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# Standing Committees

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## Overview

The results of the November 2016 election have produced an unprecedented number of new-to-the-process Democratic Activists in Orange County, once a Conservative bastion in Blue California. We all want to do something to turn the destructive tide taking over our nation and are looking to where we can best impact change.

The **Newport Beach Women's Democratic Club (NBWDC)** has been so fortunate to have a consistent and long-standing member base, while welcoming large numbers of new members energized to take action and make a positive change in how we are governed.

Below are NBWDC Standing Committees. Let us know if there is a committee that sparks your interest. We welcome your input and your help!

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## Voter & Member Outreach

2018 Co-Chairs: Cate Hardesty & Haley Horton

This committee will be instrumental in developing a sound strategy for NBWDC to turn out the necessary voters on Election Day. The Committee will work in conjunction with the Democratic Party of Orange County and county grassroots GOTV organizations to schedule voter registration events, voter outreach training programs and training for NBWDC members who wish to support this effort. Members of this committee will also receive training on VAN (Voter Access Network).

The Committee also leads efforts to reach out to all communities so that the membership reflects the goals and interests of the California Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of Orange County and NBWDC.

A strong and effective membership is the backbone of NBWDC. Without it, we would be unable to accomplish our mission and goals. This committee works in tandem with the Program Committee to develop programs, events and training opportunities for the purpose of recruiting and enrolling new members as well as retaining existing members.

The Committee is responsible for developing and distributing New Member Information Packets as part of the "New Member" welcome process.



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## **Programs & Events**

2018 Co-Chairs: Rima Nashashibi & Lori Karaguezian

NBWDC programs and events are essential in our quest to engage our membership. The **committee's** primary responsibility is to develop and coordinate programs and speakers for each general meeting of the membership. It is also responsible for venue selection, foodservice, and special arrangements as needed for effective and successful membership meetings.

This committee also organizes and coordinates **NBWDC's participation** in democratic events around the county and state, including the Truman Dinner, Planned Parenthood Luncheon, fundraisers, rallies, marches, parades and other events and when NBWDC is a sponsor or participant. The Committee coordinates efforts with other committees and/or clubs when appropriate.

## **Communications**

2018 Co-Chairs: Tara Steele & Maureen Rust

NBWDC understands the value and importance of communicating the Democratic message to the Orange County electorate. This **committee's primary responsibility** is to brand and market NBWDC with its members, community organizations, the press and the community at-large. Mediums of communication include newsletters, website, email marketing and social media. The committee develops a communication strategy for NBWDC membership as issues arise, and is also responsible for developing any marketing materials/collateral for use by club (brochures, banners, stationery, etc.).

## **Fundraising**

2018 Chair: Open

This committee is responsible for planning, coordinating and implementing NBWDC projects for the purpose of raising funds, by overseeing donor outreach and by soliciting contributions. The Fundraising Committee will also coordinate efforts with DPOC events when appropriate.



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## **Endorsements & Nominations**

2018 Co-Chairs: Meg Rumsfeld & Beryl Smith

This committee is responsible for vetting candidates for all elected offices seeking the endorsement of NBWDC. Candidates are required to submit a Candidate Questionnaire prior to being considered for endorsement. The Committee will review the candidate information and submit recommendations to NBWDC's **Board and membership**.

Through an established vetting process, this committee also submits a slate of NBWDC Officer Candidates to the NBWDC Executive Board for review and approval. The Executive Board then submits the approved candidates to the voting membership at the Annual Meeting.

## **By-Laws**

2018 Chair: Anne Rawlinson

The By-Laws Committee is responsible for updating Bylaws when required and for enforcing meeting conduct as set forth by the California Democratic Party, the Democratic Party of Orange County, NBWDC and State bylaws, State Election Code and Roberts Rules of Order (Parliamentarian).



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## Special Committees

### Indivisible Task Force

2018 Chair: Signe Keller

This task force is responsible for generating voter engagement and activism aimed at slowing and defeating the Trump Agenda and those members of congress who support it. This task force works in partnership with other Orange County Indivisible Groups.

### Governmental Activism Committee

2018 Chair: Open

The Governmental Activism Committee is responsible for tracking and organizing information, calls for action and requests for help on values and issues NBWDC and the Democratic Party care about and advocate for. This committee watches over local, state and national governmental bodies and legislation, and reports actionable information to NBWDC membership.