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January 30 - STATE BOARD KIT
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10. Other Business	None

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LWVC/LWCEF

Board of Directors Meeting

January 30, 2021

Location: Zoom conference
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8024159091>

SATURDAY - January 30, 2021

9:30 Optional coffee/tea time to chat and catch up with each other.

10:00 am: Call to Order

1. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **Recommendations of Nominating Comm re: Board job descriptions and committees of the Board**

Purpose: Discuss and understand the Board job descriptions and recommendations

Outcome: adoption of job descriptions and agreement in principle with the remaining recommendations, exact structure and charge to committees to be determined

Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

12:00 - 12:30 pm LUNCH

2. 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm **Financial Report**

Purpose: Inform Board of October financials

Outcome: Board members understand status

Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

3. 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm **Statement of LWVUS regarding removal of President from office**

Purpose: Give Board an opportunity to process statement

Outcome: Board grapples with meaning of nonpartisanship and strategic implications of statements

Level of discussion: generative, strategic

4. 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion contemplation**

Purpose: Continue the Board's exploration and understanding of the concepts

Outcome: Board to develop self knowledge and insight

Level of discussion: generative

5. 2:15 pm - 2:30 pm **2021 Convention**

Purpose: Update Board of planning process for the convention

Outcome: Board understands progress thus far and has opportunity to respond

Level of discussion: generative

2:30 pm - 3:15 LWVC Board meeting See agenda below

League of Women Voters of California
Board of Directors Meeting – January 30, 2021
A G E N D A

2:30 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 Fran Carrillo
Director Christina Dragonetti
Director Tracey Edwards
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Helen Hutchison
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 –
 - a. December 5, 2020 (5 min) de Llamas
4. Consent Calendar - Routine Items (5 min) de Llamas
5. Treasurer's Report (10 min) Carrillo
6. Executive Director's Report (5 min) Doute
7. Program (15 min) Chun Hoo
8. Membership (0 min)
9. Consideration of Motions:
 - a. Motion to adopt LWVC Board position descriptions
10. Closed session
11. Items for future agendas
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund
Board of Directors Meeting – January 30, 2021
A G E N D A**

3:15 pm Call to Order

Moon Goldberg

Roll Call:

de Llamas

President Carol Moon Goldberg
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| 1. Agenda adjustments | (3 min) Moon Goldberg |
| 2. Conflict of Interest Stated | (2 min) de Llamas |
| 3. Approval of Minutes - | |
| a. Regular Meeting -- December 30, 2020 | (2 min) de Llamas |
| 4. Consent Calendar – Routine Matters | (5 min) de Llamas |
| 5. Treasurer’s Report | |
| a. Financial reports | (10 min) Canfield |
| 6. Executive Director’s Report | (5 min) Doute |
| 7. Voter Service | (10 min) Goldberg |
| 8. Items for future agendas | |
| 9. Other Business | |
| 10. Adjournment | |

3:45 LWVC Leaders Update Review

LWVC/LWVCEF October 2020 Financial Reports

The Financial Summary provides a one-page report showing both organizations financial information which includes the LWVC Summary, LWVCEF Summary, LWVCEF Unrestricted Summary, and LWVCEF Restricted Summary. In addition, two informational only combined reports are included showing the two organizations in totality and a combined unrestricted report of the LWVC and LWVCEF funds. The reports can be found at <https://my.lwv.org/california/lwvc-board/january-30-2021>

LWVC October 2020 Financial Report

1. Revenue Items – Unrestricted contributions total \$58K which is at 72% of budget level. Last October we had received \$38K in contributions. In addition, the Schafer family contribution of \$15K which is a matching appeal has been received. As mentioned in the September report \$4K in matching funds has been received. No additional funds have come in since last month.
2. Expenses Items –Legal costs of \$8.8K have been incurred to date related to the Schools and Communities First project. Expenses overall are at 30%. No travel expenses have been incurred yet since the board and staff has completed their work virtually this year so far.
3. Convention – The convention budget assumed \$135K in revenue and approximately \$138K in expenses with \$106K related to the hotel/travel. If changes are made to have a virtual convention, while both the revenue and expenses will be lower, the net difference will most likely have a negative impact to the financial position.

LWVCEF October 2020 Financial Report

1. Revenue Items –The LWVCEF has been awarded a couple grants that are reflected in the financial report. They include:
 - a. Unrestricted contributions total approximately \$64K which is approximately 43% of budget. . Last September we had received \$25K.
 - b. Easy Voter Guide – We have received \$19K of revenue from the sales of the Easy Voter Guide. This is \$9K more than budget.
 - c. Voter’s Edge – We received \$14K which is approximately 49% of budget. With 60% from the Local Leagues and 8% of the restricted individual contribution budget. Last year at this time, we had received \$1K from Local Leagues and \$70 in restricted individual contributions.
 - d. Grants – The grants below exceed the planned grants for the 20-21 budget with up to \$45K to cover existing expenses. The budget called for \$25K in existing expenses to be covered.

- i. Received \$60K from Haas Jr. Foundation Community Foundation for reaching out to young voters on different platforms such as Snapchat to help them understand the power of voting and increasing voter turnout in the 18-24 age range.
 - ii. Received \$20K from NextGen for the Elect Justice projects. The Elect Justice CA is a non-partisan campaign designed to educate and empower California voters to make informed decisions this November about local candidates who have the power to directly impact the criminal justice system (e.g. Sheriffs, District Attorneys, Judges and Mayors).\
 - iii. Received \$50K from the Craig Newmark Foundation to expand support of the Snapchat TikTok youth GOTV campaign and \$15K to cover existing expenses. **This is an unrestricted grant.**
2. Expenses Items – Expenses overall are 30% of the total expense budget which is lower than a 4 month straight line percentage of 33%. In addition, several projects are election related with most costs accounted for by this time. No travel expenses have been incurred yet since the board and staff has completed their work virtually this year so far.

Statement of LWVUS regarding removal of President from office Carol Moon Goldberg

Purpose: Board to process the statement made as a result of extraordinary events of Jan. 6, 2021 and consider nonpartisanship and strategy involved in making such a succinct statement of why this topic requires use of Board meeting time. For example, “Board deliberation on whether to support the proposal to do XYZ” or “Prepare Board members for XYZ upcoming event or activity” or “Gather input from Board about XYZ”.

Process: Presentation by Carol Moon Goldberg regarding the LWVUS statement calling for removal of the President and comments made by League members in other states regarding it. Discussion of what nonpartisanship means and of possible strategic implications of such a statement when it comes to relationships with other organizations.

Outcome: Board reaches understanding of situation and is prepared to respond to any comments or criticism of LWVUS statement.

Preparation: Read the below

Background Information

On Jan. 13, 2021 LWVUS released this:

Today, the League of Women Voters board of directors issued the following statement: "Thursday night, the League of Women Voters board of directors met and voted unanimously to call for the immediate removal of Donald J. Trump from the office of the President of the United States of America via any legal means, including and in order of preference: impeachment with disqualification, the invocation of the 25th amendment, or resignation.

“Donald Trump must be immediately removed as President of the United States of America and banned from running for federal office ever again.

“The sitting president was the instigator of Wednesday’s domestic terrorist attack on the U.S. Capitol that left five Americans dead and many more injured. He commanded an army of insurrectionists to forcefully overturn our free and fair elections in an effort to maintain power. These are the actions of a tyrannical despot, and they are in direct opposition to American democracy. President Trump continues to present a clear threat to national security as well as the safety and security of the American public.

“For violating his oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, Donald Trump must immediately resign or be removed from office by any measure possible in accordance with the law. Removing President Trump from the office of the president and swearing in Vice President Mike Pence to fulfill

the duration of this presidential term will ensure our Constitution is maintained and upheld.

“The League of Women Voters calls on both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate to immediately impeach President Trump with disqualification and remove him from office. Should Congress fail to impeach him, we call on Vice President Mike Pence and the Cabinet to invoke the 25th Amendment and remove President Trump from office immediately.”

This statement was forward to the Board of Directors and the President’s list serve. It was also placed on the social media accounts of LWVC on which it was shared and reshared by League members. No League member or local League complained about this statement on the list serve, via email to President or to the Executive Director or via phone call.

However the national League scene was a bit different. For example:

From a State League President: I am as appalled as anyone about the events in DC. However I would argue that this is exactly the time the League should stick to process....we should be nimble but stick to our process. In Tennessee we are following LWVUS messaging...the ONE VOICE policy. Personally I would prefer we stick to the policy to neither support/oppose public officials but rather focus on specific actions.

From another State League President: ...as to nonpartisanship, President Trump, and his many supporters, considers himself a candidate. He has never conceded this election and even once he leaves office he is promoting himself as a candidate for 2024 and in control of his party. So, regardless of what we think, there are literally millions of Americans who feel we have violated our nonpartisan status.

On a couple of LWVUS led Zoom meetings people raised a practical question In a state like ours the statement presents problems for us in partnering or being in coalition with other groups that see this as a partisan statement. (paraphrase)

While this seemed uncontroversial to California League members this situation offers the opportunity to think about should LWVC ever be placed in a situation where some sort of statement commenting on an unprecedented or highly unusual event happens in California. It is also perhaps a teaching moment about the meaning of nonpartisanship for the League.

1. Think about League’s nonpartisanship policy as juxtaposed with the extremely partisan political temperature of the country. Should we only worry about nonpartisanship as a practice of the League, an internal value to be expressed by a statement like the above, or should we also worry about nonpartisanship as an image which can exist in the eyes of the people outside of the League.

2. Should the potential impact of the statement on the work of the League in terms of the impact on existing or potential partnerships with organizations be considered in deciding whether to issue a statement?

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Carol Moon Goldberg

Purpose: Further exploration of the meaning of DEI and examination of recent events

Process: Members will discuss the Code Switch podcast noted below with an eye towards increasing understanding of the country LWV operates in.

Outcome: Increased understanding that will lead to LWVC developing a better DEI lens

Preparation: Listen to [From the Fringe to the Capitol](#), a Code Switch podcast

Background Information

As the country watched the large group of people move into the US Capitol to decry the certification of Electoral College votes of the states on Jan. 6, a number of visuals stood out. Visuals such as the look of the crowd, the actions of Capitol Police, the symbols used by the people were contrasted with what was seen during the summer of 2020 protests regarding the deaths of Black Americans at the hands of police officers. This podcast discusses that and raises questions about how we define terrorism and terrorists.

As you listen think about the responses by law enforcement in the two situations.

1. Does it seem that the responses by law enforcement were formed largely by perceptions of the people involved?
2. Consider the symbols used and carried around on Jan. 6. Did you recognize them or recognize what they meant? Were you aware of the impact of them on various groups in the US?
3. How much does racism and general animus towards certain groups play into what we label acts as terrorism or people as terrorists?
4. Can we use the information and knowledge we gain from this podcast in determining future LWVC action in terms of analyzing legislation and decisions before the Board?

LWVC/LWVCEF Consent Calendarⁱ
Caroline de Llamas, Secretary
January 30, 2021 – State Board Kit

Governance

1. Ratification of Special Meeting Actions*

- LWVC December 20, 2020 – Executive Committee Meeting

***Attachments**

ⁱPlease 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
Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee
December 22, 2020 – Electronic Communication**

CALL TO ORDER: President Carol Moon Goldberg called the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) to order on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss 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 Jennifer Doute.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None were stated.

CLOSED SESSION ITEM

President Moon Goldberg convened a Closed Session at 10:35 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Executive Director Doute was invited to join the Executive Committee Members in the Closed Session.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 12:40 p.m. with the above-noted Members in attendance. President Goldberg announced that there was no reportable action resulting from the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Executive Committee and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 12:41 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVC/EF Secretary**

Information Only

Helen Hutchison Redistricting

The work of the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission (CCRC or CRC) is well underway. The LWVC is part of a coalition of voting rights and civic engagement groups meeting weekly to coordinate our work. Chris Carson and I watch the Commission meetings, and have made regular statements to the commission. These statements have mostly focused on process issues, but also have been about access to their meetings, their outreach plans, equity, and voting rights.

Our other work is focused on supporting local Leagues:

- We held three training webinars, with over 150 people attending.
- We are planning a training webinar for League speakers on redistricting for early February.
- Local Leagues are scheduling meetings for their members to learn about redistricting; we are providing speakers.
- We have resources listed on the [LWVC members only website](#).
- Our newest tool is a [Redistricting Quick Start Guide](#) for local Leagues.

As new requests come in and needs are identified, the list of resources will grow.

Our goals are that local Leagues help their members and their communities engage in redistricting at any and all levels that are important to them as individuals or organizations. This means that local Leagues will be doing the research to determine what all the agencies in their area are that will be redistricting, and how the public can engage in each process. We know the process and how to engage for state redistricting – covering Congress, the state legislature, and Board of Equalization. Local Leagues will be adding information on a wide variety of local governments to their list of resources. We also hope that local Leagues will each choose a handful of local agencies to closely follow through the redistricting process, advocating for a transparent and accessible process, and final maps that clearly respond to public input.

Information Only

Jacque Canfield

Local League Coaches and Local League Support

- 1) **LLC Summary Notes December, January Meetings**
- 2) **Virtual Candidate Roundtable Discussion**

Local League Coaches and Local League Support

1. **LLC Summary Notes December, January Meetings** – The team continues to work to find additional LLCs, work on materials to assist local Leagues and LLCs and providing support to local Leagues. Below are brief notes from December and January meetings.

December LLC Meeting – 15 members attending

- **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force** – Spoke to the LLC team about their work and future plans. They requested possible members to join their group. Also working on creating resources to help League be more inclusionary and recognizing Leagues doing work in this area. They asked for examples of work that local Leagues are doing towards this goal.
- **Support for Local Leagues and LLCs**
 - **Roundtable Discussion Webinars** – Eight Leagues have agreed to participate in the roundtable discussions for Candidate Forums and Local Pros/Cons
 - **Nonpartisan Webinar – Still working on getting LA ILO webinar**
 - **Position Knowledge-** The group expressed concerns about the knowledge of League members about the existing program positions and how it might be good to have videos on this matter.
- **Challenges or Items of Interest**
 - **Local League Issues** - Susan Wilson spoke about all the work she recently did assisting a local League with personality issues and micromanaging of board members. This discussion was provided to assist LLCs on different ways to assist local Leagues.
 - **Program Planning** – The group discussed the importance of Leagues to get members included in their program planning. The group will include a reminder of the state webinar and the importance of holding a meeting including all their members.
- **Reach Out to Local Leagues** – LLCs were provide a communication to share with their Leagues that reiterates recent State and National communications including:
Redistricting, completing Voter Service Survey, Legislative Interviews/
Program Planning information, Nominations to LWVC and LWVUS Image Violation email.

January LLC Meeting – 15 members attending

- **Support for Local Leagues and LLCs**
 - **Roundtable Discussion Webinars** – Reported the two events are planned and will feature different Leagues 4 or 5 members. The goal is to help other gain more confidence and different ways to achieve the same objective.
 - **Virtual Candidate Forums**
 - **Producing Local Pros/Cons**
 - **15-minute discussion topics** – The group spoke about the benefit of having videos on the state positions to help members understand them and how they have been used. Jacquie will reach out to Gloria on the matter.
- **Challenges or Items of Interest**
 - **Advertising Local League Events Statewide** - How can local Leagues advertise other local League events that other Leagues could attend. MyLO has this ability and information is on the State League website. The group discussed how it would be good to share that information.
 - **Local League Board Contracts** – Some local Leagues are choosing to have their boards sign a contract that outlines their responsibilities that includes a financial support commitment. Based on discussion it has happened at three of the larger Leagues. This is an optional action that local Leagues can decide what works best for them.
- **Reach Out to Local Leagues** – LLCs were provided a communication to share with their Leagues that reiterates recent National and State communications including:
 - Deadlines for Membership Rosters, Legislative Interview Information, Program Planning and upcoming Virtual State Convention
 - Past Webinars -Redistricting, Legislative Interviews/ Program Planning, Virtual Candidate Roundtable Discussion
 - Upcoming Webinars – Local Pro/Con Roundtable Discussion

2. Virtual Candidate Roundtable Discussion Webinar

- The webinar was held January 14 on the GoTo Webinar platform. 60 people had signed up and 31 people attended. The average attentiveness as ranked by GoTo Webinar was 80%. Members heard from representatives from Oakland, Pasadena, San Diego and Santa Barbara. The webinar, powerpoint presentation and other handouts have been placed on the MyLO League Only website and are listed below.
- [Watch our Virtual Candidate Forum Webinar \(1/14/2021\)](#)
 - [Virtual Candidate Forum: Summary of Things to Consider, Options, Suggestions and Resources](#)
 - [Virtual Candidate Forum: Sample Candidate Communications](#)
 - [Virtual Candidate Forum Webinar: PowerPoint](#)
- Four polls were done.
 - We found that almost all had participated in a virtual candidate forum.

- We had participants around the state. 43% North, 39% central, and 17% south.
- We asked how long they had been League members: < than 1 – 4%, 1-4 years – 17%, 5-9 years – 25%, 10-24 years – 42% and 25 years and over – 12%.
- 94% stated the webinar met or exceeded their expectations.
- We are following up on participant questions.
- The time did not allow all topics to be covered, so future workshops on this topic would be good including how to increase views of the webinars.