



## **Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club**

Serving Newport Beach & Surrounding Communities

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## CLUB MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

OASIS Senior Center Room #2 - 801 Narcissus Avenue, Corona del Mar

[Ample Free Parking – Map Here](#)

[RSVP Form available here](#)

5:30: Check-In, Networking & Light Refreshments

- Admission (Cash, Check, Credit Card accepted)
  - Members: No charge
  - Guests: Free if you join; otherwise \$15 for Walk-in or \$10 with advance RSVP

6:00: Welcome & Introductions: President Tara Steele

- Dignitaries
- New Members
- First-Time Guests

6:10: **President's Message: Tara Steele**

- Upcoming events and announcements
- Bylaws Change Review (Committee Co-Chairs Rust & Karaguezian)

6:30: Speakers Program

- Susan Parks, CEO United Way OC: ["United to End Homelessness" Program](#)
- Mary Navarro, Early Childhood Education

7:30: Closing Comments: Tara Steele

7:45: Adjourn meeting



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## GUEST SPEAKERS



Susan Parks, CEO United Way Orange County

As President and CEO of Orange County United Way, Susan B. Parks leads the nonprofit organization toward improving lives and strengthening the Orange County community. She embraces the United Way mission to fight for the education, health, housing and financial stability of every person in Orange County. She is a leading community advocate for change, igniting passion for philanthropy and inspiring social responsibility.

Under Parks' leadership, the organization launched United to End Homelessness, an initiative committed to end homelessness in Orange County in a dignified and humane way by providing needed housing and support services. This initiative, led by United Way, brings together top leaders from the county's business, philanthropic, faith-based, non-profit and government sectors to solve the community issue. It is focused on finding a long-term and permanent solution for the underserved and vulnerable homeless population. Parks' leadership, network of influential community leaders and passion for tackling this crisis were paramount to the establishment of this collaborative initiative.

Parks currently serves on the Commission to End Homelessness and is a member of the University of California, Irvine (UCI) Chief Executive Roundtable. Additionally she has served as the Vice Chair of the United Way Worldwide Health Campaign; past chair and co-chair of Women's Wellness Day for the Susan Samueli Center for Integrative Medicine at UCI; former board President of Susan G. Komen Orange County Affiliate; former board member of Girl Scouts of Orange County and the Paul Merage School at UCI.

Parks has received numerous accolades, including the Orange County Business Journal's Women of the Year Award, the Pioneering Award from the local chapter of the National Association of Women in Business Organization (NAWBO), the Literacy Project Foundation Distinguished Humanitarian of the Year and Girl Scouts Celebrate Leadership Recipient.

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

*Margaret Mead*



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Mary Navarro, Early Childhood Education

Mary is the Out-Reach Chair for the Orange County Commission on Early Childhood **Education, and Executive Board Member for the Women's Journey Foundation, LLC.** Mary is a strong advocate for public education and the empowerment of women and minorities through our public education system. She was a recent candidate for Orange County Board of Education and continues to work tirelessly as a community organizer, leader and activist.

Mary is a 3rd generation California Educator with more than 38 years of service in the **California Public School System. Mary believes that "Public Education is the great equalizer, and now more than ever it is the foundation of our democracy-our economy and our relationships in a global society."**

Mary supports public education from preschool to college-to the emeritus programs for seniors- **"Education is a basic right and must be affordable and accessible for ALL at every age. Especially now that technology is changing our industries, manufacturing and workforce, we must become resilient learners and that ability begins at birth! We must become a country of life-long learners in order to adapt to the fast pace changes and challenges that are unfolding before us. We must put children and families first and foremost at the center of our decision making."**

Join Mary in a presentation and discussion on the importance of protecting our progressive, democratic values through Early Childhood Education and how together we as a community can better support young families.