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## JULY 2020 MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

ZOOM Virtual Meeting - RSVP is required

5:45: Zoom Check-In & **BYO "Virtual"** Refreshments

6:00: Welcome: President Tara Steele

- Meeting format & overview
- Coronavirus Update
- Racial Justice & Equality

Club Business - Tara Steele & Cate Hardesty

- How you can help
  - Leadership as an Officer or Committee Chair
  - Postcarding Update
  - Upcoming Events/ Activities
- US Census Update
  - Faye Hezar, Partnership Specialist, US Census Bureau
- Upcoming Events
  - August 18 Club Meeting
  - November Election Activities

6:15: Speakers Program - Winning Strategies for Local Elections

- Beckie Gomez, [Incumbent Candidate OC Board of Education \(D1\)](#)
- Dan Kalmick, [Candidate Huntington Beach City Council](#)
- Natalie Moser, [Candidate Huntington Beach City Council](#)
- Oscar Rodriguez, [Candidate Huntington Beach City Council](#)

6:55: Closing Comments: Tara Steele

7:00: Adjourn Meeting



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### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY



Beckie Gomez, [Incumbent Candidate OC Board of Education \(D1\)](#)

**Rebecca "Beckie" Gomez** currently serves as a member of the Orange County Board of Education representing District 1. Previously, she served two terms on the Tustin City Council where she represented the city on the Orange County Senior Citizens Advisory Council, the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency (SARFPA), and served as chair on the Orange County Library Advisory Board. Beckie also served as Commissioner for the Orange County Waste Management Commission in 2012-2013 and as been a member of the Orange County Emergency Medical Committee since 2015.

Prior to being elected to Tustin City Council and the OC School Board, Beckie had been very active in the Tustin Unified School District (TUSD) and her community. Beckie has served as President of the Tustin Public Schools Foundation, Tustin High School Academic Boosters, TUSD Coordinating Council, Thorman Elementary PTO president and Currie Middle School PTA president. She has also been on the Board of Directors for Tustin Girls Softball, **Nelson PTA, Tustin Meadows Tiny Tots and the Orange County Women's Soccer League**, along with serving as a long time youth coach in Tustin Bobby Sox, Tustin Girls Softball, AYSO and NJB.

On the OC Board of Education, Beckie has been a strong proponent of students, increased training for teachers, and local control for school districts. She strongly advocates for transparency in Board decisions and she was instrumental in providing guidance to school districts on intradistrict transfers.

Beckie received her Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA School of Public Health, a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Administration from Cal State University Long Beach, and a Master of Arts degree in Sports Fitness from the University of San Francisco. She is currently the Dean for the Health Science Division at Cypress College. Previously Beckie held various management and consulting positions in hospitals, clinics and a national home health agency.

Beckie and her husband John McKeon have made Tustin their home since 1988. They raised three children who attended Thorman and Nelson elementary schools, Currie Middle School, two graduated from Tustin High School and one from Sage Hill School. Her sons are Cal State Fullerton and Sonoma State University graduates and her daughter completed her undergraduate and law degrees from Stanford University.

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Dan Kalmick, [Candidate Huntington Beach City Council](#)

Dan Kalmick is a Seal Beach native who bought his home in Huntington Beach in 2005 where he currently resides with his wife, Alison, and daughter, Samantha. His passion for public service and community involvement dates back to his childhood when he opened his first business at the age of 11 to help people fix their computers. With a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from UC Berkeley, he continued his passion for technology throughout his career and is recognized as a leading voice in the movement to bring affordable internet to

every home and business in Huntington Beach.

As a Planning Commissioner for the past seven years, Dan has worked to preserve the community by stopping several projects that would tear apart the fabric of the city: making multiple changes to the Beach Edinger Corridor Specific Plan to slow development and stopping out of place multistory buildings including one across the street from Elan at Beach and Ellis. As a small business owner, Dan understands the importance of a robust economy that supports local businesses and entrepreneurs. His creative and pragmatic leadership will ensure that he is both a dynamic and effective leader in the region on behalf of Huntington Beach.

In his spare time, Dan has been a Reserve Firefighter/EMT with the Orange County Fire Authority, Executive Board Member of the Bolsa Chica Land Trust, Vice-Chair of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee, and a member of the Huntington Beach Public Art Alliance. Dan helped to organize the Dumpsters on Parade event downtown as well as coordinating logistics and permitting with public agencies and utilities for art on utility boxes. For the last decade, he has volunteered with the Huntington Beach Fire Department performing Senior Home Inspections with Project SHIP and facilitated a technology class for seniors at the Senior Center in the Park.

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Natalie Moser, [Candidate Huntington Beach City Council](#)

Natalie Moser is a native Southern Californian who has called Huntington Beach home for over 40 years. Adopted at birth by a working class family, she attended St. Bonaventure School and later graduated from Marina High School. During that time, Natalie was a dedicated ballet and jazz dancer and enjoyed performing with Ballet Repertory Theater for many years.

Natalie worked multiple jobs to support herself through school and was the first in her family to attend college. She transferred from Orange Coast College and graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She completed her Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at Chapman University where she was the recipient of a Chapman fellowship and a member of the Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society.

Professionally, Natalie worked in continually higher levels of leadership in the financial services and credit union industry, culminating as a Director of Organizational Performance and of Member Advocacy. Wanting to start a family, she later shifted focus and ventured out to become a creative entrepreneur, **building a successful photography business. Natalie's commitment to documenting her clients' stories has** garnered her awards and the respect of individual clients, editorial magazines, and business owners.

Natalie and her family have been active members of the Huntington Beach community for most of her life. She, her husband, and two children have been involved with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Circle View PTO Board, Circle View School Site Council, Mesa View PTSO, Mesa View School Site Council, the Greater Huntington Beach Interfaith Council, Homeless United HB, and as a founding board member for the McKenna Claire Foundation for Pediatric Brain Cancer. As an advocate for children and schools, Natalie **was honored as one of Ocean View School District's Volunteers of the Year** in 2020.

For more information about Natalie's platform and vision, please visit [NatalieMoserforHB.com](http://NatalieMoserforHB.com) or [Facebook.com/Natalie4HB/](https://Facebook.com/Natalie4HB/)

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Oscar Rodriguez, [Candidate Huntington Beach City Council](#)

Oscar was born in East Los Angeles and spent the first four years of his life there. His father commuted to Huntington Beach every day for work in a manufacturing company. Moving to Huntington Beach was the best decision his parents have ever made, living in a small but resilient community in Huntington Beach bounded by 8.5 miles of beautiful coastline allowed Oscar to develop a passion for advocacy. Since then, he has called Huntington Beach his home and continues his advocacy in community solidarity and activism.

Oscar attended local public schools and has a profound gratitude that his family and teachers set a high standard for him to reach his potential. Oscar became the first in his family to graduate from high school and he went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

**Oscar's advocacy took off in 2015 when he co-founded** Oak View ComUNIDAD, a local grassroots group that focuses on directly addressing the needs of marginalized neighborhoods throughout Huntington Beach. Oscar and his neighbors took on Rainbow Environmental Services, which operated an unenclosed transfer station just yards from his local elementary school and community.

With the help of the Ocean View School District's legal team, teachers and community members, Oak View ComUNIDAD achieved its first victory: Rainbow Environmental Services settled a lawsuit and had to retrofit their facility and pay millions in fines. In addition, Rainbow contributed 4 million dollars to build a school gym for the students and community to enjoy. Oak View ComUNIDAD played an important role in educating community members on how to properly file a complaint with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), how to do their own air testing, and to speak up at city council meetings.

As Huntington Beach continues to grow, the community spirit that convinced **Oscar's parents to relocate** to this beautiful city, must continue to ensure a vision that every policy, decision making, and action is fair, equitable and just for all residents.