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# LWVC/LWVCEF May 16, 2020

Location: Zoom conference

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024159091>

## SATURDAY - May 16, 2020

**9:30 am: Optional coffee/tea time to chat and catch up with each other and to meet new Development & Marketing Manager**

**10:00 am: Call to Order**

1. 10:00 - 10:45 am **Legislative Report** (Gloria & Dora) **and Schools & Communities 1st** (Helen)  
Purpose: Inform the board of status of advocacy work and future plans  
Outcome: Board members understand what LWVC is doing in the legislative arena and with Schools & Communities 1st.  
Level of discussion: strategic, tactical
2. 10:45 am - 12:00 pm **Ballot Propositions** (Dora & Gloria)  
Purpose: Understand the anticipated ballot propositions on the November 2020 election ballot  
Outcome: Board gains knowledge and prepares to make decisions about advocacy on the propositions  
Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

**12:00 - 1:00 pm LUNCH**

3. 1:00 - 1:15 pm **Fundraising**  
Purpose: To inform the board of status of fundraising and future plans  
Outcome: Board members understand plans & reactions to plans  
Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

4. 1:15 - 2:30 pm **Strategic Planning Exercise** (Stephanie)  
Purpose: explore the possibilities for LWVC from now thru the end of 2020  
Outcome: Board discusses concepts and responds to suggestions  
Level of discussion: generative, strategic & tactical
  
5. 2:30 - 3:30 pm **Budget Projections and Financial Report** (Stephanie & Jacquie)  
Purpose: Inform board of new budget projections & finances  
Outcome: Board members understand and offer response  
Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

**3:30 - 4:00 pm Break**

6. Business Meeting--see agenda

**League of Women Voters of California Board of Directors  
May 16, 2020**

**AGENDA**

4:30 pm Call to Order Moon Goldberg

Roll Call: de Llamas

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Helen Hutchison  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya  
Director Lori Thiel

Staff: Executive Director Stephanie Doute

1. Agenda adjustments (3 min) Moon Goldberg
2. Conflict of Interest Stated (2 min) de Llamas
3. Approval of Minutes - (2 min) de Llamas  
LWVC – Regular Meeting of January 26, 2020  
LWVC - Regular Meeting of March 21, 2020
4. Consent Calendar - May 16, 2020 - Routine Items (5 min) de Llamas
5. Treasurer’s Report (10 min) Canfield
6. Executive Director’s Report (5 min) Doute
7. Program (15 min)
8. Membership (0 min)

9. Consideration of Motions:

- a. Motion to Add Bereavement Leave to Employee Benefits
- b. Motions to adopt positions of ballot propositions

<b>Initiative/Referendum Number</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Position-</b> support, oppose, neutral, none
1856. (18-0009) REFERENDUM TO	OVERTURN A 2018 LAW THAT REPLACED MONEY BAIL SYSTEM WITH A SYSTEM BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY RISK.	
1840. (17-0044, Amdt.#1)	RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED AS MISDEMEANORS.	
1862. (19-0001)	EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY	
1864. (19-0003)	CHANGES REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFERRING PROPERTY TAX BASE TO REPLACEMENT PROPERTY. EXPANDS BUSINESS PROPERTY REASSESSMENT.	
1882. (19-0025A1)	AUTHORIZES STATE REGULATION OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. ESTABLISHES MINIMUM STAFFING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.	
1883. (19-0026A1)	CHANGES EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION RULES FOR APP-BASED TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY DRIVERS.	

10. Items for future agendas

11. Other Business

12. Adjournment by 5:00 p.m.

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Board of Directors Meeting - May 16, 2020**

**AGENDA**

5:00 pm Call to Order Moon Goldberg

Roll Call: de Llamas

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Helen Hutchison  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya  
Director Lori Thiel

Staff: Executive Director Stephanie Doute

1. Agenda adjustments (3 min) Moon Goldberg
2. Conflict of Interest Stated (2 min) de Llamas
3. Approval of Minutes - (2 min) de Llamas  
Regular Meetings of January 26 and March 21, 2020
4. Consent Calendar May 16, 2020 – Routine Matters (5 min) de Llamas
5. Treasurer’s Report (10 min) Canfield
  - a. Financial reports
6. Executive Director’s Report (5 min) Doute
7. Voter Service (10 min) Goldberg

8. Items for future agendas

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment by 5:45 p.m.

LWVC Leaders Update Review



## Schools & Communities First Helen Hutchison

The Schools & Communities First campaign submitted signatures for verification submitted signatures for verification in early April. We expect verification that the measure is qualified for the November ballot in late May. At that time, there will be a virtual briefing that includes the roll out of updated estimates of revenue, including estimates for specific cities. The campaign is working with elected officials for statements about what that would mean for their budgets – how they would use the increased revenue.

The campaign reacted quickly to the COVID 19 crisis:

- Changing messaging to be positive messages about local heroes – 1<sup>st</sup> responders, health care workers, service workers – and the need to provide support for them
- Moving from direct personal messages to a variety of technology connections, especially text messaging
- Collecting stories (videos and written stories) from people all around the state about why they support the measure
- Activating speakers for virtual meetings
- Holding a series of online briefings for the press and for local elected officials.

For League members, we've focused on story collection. The campaign held two training webinars specifically for League members. About 30 people signed up, and 20-25 attended the trainings.

Moving in to the summer, the campaign messages will continue to be refined. There is a set of tests currently in the field; I may have some updates by the time of our meeting.

I have done two Zoom meetings with local Leagues – Mendocino and San Jose/Santa Clara. They were both well attended, with lots of really good questions. I'm happy to do more of these.

## Ballot Proposition Discussion Gloria Chun Hoo (with Deputy Director Dora Rose)

**Purpose:** Board deliberation on supporting or opposing anticipated ballot propositions on the November ballot.

**Process:** Presentation by VP of Advocacy and Deputy Director followed by discussion of anticipated ballot measures.

**Outcome:** Ultimately, there will be motions to either support, oppose, to be neutral, or take no position on the various propositions during the formal board meeting.

**Preparation:** Please review the analyses written by Legislative Analysts or Program Directors.

### **Background Information**

Most elections feature one or more initiatives, referenda, or legislative initiatives. They may or may not contain amendments to the California Constitution. At the current date LWVC anticipates that there will be seven (7) such propositions on the statewide ballot. There is a possibility that the Legislature will also place something on the ballot.

The prediction is based on the Secretary of State's list of qualified, eligible, and pending signature verification propositions. There may be others that have submitted or intend to submit signatures that are not yet identified on the list. The formal list of propositions on the ballot along with their numbers (Prop \_\_) will be announced on June 25.

We are taking these up now because this Board Meeting was set in May so to avoid having a State Board meeting plus the LWVUS Convention in June.

You will be reviewing the analyses prepared by Legislative Analysts and Program Directors. Their recommendations are not the recommendations of the Legislative Committee. That committee will meet 2 days before the board meeting. Its recommendations are the result of a more comprehensive view of an individual proposition's place in a larger context. You will be informed of the Committee's recommendations prior to Board discussion.

LWVC has four (4) options in terms of ballot propositions. All decisions are made based on League positions plus other relevant considerations. Support or oppose are self explanatory. Taking no position is an option usually used when LWVC has no relevant basis upon which to act. A neutral position might be taken if there are conflicting LWVC positions or if the internal components of a proposition conflict with League positions.

Here is the list:

1856. (18-0009)  
REFERENDUM TO OVERTURN A 2018 LAW THAT REPLACED MONEY BAIL SYSTEM WITH A SYSTEM BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY RISK.

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RESTRICTS PAROLE FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS. AUTHORIZES FELONY SENTENCES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES CURRENTLY TREATED AS MISDEMEANORS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

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EXPANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO ENACT RENT CONTROL ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

1864. (19-0003)  
CHANGES REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSFERRING PROPERTY TAX BASE TO REPLACEMENT PROPERTY. EXPANDS BUSINESS PROPERTY REASSESSMENT. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

1870. (19-0008A1) **This is Schools & Communities First.**  
INCREASES FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

1882. (19-0025A1)  
AUTHORIZES STATE REGULATION OF KIDNEY DIALYSIS CLINICS. ESTABLISHES MINIMUM STAFFING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS. INITIATIVE STATUTE.

1883. (19-0026A1)  
CHANGES EMPLOYMENT CLASSIFICATION RULES FOR APP-BASED TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY DRIVERS. INITIATIVE STATUTE

Analyst Name Jennifer Avina

Today's Date 3/29/2020

Advocacy Area Social Policy

League Position 1 Choose an item.

League Position 3 Choose an item.

Subject Click here to enter text.

Bill Amendment Assessment Choose an item.

Bill No. & Author<sup>1</sup> Replace Cash Bail with Risk Assessments Referendum (2020)

Date Bill Introduced 8/29/2018

Most Recent Amendment Click here to enter a date.

League Position 2 Choose an item.

League Position 4 Choose an item.

Secondary Position Analysis Recommended

Secondary Position Area Choose an item.

LA Recommendation: Support  Oppose  Support if Amended  Take No Position

PD Recommendation: Support Level given significance to League Position Choose an item.

AD Recommendation: Support Level given significance to Advocacy Area Choose an item.

### CURRENT LAW SUMMARIZED

There has been a push over the last decade to replace the cash bail system with the use of pretrial risk assessment tools to determine which defendants will be released from jail prior to trial. The move away from cash bail is important for reasons of equity and justice. When a cash bail system is utilized, those that remain in jail awaiting trial, despite a presumption of innocence, are those that cannot afford to pay the set bail. The ramifications of this failure then fall upon those that can least bear it. Being held in jail awaiting trial means that a person may lose their job, their housing, their children, and more, even though there has been no judgement of the person's guilt. It also dramatically increases the pressure on someone to take a plea bargain to avoid months, or even years, in jail awaiting trial. Estimates are that generally two-thirds of California inmates, nearly 48,000 people, are held in jail but are not yet sentenced.

Pretrial risk assessment tools as alternatives to cash bail are also controversial. Evidence shows that pretrial risk assessment tools are often designed and used in ways that actually increase racial bias and inequity in the pretrial process. Because of this, any calls to eliminate cash bail in favor of pretrial risk assessment come with warnings that the tools used for such assessments must be carefully designed, deployed, and measured. Some courts in California currently use these risk assessment tools in combination with the cash bail system. Only San Francisco has taken the step of completely eliminating cash bail. To learn more about pretrial risk assessment tools and the principles that should be considered with their use, go to: [civilrightsdocs.info/pdf/criminal-justice/Pretrial-Risk-Assessment-Full.pdf](http://civilrightsdocs.info/pdf/criminal-justice/Pretrial-Risk-Assessment-Full.pdf).

On August 28, 2018, then-Governor Brown signed into law SB 10, a bill intended to overhaul the cash bail system throughout all of California's courts, thereby reducing the number of people held in pretrial detention simply because of the inability to afford bail. Generally, SB 10 changes California's pretrial release program from a money-based to a risk-based release and detention system. It does this by, prior to trial, releasing a defendant with the least restrictive nonmonetary condition or combination of conditions that will reasonably assure public safety as well as the defendant's return to court. SB 10 requires all superior courts to establish a pretrial assessment division. Those divisions are tasked with making risk assessments and recommendations for pretrial release of defendants. Full details on what SB 10 requires of superior courts can be found at [www.courts.ca.gov/documents/sb10-overview.pdf](http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/sb10-overview.pdf). Originally, LWVC supported SB 10, however, after extensive changes were made to the language of bill, LWVC pulled its support. LWVC's main objection to the revised bill was that, as amended, it contains a "troubling presumption of preventative detention," "employs bias-prone risk assessment tools," and "relies on judicial discretion without any institutional protections against racial bias in decision-making." Many other original supporters of the bill also pulled support after amendment, including the ACLU, a co-sponsor of the bill, determining that SB 10 contained "an overly broad presumption of preventative detention." A more detailed analysis of flaws in the amended SB 10 can be found here: [www.hrw.org/news/2018/08/14/human-rights-watch-opposes-california-senate-bill-10-california-bail-reform-act#](http://www.hrw.org/news/2018/08/14/human-rights-watch-opposes-california-senate-bill-10-california-bail-reform-act#).

On December 3, 2018, SB 36 was introduced. This bill was put forth to address one of the main concerns of the amended SB 10, that of the potentially biased nature of pretrial risk assessment tools. SB 36 was signed into law on October 8, 2019, with the support of LWVC. This bill requires any agencies or courts that use such assessment tools to "validate" those tools at least once every 3 years and to make the validation reports as well as other information on the tools, available to the public. To "validate" under SB 36 means to measure the accuracy and reliability of the tool in assessing whether a defendant will appear in court, what the risk to the public is, and any bias the tool might have with regard to gender, race, or ethnicity.

### THE BILL'S CHANGES TO CURRENT LAW

SB 10 was set to take effect on October 1, 2019. However, the bail bond industry organized a political action committee, called the Californians Against the Reckless Bail Scheme, to oppose the implementation of the bill. In January of 2019, a referendum on SB 10 qualified for the November 2020 general election. The qualification of the referendum put the implementation of SB 10 on hold; voters will determine in November whether the reforms should move forward. Until then, the current system of cash bail remains in place with some jurisdictions utilizing risk assessment tools as well.

The question for LWVC at this time is whether to support SB 10 referendum efforts. To support the referendum would mean we are advocating for repeal of SB 10, leaving California with the current pretrial custody system which consists mostly of the use of cash bail. It would also mean getting “in bed” with the bail bond industry, an industry that has shown it is not opposing this law because it is unjust and biased, but because it cuts into the money that the industry makes off of the cash bail system. On the other hand, opposing the referendum would mean supporting SB 10 in its current, flawed state: replacement of cash bail with pretrial risk assessment tools, but with too much discretion given to judges, a lack of presumption of innocence, and the possibility that *more* people might be incarcerated pretrial rather than less.

The passage of SB 36 factors into the consideration of our position on the referendum as well. SB 36 purports to address some of the concerns that emerged in the passage of SB 10 by requiring validation of pretrial risk assessment tools. However, SB 36 in no way addresses the concern of overly broad judicial discretion to impose preventative detention. Judges can order pretrial detention based on the scores of the risk assessment tools (theoretically addressed by SB 36) or on the request of a prosecutor if the judge finds “clear and convincing evidence” that nonmonetary conditions of release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant at court or assure the public’s safety. A “clear and convincing” standard, though higher than a “preponderance of evidence” standard, is still quite subjective and ultimately, regardless of the risk assessment tool score, the judge has the final say.

LWVC’s Criminal Justice position supports the following: “a criminal justice system that is just, effective, equitable...at all stages, including...pre-trial practices,” “the elimination of systemic bias, including the disproportionate...incarceration of marginalized communities,” and “reliance on evidence-based research in decision-making...” In regard to pretrial procedures, LWVC supports the “constitutional presumption of innocence.” This means that “no person suffers discrimination before the law due to their economic status nor should they be subject to risk assessment tools which can produce biased outcomes.” LWVC determined in 2018 that SB 10 did not alter pretrial detention decisions in a way that corresponded to our Criminal Justice position. SB 36 effectively modifies some of the provisions of SB 10 to make the use of pretrial risk assessment tools more in line with our position. There is also the possibility that, if SB 10 goes forward, the rule-making process by the Judicial Council will create more equity and limit judicial discretion in pretrial practices. For those reasons, LWVC could legitimately oppose the referendum on SB 10, supporting the eventual implementation of that bill.

This makes sense if we feel that SB 10 is a step in the right direction and there is ample potential to make more incremental steps for pretrial detention reform through this bill. It would also make sense if implementation of SB 10 is better than the cash bail system in place across the state. Is the fight easier to bring SB 10 along into equitable territory or to scrap it and start over? For reference, bills with intent to overhaul pretrial detention have been introduced into the California Legislature since at least 2011 (SB 210) without success. One of the main obstacles to such reform has consistently been the bail bonds industry, a \$3 billion industry across the United States. And we all know the maxim, “as California goes, so goes the country,” giving the bail bond industry quite the incentive to block cash bail reform efforts.

Ultimately, there are still very significant flaws with SB 10 that could quite likely end with a result which is the opposite of just, effective, and equitable, and which amplifies systemic bias and the incarceration of marginalized communities. Furthermore, this is a space that LWVC is relatively new to. Part of the reason that LWVC and local Leagues were intent on passing Criminal Justice positions was so we could be allies in the fight for criminal justice reform. As such, we are not leading this battle and we frequently, and rightly, recognize that League members are not traditionally part of the communities most impacted by criminal justice policies. Because of this, I recommend that LWVC consult with criminal justice reform partners and take into account their recommendations as to how to move forward with advocacy on the referendum for SB 10.

## COMMENTS:

Analyst Name Elizabeth Ralston

Today's Date 5/6/2020

Advocacy Area State and Local Finance

League Position 1 Choose an item.

League Position 3 Choose an item.

Subject Click here to enter text.

Bill Amendment Assessment Choose an item.

Initiative: Family Home Protection and Fairness in  
Property Tax Reassessments Act

Date Bill Introduced Click here to enter a date.

Date Bill Amended Click here to enter a date.

League Position 2 Choose an item.

League Position 4 Choose an item.

Secondary Position Analysis Recommended

Secondary Position Area Choose an item.

LA Recommendation (check one): Support  Oppose  Support if Amended  Take No Position

### DESCRIPTION OF BILL AND ARGUMENTS THAT JUSTIFY LEAGUE ACTION

#### PRESENT LAW:

Current law allows homeowners over the age of 55 or the seriously disabled to purchase another home at the same or lower market value and retain the same assessment as they have on their current residence. The can do this within the county of their current residence or across counties when the counties have agreed to permit it.

#### THE BILL

This measure would allow homeowners over the age of 55 or the severely disabled to purchase a replacement home anywhere in the state and retain their current assessment on that portion of the purchase price that corresponds to the market value of their current residence. For example, a person selling a home worth \$300K but assessed at \$150K and purchasing a home for \$425K would have an initial assessment of \$275K (\$150K (current assessment on property worth \$300K) + \$125K (\$425K-\$300K). A person/couple could avail themselves of this benefit up three times.

This measure would also change the rules for retaining assessments when a property is passed from parents to a child.(inherited property) The child could retain the current assessment only if the property becomes their primary residence and only up to the point where the fair market value exceeds the current assessment by \$1M . Inherited second homes and business properties would be assessed at full market value. Going forward, the exclusion amount (an undefined term) for inherited property would be adjusted by the House Price Index for California for the first three quarters of the prior calendar year, as determined by the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

There are also provisions in this initiative that attempt to define the kind of change of ownership which would trigger reassessment to purchase price. These definitions exclude publicly traded corporations and the LAO analysis does not suggest that the changes will increase revenue. I am skeptical that they will have much impact except to provide additional employment for attorneys.

The LAO's fiscal analysis suggests that the liberalization in transfer of basis by homeowners would reduce property tax revenues, but that the tightening the rules on inherited property would increase revenues, for a net increase in property tax revenues starting at tens of millions of dollars annually, eventually increasing to hundreds of millions of dollars annually. There would also be a one-time expense required for county assessors to update their systems, estimated at tens of millions of collars.

**ARGUMENT (S):** In your argument, please include a citation to the specific part of the League position that you believe supports your recommendation and explain how it supports your

This initiative is a reworking of Proposition 5 from 2018, which the League opposed and which did not pass. This proposed measure reduces the equity of the property tax and unfairly benefits existing property owners over potential property owners. There is absolutely no reason to believe that all or even most people age 55 need property tax relief. Some of these people are in their prime earning years, with considerably more wealth than those twenty years younger. A special rule once promoted as allowing the elderly to downscale is now being extended so that those who already have above average wealth.

The provisions on inherited property represent the partial elimination of current special treatment and might be supported on that basis, but the idea of adjusting assessments using a state-wide index has the potential for considerable inequity – the assessed value for properties in Tehama county, for example, would be increased based on an inflation measure that is determined largely by price increases in the more populous and higher-costal cities.

The League's SLF position favors a tax system that is equitable and fairly shares the burden. This proposition does not meet that standard.

recommendation.

**COMMENTS:**

I have asked for clarification of what is meant by "exclusion amount" from the law firm handling this initiative, but have not received a response.

This measure does **not** contain a "poison pill" invalidating the Schools and Communities First initiative if this measure should pass by a larger margin.

The Board will probably want to be sure the League's position is consistent with that of the Schools and Communities First Campaign.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Caroline de Llamas, Secretary**

**May 16, 2020 – State Board Kit**

### **Consideration/Approval of Minutes\***

- 1. LWVC Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2020**
- 2. LWVC Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2020**
- 3. LWVCEF Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2020**
- 4. LWVCEF Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2020**

### **\*Attachments**



**League of Women Voters of California**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**January 26, 2020 – San Diego**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order at 9:43 a.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2020. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Debbie Fagen

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Lori Thiel.

**Absent:** Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya

**Staff Present:** Executive Director Stephanie Doute

**WELCOME**

The Board welcomed newly hired Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None stated.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The LWVC Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2019 were approved as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** By unanimous consent, the LWVC Board acted as follows:

***Ratification of Special Meeting Actions***

- October 24, 2019 Executive Committee – Executive Director Recruitment
- October 30, 2019 – Approved Hiring of Executive Director Stephanie Doute
- November 13, 2019 – Fundraising Discussion
- November 25, 2019 – Executive Committee – Changed the Signatories on Financial Accounts.

***Appointments***

- Reinstated Helen Hutchison (LWV Oakland) to the LWVC Board of Directors.

***Resignations***

- Martha Cox (LWV San Diego) as Local League Coach (LLC) for the Leagues of Central Orange County Area, North Orange County, and Orange Coast.
- Kathy Souza (LWV Placer County) as Local League Coach (LLC) for the Leagues of El Dorado County, Woodland, and Plumas County MAS Unit.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (continued):**

***Advocacy***

- That the LWVC, based on recommendation and request from the Climate Change Task Force, join the Building Decarbonization Coalition.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Former Treasurer and current First Vice President Jacquie Canfield reviewed the LWVC Financials as reflected on Page 10 of the State Board Kit (SBK). She also commented on the status of the Trudy Schafer Fund. Following discussion, the November 2019 LWVC Financial Report was received and filed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Doute provided an overview of the *Centennial Plan* as outlined in her report to the Board. There was a consensus of the Board Members to move forward.

**PROGRAM AND ADVOCACY:** Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo presented the following items for Board consideration. She reviewed the rationale of each Committee in bringing the items forward.

**Motion:** *Hoo/Climate Change Committee* moved that the LWVC request the LWVUS to add *Climate Emergency* to Making Democracy Work programming. Following discussion, the motion carried with Canfield and Edwards dissenting, and Thiel abstaining (Piracha-Zakariya absent).

Members of the *Housing and Homelessness Committee* wished to encourage increased action on matters of interest at the LWVUS level. By way of discussion it was ascertained that procedures are already in place for the Committee to use. The *Federal Action Request Form* is fillable online and available at: <https://www.lwv.org/federal-action-request-form>. No action was required of the LWVC Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 10:50 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California**  
**Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**March 21, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Helen Hutchison  
Director Lori Thiel.

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya

**Absent:** Director Christina Dragonetti.  
**Staff Present:** Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None stated.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Consideration of the LWVC Minutes of January 26, 2020 was deferred.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** By unanimous consent, the LWVC Board acted as follows:

**Ratification of Special Meeting Actions**

- February 12, 2020 – Discussion of future events.
- February 26, 2020 – Executive Committee – Discussion of future events.

**Resignations**

- Barbara Hopkins (LWV Sacramento) as Local League Coach for the Leagues of Placer County, Redding Area and San Joaquin County.

**Appointments**

**Finance Committee**

- Fran Carrillo (LWV San Diego)

**Local League Coaches**

- Carol Burr (LWV Butte County)
- Nancy Mahr (LWV Palos Verdes)
- Kay Ragan (LWV San Diego)
- Fran Shermet (LWV Orange County)
- Sharon Wallace (LWV Butte County)
- Phyllis White-Ayanruoh (LWV Oakland)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Former Treasurer and current First Vice President Jacquie Canfield referred to the LWVC January 2020 Financial Report as outlined on Page 9 of the State Board Kit (SBK). The report was received and filed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Stephanie Doute referenced her SBK report and her earlier comments during the Workshop portion of the meeting.

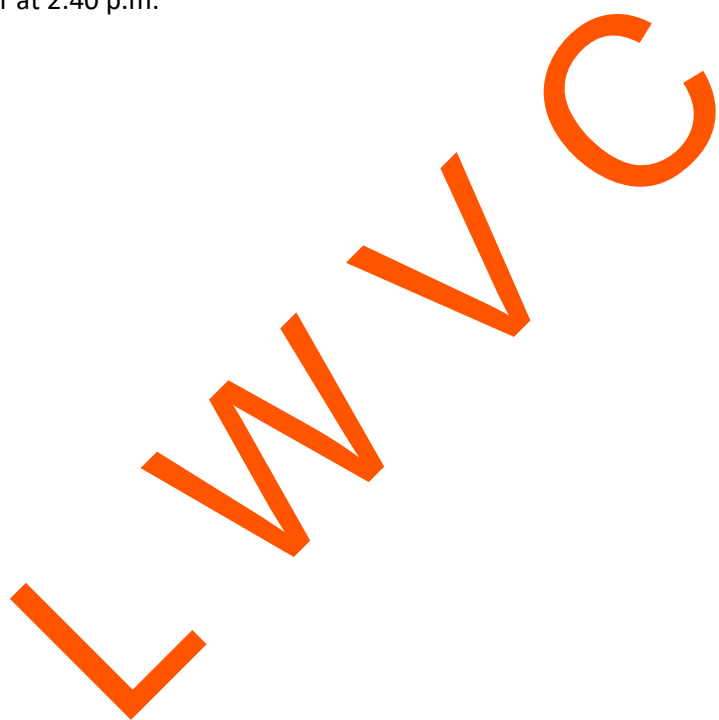
**ACTION/ADVOCACY:** Second Vice President Gloria Hoo noted Legislative Interview Reports are due on April 15, 2020.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 2:40 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

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**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC Secretary**



**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
January 26, 2020 – San Diego**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order on Sunday, January 26, at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Gloria Chun Hoo  
Director Lori Thiel.

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Christina Dragonetti  
Director Debbie Eagen  
Director Helen Hutchison

**Absent:** Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya.  
**Staff Present:** Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

**WELCOME**

The Board welcomed newly hired Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** (1) Director Dragonetti noted she is employed by the *California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)*. (2) Director Hutchison noted she is a member of the Board of Directors of *Ed Source*.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The LWVCEF Regular Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2019 were approved as presented.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** By unanimous consent, the LWVC Board acted as follows:

**Ratification of Special Meeting Actions**

- October 24, 2019 Executive Committee – Executive Director Recruitment
- October 30, 2019 – Approved Hiring of Executive Director Stephanie Doute
- November 13, 2019 – Fundraising Discussion
- November 25, 2019 – Executive Committee – Changed the Signatories on Financial Accounts.

**Appointments**

- Reinstated Helen Hutchison (LWV Oakland) to the LWVCEF Board of Directors.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The November 2019 LWVCEF Financial Report was received and filed. A grant has been received from LWVUS for a Redistricting Tool Kit for local Leagues.

**VOTER SERVICE REPORT:** *The Easy Voter Guide* for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election is online and available for downloading in five languages.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 11:12 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVCEF Secretary**

LWVCEF

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 21, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 2:40 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg	First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Secretary Caroline de Llamas	Director Maxine Anderson
Director Amanda Berg	Director Tracey Edwards
Director Debbie Fagen	Director Gloria Chun Hoo
Director Helen Hutchison	Director Aisha Piracha-Zakariya
Director Lori Thiel.	

**Absent:** Director Christina Dragonetti.

**Staff Present:** Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Director Hutchison noted she is a member of the Board of Directors of *Ed Source*.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Consideration of the LWVCEF January 26, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes was deferred.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** By unanimous consent, the LWVCEF Board acted as follows:

**Ratification of Special Meeting Actions**

- February 12, 2020 – LWVCEF Board of Directors – Discussion of future events.
- February 26, 2020 – LWVCEF Executive Committee – Discussion of future events.

**Appointments**

- Fran Carrillo (LWV San Diego) on the Finance Committee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The LWVCEF Financial Report for January 2020 was received and filed.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Executive Director Doute deferred to her current State Board Kit (SBK) report distributed earlier to the Board members.

**VOTER SERVICE REPORT:** President Moon Goldberg commented on local League voter service projects and member involvement.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 2:50 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVCEF Secretary**

# LWVC/LWVCEF Consent Calendar<sup>i</sup>

## Caroline de Llamas, Secretary

### May 16, 2020 – State Board Kit

#### Governance

##### **1. Ratification of Special Meeting Actions\***

- LWVC/EF – March 30, 2020 Executive Committees – SBA Cares Act
- LWVC/EF – April 1, 2020 Boards of Directors – SBA Cares Act; Fundraising
- LWVC/EF -- April 18, 2020 Executive Committees – Cares Act Resolution
- LWVC/EF – May 4, 2020 Executive Committees – Personnel

##### **2. Appointments - LWVC**

- Jennifer Waggoner (LWV San Francisco) as LWVC Representative to the FPPC Digital Transparency Task Force
- Katie Zoglin (LWV Los Altos/Mountain View) as LWVC Alternate Representative to the FPPC Digital Transparency Task Force

##### **3. Request to Merge the LWV Glendale/Burbank with the LWV Los Angeles\* – LWVC**

#### **\*Attachments**

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<sup>i</sup> Please note that the Consent Calendar items are intended to be enacted by one motion. Any board member may request removal of an item for individual consideration at the meeting. Report any additions/corrections to the LWVC/EF Secretary prior to the board meeting.



**League of Women Voters of California  
League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Joint Special Meeting of the Executive Committees  
March 30, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Special Meeting of the Executive Committees of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the item noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas.

**Absent:** None.

**Others present:** Executive Director Stephanie Duote.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SBA CARES ACT GRANTS**

Executive Director Duote discussed with the Executive Committee members the applicability of provisions of the Cares Act Paycheck Protection Program to the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVCEF). She recommended that an application be filed on behalf of LWVCEF as soon as the filing period opens. Following discussion, the Executive Committee members concurred with the Executive Director's recommendation and the following motion was offered for consideration.

**MOTION:** First Vice President Jacquie Canfield moved the LWVCEF Executive Committee authorize Executive Director Stephanie Duote to move forward with the Application process for the Cares Act Paycheck Protection Program, and to authorize Executive Director Stephanie Duote to execute the documents on behalf of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. The motion, seconded by Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo, carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Executive Committees and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 5:05 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC/EF Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California  
League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Joint Special Meeting of the Boards of Directors  
April 1, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the items noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas  
Director Amanda Berg  
Director Debbie Fagen  
Director Lori Thiel.

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Director Maxine Anderson  
Director Tracey Edwards  
Director Helen Hutchison

**Absent:** Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo and Directors Christina Dragonetti and Aisha Piracha-Zakariya.

**Others present:** Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.

**SBA CARES ACT GRANTS**

President Moon Goldberg provided background information on the SBA Cares Act Grants Paycheck Protection Program and its applicability to the LWVCEF. She advised that the Executive Committee met and authorized staff to move forward with the process so that imminent filing deadlines could be met. She acknowledged the actions of Executive Director Doute, First Vice President Canfield and Director Edwards to get the process moving so quickly. Updated information will follow as it becomes available.

**FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE**

It was announced by President Moon Goldberg that the LWVCEF received a \$5,000 donation as the start of a matching fund campaign. She challenged the Board Members to contact her regarding participation prior to the coming weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Boards and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 6:56 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC/EF Secretary**

LWVC and LWVCEF Joint Special Meeting Minutes  
April 1, 2020

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**League of Women Voters of California  
League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Joint Special Meeting of the Executive Committees  
April 18, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Special Meeting of the Executive Committees of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 12:35 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the item noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas.

**Absent:** None.

**Others present:** Executive Director Stephanie Duote.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.

**CONSIDERATION OF A CORPORATE AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION RE SBA CARES ACT GRANTS**

Executive Director Duote presented for League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) consideration and discussion a Corporation Authorization Resolution from Fresno First Bank. She recommended the LWVCEF Executive Committee adopt the resolution to facilitate the LWVCEF's participation in the Cares Act Paycheck Protection Program.

**MOTION:** Following discussion, Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo moved the LWVCEF Executive Committee approve the Corporation Authorization Resolution from Fresno First Bank dated April 18, 2020. The motion, seconded by Secretary Caroline de Llamas, carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Executive Committees and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 1:02 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC/EF Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California  
League of Women Voters of California Education Fund  
Minutes of a Joint Special Meeting of the Executive Committees  
May 4, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Joint Special Meeting of the Executive Committees of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 5:20 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020 for the purpose of discussing the item noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

**Responding Officers and Directors**

President Carol Moon Goldberg  
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield  
Secretary Caroline de Llamas.

**Absent:** None.

**Others present:** None.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None were stated.

**CLOSED SESSION ITEM**

President Moon Goldberg called for a Closed Session to discuss personnel related matters. All present officers noted above convened in Closed Session at 5:28 p.m.

**RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 6:15 p.m. with all the officers present. There was no reportable action at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to come before the Executive Committees and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 6:15 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas  
LWVC/EF Secretary**

**Application for League Merger  
Leagues of Los Angeles and Glendale/Burbank  
Caroline de Llamas, SoCal LLC Coordinator  
for Jacquie Canfield, First Vice President – Membership Chair  
May 16, 2020 State Board Kit**

**Purpose:**

Consideration of a request of the local Leagues of Los Angeles and Glendale/Burbank to merge and be known as LWV Los Angeles.

**Process/Preparation:**

A completed *Application for League Merger*<sup>1</sup> is attached for review by the LWVC Board prior to the May 16 meeting. The rationale for the proposed merger is detailed in the application.

Both Leagues are in the process of scheduling Annual Meetings to vote on the proposed merger. It is recommended that each meet separately, and then jointly to determine if their individual memberships wish to proceed with the merger as recommended by their respective boards of directors.

Once approved by both the LWVC and LWVUS, the two local Leagues can move forward with their state and federal financial filings, and corporate filings with the state.

Should you have questions prior to or at the LWVC Board Meeting, please contact Caroline de Llamas. She has been working with LWV Los Angeles Board Member Tom Carson and their Executive Director Marilu Guevara and Glendale/Burbank President Mary Dickson to bring this proposed merger to fruition.

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<sup>1</sup> The required form and supporting materials are attached.

**APPLICATION FOR MERGER OF TWO LEAGUES**  
**Please provide information for each League**

**1. Current name and ID number of League(s) being merged:**

League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, CA008  
League of Women Voters of Glendale-Burbank, CA006

**2. Name, mailing address, phone, and email address of president(s) for each League:**

Los Angeles:  
Crissi Avila and Mona Field, Co-Presidents  
213-368-1616  
[president@lwvlosangeles.org](mailto:president@lwvlosangeles.org)

Glendale-Burbank:  
Mary Dickson, President  
(818) 925-4598

**3. Who will be president, co-presidents and/or leadership team (if applicable) of merged League, or of the new League?**

The Los Angeles League co-presidents Crissi Avila and Mona Field will remain in leadership of the merged League.

**4. Proposed name of the League once merged:**

League of Women Voters of Los Angeles

**5. Boundary information**

• **List current basis of organization of Leagues being merged (e.g., county, areas):**

LWV of Los Angeles: Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Culver City, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, West Hollywood, Westlake Village

LWV Glendale-Burbank: Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta, Montrose

• **List proposed basis of organization of Leagues being merged and attach a map:**

Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Culver City, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, West Hollywood, Westlake Village, Burbank, Glendale, La Crescenta, Montrose

Link to proposed service area map [here](#) and attached to this application.

• **Zip codes of new areas (if applicable):**

- **Annual membership count(s) of each League as of most recent January count:**

Los Angeles: 283  
Glendale-Burbank: 43

- **Population in current area(s) of organization of each League being merged:**

Los Angeles: 4 million  
Glendale-Burbank: 307,000

- **Population in proposed area of organization:**

Merged service area population is 4.3 million

- **Congressional district(s) in proposed area of organization:**

26th Congressional District  
28th Congressional District  
29th Congressional District  
30th Congressional District  
33rd Congressional District  
34th Congressional District  
37th Congressional District

**6. Rationale for Change – Please tell us:**

- **Why the change will be beneficial:**

The Los Angeles League very often receives inquiries that have to be forwarded to Glendale-Burbank. This merge will help to streamline fulfillment of community requests. The Glendale-Burbank has limited capacity and infrastructure to continue to cultivate and grow membership. The Los Angeles League has staff and administrative support that will benefit the members and committees of the Glendale-Burbank League. Currently, the two Leagues have adjacent service areas and it is organic for them to combine efforts moving forward.

- **What impact will the change have on membership recruitment and retention, fundraising, program, and voter service:**

We hope that as a merged League we will be able to provide an increased number of volunteer opportunities, events and civic resources. Increased engagement will hopefully grow our membership across Glendale-Burbank and surrounding areas.



7. Signature Page\*

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Crissi Avila, Co-President

April 13, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

April 13, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mona Field, Co-President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GLENDALE/BURBANK:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary L. Dickson, President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA (LWVC):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Moon Goldberg, President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*Please return executed document to Caroline de Llamas. The matter will then be scheduled for consideration by the LWVC Board within the timeline of the annual meeting approvals of each of the local Leagues.

Caroline de Llamas, LWVC Advisor for the Proposed Merger  
[dellamasc@aol.com](mailto:dellamasc@aol.com) (preferred) or [cdellamas@lwvc.org](mailto:cdellamas@lwvc.org)  
Phone: 626-824-3017



**Proposed Service Area  
of  
Merged Leagues of Los Angeles and Glendale/Burbank  
to be known as the  
League of Women Voters of Los Angeles**



## **Motion to Add Bereavement Leave to Staff Benefits**

Motion to add the following Bereavement Leave benefit to staff employed by the League of Women Voters of California:

*When a death occurs in an employee's immediate family, all full time employees may take up to three (3) days off with pay to attend the funeral or make funeral arrangements. While on Bereavement Leave, a full time employee will be paid at straight time for the hours the employee was scheduled to work on the days missed. The pay for time off will be prorated for a part-time employee if the funeral occurs on a scheduled work day.*

*Immediate family members are defined as an employee's spouse, domestic partner, parents, stepparents, siblings, children, stepchildren, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or grandchild.*

*Employees should direct all requests for Bereavement Leave to their immediate supervisor. If necessary, additional unpaid time off may be granted by the employee's supervisor, depending on the circumstances such as distance and the individual's responsibility for funeral arrangements.*

## Information Only

### Jacquie Canfield

- 1) Treasurer Items
  - a. Finance Committee Summary Notes
  - b. Board Timesheet 2019-20
- 2) Local League Support
  - a. Consent Agenda – Appointment and Resignation of LLCs
  - b. LLC Summary Notes from February-March 2020 Phone Meetings

#### Finance Committee Summary Notes

- Since the March board meeting, the Finance Committee met in April and reviewed and discussed the February 2020 financials. We also will be meeting in May just before our May board meeting. We will be discussing the March 2020 financials, looking the 19/20 projections and potential budget changes for 20/21.
- Financial Procedures - Stephanie is currently updating the documenting/updating on the financial procedures and is planning on providing in the near future. The new procedures include all the steps for remote operations. Due to other priorities this item has been delayed. When the procedures are completed the results will be shared with both the Finance Committee and Audit Committee.

**Board Timesheet 2019-20 – This week I am resending the** excel spreadsheet to capture your time as a State Board member. If you have not provided any time please use the blank spreadsheet. If you have provided time, you can either use the resent spreadsheet with the months not provided, or use the spreadsheet you have already populated. Below is what board members have provided. The request has been to provide time completed through the prior month for the current board meeting. So for this May meeting, time through April should have been completed. Please let me know if you need any assistance. At year end this time is used for the financial 990 report,

Time through January – Tracey

Time through October – Aisha, Carol, Caroline, Lori, Maxine

#### Local League Coaches (LLC) Update

Below are LLC assignment changes since the last board meeting and a few that happened earlier and had not been reported out.

- Susan Wilson will add Napa.
- Tom and Chris Carson are temporarily assisting the Orange County Leagues
- Jacquie is temporarily assisting Antelope Valley, Solano County and Davis MAS unit.

The team is continues to work on finding new LLCs, working on training session for new LLCs, pulling together data to assist with identifying struggling Leagues, working on updating some publications. Below are some more detail from the April Meeting. The LLC will be meeting May 13.

## LLC Summary Notes April Meeting

1. **Potential New LLCs** – Review possible candidates from Local League Leader list.
2. **Support for new LLCs** – An initial training session for LLCs is being set up with the goal is to have the first training be no more than 2 hours long. In addition, each LLC will be assigned a LLC Buddy during their first year.
3. **Struggling Leagues Sub-Group Report Out** – In an effort to better understand Leagues that might be struggling the group reviewed the a list of criteria that could collected statewide. This included:
  - Membership –
    - Leagues under 50 members
    - Larger change in membership (both directions)
  - Gauging League Activity (lack of doing different activities)
    - Legislative Interviews
    - Voter Services Activity – candidate forums, pro/cons
    - Program Planning
  - Rotation of Leadership –
    - Officers staying the same 5 years or more
    - Possible exception is Treasurer
  - Website is it current?
    - Events
    - Leadership
    - Voter
  - a. Next Steps
    - i. The LLC's agreed to check out the website and work on getting the local League leaders that did not provide the information for 19/20.
    - ii. A Review Sub-Group will prioritize the struggling Leagues based on the latest data.
4. **League Publications** – The group reviewed the survey. Four of the publications ranked higher on the update list. Volunteers were requested to lead publication updates. The goal is to work on updating any publications that are 10 years or older and to complete without needing support from the State Office if at all possible.
  - a. New/Not So New Board Member publication – Jeanne/Sharon Wallace
  - b. MTA Manual – Caroline/Maria/Susan
  - c. How to Make Money in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century- Tom
  - d. Voter Handbook -Tom mentioned that he updated in 2018 for Carol Moon Goldberg's review. Jacquie will reach out to Carol on this matter.
5. **LLC Tool Assistance to Local Leagues** – We are still struggling to have most of the LLCs use this tool.

## Gloria Chun Hoo

### Status of LWVC Advocacy

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this legislative session will not be business-as-usual. The California legislature has truncated its schedule, is reducing its bill portfolio, and is still in the midst of determining which bills will move forward this year. We know this much:

- The Assembly returned to Sacramento on May 4. The Senate is to return on May 11. They are looking at potentially working through summer recess.
- Legislators are being asked to kill a portion of their bills. Some have heard 10, 5, or even just 1 bill will be allowed to move forward for each legislator. And most of the legislation moving forward will be related to COVID-19 response, housing, homelessness, and wildfires. Bills with significant costs or that are controversial are highly likely to not move this year.
- Leadership (Speaker and Pro Tem) has not yet put forward a directive, but committees have assigned bills to staff consultants for analysis. The rumor is that if a bill is in committee without an assigned consultant, it will probably not be heard. We can try to make sure that our priority bills, if in committee, have an assigned staff consultant to get a sense as to whether or not they may move forward.
- The 2020 budget will be a workload budget, meaning no new programs funded.
- We continue to be told by legislative staff that we should submit advocacy letters unless we know for sure that a bill won't move forward.

### Current Priorities

- LWVC is pivoting to place a great deal of energy into crucial advocacy related to developing [a new statewide plan for November's elections](#).
- We continue to advocate on all bills on which we have taken positions. You can follow the bills we are taking positions on in our online [bill status report](#).
- Our co-sponsored bills, [Free the Vote ACA 6 \(McCarty\)](#) and the [Racial Justice Act AB 2200 \(Kalra\)](#), are still moving forward and we are working intensively with coalition partners to get them passed.

### Moving Forward

The LWVC Legislation Committee meets on May 14 to review qualified or eligible November ballot measures and few priority bill analyses. Because of the uncertainty we are holding off on assigning most new bills for analysis until we have better insight into where the Legislature is headed. We are also temporarily halting the onboarding of new advocacy team members. We will keep a list of interested people and circle back when things return to a new-normal, so please continue to forward names of interested people.

Active Statewide Committees - each meeting regularly:

1. Water - chair Roberta Borgonova (SF)
2. Climate Change - chair Linda Swift (BAE)
3. Criminal Justice- chair Carolina Goodman (LA)
4. Homelessness - chair by Anne Omstead (NC San Diego)

The Water Committee has been in existence for many years, as has the Climate Change Committee.

Here is information on the Criminal Justice Committee and Homelessness Task Force.

The Criminal Justice Committee consists of many members who had worked together after the 2017 state convention to ultimately craft our new position on Criminal Justice which was adopted at our last convention. It serves to help local leagues use the new position, maintains and keeps up with issues around policing, accountability and transparency — it is also actively working to see our position adopted by other state leagues. It plans a caucus at national convention to showcase our position.

For statewide advocacy, the Committee has identified supporting local Leagues in the implementation of AB 392 (Use of Force), which went into effect on January 1, 2020. The new law changes the standard for use-of-force policy from “reasonable” to “necessary”. The Committee seeks to support local Leagues who are interested in working in coalition with other community organizations to engage their elected officials and law enforcement to ensure the implementation of this new standard.

LWVC’s Criminal Justice Committee meets monthly via Zoom and ongoing discussion takes place about a broad list of topics in the LWVC Criminal Justice Reform Google Discussion Group. (Please click on this [link](#) if you would like to join.)

The Homelessness Task Force was formed after state convention 2019. Its goal is to develop an Homelessness Action Policy and to identify gaps in existing housing positions to address special needs of the unsheltered. Their goal is to bring a recommendation later this year to the Board and ultimately for Convention 2021 around homelessness. The Committee meets every three weeks, doing extensive research on the topic, having discussions about the unsheltered - causes, services, prevention, etc.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission created a Digital Political Ad Transparency subcommittee. LWVC is appointing members to the committee. Jennifer Waggoner (SF) and alternate Katie Zoglin (Los Altos/Mtn. view) will serve. Their work may engage our local Leagues in this topic.

## Helen Hutchison

### State Redistricting

The LWVC is part of a coalition following the statewide redistricting process. The state Auditor's office has just completed their interviews for the next commission, and will be making their recommendations of the 60 most qualified candidates. Working with the coalition, we have made comments on the process of selection.

The next step of the process that we are focusing on is the initial training of the new commission. We will follow that, including making comments both to the Auditor and to the new commission itself.

### Local Redistricting

We are part of a second coalition following local redistricting throughout the state. As part of this, I am recruiting local League members to work on their own process, whether it is an independent commission, or done by elected officials. In either case, we want to ensure adherence to the rules, as well as robust public outreach.

## Carol Moon Goldberg

Purpose: To inform the Board of the plans for voter service in the November 2020 election season

Outcome: Inform the board of the progress thus far.

Background Information:

### Easy Voter Guide and Pros & Cons

Yes! Both will be published. The EVGs will be printed. It seems that there is still a need for a level of information that falls within an EVG and the Voter Information Guide so Pros & Cons will be produced. The projected date of publication for both is during the week of Aug. 27.

The process for creating these two publications is a long one; one that is not entirely within League control. The release of the Voter Information Guide for public comment is scheduled for July 21. That document contains the analyses written by the Legislative Analyst Office and is a key to our publications and credibility. While preliminary work can be done before that date based on the LAO analyses issued when a title and summary is established, there are often revisions to them that do not get published until the VIG is released for comment. Plus the statements in support or opposition to the props are not even submitted until a week before the VIG is released. We need to see those.

This year in particular, I anticipate that the financial impact component of the LAO reports will be different from the initial estimates. Plus there may be court challenges to the reports themselves and oftentimes to the official ballot arguments as being factually incorrect.

With fewer props on the ballot (app. 7 but we can be surprised...usually unpleasantly) the process might be shorter. But the props anticipated are complicated and not easily condensed. The editing and formatting process takes time so nothing will be ready for release by the end of July.

The EVG in particular is time consuming. Not just the wording, but the entire layout of the publication is scrutinized for optimal readability and plain language. It is reviewed by literacy groups (called community review). Only after that can translations be done. Then those translations are also reviewed.

The English version will be online as it is finished. The rest will be rolled out as they are completed.

### Election Related Voter Education

There are many potential changes to the way the November election will run. The legislature has already introduced a bill to send vote by mail ballots to all registered voters. There will probably be other bills to expand early voting days across the state, to expand the number and placement of ballot drop off boxes, and to set criteria to determine where polling places or vote centers are placed.

Voters need to be informed about how elections will work, how vote by mail works, the locations, dates and hours in which ballots can be dropped off, and the locations, dates and hours of in person polling places. Voters need to understand how vote by mail ballots are processed and counted so that they have confidence using them.

There will be a large education effort, of which League is definitely a part. Over 70% of the ballots cast in the March 2020 election were vote by mail ballots but that does not mean voters that only vote in general elections or only in presidential election years understand or are comfortable with the process. And some people simply are unable to use vote by mail ballots.

League may need to produce publications similar to what exists for Voters Choice Act counties. It is hoped that the Secretary of State's office can produce some of it but too often the information from that office is not in voter friendly language.

It is anticipated that a massive social media campaign plus a lot of collaboration with other groups that work with other community groups in appropriate languages will be needed. Local Leagues will play a big part in that.

### Candidate Forums

Forums may well have to be virtual in order to protect all participants. Voter Service is looking into the technical and logistical aspects of producing them. Leagues may also want to turn to an interview process in which candidates are asked the same questions by the same persons and release tapes of them via social media in some way.