



**Mel Jay**  
**Orange County Wine Society**  
**Statement of Candidacy**

I would like to ask for your vote to the Board of Directors of the Orange County Wine Society. I bring experience, professionalism and a willingness to serve. Since the incorporation in 1978, OCWS has grown and prospered to become one of the finest societies. I want to see that this continues. With the changes going on with the Orange County Fair and the financial climate, we face some serious challenges in the coming years.

**Professional Experience:**

- A Certified Public Accountant and business consultant in public practice for over 30 years.
- Member of AICPA and California Society CPAs
- Former Westminster Mayor and Councilmember for two terms.
- Former Member of the Westminster Planning Commission
- Past President of the Westminster Chamber of Commerce.
- Currently Treasurer and Board member of the Los Angeles and Orange County Audio Society.
- Former Director of American Institute of Wine and Food, Orange County Chapter.
- Received the CalCPA's Distinguished Service Award.
- Received the President's Award for Outstanding Service to the Los Angeles and Orange County Audio Society.

**OCWS Experience:**

- Chairman and member of the finance committee for over five years.
- Currently a member of the Future of the Wine Society Committee.
- One of the managers for the Wine Courtyard.
- Taught the Meritage seminars in the Wine Courtyard.
- Served on the Wine Classic committee for several years.
- Served on the Wine Extraordinaire committee for several years.
- A judge at the OC Fair Homewine Competition.
- Worked at the Commercial Wine Competition.

I have been attending OCWS events for over 20 years and an active member for many years. I will work to continue to enhance and expand the goals and purposes of the OCWS. I will continue to keep the OCWS financially responsible. First and foremost, the OCWS experience must be enjoyable for the members. I will strive to promote new and novel events and improve existing ones.

I believe everyone's opinion and ideas are important. If you have any questions of me or would like to give me your input, I can be reached at [mmjcpa@gmail.com](mailto:mmjcpa@gmail.com) or (714) 805-6529. Thank you in advance for your vote!