

First, I want to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy schedule to celebrate this special day with me today. I am honored and humbled to be your Orange County Treasurer. I am looking forward to serving the citizens of OC with honor and integrity, the same way I served the citizens of HB for the past 15 years.

I decided to run for this office because maintaining the safety of the public funds and the trust of the taxpayers is so important especially in these fiscally challenging times. As a public servant for over 15 years, I understand the importance of holding our elected officials accountable and that I work for you, the public.

Some of my specific goals are to safeguard the public funds that have been entrusted to the Treasurer from the County, the school districts and other agencies which invest in the County pool. My goal is to restore our pool as a premier place for safe and secure investing and attract other agencies to invest their funds in the County investment pool to lower overall costs to taxpayers. I also plan to use technology to provide citizens and companies "customer friendly" and "Green" methods to pay and receive bills for various County services.

I want to thank those of you who assisted me over the last 9 months and contributed to my success. You understood the importance of this position to the County and worked hard to get me elected. I want to thank all of the elected officials that stepped up and endorsed me, especially those that supported me early on. I was very appreciative when I went to the various cities/districts around the County, which I did a lot, and had the support of the elected officials representing those citizens. I want to thank my family members for coming today, my cousin Bruce and Lorraine Flaxman and my Uncle Dick Freidenrich, who is now a celebrity in Laguna Woods, and who all provided vital support for me during the past year. Finally I want to say thanks to those who worked most closely with me, and who doubled their efforts after I came in second in the primary, you know who you are. Lastly, I couldn't have won without the support and encouragement of my husband Clive.

In closing, I am looking forward to representing all of you as your Treasurer and working closely with all of the County Departments and CEO staff to keep this the greatest County in the nation. I am confident that my staff and I will continue to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the vital services my office provides to residents of the County.

Thanks again for your support!