**2020 Election Analysis**

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**March Primary Results and implications for November**

The following table lists the winners of the “top two” primary who will face each other in November. There is one Democrat vs. Democrat situation in CD35 which is a replay of the Primary since no Republican ran. There will be no run off for Supervisor 3 because Wagner cleared 50% in the Primary.

The table ranks the November races by an “R/D” ratio based on the percentage of the primary vote for all Republicans and all Democrats in the race. High R/D races are coded green and low R/D races red, reflecting Republican chances in November on this basis.



Of interest is that Janet Nguyen not only beat Tyler Diep, but that Tyler came in third and so will not be in the November race. Janet inherits a race with a favorable R/D number. Laura Davies also beat out problematic Bill Brough and inherits a favorable position against Democrat Rhinehart. South County’s Brian Maryott has a similar advantage over Democrat Mike Levin. Maryott is problematic for his support of abortion. A strong conservative, Amy Phan West’s 1% loss to Briscoe for second place is a disappointment, but the district leans Democrat anyway.

Emphasis will be placed on the closer campaigns of Steel, Chang, Raths, Dixon, and Moorlach. Do and Thacker have very tough races

Although the two Santa Ana-centric races in CD46 and AD69 are exceedingly long shots, they are important for establishing a Republican presence in the capital of our county.

On a very happy note, Conservatives won two of three contests for the OC Board of Education seats, with Ken Williams and Tim Shaw winning, taking the OCBE from a 3-2 to a 4-1 conservative board. This Board has been the center of the fight of SeXXX Education. Taxpayers likewise prevailed in defeating Prop 13 and passing Prop A. These positions are decided by a plurality win in the Primary and there is no run off.

Elections for OCGOP Central Committee’s 42 elected seats (6 per AD) resulted in 12 candidates endorsed by reformocgop.us being elected. In addition, 2 “Ex-Officio” seats will be filled by reform candidates James Waters and John Paul White as Republican candidates making it to the general election. All of these people take office in 2021. Efforts to make necessary reforms at the OCGOP will continue.

**Recalls to Fight**

A recall election against three Republican incumbents is scheduled for April 7 and a recall against Republican Councilwoman Cecilia Inglesias in Santa Ana for May 19. Volunteers to fight these unjustified recall efforts are needed. Democrats are trying to qualify a similar recall in Irvine.

**Local Elections affecting Huntington Beach in November**

Filing for City Council seats in Huntington Beach with the City Clerk’s Office runs through August 7. Filing for local school board seats with the County Registrar’s office run from July 13 through August 7

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| **HB City Council** |  |  |
| *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | *Challengers* |
| Erik Peterson |  |  |
| Lyn Semeta | Lyn Semeta |  |
| Patrick Brenden | Patrick Brenden |  |
| Kim Carr |  |  |
| Barbara Degleize |  |  |
| Jill Hardy | Jill Hardy |  |
| Mike Posey |  |  |
|  |  | Matt Harper |
|  |  | Brian Burley |
|  |  | Amory Hanson |
|  |  | Dan Kalmick |
|  |  | Ron Kupferstein |
|  |  | Billy O'Connell |
|  |  | Oscar Rodriguez |

Here are the incumbents and who is up for reelection in November for HB school boards. Westminster and CCCD are by district, the rest are at-large. Candidate filing takes place between July 13 and August 7 at the Registrar of voters. <https://www.ocvote.com/voting/candidate-info/>

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **HB Unified HSD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | Bonnie Castrey |  | | Dr. Duane Dishno |  | | Susan Henry | Susan Henry | | Diana Carey |  | | Dr. Michael Simons | Michael Simons | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Ocean View SD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | Gina Clayton-Tarvin | Gina Clayton-Tarvin | | Jack C. Souders |  | | John Briscoe |  | | Norm Westwell | Norm Westwell | | Patricia Singer |  | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **HB City SD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | Bridget Kaub | Bridget Kaub | | Ann Sullivan | Ann Sullivan | | Paul Morrow |  | | Diana Marks |  | | Shari Kowalke |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Westminster SD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | 1. Frances Nguyen | 1. Frances Nguyen | | 2. Xavier Nguyen |  | | 3. Khanh Nguyen |  | | 4. Jamison Power | 4. Jamison Power | | 5. Jeremy Khalaf |  | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **FVSD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | Jeanne Galindo |  | | Sandra Crandall | Sandra Crandall | | Lisa Shutz |  | | Jim Cunneen |  | | Ian Collins | Ian Collins | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Los Alimitos USD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | Marlys Davidson |  | | David Boyer | David Boyer | | Megan Cutuli | Megan Cutuli | | Diana D. Hill |  | | Karen Russell | Karen Russell | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **CCCD** |  | | *Incumbents* | *Up for Election* | | 1 (SB W) Jim Moreno |  | | 2 (GG) Jerry Patterson | 2. Jerry Patterson | | 3 (HB) Lorraine Prinsky | 3. Lorraine Prinsky | | 4 (FV CM) Mary Hornbuckle | 4. Mary Hornbuckle | | 5 (NB) David Grant |  | |  |