

**OC BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**, submitted by Wanda Shaffer, LWVNO

**New Chair is Lisa Bartlett and Vice-Chair is Michelle Steel.**

**Supervisor Shawn Nelson** has filed a candidacy for Superior Court Judge. If elected, this will require an election to fill his remaining 2 years on the BOS. And, yes, that is extra election costs for the County.

**The OC Fraud Hotline's Annual Activities Report.** The OC Internal Audit Dept. administered the Fraud Hotline from 1996 to 2015. This department was discontinued in August 2015 and the responsibility was assigned to the Office of County Counsel with assistance from the Auditor-Controller. 2015 had a total of 346 received allegations/complaints. 54 cases were actionable and 257 cases were referred out to the appropriate entity. Of the Closed Hotline Cases, 17 were substantiated, 41 were not substantiated. 314 reports were made anonymously, 28 were made by individuals who identified themselves, 290 by telephone, 36 by email, 17 by letter, 1 fax and 2 in person. Allegations were such as: time abuse, improper promotions waste of taxpayer money, excessive overtime, conflict of interest, using and selling drugs, theft of County property.

**The Registrar of Voters** requires all Text and Direct Arguments, County Counsel's Impartial Analysis and Costs to be submitted by March 11. The Review/Rebuttal Arguments period is from March 12 to 21, 5 pm. These are subject to public review and legal action during this period. March 22 to 31 at 5 pm. is public review for Rebuttals and legal action. Sample ballots will be mailed approximately April 28; the mailing completion deadline is May 28. (Last day to register is May 23.)  
**POLL WORKERS ARE GREATLY NEEDED FOR THE JUNE 7 ELECTION DAY. LEAGUE MEMBERS CAN WORK WITH A FELLOW LEAGUER AND EACH ONLY NEED TO WORK ½ OF THE DAY!**

The BOS voted 4-1, with Supervisor Do voting no, to support construction and operation of the proposed **Huntington Beach Seawater Desalination**

**Facility** and to urge the **Cal. Coastal Commission** to approve the Development Permit.

**All regular BOS meetings** will now be scheduled on 2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. Tuesdays of the month, starting in April. The online agenda and supporting papers will also be made available to the public more quickly.

**A rainy day homeless shelter** will be opened at the abandoned bus transportation center across from the Hall of Administration. However it was not ready for the cold and rainy days in January. ACLU and homeless advocates criticized the delay and the contract given to Mercy House. They delivered a petition signed by 1,568 citizens asking for the 440 emergency shelter beds NOW. No food is allowed in the facility. The lease is \$11,000 for 5 months.

**Cal Optima Board will again be restructured.** Supervisors Bartlett and Do formed an ad hoc committee. Still under discussion is how to make it a more engaged and independent board, with more oversight and accountability. (Previously many Brd. members resigned and Cal Optima was under sanctions.)