

Frank Barbaro

Chairman of the Democratic Party of Orange County

"We are working like crazy to start a Democratic presence in Little Saigon."

Why has Republican registration continued to outpace Democratic registration there in recent years?

"I think a lot of it has to do with the incredible work done in the (February) special election. That was a lot of hard work by the Vietnamese for their two candidates, who happen to be Republican. So Republicans benefit."

Barbaro said the party started a Vietnamese Democratic Club about six months ago.

"I can't explain why Lou's (Sen. Lou Correa) and Jose's (Assemblyman Jose Solorio) and Loretta's (Rep. Loretta Sanchez) employees haven't been able to do more, but the Republicans have done a good job. ..."

"One of the problems is finances. The Republicans are much better funded...."

"I absolutely feel that we're going to have a huge swing back in that community."