

Board of Supervisors Public Meeting



Orange County Board of Supervisors Failure to Serve

By Cheryl Frink, Co-Chair Election Integrity Committee

Hundreds of letters and months of attendance at the Board of Supervisor meetings have exposed the multitude of failures exhibited by these five officials:

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| - Donald Wagner, Chairman | Third District |
| - Andrew Do, Vice Chairman | First District |
| - Vincent Sarmiento | Second District |
| - Doug Chaffee | Fourth District |
| - Katrina Foley | Fifth District |

It is travesty of their fiduciary responsibilities and their oath of office to continue to spend the billions of dollars on programs that have never been audited for quantitative results. These vendors have been awarded million dollar contracts having a post office box for a company address and with a history of performance failures.

There have been contracts given out that are a complete joke. How else can you explain giving a contract for \$9.6 million to the MLB Angels under the guise of mental health awareness? You might be wondering why a baseball team worth over \$2.7 billion needs your tax dollars. In digging into what \$9.6 million actually bought the county it breaks down as follows:

- 500 home game tickets for each sponsored game with the OC Navigator banner.
- Additional promo night giveaways for t-shirts, bobble heads, rally monkeys, and calendars.
- Post-game stadium concert.



A public records request asking who received all those home game tickets and a report on the effectiveness of this program still goes unanswered after six months. The city of Anaheim and their officials are currently under investigation for corruption and collusion with the Angels over a stadium deal. Perhaps it would be wise to consider widening the investigation to include the questionable actions of the Board of Supervisors.

The recent fire that devastated one of the historic hangars at the former Air Base in Tustin is now needing millions of dollars to clean up the asbestos and other chemicals. It has also come to light that the surrounding areas may have toxic ground water.

There is a 22-acre site in Irvine where the County Board of Supervisors approved the development of another Be Well Health facility. They awarded over 200 million dollars to Mind OC to manage this location. This land is the former site of the Marine Corps Air Station. Where

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is the research to prove that the site is viable? Why tie up millions of dollars to develop a health center on property that may be subject to the same toxic conditions as found at the Tustin Air Base?

The Be Well program, under the management of Mind OC, is already under scrutiny for several issues including failure to provide contracted services, lack of credentialed staff, non-compliance and potential fraudulent billing. Telecare is one of those contracted companies that has been guilty of multiply abuses for years yet continued to be a paid millions in tax payer dollars until their recent termination.

Mind OC is the nonprofit that decides which companies to partner with for services. They are now needing to replace the terminated Telecare with a new vendor but the company they selected is not licensed in the State. It may be months before this contracted service is available. The managing director of Mind OC, Marshall Moncrief describes these failures as "a lot of good learning." Mr. Moncrief also serves on the board of the Illumination Foundation which is been cited as a poorly rated vendor by the Board of Supervisors yet continues to get lucrative contracts renewed.

Mind OC has several other unresolved issues. County officials have failed to account for the \$38 million given to Mind OC in 2019 for the Orange campus that failed to meet the required services under contract. Why was this monumental task of oversight awarded to a company like Mind OC in the first place? In 2019 they list having a total of seven employees with only two being full-time. Still the bigger question is why was Doctor Clayton Chau, Orange County's Director of Health who selected Mind OC as the management firm, listed as one of their two full time employees during the same year?



This Board of Supervisors has continued to show a lack of oversight and concern for our county's funds and our future. They have failed to serve the citizens of this county time and again. There is no clearer example of this than the failure to protect the integrity of Orange County elections.

Board members have been presented with factual data showing that in the County's November 2022 election 32,000 ballots were cast and counted by ineligible voters no longer residing in the County or the State. They have seen proof that the Registrar of Voters is mailing out more ballots than registered voters and that every election cycle continues to have over 50,000 ballots returned as undeliverable. The voter rolls have registered names listed with birth years of 1850 and 1900 who are still voting. The Registrar of Voters Bob Page remains in his position in spite of calls from the public to have the Board of Supervisors fire him for his failures to clean up the voter rolls..

These Supervisors have consistently ignored requests to return to precinct voting and opt out of the voters choice act, all of which are within their power to do so. Their lack of concern to be stewards of our Republic and represent the people is unacceptable. The growing lack of faith in our elections is evident in the lack of respect for those holding governmental positions that ignore their sworn oath of office.

Going forward it should no longer be about which party represents you. It is about choosing a strong individual that commits to serve with financial fortitude and the courage to act on behalf of the people.