



Vol. 2020, No. 7 August 2020

## President's Message



Dear Members and Friends of the Hispanic Bar Association of Orange County,

Our country has been going through historic times and we can ALL be part of that history. ***On November 3, 2020 our voices must be heard, we must remind ourselves and the world that democracy is our forefront and the principles of our country will endure any political agenda.*** Every person must be held accountable, atrocities such as police brutality, placing children in cages, mistreatment of asylum/refugee seekers and the systematic discrimination of people of color must end. **WE MUST DO BETTER!** We must rise to the occasion and persevere in the face of adversity, we must listen to one another, educate one another, hold one another accountable and show what the American people can do, embrace our cultural diversity and **RESPECT** our differences. **It is our diversity that makes the United States the thriving country it is, because each person, regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation or immigration status enriches the country we all love. In these times we must help one another and most of all respect each and every human being.**

The OCHBA is still actively participating in the OCBA Racial Justice Task Force which meets weekly to discuss racial inequalities and how we can do better, we will report any updates.

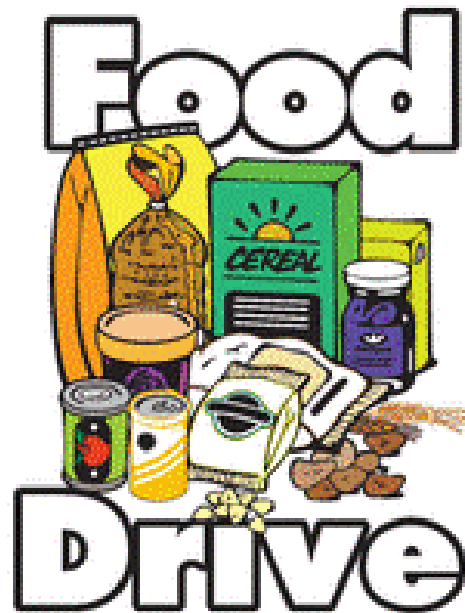


As a perfect example of our OCHBA family coming together, we are happy to announce that we have delivered 200 backpacks filled with supplies and snacks for our Orange County community. THANK YOU for being part of this backpack drive, our families need all the support we can give them and you have made it happen! We cannot thank you enough for contributing and making a difference.





After our backpack drive success, we are continuing on with our efforts for our food drive. Our families have been deeply impacted by COVID-19 and we want to ease their burden by providing meals for them. **Please consider joining us on this project by [donating today.](#)**



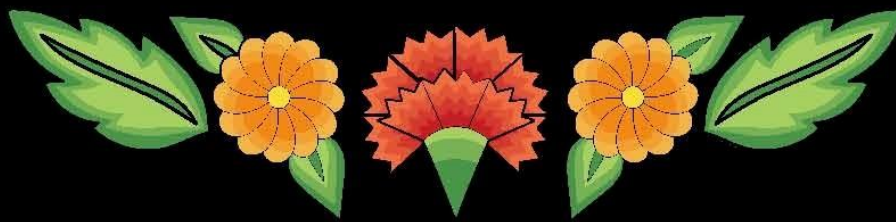
**[DONATE HERE](#)**

Please also join us for our virtual [Mexico Independence day celebration](#) on September 16, 2020 at 5:30pm via Zoom. This is a **FREE event**, let's all have fun and enjoy this time with virtual background and festive outfit contests and prizes. Join the fun, [register today!](#)





# MEXICO INDEPENDENCE DAY



**The Orange County Hispanic Bar Association**  
*Presents*  
A Toast to Mexico Independence Day  
and Hispanic Heritage Month

---

*Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15 because this day marks the anniversary of independence for five Hispanic countries—Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico achieved independence on September 16, and Chile on September 18.*

**When:** September 16, 2020 at 5:30 pm

**Where:** via Zoom

**What:** See and toast with your Friends

Reminder to all of our members that the [Orange County Bar Association](#) is having their online election, voting opens September 1, 2020 and will close Tuesday September 22, 2020. There are many great candidates, [please see the slate of candidates for 2021 Officers and Board of Directors here](#). We are pleased to announce that our Immediate Past President, **Yolanda V. Torres**, is running for re-election to the Orange County Bar Association's Board of Directors. For more information, please see <http://www.yolanda4ocba.com>.

Thank you again to all of our members for making our backpack drive a success, we hope you will join our efforts for our food drive to keep making our impact within our community. We look forward to seeing you all at our virtual [Mexico Independence day celebration where we will announce our Judge of the Year](#). Wishing you and your family health.