

Report on the Orange County Board of Supervisors.....Wanda Shaffer, LWVNOC

***Another departure of a department head! This time it's the Public Defender Frank Ospino, who served in this office for 30 years. The Interim Public Defender is Sharon Petrsino.

***Governor Brown has appointed 3 new OC Superior Court judges: Frank Ospino (previous OC Public Defender), Mary Varipapa (previously a 27 yr. OC Deputy Public Defender) and Kathleen Roberts (previously a 12 yr. Deputy District Attorney).

***Remember John Williams and his fiery dismissal as Public Administrator and Public Guardian in 2014? In 2015 the BOS once again separated the two depts. The DA was given charge of the Public Admin. and the Health Care Agency was given the work as Public Guardian. Now this month the BOS appointed Public Guardian Nedenia Lane, MA. She has 19 yrs. experience, currently in the OC Child Support Services. The BOS waived the requirement that appointed OC officers be a resident of the County of Orange.

***There will be a brand new OC Animal Shelter built on 10 acres of land at the former Tustin Marine Base. The land was earmarked for South OC Community College District; the District and County swapped lands. The cost will be ~ \$25 million, most coming from the 18 cities that contract with the County for animal care, which includes Anaheim, Brea, Cypress, Fullerton, Placentia and Yorba Linda. The County will contribute land and \$4.4 million.

***The OC Brd. of Supervisors offer a FREE Community Forum on Weds., Jan.13, at the Titan Student Center on CSUF campus, from 8:45 to 11 a.m. It features "The 21st. Annual Conditions of Children in OC". You will be offered a free copy of the book and hear the report's highlights and data trends. The speakers will address Childhood Mental Health.

Make reservations for this forum at <https://childhood-mentalhealth.eventbrite.com> Refreshments/coffee served.

***The OIR (Office of Independent Review) will be continued, decided by a 3-2 vote, with Supervisors Nelson and Steele voting against it. This is a reorganizing of the office....with Connelly fired and with M. Gennaco directed to find a new director. The new OIR head will get access to confidential records, as does County Counsel. He/she must also give periodic status reports and regular feedback to BOS about ongoing and completed projects. The OIR will review the Probation Dept., the Public Defender, Social Service Agency and the Sheriff.