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# THE DEMOCRACY

## THE 72nd AREA WIDE DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

*On Site, General Meetings Postponed due to the COVID-19*

*Zoom Meeting Host Chair Mai-Khanh Tran, M.D.  
General Meeting September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM*

Calendar

Check out our dynamic website

**<http://www.72ndada.com>**

We Welcome You To Celebrate with our  
Yearly Annual Events, Virtual or as soon as the Pandemic is Lifted

72nd Area Wide Democratic Alliance  
General Meeting

Agenda

Call to Order

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda

Reading of the Minutes

Approval for the Minutes of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Officer's Reports

Chair: Dr. Mai-Khanh Tran

Vice-Chair: Laura Reichelt

Secretary: Christina Avalos

Treasurer: Lenore Albert

**Guest Speaker: TBA**

**\*Committee Reports:**

**A). Events:**

- 1). New Blues Festival, Gabriel;
- 2). Strawberry Festival, Julie;
- 3). Flag Day, Ray
- 4). 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Laura;
- 5). Annual Holiday Dinner, Ray.

**B). Standing:**

- 1). Programs;
- 2). Membership
- 3). Voter Registration
- 4). Newsletter
- 5). Website
- 6). Legislation & Education;
- 7). Communications
- 8). Nominating

Old Business:

- 1). Fundraising Activities

New Business:

Open Discussion/Announcements:

Items can only be added to or removed from the agenda by the Chair



**Sergio Contreras for OC Supervisor District 1**

***Governor Gavin Newsom Backs Sergio Contreras for OC Supervisor***

Support from California Governor is latest sign of Westminster Councilmember Sergio Contreras's increasing momentum.

In a statement released with the announced endorsement, Governor Newsom commented: "I'm excited to endorse Sergio Contreras for the Orange County Board of Supervisors because he has spent his career standing up for what is right. As California recovers from the coronavirus pandemic, we need common-sense, effective leaders like Sergio who will prioritize the needs of front-line workers and working families in our Counties. I know Sergio will be fearless when it comes to fighting for the health, safety and economic recovery of Orange County, and I'm thrilled to support him."

In the 2020 primary for the First District, Democratic candidates finished with 57.7% of the vote to the Republicans 42.3%. In terms of voter registration, Democrats hold a 19 point advantage over Republicans, making up 44% of all registered voters in the First District.

The first Supervisorial District includes the cities of Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Westminster, the unincorporated community of Midway City, and parts of Fountain Valley. The first Supervisorial District

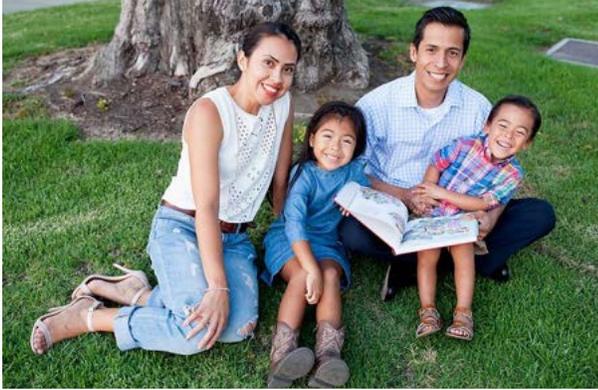
is 42% Democratic and 24% Republican by registration – making it one of the most flippable major local offices in California.

Contreras previously served on the Westminster School Board from 2004 to 2012, including serving as president of the board in 2012. On the School Board, Contreras helped pass a \$130 million school bond to modernize Westminster's school facilities and make them safer. In that role, he established an all-day kindergarten system, making Westminster School District the first in Orange County to provide day-long kindergarten at all school sites. Contreras also increased access to music and arts programs districtwide, while expanding after-school programs.

Now, Contreras works as the Senior Director of Education and Healthy Schools for the Orange County United Way where he creates strategic community partnerships to empower students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds. Contreras lives in Westminster with his wife Adriana, where their children Sergio III and Chloe attend local schools.

Sergio Contreras, a husband, father, homeowner, and registered Democrat, has served on the Westminster City Council since 2012, where he successfully championed the largest upgrade to Westminster's park system since 1996, encompassing 22 park facilities and representing a \$10.4 million investment in the community. Contreras oversaw the city's first general plan update in decades. He also placed emergency call boxes in all Westminster parks to enhance public safety, and fought to place outdoor exercise equipment in local parks to improve public health.

For more information visit: <https://www.sergiocontrerasforsupervisor.com>



### ***Why I'm Running for OC Supervisor, District 1***

*We are all blessed to call Orange County home. But, at the same time, our community – and especially the first district – faces many challenges. Crime rates are rising, affordable housing is becoming more and more scarce, homelessness is rampant, and far too many residents are being denied access to basic health services. I have watched with growing concern as the board of supervisors has squandered our tax dollars on shameless self-promotion instead of working to address the issues we are facing as a community. I see a board of supervisors that is more interested in supporting a radical agenda than working to improve the lives of residents of the first district.*

*It's time for change. I'm running for Supervisor to put the focus back on our community. It is time to reject petty partisan politics and instead pursue an agenda that will lift up all Orange County families. On the Board, I will use my experience serving a diverse community to work with Republicans, Democrats, independents, and everyone in between to beef up public safety, slow the skyrocketing cost of housing, increase access to healthcare, and create more middle-class jobs. Together, we can ensure that Orange County remains the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family.*

For more information visit: <https://www.sergiocontrerasforsupervisor.com>

### **Endorsements: *By Elected Officials:***

- U.S. Congresswoman Katie Porter
- U.S. Congressman Alan Lowenthal
- U.S. Congressman Harley Rouda
- U.S. Congressman Gil Cisneros
- U.S. Congressman Mike Levin
- U.S. Congresswoman Linda Sanchez
- U.S. Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (Ret.)
- California Governor Gavin Newsom
- California State Controller Betty Yee
- California State Treasurer Fiona Ma
- California State Senator Lena Gonzalez
- California State Assemblymember Sharon Quirk-Silva
- California State Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris
- California Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell
- California State Senator Josh Newman (Ret.)
- Garden Grove School Board Trustee Walter Muneton
- Garden Grove School Board Trustee Teri Rocco
- Garden Grove Councilmember Kris Beard (Ret.)
- Westminster School Boardmember Jamison Power
- Westminster School Boardmember Amy Walsh (Ret.)
- Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley
- Costa Mesa Councilman Manuel Chavez
- Rancho Community College Trustee Lawrence Labrado
- Santa Ana Unified School District President Valerie Amezcua
- Santa Ana Unified School District Board Member John Palacio
- Santa Ana Councilmember Sal Tinajero (Ret.)
- Santa Ana Councilmember David Benavides (Ret.)
- Santa Ana School Board Trustee Alfonso Alvarez
- Anaheim Elementary School Boardmember Juan Gabriel Alvarez
- Anaheim Elementary School Boardmember Ryan Ruelas
- Anaheim Elementary School Boardmember Dr. Jose Pablo Magcalas
- Anaheim Elementary School Boardmember D.R. Heywood (Ret.)
- Anaheim Union High School District Clerk of the Board, Annemarie Randle-Trejo
- Huntington Beach Union High School District Trustee Duane Dishno
- Fullerton School Boardmember Aaruni Thakur
- Oceanview School District Vice President Gina Clayton-Tarvin

Midway City Sanitary District Director Margie L. Rice



## PRIORITIES

### ENSURING A SAFE, SOLUTIONS-ORIENTED COVID-19 RESPONSE

On the Orange County Board of Supervisors, I will fight every day to protect our communities and get working families back on their feet

Let's face it: the current Board of Supervisors have clearly failed in their response to The COVID-19 crisis. In order for people to get back to work and get our economy moving, workers must be safe in the workplace and people need to feel safe going out. By ignoring public health and playing politics with people's lives, the Board of Supervisors risked a second wave of infections that has undermined all of the efforts we made to restart our economy and get people back to work.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the related economic fallout have devastated our communities and so many families across our county. Now, more than ever, Orange County residents need a leader they can trust—someone with the experience, commonsense, and vision to lead Orange County through this unprecedented time.



As a former School Board Member during some of the darkest times in our state's economic history, I was able to keep schools open and children learning. As a Council Member, I led my city through a budgetary crisis by working to find innovative solutions to problems and always striving to do more with less.

On the Board, I'll be a common-sense leader fighting for the health, safety and prosperity of Orange County residents as we navigate through this unprecedented public health crisis. I'll support and assist our public health experts and frontline workers during this crisis, not play political games and gamble with the lives of the community.

#### *Endorsed by Organizations:*

- Democratic Party of Orange County
- 72<sup>nd</sup> ADA
- Orange County Labor Federation (OCLF)
- California Nurses Association (CNA)
- Orange County Professional Firefighters Association (IAFF Local 3631)
- Orange County Medical Association
- SEIU - USWW
- SEIU 2015
- SEIU Local 721
- Coast Federation of Educators, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 1911
- California School Employees Association (CSEA) Santa Ana Chapter 41
- American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME) District Council 36
- American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME) United Domestic Workers (UDW) Local 3930
- American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 2076
- American Federation of State, County, Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 1734
- Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters
- Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) Local 652
- International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 12
- International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 501
- National Union of Healthcare Workers
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers Local 220
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 441
- UA Local 582, Plumbers & Steamfitters
- Painters & Allied Trades District Council 36
- UNITE HERE Local 11
- Ironworkers Local 433
- Ironworkers Local 416
- UFCW Local 324
- Community Action Fund of Planned Parenthood of Orange and San Bernardino Counties
- Women for American Values and Ethics (WAVE)



It is a time for renewed commitment and—  
yes—a time for hope.

### **Some Words of Hope**

*By, Rabbi Stephen J. Einstein*

Imagine for a moment what it will be like when we can wake up each morning and not worry about what crazy thing the President of the United States has done while we were sleeping (probably fitfully). We need to remind ourselves that what we have been living through since January 20, 2017 is not normal.

Like you, I worry about the outcome of the upcoming election. While it is plainly obvious that the current occupant of the White House is completely unfit for the role, after our near-euphoria on the eve of the 2016 election, we are reluctant to be over-confident as to how this balloting will turn out.

The tone in our country has gotten ugly over the past three years. I do believe that with Joe Biden—a person who exudes decency and caring for others—leading the country, the social environment will become far less toxic. Won't it be nice to point to the President next year and say to our children and grandchildren, "THIS is how one should act."

All this will not happen by magic. It will take significant effort on our part. We have not only the presidential race, but many other down-ballot contests that require our hard work. This means financially contributing to campaigns, making phone calls, writing postcards, and putting up lawn signs. I am taking these actions and I know you are, as well.



Ray Cordova at Air Force One, as the Regional Director of the OC Democrats, welcoming President Clinton to CA in 1994 at the Los Alamitos Joint Training Facility. I was with Art Torres and Senator Dills.

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2020 LABOR DAY

Sisters and Brothers:

Regretfully, the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Labor Day Parade, Rally and BBQ have been cancelled due to the pandemic. However, the **Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition is working in concert with South County Labor, the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Labor Community Service and the LA/OC Building Trades to keep Labors Flag Flying** on this upcoming September 7th 2020 Labor Day.

We have decided to give back to the community in a massive drive-up food distribution at Banning Park (401 E M ST., Wilmington Ca 90744). Labor Community Services and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank will coordinate this food distribution with the support of Supervisors, Hahn, Solis and Council Office of Joe Busciano. Our goal is to distribute food to over 2,500 families and we are asking for your support.

First and foremost we will adhere to strict rules regarding the virus protocol; we will maintain social distancing and also wear masks. All volunteers will have their temperature taken upon arrival. We

are in need of One – Two Hundred Union Volunteers. You can volunteer by registering on this link: <https://forms.gle/VxakFxVhzCjkLEpL8> **Volunteers must be over 18 years of age and wear closed toed shoes.**

A BBQ (hot dogs and hamburger) for Volunteers Lunch will be cooked by IBEW Local 11 and the food cost will be borne by the Harbor Labor Day Committee. We are asking all Labor Unions to bring their banners and a 10' "Pop Up". Eight foot (8') tables will be placed inside the Pop Up's and the food to be distributed will be delivered to Pop Up tables and volunteers will then place the food in the recipient vehicle trunks for distribution.

NOTE: We are asking that all Pop Ups be set up no later than 8:00 am.

A Press Conference is scheduled for 8:30 am with food distribution commencing at 9:00 am and ending at 12 noon or slightly longer if necessary. A flyer of the event will be available soon.

We are also asking for contributions as we have in the past Labor Day events. Contributions can be made out to the **Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition**. They can be mailed to 'Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor Labor Coalition', 7844 Rosecrans Avenue, Paramount CA 90723 Attn: Larry Barragan. For further information call Larry Barragan @ 562 481 7275.

On behalf of all entities of the 2020 September 7 Labor Day, we remain,

In Unity and Friendship,

Raymond L. Cordova, Chair



**South County Labor**

*Affiliated with the*

*Steam-Refrigeration-Air Conditioning-Pipefitters, Local Union 250, AFL-CIO*

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Cordova's Law - "If You Agree With Me All The Time, One of Us Is Not Necessary"



## **Cyclic Priority Issues: Financial Profits, Money or Human Life with Human Rights?**

By: *Christina Avalos*

These past few weeks have been an exceptionally challenging time with family and friends with the pandemic, National Conventions, and Racial Justice Marches. We just had our 50<sup>th</sup> Chicano Moratorium honoring those who advocated, fought, and died for our human rights.

Last year, I attended the 2019 Brown Beret National Moratorium where my good friend, and founder of the Brown Beret, David Sanchez spoke and was honored by City Council members, and County Board of Supervisor Hilda Solis. It was there that I stood up and spoke for others who are not Chicanos but who had risked their lives during that time, and continue to do so such as Russ Jobin. He not only attended the rallies, and the Moratorium, he also risked his life with a friend flying a plane over East Los Angeles distributing flyers calling to action for the human rights rallies.

I met Russ in the mid 80's at our Los Amigos weekly meetings facilitated by Amin David. During those meetings, Russ always spoke up, had clipboard petitions in his hands calling us to action for farm worker's rights and safety conditions.

I feel fortunate to be his friend through his wife, Pat Jobin who I also met years ago through friends advocating for Human Rights addressing Chicano issues, with Farm Worker's Rights and Safety.

I recently learned that Russ wrote and published articles addressing the issues and events that were occurring during the Civil Rights period that he attended and witnessed. I'm now trying to talk him into publishing them in a book format, as being a witness to the past on these historical events.

Our voices for Human Rights and safety issues from the 1960's to 2020, is cyclic, re-experiencing; however, in this turn of the cycle, safety issues along with life and death issues are directly effecting all of humanity. The blatant message is who's profiting from the suffering? And, that humanity is now beginning to see what actually are our priorities, money/profits or life? This Administration's priority is money not life, and they're having us face this fact by the way their handling the pandemic. Safety is thrown out the window, and subtle maneuverings are in the workings while the Administration strategically handles the chaotic conflicts with glamour and distortions to distract us.

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, the New York Times reported that the White House Administration ordered hospitals to bypass the CDC and send all COVID-19 patient information to a central database in Washington. In other words, as this administration continues to minimize and manipulate the severity of the pandemic, while vital information on the pandemic is now being withheld from the public.

Then last week, the Huffpost reported – CDC quietly changes testing guidelines to exclude people with no symptoms. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that people without symptoms do not need to be tested even if they have been in close contact with someone who tested positive, quietly reversing previous guidance that recommended testing “for all close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.”

So, I thought it would be helpful to post a condensed copy of the latest report on:

***Asymptomatic COVID-19 by Huffpost Reporter,  
Julia Ries (8/28/20)***

“Evidence suggests nearly half of all COVID-19 cases may be without symptoms. Plus, those who never get symptoms, especially kids, may have the potential to spread it just as readily as infected people with symptoms. This highlights the need to track, test and isolate everyone who’s been exposed to the disease early and often.

Furthermore, contact-tracing efforts in Washington, D.C., recently revealed that about half of patients diagnosed with COVID-19 had not come in contact with someone diagnosed, suggesting there’s a good chance most people are getting sick from others without symptoms. The CDC guidance currently states that asymptomatic individuals here in the United States may account for up to 40% of cases.”

“We don’t really know yet how many people end up being asymptomatic from this disease,” said, Manisha Juthani a Yale Medicine infectious disease specialist.

So, my question for humanity, at this time is, *do we as a humanity continue to prioritize money/profits over human life?* If money/profit is your priority, then this administration is for you. If human life with human rights are your priority, then you, with Biden and Harris may possibly help be the ones to break this cyclic wheel that we’re caught in, and to finally shatter it.



### **The Chicano Moratorium**

By: *Ray Cordova*

50 years ago I was 30 years of age and I was honored to be one of 30 Thousand participating in the Chicano Moratorium in East LA (Saturday, August 29, 1970). I was one of the founders of the California Vietnam Veterans against the War in Vietnam. We were invited to join in the Moratorium and I vividly remember how elated I was to be part of this peaceful demonstration. I remember walking down Whittier Boulevard with all of my Vietnam Brethren as we entered Laguna Park (Now renamed as the Ruben F. Salazar Park).

We were greeted with Mariachis, Folkloric, Opera Singers, Jazz Artists and some Rock n Roll. I vividly remember I was about to sit down on a park bench to enjoy my Menudo when all hell broke loose. It was an uncalled for action by the LA Sheriffs and I remember helping a pregnant mother move her children to safety trying to avoid the rain of tear gas. I have been arrested and jailed 34 times and my 17th arrest was on the 29th of August 1970. We at that time never heard the term 'Latino'. We were all called Chicanos. Even the term Chicana was never used.

This past Friday evening I went to Salazar Park by myself to pay homage and respect in remembrance to Ruben Salazar and the Moratorium. I stopped at a 99 Cent store and purchased a candle (Our Lady of Guadalupe) and at 10:30 pm I lit and placed the candle at the base of the Ruben F. Salazar Park sign and then prayed the rosary. I wanted to go the Park

this past Saturday for the 50th Anniversary Memorial of the noted August 29, 1970 Chicano Moratorium and decided against going because I am avoiding crowd gatherings.

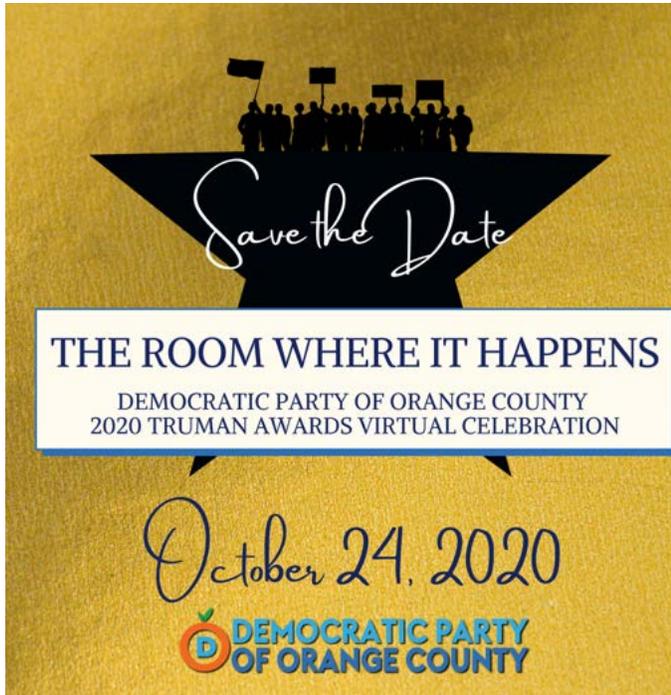
NOTE: The Chicano Moratorium was never about Civil Rights. In Vietnam at that time in the Southwest United States, the Latino was 10% of the population and yet represented 20% of the casualties in Vietnam. The disparity was obvious and the Moratorium was to demonstrate our effort as 'Chicanos' to enlighten all communities the need to end the war in Vietnam. We were peaceful protesters, but the LA Sheriffs decided to take the peaceful protest in another direction. There were hundreds injured and jailed. There were 4 deaths caused by the Sheriffs and one was LA Times Noted Latino Journalist Ruben Salazar. We still believe to this day Ruben was assassinated when he entered the Silver Dollar Bar trying to escape the tear gas. Regrettably, there are very few who know of the 'Chicano Moratorium'. "Collectively, we in our own way were trailblazers".

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## ***Announcement***

*Save the Date! The 2020 Truman Awards Virtual Celebration, "The Room Where it Happens," is Saturday, October 24, 2020. Details on our nationally-recognized guests and Orange County honorees will be released soon -- stay tuned!*

**Hashtag:** #TrumanAwards2020



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## **72nd Area Wide Democratic Alliance Membership Application**

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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