

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, reported by Wanda Shaffer, LWVNOC Three meetings in March:

- The Board of Supervisors (BOS) is in the midst of selecting **a new CEO**. Tom Mauk retired under pressure last year and the search seemed narrowed down to Chandra L. Wallar, currently CEO of Santa Barbara. (New law requires a public discussion. A sub committee composed of Supervisors Pat Bates and Janet Nguyen stated that the county needs to offer more money to keep competitive with other counties. Supervisors Nelson and Moorlach were only willing to offer \$254,000, the same as Mauk had received. (Candidate Wallar increased her request from \$270,000 to \$290,000 upon being told she would be paying the full employee share of her pension cost. The OCEA union stated their displeasure that although their employees are all paying this increase, the county BOS has yet to do so!) Wallar refused the offer. Now the BOS is considering other candidates....their first choice is no longer in the running since he would be “double dipping” by taking a government pension. Stay tuned!!
- Supervisor Nelson has been urging hiring **a Director of Corporate Real Estate**. Currently a nonexistent position, he states a real need before the board can make informed real estate decisions.

- The BOS must also interview for the position of **O.C.Auditor-Controller**. David Sundstrom, who is now working in N. CA, previously held this position. The applicants are in alphabetical order: George Beck, James Benuzzi, Jan Grimes, Nick Pham, Gustavo Rodriquez, Eric Woolery, Alexander Yu.
- On April 2, Tuesday in the Hall of Administration, the BOS will hold public interviews of the 11 finalists for **O.C. Clerk-Recorder**. **YOU MAY ATTEND** any or all of the interviews. In alphabetical order:

Dick Ackerman (attorney, former state senator and assemblyman)

Larry Bates (Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. settlement agent)

Michael J. Fox (attorney)

Steve Madoff (consultant, former ex.veep of Paramount Pictures)

Hieu Nguyen (asst. clerk of the OC BOS, former OC chief deputy recorder.

Chris Norby (retired teacher, former state assemblyman and former county supervisor.)

Bruce Peotter (attorney, former asst. public administrator/public guardian)

Renee Ramirez (asst. clerk-recorder)

Roy Reynolds (personal rapid transit consultant)

Steve Rosansky (real estate company president, former Newport Bch. Councilman and mayor)

Harry Sidhu (business owner, former Anaheim councilman)

The person appointed will fill the remaining 2 years of Tom Daly's term. He is now in the state assembly. The appointed person will then have to run for election in 2014, with the advantage of having the ballot list "Clerk-Recorder" behind his/her name!

- The BOS spent a great deal of time discussing their required response to the **OC Grand Jury's report, "CalOptima Burns While Majority of Supervisors' Fiddle"**. Supervisor Bates is greatly offended by that implication. Supervisor Nguyen explained that the GJ Report suggested that more than she serve on the CalOptima Board, but originally only one Supervisor served. She states that in her District 1, one in 4 of her constituents are using CalOptima. It was decided to form an ad hoc committee of Nguyen and Spitzer to further study the GJ recommendations. YOU can go to CalOptima website or [ocgov.com/grand jury reports](http://ocgov.com/grand_jury_reports) for full details.
- 100 citizens waited patiently through a 6 hour BOS meeting so that they could present their views on a \$400,000 reduction of funds for **Latino Health Access's program called Community Outreach Services/Promotora**. Because of the need for a closed session, it was suggested by Chair Nelson that the Board hear these public addresses AFTER the closed session! The facts that these citizens had children patiently waiting with them and that

they had to pay parking fees for these long hours didn't seem to occur to the Chair. Supervisor Nguyen, with Spitzer concurring, asked that these people in the audience be given a chance to speak BEFORE the closed session. Nelson finally agreed to give the group a strict 20 minutes of time. **Latino Health Access CEO America Bracho** stated that her organization had tripled the expectations of their 2011 mental health outreach contract. She expressed amazement that the \$400,000 reduction was given to other agencies that had not even applied for it. (This writer remembers her own dismay in a 2011 BOS mtg. upon hearing Supervisor Bates and Nelson saying they could not accept the program unless the program title was changed from "Promotara" to a title that had some English words in them. They felt that their constituents would not know it meant for them too. This was stated even though many other agencies were also offered funds throughout the county.) The public addresses testified to the aid given to new families and children, to veterans, etc. in 5 different languages. Not all of the speakers were Latino, but all were highly complimentary. Supervisor Nguyen asked the O.C. Health Care Agency to provide answers as to whether any other program that exceeded their expectations had received reduced funding and what was the data-driven policy used in this decision.

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