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## President's Message



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

This pandemic has brought about many challenges and changes to our everyday life and our country is undergoing a historic year. Along with this pandemic our country is facing a social justice revolution and we must individually educate ourselves and come together as a country to stand against injustice. **Our country has endured many hardships and together we stand strong, but now it's time to stand and denounce the systematic discrimination of people of color.**

Our country is the land of the free and we hold our values dear to our hearts, including life, liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness. We believe in freedom of speech and the humane treatment of every single person in our country regardless of race, color, religion, sexual orientation or immigration status. **The OCHBA stands with our people of color, our LGBTQ community and our immigrant community.** We stand against injustice towards ALL people as we are ALL created equal and our country is made up of all those brave souls who wanted a better life for their families and founded the country we all love. **The OCHBA stands against police brutality, gender discrimination and the systematic attack against our immigration system. Police brutality, putting children in cages, demeaning women and turning away refugees/asylum seekers is not what our country is about, WE MUST DO BETTER!**

As the OCHBA joins this social justice revolution, we are a part of the OCBA Racial Justice Task Force which meets weekly to discuss racial inequalities and how we can do better. We have an upcoming event: [OCBA Racial Justice Task Force Virtual Town Hall: Our Black Colleagues Unmasked](#). **Please register for the program and join our discussion.**



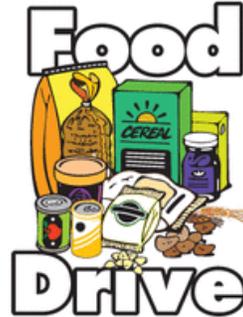
As we continue to strive to make a positive impact on our community. We are happy to announce that thanks to your generous donations we have 200 backpacks filled with supplies and snacks to distribute to our community. We are beyond happy to give the families in our community peace of mind from having to purchase school supplies for this challenging upcoming online school year. We support and admire all parents having to juggle all of life's challenges along with online school. You are all warriors and inspire us daily!



**We would like to give special thanks our members: Justice William Bedsworth, Allen Huang, Erin Rowe, Steven Montanez, Alan Freisleben, Honorable Nathan Scott, Javier Carbone, Peter Flanagan, Sean Yanez, Fabio Cabezas, Honorable John Gastelum & Honorable Nancy Stock (Ret.) for their donations to our efforts. You are all visionaries for Equality & Opportunity!**

As you know we are also gearing up for our food drive to continue to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on our Orange County community. Our families are enduring hardships brought on by COVID-19, many of our families are living on a single income, unemployment or simply having to go without as many

businesses are having to temporarily/permanently shut down. We want to ease the burden and provide meals for our families. **Please consider joining us on this project by [donating today.](#)**



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Please also join us for our virtual Mexico Independence day celebration, save the date! We will provide the details soon, so please make sure to [renew your membership](#) to keep up with all our projects and events.



Thank you to all of our members for being part of our HBA family, we miss you all and we hope you will join us on our food drive and our upcoming virtual events, we look forward to seeing you soon. Wishing you and your family health.

Warmest regards,

