDEN 50 | TRUMP 39 |
| | 11-2-2020 | CNBC | BIDEN 52 | TRUMP 42 |
| | 10-28-2020 | CNN | BIDEN 54 | TRUMP 42 |
| STATE POLLS | | | | |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 11-2-2020 | MONMOUTH | BIDEN 51 | TRUMP 44 |
| WISCONSIN | 11-2-2020 | CNBC/CHANCE | BIDEN 53 | TRUMP 45 |
| OHIO | 11-2-2020 | QUINNIPIAC | BIDEN 47 | TRUMP 43 |
| FLORIDA | 11-2-2020 | EMENSON | BIDEN 51 | TRUMP 45 |
| | | <u>THE WINNER</u> | | |
| WISCONSIN | 10-27-2020 | ABC/WASH. POST | BIDEN 57 | TRUMP 40 |



After a short and non-substantive October meeting, the November LAFCO meeting has been cancelled. Perhaps LAFCO expects a busy work load near the Christmas holidays.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION ORANGE COUNTY

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The **November 11, 2020 Regular Meeting** of the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is **Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 8:15 a.m.** Additional details on the location of the meeting will be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act and the provisions of the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.



UPDATE

Not surprisingly, the Board of Supervisors meeting held on Election Day [November 3, 2020] was shorter than usual and absent of controversy. The next meeting falls the day after PAL and appears to have a non-controversial agenda as well.



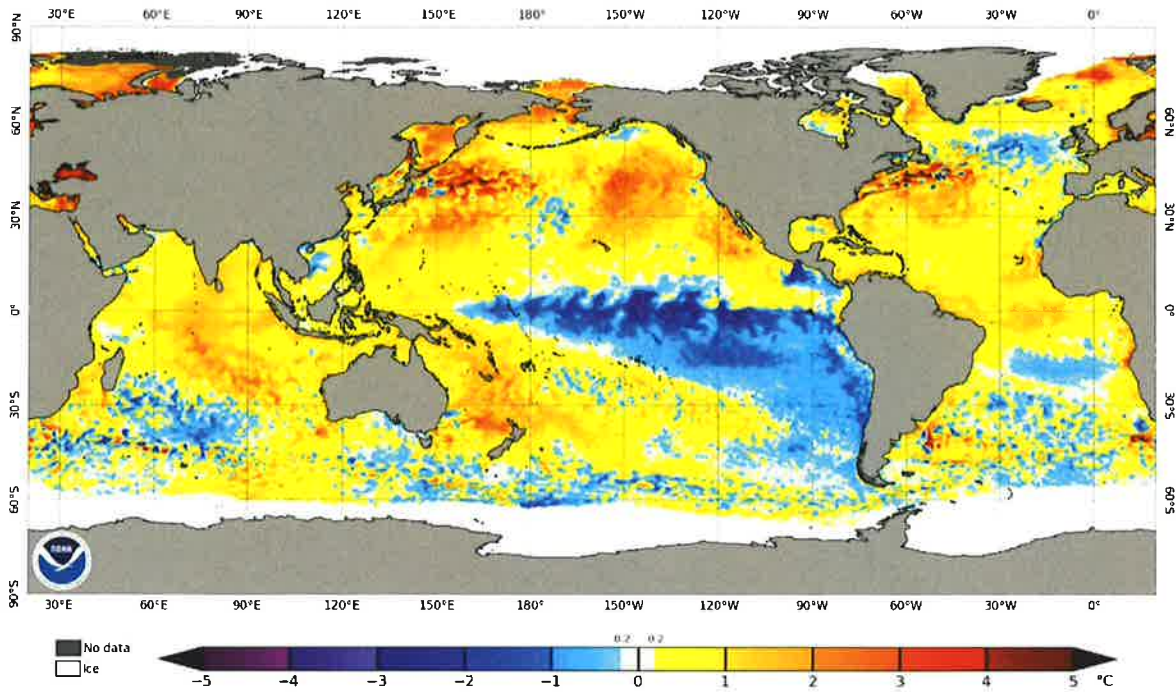
Orange County COVID-19 Stats

| ORANGE COUNTY COVID-19 STATS | AS OF 11/9/2020 | AS OF 10/13/2020 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE | 62,563 | 56,070 |
| CUMULATIVE DEATHS TO DATE | 1,509 | 1,341 |
| DEATHS REPORTED TODAY | 0 | 0 |
| CUMULATIVE TESTS TO DATE | 1,190,732 | 957,839 |
| TESTS REPORTED TODAY | 7,148 | 9,168 |
| CASES CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED | 205* | 160* |
| CASES CURRENTLY IN ICU | 76 | 57 |
| CUMULATIVE RECOVERED TO DATE | 55,063* | 50,130 |

* = INCLUDES *ICU* CASES

Where Orange County Ranks [as of 11/9/2020]

| LOCATION | POPULATION | CONFIRMED CASES | DEATHS |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| CALIFORNIA | 40,129,160 | 971,851 | 17,977 |
| LOS ANGELES COUNTY | 10,247,557 | 318,960 | 7,172 |
| ORANGE COUNTY | 3,228,519 | 62,563 | 1,509 |
| RIVERSIDE COUNTY | 2,468,145 | 71,442 | 1,333 |
| SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY | 2,217,398 | 68,412 | 1,096 |
| SAN DIEGO COUNTY | 3,370,418 | 60,199 | 908 |



The large plume of cooler water emanating from the West Coast of South America visualizes a deepening La Niña.

ENSO METER



Our La Niña has months to go before it peaks . La Niña increases the probability of dry conditions, but is by no means a certainty.