



## Central Committee Candidates, Assembly District 73

*Candidates are listed by alphabetical order. Statements are printed as received. Not all candidates submitted statements. Statements compiled by the Democratic Party of Orange County (DPOC) as a service to Orange County voters. DPOC does not issue endorsements for Central Committee.*

### Jenna Beck

I'm Jenna Beck and I'm asking for your vote for Central Committee Assembly District 73. I am the Chapter Leader for PDA South OC and have lived in the district since 1980.

For three years, I spent every free moment volunteering for OC candidates and to learn how the party works so I can affect positive change to advocate fair and transparent processes. I spent over a year attending Central Committee as an observer and as an alternate.

I'm an accredited proposal management professional with a BSM in Business Management from Pepperdine University. I want to resolve homelessness, our public transportation challenges, end the saturation of sober living homes, end the opioid crisis, remove the nuclear waste buried at San Onofre, and end the gentrification of our roads.

That starts with who we endorse as a Party, how we support our candidates, and how we set our platform.

### Anne Cameron

Anne Cameron is a licensed psychotherapist in private practice; a Crisis Clinician for a psychiatric hospital and a Clinical Supervisor at The LGBTQ Center Orange County. In

2014, she was the Democratic Party's endorsed candidate in the 68th Assembly District. She has attended the past four California State conventions as a delegate representing the 73rd Assembly District and currently serves on the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Orange County. She has been endorsed by the following members of Congress: Rep. Katie Porter, Rep. Harley Rouda, and Rep. Mike Levin.

## Deborah Cunningham-Skurnik

For 30 plus years I have been a Progressive activist in Orange County. It started with the Mondale campaign in 1984 and I've knocked and on doors, registered voters, advocated and supported Democrats in every election since. Under my leadership in my first term as Regional Director we elected 3 out of the 7 newly elected Congress Members in Region 18 - Katie Porter, Mike Levin and Harley Rouda.

It does not matter what the battle is, time and time again I have proven that I not only talk the talk, but I walk the walk. That is why I worked hard to help turn Orange County Blue and will continue fighting to turn the county even bluer.

- Democratic Party of Orange County Central Committee, 2017 to present
- CDP Organizational Development Committee and Ad Hoc Committee ADEM Reform
- Experienced DNC Delegate 1992, 2012 and 2016
- DNC 2020 Candidate

## Sudi Farokhnia

I am Sudi Farokhnia, an Iranian-American migrant who has lived most of my life in United States (Michigan & OC). I work as a risk professional, but I am known as a hard-working gender equality activist and a passionate community organizer. The past few years have made it evident there are catastrophic loopholes in the system of checks and balances of the US government. I want to represent my district and be the watchful eye and attentive listener that will help shed light on them and support efforts that will close these gaps, ultimately ensuring that the platform of the Democratic Party of Orange County is committed to:

- Promote Diversity and Inclusion by amplifying the voice of the muted and under-represented communities
- Advocate for Progressive values and initiatives such as Environmental Justice and Social Equity
- Stand Up to Hate and Violence that creates division and unsafe environment within the community

## Alan Fenning

My priorities if I am elected are:

- Working on climate change and sustainable resources/energy initiatives for Orange County
- Developing a strategic plan to strengthen the Party and make it more effective including specific goals and increased resources for AD 73 for voter registration, candidate recruitment, etc.
- Re-electing our congressional delegation and getting more in Democrats in local offices
- I am on a slate endorsed by Representatives Mike Levin, Katie Porter and Harley Rouda.
- On the Central Committee, I serve as Parliamentarian and as Representative Mike Levin's alternate.
- I am on San Juan Capistrano's Citizens Bond Oversight Committee and am the advisory board vice chair of the human rights center at Claremont McKenna College.
- For much of my career, I was a legal and business executive working first on pioneering R&D solar and wind projects and later on many commercial alternative and renewable energy projects.

## Lulu Hammad

Lulu Hammad is a long-time community organizer and human/civil rights activist. She has been co-leading Indivisible OC48 since 2017. She also worked with the Arab-American Civic Council on voter registration and voter turnout efforts for the 2018 elections. Her work focuses on engaging with community members at the grassroots level to drive voting and civic engagement more generally. In particular, Lulu has focused on empowerment of women and people of color, as well as intersectional work among oppressed and disadvantaged communities. Lulu is a progressive candidate who supports Medicare for All, comprehensive criminal justice reform including closing all for-profit prisons, comprehensive immigration reform starting with abolishing I.C.E, an end to U.S. wars abroad, and prioritizing combating climate change as a national emergency, among other progressive issues. She is Palestinian-American, having been born and raised in Jordan. She lives in Aliso Viejo with her daughter and husband.

## Lara Horgan

Vote Lara Horgan for Central Committee. I spent 20 years raising my three sons and volunteering in the community and schools. The election of 2016 compelled me to do something I never imagined I would; devote myself to grass roots politics. Since then, it has been my

mission to help elect Democrats who demonstrate honesty, integrity, and concern for our community. I'm proud of the impact I was able to have in the 2018 election, when we flipped our three congressional seats from red to blue. Now, I'm asking for your vote for Central Committee, so that I can work to help elect great Democratic candidates all over Orange County.

## Emma Jenson

*No statement received.*

## Danna Lewis

Children are under attack by this cruel administration. I am running for office because I worry about vulnerable children in working-class families --- I was one.

I am so proud to be an OC Democrat because we are the party that will keep children safe. I want to help elect more South OC Democrats who will stand up for sick children by expanding healthcare benefits, feed hungry children by providing school breakfasts and supplemental nutrition, provide quality daycare for working parents, and stop traumatizing children by isolating them from their families.

I believe I can help. I have a doctorate in organizational psychology and a background in publishing, including 8 years with TIME Magazine and 16 years as President/CEO of SURFER Magazine. I want to use my proven skills of organizing people and projects, motivating teams, and distilling complicated ideas into easy-to-understand strategies to build a BLUE community throughout South County.

## Anita Narayana

Anita has been on the DPOC Central Committee for 10+ years and also serves on the Executive Board for the CA Democratic Party, the state party's Rules Committee and Women's Caucus. As a millennial, she has worked to bring in many young voters to the Democratic Party. She works full time as the Communications Director for Tom Steyer's presidential campaign, writing speeches, preparing him for interviews, and debates. Anita is endorsed by DPOC Chair Ada Briceno, Aliso Viejo City Councilwoman Tiffany Ackley and many grassroots activists.

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## Denise Penn

Denise Penn is a Clinical Social Worker, Nonprofit Director and an Advocacy Journalist. She produced and hosted an award-winning LGBT community television program for twelve years, interviewing community activists, political leaders, and ordinary people with stories to tell. She received BA degrees in English and Social Science Research and earned a Masters in Social Work from San Diego State University. She has been a member of the Central Committee and has served on the Executive Committee of the California Democratic Party since 2008. She is a past Co-Chair of the LGBT Caucus, served on the Voter Services Committee, and is currently Lead Co-Chair of the CDP Affirmative Action Committee. She has the endorsement of Congress members Mike Levin, Harley Rouda and Katie Porter.