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FOR ORANGE COUNTY SUPERVISOR



Holiday Greeting and a Happy New Year Observation

I'd like to wish all of you and your families a blessed holiday season. As we move into 2021, I have an observation that I'd like to share. I have had the wonderful opportunity of associating with many "millennials" - those that reached adulthood early in the 21st century (defined as born 1981-1996). They have been met with 9-11, the 2008 market crash, and now Covid-19, and let's not forget the internet explosion and social media platforms. Many of their plans were upended by events beyond their control, but many are raising families, working hard and pursuing their dreams none-the-less. I doubt that any of them at the beginning of 2020 would have ever dreamed that they would be working from home and becoming the primary day care and educator of their children. But as most parents do, they stepped up for their kids where it was possible. They have the American dream in their hearts and love their families, freedom and the ability they still have to be flexible and try to make it work in times of need. Many have succeeded, and others who have fallen on particularly hard times due to loss of their loved one, job or business continue to seek employment and do whatever it takes to move forward.

My New Year's prediction: We are seeing another resurgence of the "Greatest Generation." These young people, children of the "Baby Boomers" are usually

the grandchildren of the first Greatest Generation and some passed on wisdom that has prevailed in the millennials. With youthful optimism, they understand that much has occurred this year from which to be very thankful in spite of the difficulties. They seek the good and try not to allow fear to stop them from living.

I hope you too will find the joy that is in each one of us, and those around us. While many have struggled, physically, financially and mentally to cope with the onslaught of the unforeseen disaster that nearly crippled our county this year, we all know that this too will pass. And...it is doing so.

So, have a Merry Christmas and God Bless all of you now and in 2021.

About Diane

Diane Harkey served from 2015-19 as an elected Member of the State Board of Equalization from Southern California, from 2008-14 as a member of the California Assembly and from 2006-07 as the Mayor of Dana Point.

In each office, Diane capitalized on her private and public-sector experience. She promoted the rights and interests of Southern California taxpayers, employers and municipalities in dealing with state mandates and taxes. She always puts the people first.

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