



Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club

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What is DPOC Central Committee and what do they do for you?

Every four years, Democrats in Orange County have the opportunity to run for – and vote for – the Democratic Party of Orange County Central Committee.

This year, Central Committee candidates will be on your March 2020 primary ballot. You can vote for up to 6 Central Committee members to represent your Assembly District.

Central Committee members vote on county and local endorsements, as well as resolutions, bylaws, and more. They also help fundraise for DPOC and candidates, support Democratic Clubs, and help recruit candidates for local office. Central Committee members may also serve as delegates to the California Democratic Party to vote on endorsements for federal offices, update our state platform and bylaws, and much more.

DPOC Central Committee Candidates—AD74

(Names are listed in order of receipt of Bio and Bio length/format was not limited)

Becky Visconti

I pledge to:

Strengthen our policy positions, advance our progressive values, ensure fair representation for our electorate

Proven Experience:

Presently serving as a Delegate for AD 74, Secretary Laguna Beach Democratic Club, Advisory Council member for WAVE, member of Citizens Climate Lobby, and volunteer for Congressman Harley Rouda, I am running for Central Committee AD 74.

Becky stands for:

- Environment | addressing climate crisis
- Trailblazing reproductive health policy in California
- Healthcare access for every citizen / resident
- Programs advantageous to all individuals: public ed, criminal justice reform, SNAP, TANF
- Solutions to homelessness
- Job creation especially helpful to human, economic, environmental well being
- Improve public health & keep our communities safe by funding gun research and enacting legislation



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Lauren Johnson-Norris

I'm a small-business owner, attorney, working mother, E-Board representative and delegate to the state Democratic Party, and Chair of Irvine's Community Service's Commission. On Central Committee, I will champion progressive values like 100% renewable energy, strong public schools, women's rights, solving homelessness and the housing crisis, and an economy that supports the middle class.

We must protect our Democratic gains from 2018 (keep Katie Porter, Harley Rouda, and Cottie Petrie-Norris in office) and elect more Democrats to local office. It's our time to lead Orange County into the future, addressing climate change, exposing abuses of power, putting people first, and getting money out of politics. After hard-fought gains in 2018, we must press forward and refuse to go back to living behind "the Orange Curtain."

I'm a life-long advocate for women's rights and social justice. As a Commissioner, I've led on progressive issues and gotten things done. Under my leadership, Irvine added 2,500 new childcare seats, fully funded after-school programs, and protected our open spaces. I have fought for Orange County's kids and families, stood up for our civil rights, and won.

As a member of the DPOC Finance Committee, my goal is to use my broad network of donors and fundraising proficiency to help elect Democrats throughout the county.

I would be honored to be the voice of the people of the 74th on the Central Committee!

You can reach me anytime at lauren@laurenforirvine.com

Andrew Gallagher (Member NBWDC)

I'm Andrew Gallagher and I'm running for Central Committee. I've lived in Costa Mesa since 2009. I was elected ADEM delegate for AD 74 in 2013 and appointed in 2015. In 2019, I was elected club delegate for Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club. I'm also a five-time candidate for national delegate, first in Arizona in 2000, 2004 and 2008, then in the 48th CD in 2012 and 2016. Currently, I'm a member of Costa Mesa Democrats, Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club, Democrats of Greater Irvine and Democratic Club of West Orange County, where I serve as secretary. I'll also be running for national delegate in 2020. If elected to the central committee, I will be working on electing officers to the Democratic Party of Orange County, endorsing candidates for local offices and coordinating with local Democratic clubs on GOTV efforts. Please visit my website at <http://www.gallagher74cc.com>



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Jill Nelke (Member NBWDC)

Hi I'm Jill Nelke. I'm a current member of the Central Committee in the 74th Assembly District. I live in Corona del Mar. I'm a mother of 4 children, who was active in the P.T.A. and National Charity League. I've decided to run again for Central Committee because I can't imagine not being an integral part of making a difference, promoting values and policy which benefit everyone not just a few.

I've been very actively involved in and support several Democratic Clubs, Candidate Campaigns, Get Out The Vote, and fundraising for Planned Parenthood. These are all areas of endeavor that I wish and hope with your support to continue.

The issues I am most passionate about is that Healthcare is a right for everyone and that women have the right to make their own reproductive health decisions. All members of society should be viewed as equal and there should be no discrimination on the basis of sex, gender, race or religion.

Janice I. Burstin

Most of my life, I lived in N.Y.C. where I was employed as a teacher of Students with Special Needs for the Department of Education for over 20 years, in addition to being married and raising two daughters. In 2004, I retired to Orange County, California.

My Activism history in California has been since 2008 working on the Presidential election of Barack Obama when I moved to Laguna Woods in South OC. In fact, I was the first Activism Chair (2009) serving on the Laguna Woods Democratic Club's Board of Directors which is a position that I currently hold.

I am seeking re-election for my 3rd term as a member of the Central Committee at the DPOC representing the constituents of A.D. 74. Since January 2013, I have had the honor to be a Central Committee member attending monthly meetings. Among the responsibilities of a member are voting on Resolutions presented by that Committee, deciding on potential candidates who want the DPOC endorsement for their various races, discussing issues that are brought to the DPOC and how we would bring it back to our districts. I have participated in Pre-Endorsement meetings to vote for candidates prior to the State Convention and Endorsement Caucuses at the State Convention which I am proud to say that my attendance over the past 7 years has been 100%!

If I am so fortunate to be re-elected, then I would be bringing my experience, knowledge and understanding of how the Central Committee functions successfully as soon as the new term would begin next January!



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Bethany Webb

My Name is Bethany Webb, My Pronouns are She, Her, Hers, I am a lifelong Liberal. My first participation in politics was volunteering for Michael Dukakis in 1988. My first protest was with the Million Moms March on Mother's Day 2000.

On 10/12/2011 my sister Laura Webb was murdered, and my mother Hattie Stretz shot in the largest mass shooting in Orange County.

From 2011 to 2016, I found my voice fighting both Gun Violence and the Death Penalty.

On Tuesday, November 8, 2016. I went All In. I am a founding member of HB Huddle, and have spent the last three years giving all I have to fight for decency. Should you decide to vote for me, I promise you that I am a critical thinker, who is not influenced by popularity or intimidation. While I am humbled and honored to be endorsed by both Congresswomen Katie Porter & Congressman Harley Rouda, my commitment is to humanity and equity for all. I ask for your vote. Bethany Webb, OC Democratic Central Committee, AD74

Aarti Kaushal

I am Aarti Kaushal Chopra, Central Committee candidate for the 74th assembly district, one of county's largest and most populous.

I deserve your vote, because I'm the only 1st generation, Indian, Hindu, South Asian, Woman of Color, Immigrant out of the field of 74th candidates, and one of the only ones from the entire CC field. A British-born naturalized citizen, I am equally rooted in both my Indian and American values, a long-time, 34-year resident of middle class Irvine, raised by a single mom domestic violence survivor, and my grandparents. I'm a humble beneficiary of education from Irvine's public schools, UC Irvine, and Chapman University. I come from a lineage of 3-generations of proud American voters, and a pedigree of courageous freedom fighters under Mahatma Gandhi's nonviolence movement against 200 years of oppressive British colonial rule in the South Asian sub-continent.

Professionally, I'm a credentialed Educational consultant, a former special education teacher, with nearly 26 years experience as an educator, mentor, and now a budding education activist.

As a survivor of recent family violence, an advocate of mental health, women's and children's rights, I'm the only voice exclusively for students. I have a platform addressing sustainable mental health and wellness solutions for bullying, school violence, student suicide, gun violence, and student trauma. My plan is to empower students through mindfulness, conscious nonviolent activism, and performing arts as healing outlets.



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My interest is in the outreach committee to help activate underrepresented voters of color like South Asians, Iranians, and API. I pledge to work with my committee members to be inclusive of all our stakeholders in addressing issues of environmental conservation, climate change, affordable healthcare for all, reproductive rights, and rights of children and women victims, immigrants, and LGBTQ.

As you can see, my vastly diverse background proves I'm the best representative to uphold democratic values and the unique needs of the communities and issues of the 74th in the DPOC.

I know I can count on your down ballot vote for me as the most diverse and inclusive candidate in the Mar 3rd Primary, thank you very much.

Jane Stover

I am a professor at the University of California, Irvine School of Law, where I direct the Domestic Violence Clinic and the Initiative to End Family Violence and teach Family Law and Legal Ethics. I also co-chair the Orange County Domestic Violence Death Review Team. My research on domestic violence, firearms, immigrant rights, and feminist legal theory can be found here: <https://www.law.uci.edu/faculty/full-time/stover/>.

I received my J.D. from Harvard Law School and my LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center after working at a shelter for teenage girls and living at a homeless shelter as a staff member. Today, I live in Irvine with my husband Dave Min and our three children. I was honored to be elected to the Central Committee in August 2019, and hope to continue my work being a voice for inclusion, collaboration, and service and striving to advance a strong, progressive Democratic agenda.

Kalvin Alvarez

As the son of a Puerto Rican and a Nicaraguan immigrant, I am personally invested in advocating for a fair immigration policy and including immigrants in local politics. As a student, I will prioritize engaging youth in politics & voting. Being openly gay, I will fight for a world and a party that accepts EVERYONE regardless of age, gender, race, or sexuality.

While working to help elect Katrina Foley as Mayor & my continued employment as her current Campaign Coordinator, I developed deep networks & a passion for helping the Democratic Party. I have volunteered on 5 democratic campaigns & served on several democratic club boards. I also proudly worked as State Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris's first district intern. I have accomplished all this while pursuing my higher education at Orange Coast College. As a Central Committee member, I look forward to serving our party in an inclusive manner that moves our party in



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a progressive direction. I would be honored to earn your vote on March 3rd for Assembly District 74 Democratic Party Central Committee.

Johnathan Adler

For details of the bio below, please type in or [click: TinyURL.com/JonAdler](http://click.TinyURL.com/JonAdler).

Honestly (not falsely-modest): Valuable hard-working CC Elected 2012-20, Alternate 2009-12. DPOC's Parliamentarian 2015-20. Executive Committee: Member-elected 2017-20, Alternate 2013-16. Committees 2009-20: Bylaws/Rules, Resolutions, Legislative. Meetings rarely missed. CDP Delegate 2008-19. ADEM-elected 2008-11. Respected editor/draftsman. Experienced "institutional memory." CC re-election well-earned. Parliamentary law teacher. DPOC's/CDP's Bylaws/Rules, Election Code, caselaw grounding unexcelled – DPOC's "rule-of-law." Purpose: Efficient democratic action; protect individuals'/body's rights. L.W .D.C.'s Legislative Action Committee Chair 2005-20 (Concerned Citizens' too) – research, prioritize, advise Board, draft, present actions (petitions, letters, postcards) on key issues: impeachment, money-in-politics, gerrymandering, election-protection, voter-suppression, healthcare, gun-safety, immigration, climate-change, peace, income-inequality, entitlements, tax-giveaways, money-bail, many more. 7 meetings, 2-4 issues/month, 15 years, total: About 450 actions. Impeachment history talks, Founders' writings, expertise. Unsurpassed "legislative nerd"?? Harvard, Yale, law review, clerkship, directed public-interest "test-case" litigation. Legal/political achievements: Nationally newsworthy. Progressive groups: Many. Dislikes: Token-gestures. Politics: Adlai-toBernie. Re-elect achievement, reputation, experience, judgment, fairness, professionalism. "If-it-ain't-broke, don't-fix-it."

Dean Inada

I'm Dean Inada (pronouns he/him) running for AD74 Central Committee.

I've served on the Central Committee since 2007

My oath of office is to support and defend the US and California Constitutions.

This became a problem for me when Prop 8 passed,

So with the OC Equality Coalition, I filed an amicus brief to that effect to the Supreme Court, and it was overturned.

In addition to the US and California Constitutions, I also like to support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

(<https://www.un.org/en/universal-declaration-human-rights/>)

the CDP Platform

(<https://www.cadem.org/our-california/platform>)

and the OC May Day Collective Platform

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20170121132221/http://ocmdc.org/oc-may-day-coalition-platform-2016-2/>)



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In doing so, I like to observe the Zapatista 7 tasks

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20111026200525/http://www.zapatistacoffee.com/2010CPLVDBrigada.html#7tasks>)

If you know of any opportunities where I or other OC progressives can do so, please submit them to the OC Progressive Calendar (<http://ocProgressiveEvents.info>)

Marleen Gillespie

As a bilingual teacher for over 35 years, the witnessing of the devastating effects of socio-economic injustice and disparity in destabilizing marginalized families, communities, and democracy itself, has led me to active involvement in various capacities including:

Current DPOC Central Committee Delegate
Delegate, 2016 Democratic National Convention
Steering Committees:

- DFA - O.C.
- HealthCare For All
- Campaign For A Healthy California - O.C.

O.C. Interfaith Coalition for the Environment

FOCD Immigration Detainee Visitation Program (currently in Adelanto)

Ongoing Canvassing and Community Outreach - in both my precinct and also in Hispanic communities in Tustin

As all organizations seek to strengthen effectiveness, communication, and bonds of shared purpose, as a Delegate, I further seek to join the Rules Committee in order to help tackle stumbling blocks in Central Committee meetings and decision-making processes so as to increase our Party's ability to effectively respond to the needs of the people and communities we seek to protect and serve.

In both a shared commitment to our Party's Platform and also the unwavering belief that the moral compass of a just nation must ensure that all may thrive and have a place at the table, I would be honored for your vote.

Anne Mohr

Experience: East-coast politics 1990s-2000s. Municipal Committee member 10+ years, appointed then elected and served as Vice-Chair then Chair. Moved to CA and joined CDP calling for Obama. In 2016 elected delegate for Sanders and went to Philadelphia convention. In 2017 ran for ADEMS and elected to Delegate/EBoard. During that tenure took on the position of VP Membership of the CDC to which I currently proudly serve as Membership Chair. My desire to serve on DPOC is twofold, I believe in this party and its tenets and that Orange County should be at the forefront ensuring our members uphold our democratic standards. If we are



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going to call ourselves Democrats we should ultimately be certain that we are ready to serve democratically both in actions and policy. My intent through work and communication is to strengthen our foundation in order to be the Party that it is truly for the people.

Candidates missing from this list because no Bio was received:

Mary Carter

Iyad Alfaqa

Smila Amanyraoufpoor

Boris Gresely