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LWVC/LWVCEF

Board of Directors Meeting

July 16-17, 2021

Location: Zoom conference

FRIDAY - July 16, 2021 (Optional)

7-8 PM--Virtual Happy Hour

Join us for a little social time. It's the best we can do in a virtual setting.

SATURDAY - July 17, 2021

9 AM - 9:50 AM- Pre-Meeting for New Board Members (Returning Board Members invited, but not required.)

Purpose: Orient Directors to League 101 concepts

Outcome: Directors understand the basics of League structure, fundamental policies

Level of Discussion: strategic, tactical

Preparation: Read [slide deck](#) in Docs & Files and read all documents linked in the deck. Linked documents are required pre-read materials. Links show up in blue text in the deck.

9:50 - 10 - Break

10 - 10:35 AM - Orientation begins - Full Board

- Call to order - Carol Moon Goldberg
- Introductions

10:35 - 10:40 - Opening Remarks (Moon Goldberg)

Purpose: Orient the group to the day and what goals we hope to achieve

Outcome: Board understands the purpose of today's meeting

Level of Discussion: strategic

10:40 - 10:45 - Create a Proverb (Moon Goldberg)

Purpose: To relax, get creative juices flowing, laugh

Outcome: laughter

Level of discussion: fun

Preparation: read some [fun proverbs](#)

10:45 - Noon - Strength Finder Activities (Doute)

Purpose: To explore our strengths as a group and individuals

Outcome: Board develops awareness of our strengths and opportunities as a group and how to leverage those to be most effective

Level of discussion: strategic

12 - 12:45 - Lunch - Away from the computer. Stretch. Get Fresh Air.

12:45- 2:00 - Governance Training

Guest Speaker: Noelani Pearl Hunt

Principal, [Pearl Consulting Group](#);

Non-Profit Expert for the [Non-Profit Leadership Lab](#))

Purpose: To discuss and explain the function and duties of the Board of Directors

Outcome: Board understands what the function of the Board of Directors

Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

2 - 2:30 - Systems Thinking Activity (Doute)

Purpose: To explore how the Board thinks

Outcome: Board better understands individuals' analytical style and the power of diverse ideas

Level of discussion: generative

2:30 - 2:40 - Break

2:40 - 4:10 - LWVC Deep Dive Orientation (Many presenters)

Purpose: To examine the workings of LWVC

Outcome: Board gains basic level of understanding in the various areas

Level of discussion: strategic, tactical

Areas covered:

- League Structure Overview
- Key Policies
- Board Relationship with Staff
- Advocacy
- Fundraising
- Challenges & Opportunities

4:10 - 4:40 - Questions & Discussion

4:40 -Orientation Portion Ends

4:40 LWVC Board meeting (see agendas below; keep scrolling!)

League of Women Voters of California
Board of Directors Meeting
July 17, 2021

AGENDA

4:45 pm Call to Order

Moon Goldberg

Roll Call:

de Llamas

President Carol Moon Goldberg
First Vice President Tracey Edwards
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo
Treasurer Fran Carrillo
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Adena Ishii
Director Astrid Ochoa
Director Cynthia Heard
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Helen Hutchison
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Maya Paley
Director Kathleen Quenneville
Director Shelly Saini

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 -

Regular Board Meeting March 20, 2021

Special Meeting April 7, 2021

Special Meeting April 21, 2021

Special Meeting May 20, 2021

Special Meeting June 28, 2021

(5 min) de Llamas

4. Ratification of March 25, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting de Llamas

Ratification of July 1, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting

5. Consent Calendar - Routine Items (5 min) de Llamas
6. Treasurer's Report (10 min) Carrillo
none
6. Executive Director's Report (5 min) Doute
7. Program (15min) Chun Hoo
8. Membership (0 min)
9. Consideration of Motions:
Motions:
 - A. To reaffirm nonpartisanship policy
 - B. To appoint Jacquie Canfield Local League Coach Coordinator
 - C. Motion to amend LWVC by laws to conform with
 - D. Resolution to set the number of directors on the LWVC Board of Directors
10. Other Business
11. Items for future agendas
12. Adjournment

See below for LWVCEF Board Meeting Agenda

League of Women Voters of California Education Fund Board of Directors Meeting

July 19, 2021

5:00 pm Call to Order

Roll Call:

President Carol Moon Goldberg
First Vice President Tracey Edwards
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo
Treasurer Fran Carrillo
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Adena Ishii
Director Astrid Ochoa
Director Cynthia Heard
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Helen Hutchison
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Maya Paley
Director Kathleen Quenneville
Director Shelly Saini

Staff: Executive Director Stephanie Doute

1. Agenda adjustments

2. Conflict of Interest Stated

3. Approval of Minutes -

Regular Meeting -- March 20, 2021

Special Meeting--May 20, 2021

Special Meeting--June 28, 2021

4. Consent Calendar – Routine Matters

5. Treasurer's Report

6. Executive Director's Report

7. Voter Service

8. Items for future agendas

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

LWVC Leaders Update Review

The following are policies that are important to review prior to our Board meeting. One policy, the Nonpartisan Policy, must be reaffirmed or amended during the business portion of the meeting.

Motion to Reaffirm the Nonpartisan Policy

At the beginning of the League biennium the Board of Directors should review the Nonpartisan Policy found in Policies and Procedures. The Policy fleshes out the Bylaws Article II Section 2 (a) as it relates to activities of the Board of Directors. Please review the policy below so that you are prepared to discuss and vote on the motion.

LWVC/LWVCEF

Adopted: July 2005

Reaffirmed: July 16, 2006

Amended: September 21, 2015

Reaffirmed: July 30, 2017

NONPARTISAN POLICY

The League of Women Voters of California encourages the political involvement of its members, but the boards of the League of Women Voters of California and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund recognize the necessity that a few basic limitations must be imposed on the activities of its board members during their term to preserve the nonpartisan reputation of the LWVC/LWVCEF.

The League of Women Voters of California and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The boards and each board member have the responsibility to maintain the nonpartisanship of the organization.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

- The president is the League's principal spokesperson, has a strong League identity, and shall not lobby for another organization.
- The president, the chair of the Education Fund, if any, the executive director, the legislative director and the voter service director shall not serve in any position in a political party.
- The president, the chair of the Education Fund, if any, the executive director, the legislative director and the voter service director shall not take an active, visible role in, or make a financial contribution to, any statewide political candidate's campaign.
- Other board members may participate in or make donations to the campaigns of candidates running for local or national office. No state board member may use the League's name in their support.

Participation in ballot measure campaigns:

Measures on which the LWVC has a position: Board members and the executive director may take a visible and/or leadership role in the campaign consistent with the League's position.

Measures on which the LWVC has no position: Board members and the executive director shall not take a visible and/or leadership role in the campaign.

Board members and the executive director shall not participate in campaigns for propositions and measures in opposition to League positions.

- Board members and the executive director shall not work in any visible way on the campaign of a candidate for state office. Board members' activities must be limited to preserve the League's good government image.
- An LWVC/LWVCEF board member or the executive director may not run for or hold a state elective office.
- The political activities of a spouse or relative of a board member are to be considered as separate and distinct from the activities of the board member.
- The LWVC/LWVCEF shall maintain its nonpartisan principles by refraining from publication of any communication that uses League positions to evaluate any specific elected office.

Board members who question whether an activity violates the League's nonpartisan policy should bring the issue to the board for a decision.

[Please also review the policies on DEI and Conflict of Interest.](#)

LWV Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

Adopted: May 8, 2006

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The standard of behavior for the League of Women Voters of California and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund is that all board members, staff and volunteers scrupulously avoid conflicts of interest between the interests of the LWVC/LWVCEF on the one hand, and personal, professional, and business interests on the other. This includes avoiding potential and actual conflicts of interest, as well as perceptions of conflicts of interest.

Each board member has a duty to place the interest of the League foremost in any dealings with the League and has a continuing responsibility to comply with the requirements of this policy.

No member of the LWVC/LWVCEF board of directors, or any of its committees, shall derive any personal profit or gain, directly or indirectly, by reason of his or her participation with the LWVC/LWVCEF.

Each individual shall disclose to the LWVC/LWVCEF any personal interest which he or she may have in any matter pending before the LWVC/LWVCEF and shall refrain from participation in any decision on such matter.

No board member may obtain for her/himself, or for members of her/his immediate family, or for other organizations of which she/he is also a board member or a key staff member, a material interest of any kind from her/his association with the League.

The materials, products, designs, plans, ideas, and data of the LWVC/LWVCEF are the property of the League and may not be given to an outside firm or individual except through normal channels and with appropriate authorization.

If conflicts of interest arise from the employment, business interests, or other activities, interests or obligations, they must be brought to the attention of the LWVC/LWVCEF board for discussion and resolution. The board member shall not be present for any discussion or vote in connection with the matter. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that the conflict of interest was disclosed and that the interested person was not present during the discussion and decision on the matter.

Board members may serve on other political boards. While the LWVC/LWVCEF boards may encourage and assist League members to secure appointments to nonpartisan public government boards, commissions, and committees, unless clearly designated, appointees are not official representatives of the League.

The LWVC/LWVCEF board members who are employed by, or who serve on the boards of other organizations, may find it necessary to lobby state legislators on a variety of issues. Board members shall not lobby for a position in opposition to or in conflict with a League position. On issues where the League has no position they must be scrupulous in avoiding the impression that they represent or have the support of the League.

Board members may not accept stipends, grants or fees for service for any LWVC/LWVCEF projects because they sit on the policy-making board that is responsible for administering the grant.

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Board members may accept gifts and honoraria on behalf of the League.

Board members who are employed by businesses or organizations which receive government contracts may not be involved in the LWVC/LWVCEF work or stands in that issue area.

Speaking with One Voice: LWVC Advocacy Policy Explainer¹

Once a League position on a particular bill, proposition, or ballot measure has been announced at any level, it applies for all Leagues within the jurisdiction. A local League may choose to remain silent, but it may not take a position opposing a state, national or regional League position. The League *speaks with one voice*.

League members can speak as individuals on any issue. The only limitations are on a few key board members who are directly impacted by the nonpartisan policy. Every League board should review its nonpartisan policy once a year to ensure that board members are familiar with its rules.

Levels of League: who does what

Each level of League – local, regional, state, national – is responsible for action² **within its geographic bounds**. A local League may act independently only within its own boundaries – whether city, county, or another region. A state League is responsible for action in the state legislature and state agencies. The LWVUS acts for all of us on the national level.

¹ Located online at bit.ly/LWVCOneVoice

² Action includes any kind of advocacy. For example, contacting legislators in the relevant district, communicating with agencies, writing op eds, and working in coalition with other organizations.

This means that a local League may not act on a state issue without working through the state League. Likewise, any action that goes beyond the state must be taken in consultation with the LWVUS.

Regional Leagues

There are some regional Leagues: Inter-League Organizations (ILOs) and County Councils. ILOs can cover any region in which there are multiple local Leagues. The 3 ILOs in California are:

- Bay Area ILO, covering the twenty local Leagues in the nine counties in the San Francisco Bay Area
- Los Angeles County, covering the thirteen local Leagues in Los Angeles County
- Orange County, covering the three local Leagues in Orange County.

ILOs are official Leagues, and action decisions are made by their boards.

County Councils are a way for all local Leagues in one county, to coordinate work. County Councils each have their own rules for action at the county level.

Coordinating Action with other Leagues

A local League should coordinate any action with other Leagues that are affected: all Leagues within a county for county action, all Leagues within a region for regional action. If there is a League organization that covers the region, that League should do the coordination. For action that spreads beyond any local or regional League, the LWVC is the coordinating League.

Requesting action on state bills and statewide coalition memberships

If a local League would like the LWVC to act on a specific bill, it should send a message to advocacy@lwvc.org, citing the bill and the reason for the request. This could be a state bill that applies specifically to the local area, or it could be on an issue that is of particular interest to the local League. Similarly, if a local League has an interest in a statewide coalition, the state League must approve membership and would join as the state League.

You can find a list of bills of interest to the LWVC on the [members only website](#). On the “Program & Advocacy” page, look for “Advocacy Team Resources” and click on “Bills of Interest”. This list includes bills on which the LWVC already has a position, as well as bills under analysis, or being followed.

Requesting action on federal issues and bills

All action at the federal level must be authorized by the LWVUS office. This includes any effort aimed at influencing a decision on a federal issue, such as communicating with an elected or appointed official, joining a coalition, taking part in a press conference or rally, writing a letter-to-the-editor, or signing with a legal partner using the LWV brand. In order to request permission to take action, [please consult and fill out this form](#).

Acting on bills on which LWVC has a position

Acting as a local League

If a local League wants to act on a bill on which the LWVC already has taken a position, it is free to do so, with the following caveats:

- **Your action should be limited to contacting legislators representing your local League.**
- Please let the LWVC advocacy team know about your action (advocacy@lwvc.org) 48 hours before you act. In some cases, we may ask you either to hold off on taking action, or to focus on a particular message.

- If the LWVC is in the leadership on a bill (sponsoring or cosponsoring), you need to have explicit permission before you act; on other bills, if we haven't responded within the 48 notice period, you may act.
- Keep your message consistent with that of the LWVC. Our messaging is usually reflected in our advocacy letter(s) which can be found linked to the [LWVC Bill Status Report](#).

Acting as individuals

League members are encouraged to be active politically, including letting their representatives hear their views on issues. When acting as individuals, please do not do anything (like announcing your affiliation with the League) that would give the impression that you are speaking for the League.

Responding to Action Alerts

The LWVC periodically sends action alerts to local Leagues and to League members. These include a suggested message. If you are responding as an individual, you are always welcome to edit that message, to make it more personal. If you are responding in the name of your local League, we ask that, if you edit the message, you keep it consistent with the suggested wording.

Lobby Days

Lobby Days can be on behalf of a coalition, and focused on a particular bill. They may also be on behalf of a specific organization, and cover multiple bills. In either case, authorization to attend a lobby day on behalf of the League must come from the LWVC staff.

When attending a lobby day in the name of the League, it is important for League members to “stick to the script” – to limit their comments to those from the coalition and not expand on them. It's also important to stay in the lane assigned by the coalition. This can sometimes be an almost silent partner in a meeting. Sometimes our role is simply to provide the League's name, and then step back.

We rarely if ever ask League members to join in a lobby day that is covering multiple bills unless the League is integrally involved in organizing the event. In that case, the same rules apply: stick to the script, and stay in your lane.

LWVC Coalition Advice and Policies

Check [LWVC Coalition Advice & Policies](#) for more detailed information on that subject.

Subject Matter Committees and Task Forces

Subject matter committees or task forces are formed to track legislation or activities that relate to the subject. Committees and task forces are involved in the education of League members or the general public, legislation tracking, and sometimes advocacy. Those that track statewide policy often have members from across the state. Local Leagues can form their own versions of such committees to track or follow issues within their communities.

If a committee or task force determines that advocacy is desired, they must operate through the relevant level of League. Any local action must be directed in accordance with local League policy. For example, while the chair of a committee or task force may have expertise in an area, local League policy may require that the President either be the public spokesperson or appoint a spokesperson on a matter of local advocacy.

Local committee members may participate in community advisory boards or committees if approved by the local League Board of Directors. Regular reporting on the activities to the Board is recommended.

Redistricting Education Work

Chris Carson and I continue to watch most state redistricting commission meetings. We also attend regular meetings with our partners. The Citizens Redistricting Commission has hired a law firm to represent it in any voting rights and general litigation.

Our other work is focused on supporting local Leagues:

We both regularly make presentations to local Leagues about redistricting, and how local Leagues can and should be involved in the process. These presentations have all gotten rave reviews, including from one state commissioner.

We're working with a number of local Leagues on local redistricting -- county, city, special districts, school districts.

Approximately half of the local Leagues in California are actively engaged in redistricting activities, either the statewide version or local redistricting.

LWVC participated in the National Day of Action rally on April 29, 2021. Numerous local Leagues created and participated in events to draw attention to the redistricting activities in California.

**CONSIDERATION OF LWVC RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1
FIXING THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE
2021-2023 BIENNIUM**

Caroline de Llamas, LWVC Secretary

JULY 17, 2021 – State Board Kit

Background and Overview

The LWVC Bylaws, Article V, Section 1, requires the Board of Directors to adopt a resolution at the beginning of each term fixing the exact number of authorized board members to serve.

The attached LWVC Resolution No. 2021-1 fixes the number of authorized board members as required for the term beginning July 1, 2021, at 14.

Recommendation

Board adoption of LWVC Resolution No. 2021-1 will fix the authorized number of board members for the term of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023, as required by the Bylaws.

A motion slip will be available at the meeting.

Attachment

LWVC RESOLUTION NO. 2021-1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA (LWVC)
TO FIX THE NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE
2021-2023 BIENNIUM.**

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) met at its biennial convention on June 11-June 13, 2021;

WHEREAS, the convention delegation considered and adopted a program, budget, bylaws amendments, and elected officers and members of the board of directors for the 2021-2023 biennium; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Article V, Section 1 of the LWVC Bylaws, the board is required to adopt a resolution at the beginning of the board term fixing the exact number of authorized board members to serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the LWVC Board of Directors hereby fixes the number of board members for the 2021-2023 term at 14. This number includes both officers and directors.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July 2021.

Carol Moon Goldberg, LWVC President

Attest:

Caroline de Llamas, LWVC Secretary

**CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LWVC BYLAWS
CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF “STUDENT” RELATING TO
PER MEMBER PAYMENT AND DUES**

Caroline de Llamas, LWVC Secretary

JULY 17, 2021 – State Board Kit

Background and Overview

This concerns our recent LWVC Convention and discussion regarding proposed changes to the LWVC Bylaws and per member payment (PMP) for student members. It appears that the LWVC definition of “student” in Article III of the LWVUS Bylaws differs slightly from that of the LWVC definition in our bylaws.

Delegates expressed concern that the LWVC definition of “student member” is more restrictive than that of the LWVUS and may create problems with the student category of membership at the local level.

Recommendation

Since the LWVUS requires that Articles I, II and III of state and local bylaws be in conformance with those of LWVUS, the matter is before the LWVC Board for a change in the student definition. Such a change does not require the approval of the membership.

A motion slip will be available at the meeting.

Attachment

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE LWVC BYLAWSⁱ

An amendment to the LWVC Bylaws is offered to conform the definition of “student member” with that of the LWVUS, which appears in the LWVUS Bylaws excerpt as follows:

CURRENT LWVUS BYLAWS - ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the LWVUS shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. Types of Membership.

A. Voting Members. [4] Those who are students are defined as individuals enrolled either as full or part time with an accredited institution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LWVC BYLAWS – ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purposes and policy of the LWVC shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Types of Membership.

(a) Voting Members. (2) Student Member. A member of a local League who is enrolled either full or part-time in an accredited institution ~~and is making progress toward a degree.~~

ⁱ LWVC is permitted to make the proposed change without member approval since LWVUS requires Articles I, II, and III of state and local bylaws to conform to those articles of the LWVUS bylaws.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caroline de Llamas, Secretary

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LWVC Minutes

March 20, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2021 – Executive Committee Minutes

April 7, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes (Email)

May 20, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2021 – Executive Committee Minutes

League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 20, 2021 – 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 3:19 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021. 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

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Amanda Berg
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Lori Thiel.

Absent: Secretary Caroline de Llamas and Director Christina Dragonetti.

Staff Present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

Guests Present: Nominating Committee: Chair Mony Flores-Bauer and Carolina Goodman.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The LWVC Regular Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2021, and Special Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2021, were approved as submitted.

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

Ratification of Special Meeting Actions

- March 16, 2021 –Executive Committee Meeting – Personnel Matters.

Resignations

- Lisa Ratner (LWV Palo Alto), as a Local League Coach (LLC).

Appointments

- Kay Bertken (LWV Fresno), as a Charter School Committee Member
- Veronica Jones (LWV Pasadena Area), as a Charter School Committee Member.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report was presented for this meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Executive Director Stephanie Doute urged the board members to help find potential convention sponsors. Names and introductions should be sent to her or Membership/Technology Manager Sharon Stone.

PROGRAM/ADVOCACY: Second Vice President Gloria Hoo provided an overview of the proposed Legislative Priorities for 2021, the increase in participation by local Leagues in the Legislative Interview Process, and the Proposed Program for 2021-2023.

Director Helen Hutchison updated the board members regarding redistricting and ongoing activities around the state to encourage involvement at all government al levels. She advised that the LWVUS is sponsoring a *National Day of Action* on April 29. California local Leagues will be encouraged to urge local jurisdictions to follow best practices in redistricting.

Motion: Hoo/Legislation Committee moved that the California Legislative Priorities for 2021 as noted below be adopted for the 2021 Legislative Session. The motion carried unanimously (de Llamas and Dragonetti absent).

California Legislative Priorities 2021

Making Democracy Work

- Voting Rights
- Voter Protection and Service
- Election Reform
- Money in Politics
- Redistricting

Housing

- Housing supply – availability, affordability, and production
- Homelessness

Climate Change

Criminal Justice

- Racial Justice Act for All (co-sponsor).

Other Legislative Issues – as time and resources permit

- Support requests from local Leagues and ILOs for advocacy on bills of specific interest to their jurisdictions.
 - Act as appropriate on other core issues like the Initiative and Referendum Process and Open Government.
 - Consider Program Director recommendations for action on the highest priority bills in their Program areas.
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PROPOSED GOVERNANCE CHARTER: First Vice President Jacquie Canfield presented a proposed Governance Charter for board consideration, a copy of which was included in the March 2021 State Board Kit (SBK). After discussion, there was concurrence to add the following sentence appearing in bold type face and underlined to:

“Section III. Key Responsibilities, Subsection e. Prepare Board Leadership.

After appropriate consultation with Board and organizational leadership,

make a recommendation to the Board, for appointment of board members....”

Motion: Canfield/Anderson moved that the Governance Charter be adopted with the addition as noted above. The motion carried unanimously (de Llamas and Dragonetti absent).

Motion: Canfield/Edwards moved the Executive Committee submit the names of three board members to the Governance Committee for the Board’s approval, one of which will be the First Vice President. The motion carried unanimously (de Llamas and Dragonetti absent).

MEMBERSHIP: President Moon Goldberg commented favorably on the in-depth Membership Report prepared by First Vice President Jacquie Canfield which appears in the SBK for this meeting.

LWVC BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONVENTION

Program

Motion: Hutchison/Anderson moved the LWVC Board of Directors recommend the Proposed Program for 2021-2023 based on program planning results from the membership for presentation/consideration by the Convention 2021 delegates, appearing in the March 2021 SBK. The motion carried unanimously (de Llamas and Dragonetti absent).

Bylaws Amendments

Motion: Hutchison/Anderson moved the LWVC Board of Directors recommend the Convention 2021 delegates approve Proposed Bylaws Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3, appearing in the March 2021 SBK. The motion carried unanimously (de Llamas and Dragonetti absent).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Chair Mony Flores-Bauer read the 2021-2023 Slate.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 3:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary

Governance Committee Purpose & Responsibilities

I. Purpose and Overview

The Governance Committee will assist the LWVC/LWVCEF Board of Directors to fulfill its responsibilities regarding matters that relate to governing the organization, the assessment and development of Board members.

Primary functions:

- Help create board roles and responsibilities
- Pay attention to board composition
- Lead board member development and retention
- Assess board effectiveness
- Prepare board leadership.

II. Composition of Committee and Length of Service on Committee

The Governance Committee shall consist of no fewer than three and not greater than five board members. The Board will appoint members of the Committee and a Chair, each to serve for two years.

III. Key Responsibilities

To fulfill its purposes, the Committee shall:

- a. Help create board roles and responsibilities
 - Lead the board in regularly reviewing and updating the board's description of its roles and areas of responsibility and what is expected of individual board members.
 - Assist in periodically updating and clarifying the primary areas of focus for the board, and help shape the board's agenda for the next year or two, based on the strategic plan or framework.
- b. Pay attention to board composition
 - Lead in assessing current and anticipated needs related to board composition and diversity, determining the knowledge, attributes, skills, abilities, influence, and access to resources the board will need to consider to accomplish its work in the future.
 - Develop a profile of the board to identify gaps in future needs.
- c. Lead board member development and retention
 - Provide candidates with information needed prior to election to the board.

- Design and oversee a process of board orientation, self-assessment program for directors, and sharing information needed during the early stages of board service.
 - Design and implement ongoing programs for information sharing, continuing education, and team building.
- d. Assess board effectiveness
- Initiate periodic assessment of the board's performance, and propose, as appropriate, changes in board structure and operations.
 - Provide ongoing counsel to the board chair and other board leaders on steps they might take to enhance board effectiveness.
 - Regularly review the board's practices regarding member participation, conflict of interest, confidentiality, and so on, and suggest needed improvements.
 - Periodically review and update board policies and practices.
- e. Prepare board leadership
- After appropriate consultation with Board and organizational leadership, make recommendations to the Board, for appointment of board members to serve as Committee Chairs and Committee members of board committees if not already specified by committee charter taking into consideration board members' interest, experience, and talents.
 - Create and maintain a board tracking tool to capture board tenure and skill sets to ensure board composition meets the needs of the organization.
 - Ensure board members get the opportunity to expand their leadership opportunities.

IV. Governance Procedures

- a. The Governance Committee shall meet at times deemed advisable by the chair, but no less than four times a year. The committee shall meet prior to any regularly scheduled LWVC/LWVCEF Board meeting.
- b. Meeting agendas shall be prepared prior to every meeting and provided to governance committee members along with backup materials at least three (3) days before the scheduled governance committee meeting. A committee report shall be prepared and presented to the Board at its next scheduled meeting following the governance committee meeting.
- c. The Committee will review this charter periodically and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for review.

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**League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee
March 25, 2021 – 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 Thursday, March 25, 2021, at 6:02 p.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
Treasurer Frances Carrillo.

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 6:04 p.m. to discuss potential litigation 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 6:20 p.m. with the above-noted Members in attendance. The following action was taken.

Motion: Canfield/Hoo moved the LWVC file an amicus brief in the combined case of Prosperity Foundation v. Xavier Becerra and Thomas More Law Center v. Xavier Becerra before the Supreme Court of the United States. (No case number yet). The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Executive Committee and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 7, 2021 – 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) to order at 5:03 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the items noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Amanda Berg
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Lori Thiel.

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Tracey Edwards
Director Helen Hutchison

Absent: Director Christina Dragonetti.
Staff present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None were stated.

PROPOSED LWVC BUDGET – 2021 - 2023

Treasurer Fran Carrillo reviewed the proposed budget with the board members and responded to questions about projected/actual revenues and expenditures, including salaries, operational fees, anticipated convention costs, and the impact of Covid-19 on the organization.

Treasurer Carrillo extended thanks to Finance Committee, the Executive Director, and to staff for their assistance with the budget and for their ongoing support.

Motion: Hutchison/Hoo moved the board approve the budget for the 2021-2023 biennium as presented with adjustments consistent with the discussion this evening. Further, that the budget be forwarded to the Convention 2021 delegates with a board recommendation for approval. The motion carried unanimously (Dragonetti absent).

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 5:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary**

League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 26, 2021 - Electronic Communication

CALL TO ORDER: President Carol Moon Goldberg communicated electronically with the LWVC Board of Directors for the purpose of a special meeting to consider and vote electronically (via Email) on the item noted below.

Responding Officers and Directors:

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Amanda Berg
Director Tracey Edwards
Director Helen Hutchison

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Christina Dragonetti
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Lori Thiel.

Absent: None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None stated.

REASON FOR MEETING: The board is being asked to approve the 2021 Rules of Convention, attached hereto, and identified as: (1) Proposed Rules v. 3; and (2) Parliamentary Procedures At-A-Glance, Robert's Rules of Order, 12th Edition.

Motion: Convention Committee/Moon Goldberg moved the LWVC Board of Directors adopt the 2021 Rules of Convention per attachments: (1) Proposed Rules v. 3; and (2) Parliamentary Procedures At-A-Glance, Robert's Rules of Order, 12th Edition.

BACKGROUND: The Board discussed the Rules of Convention at the March 2021 Board Meeting. Per that discussion, changes were incorporated into the final document(s), identified in the motion, and attached for review prior to voting.

ACTION: The motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

/s/

Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary

Attachments: (1) Proposed Rules v. 3; and (2) Parliamentary Procedures At-A-Glance

2021 Proposed Convention Rules v. 3

Convention rules work with the LWVC bylaws to run a smooth meeting of a large number of people. If an issue arises that is not addressed by the Rules or Bylaws, we refer to *Robert's Rules of Order*, 12th edition.

1. ADMISSION

Delegates must sign into the Zoom software to participate in the plenary sessions and in the voting process that will use the polling function of Zoom.

Each delegate is responsible for their connection to the internet. The loss of, or poor quality of, a delegate's individual connection preventing participation in the plenary shall not impact the consideration of an issue or outcome of an action.

Accredited delegates shall sign into the webinar software to access all controls needed for debate and voting and maintain internet access throughout the plenary when present; delegates must sign out upon any departure prior to adjournment.

2. QUORUM

The presence of a quorum shall be established by the online list of participating voting members. The list will be copied for the minutes.

In the event of a major technical disruption in the plenary that affects quorum, the chair will have the option to recess, or to fix the time which to adjourn, for members to again login to reconvene the plenary.

3. VOTING

Only accredited local League delegates, local League and ILO presidents or their alternates, and members of the LWVC board may vote.

The method of voting will be the Zoom polling function.

4. ALTERNATES

If a delegate leaves the convention before final adjournment, an alternate delegate may be designated for the duration of the convention.

- The alternate delegate must use the Zoom link assigned to the departing delegate.
- A delegate who temporarily leaves the plenary session may not use an alternate delegate to cast a vote.

5. OFFICIAL OBSERVERS

Each authorized Member-Around-the-State/Member-at-Large (MAS/MAL) unit may be represented at convention by an observer who shall be extended the privilege of the floor. They may participate in discussion and debate via the method provided by the LWVC, but may NOT vote

6. VISITORS

League members or nonmembers may attend as visitors and may observe plenary sessions. They may not participate in discussion, debate, or vote. Nonvoting attendees are

welcome to observe plenary and participate in workshops, caucuses, and other events for a flat-fee registration rate.

7. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Past state presidents, shall be extended the privilege of the floor. They may participate in discussion and debate via the method provided by LWVC, but may NOT vote.

8. DEBATE AND DISCUSSION

Delegates that wish to speak must use the Question and Answer function in Zoom to say they wish to speak. Identify delegate name and whether delegate wishes to speak for or against a motion currently being debated.

- Speakers must state their names and Leagues before saying anything else.
- During debate on a motion, the speaker has one minute to offer remarks. The chair is authorized to shorten or extend the time.
- During debate on a motion, no person may speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have done so. No person may speak more than twice on the same motion.

9. MOTIONS

Main motions, or amendments of more than a few words, must be submitted in writing by **12:00 PM Thursday, June 10, 2021** via the method provided by LWVC.

10. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF PROGRAM The procedure shall be as follows:

a. *Procedure for the Recommended Program:*

- The proposed 2021-2023 LWVC Program will be moved for adoption by a member of the LWVC Board. Debate and action on the Proposed Program will take place at a time designated by the Chair.
- During the times specified in the agenda for Program consideration and Program debate, the Chair will divide the time among the Program items to ensure fair and equitable debate on all items.

b. *Procedure for Considering Not-Recommended Program Items:*

- Any delegate may move for consideration of a not-recommended Program item. Items are listed in the Convention Workbook **and** the wording must conform to that contained in the workbook list.
- Any motion to consider a not-recommended program item must be submitted in writing by **12:00 PM on Thursday June 10, 2021** via the method provided by LWVC.
- The delegate making the motion may speak on behalf of the motion for up to two minutes. No debate or additional motions are in order at this time.
- If a not-recommended item is moved for consideration, any delegate may request a statement from the LWVC Board, limited to two minutes, providing the Board's reasons for not recommending the item.
- After all the not-recommended items have been moved for consideration, a vote for consideration of each shall take place in the order in which the items were moved.
- **A majority vote is required to consider** a not-recommended item as part of the proposed program.
- Debate and voting on not-recommended Program items occurs during the same plenary session as debate and action on the proposed Program.
- **A three-fifths (60%) vote is required to adopt** not-recommended Program items.

c. *Procedure for CONCURRENCE:*

- Program items may be moved for concurrence if they meet the requirements in the Concurrence Policy printed in the Convention Workbook and have been submitted by the program planning deadline.
- Items moved for concurrence will be considered during debate and action on the proposed Program.

d. *Amending Program Items*

- Wording of proposed program items may be amended. Any motion to amend proposed program items must be **submitted in writing to convention@lwvc.org by 12:00 PM Thursday, June 10, 2021.**
- A recommended item may not be expanded in scope by amendment.
- Any proposal that expands the scope of a recommended item must be presented as a not- recommended item following the rules above.

11. BUDGET ADOPTION

- A balanced or surplus LWVC budget must be adopted by the convention delegates.
- **Any motion to amend** the proposed budget contained in the Convention Workbook **must be presented to the Budget Adjustment Committee before introduction by 12:00 PM on Thursday, June 10, 2021.**
- The delegate making the motion to amend may speak on behalf of the motion for two minutes.

- If a motion to amend is made, any delegate may request a statement from the LWVC Board, limited to two minutes, providing the Board's reasons for not recommending the item.

Debate on any motion to amend the proposed budget follows the procedures for Debate and Discussion in Rule 8 above.

12. RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention may be offered by any local League or ILO. Resolutions cannot be used to expand or modify the procedure described in Rule 11 for adoption of positions or Issues for Emphasis.

Procedure for adopting resolutions:

- Motions expressing the Will of the Convention **must be submitted in writing 12:00 PM, Thursday June 10, 2021** via the method provided by LWVC.
- The Resolutions Committee will use the following criteria to judge the appropriateness of proposed resolutions. The resolution:
 - has complied with procedural requirements of this rule;
 - is consistent with LWVC Bylaws, League Principles and League Positions;
 - does not circumvent the Program Planning process;
 - addresses a single, topical issue;
 - has a minimal LWVC budgetary impact; and
 - is pertinent to California.
- The Resolutions Committee will report its findings on all submitted resolutions.
- Any resolution reported by the Resolutions Committee as complying with the criteria may be moved for consideration of the convention.
- Resolutions to Express the Will of the Convention are main motions and follow Rules 8 and 9.
- Adoption of a resolution requires a **majority vote**.
- If the Resolutions Committee reports a resolution as not complying with the criteria, the convention delegates may override the decision by a two-thirds (66%) vote. The resolution may then be moved for consideration of the convention.

13. ELECTION OF LWVC OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A person not included on the slate of Officers, the Board of Directors, or the Nominating Committee can be nominated by submitting in writing the nomination by **12:00 PM Thursday, June 10, 2021** via the method provided by LWVC. Prior to submitting the nomination, permission of the person to be nominated must be sought, obtained and stated in the motion.

- The slate of Officers, the Board of Directors, and the Nominating Committee may be approved by a single vote if there are no nominations from the floor.
- The Elections Committee is responsible for providing and counting the ballots.
- All candidates for office will comply with the LWVC Campaign Policy and sign the LWVC Fair Campaign Practices Principles as indicated below.

FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES PRINCIPLES

As a candidate for LWVC office, I pledge the following:

I will conduct my campaign for the LWVC Board of Directors or Nominating Committee openly and fairly. I will discuss the issues and participate in fair public debate with respect to my views and qualifications.

I will neither engage in nor be involved with unfair or misleading attacks upon the character of an opponent, nor will I engage in invasion of personal privacy unrelated to fitness for office.

I will not be part of any appeal to prejudice.

I will neither use nor be involved with the use of any campaign material or advertisement that misrepresents, distorts or otherwise falsifies the facts regarding an opponent. I will clearly identify (by name and address) the source of all advertisements and campaign literature published or distributed.

I will publicly repudiate support deriving from an individual or group whose activities would violate the Fair Campaign Practices Principles.

In signing this pledge, I assume personal control over and responsibility for the conduct of my campaign.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

All announcements will be made by the LWVC secretary. Forms for announcements will be available upon request to convention@lwvc.org.

Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance

(Adapted from *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th edition*)

The motions below are listed in established order of preference.

To Do This	You Say This	Can interrupt	Requires second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Can be reconsidered
Adjourn	I move to adjourn.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Call for an intermission	I move to recess for ... minutes.	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Complain about noise, etc.	I rise to a question of privilege (state problem).	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Make sure that orders of the day are being followed	I call for the orders of the day.	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Temporarily suspend consideration of a question	I move to lay ... on the table.	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No
Close debate	I move the previous question.	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes (1)
Limit or extend limits of debate	I move to limit (extend limits of) debate to...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone discussion to a specific time	I move to postpone the question until...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Have motion studied further	I move to refer the matter to a committee.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes
Amend a motion	I move to amend the motion by... (adding, deleting, inserting, striking out).	No	Yes	Yes (2)	Yes, but only once	Majority	Yes
To prevent discussion or suppress a motion without letting it come to a vote	I move to postpone the motion indefinitely.	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes (Affirmative only)
Introduce business	I move to..., or I move that,...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes

The motions below have no established order of precedence. Any of them may be introduced when pertinent.

To Do This	You Say This	Can interrupt	Requires second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Can be reconsidered
Challenge ruling of the chair	I appeal from the decision of the chair.	Yes	Yes	Yes (3)	No	Majority to sustain decision	Yes
Ask for standing vote	I call for a division. Or call out "Division."	Yes	No	No	No	None	No
Divide a pending question of two or more parts	I move to divide the motion so as to consider separately...	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority	No
Request information about meaning or effect of pending motion	I have a request for information.	Yes	No	No	No	None (4)	No
Request information about procedure	I rise to a parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None (5)	No
To avoid discussion on unnecessary or embarrassing item	I object to consideration of the question.	Yes, but before debate has started	No	No	No	2/3 negative to sustain objection	Yes, negative vote only
Object to procedures	I rise to a point of order.	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Withdraw a motion not yet stated by chair	I withdraw the motion.	Yes	No	No	No	Chair decides	No
Withdraw a motion after stated by chair	I ask permission to withdraw the motion.	No	(6)	No	No	Majority	No
To suspend the rules temporarily	I move to suspend the rules on ...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	No
Reconsider a vote (7)	I move to reconsider the vote on ...	(8)	Yes	Yes (9)	No	Majority	No

To Do This	You Say This	Can interrupt	Requires second	Debatable	Amendable	Vote required	Can be reconsidered
Rescind something previously adopted	I move to rescind the motion...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	Affirmative no
Take up a matter postponed temporarily (laid on the table)	I move to take from the table the motion relating to...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority	No

Notes

1. Vote to close debate may be reconsidered only before the vote on the question being debated is taken.
2. When applied to a debatable motion.
3. Not debatable if it relates to a transgression of the rules of speaking (indecorum), to the priority of business, or if made while the immediate pending question is undebatable.
4. Maker of motion or other person with information responds to question.
5. Chair responds to question.
6. Yes, if made by maker of motion; no, if made by another delegate.
7. May only be made by a delegate who voted on the prevailing side and must be made on the same day or succeeding day.
8. When another has been recognized, but not after she/he has begun to speak.
9. If original motion is debatable.

**League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 20, 2021 – 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) to order at 6:06 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the items noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Amanda Berg
Director Tracey Edwards
Director Lori Thiel.

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Christina Dragonetti
Director Debbie Fagen

Absent: Director Helen Hutchison.

Staff present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None were stated.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Treasurer Frances Carrillo presented 2020-2021 End of the Year Financial Projections Adjusted, February 2021 Financials, and March 2021 Financials for the LWVC General Fund. There were no objections, and the reports were received and filed.

PROGRAM: CHARTER SCHOOL PROPOSED POSITION: Second Vice President Gloria Hoo presented the *Review Committee Report on Proposed Concurrence of LWV Fresno Charter School Position* dated April 27, 2021. After discussion, the following motion was offered for consideration.

Motion: Hoo/Anderson moved to accept and concur with the recommendations from the Charter School Committee and adopt the Final Charter School Proposed Position appearing on Page 7 of the Report. The motion carried unanimously (Hutchison absent).

MEMBERSHIP: First Vice President Jacquie Canfield provided an overview of the Mother Lode MAS Unit for local League recognition. The Application is complete, and the group has a membership of seventy-seven to date.

Motion: Canfield/de Llamas moved to approve the Application of the Mother Lode MAS Unit for local League recognition and recommend approval to the LWVUS for recognition to be known as thee LWV of the Mother Lode. The motion carried unanimously (Hutchison absent).

Motion: Canfield/de Llamas moved to appoint Deborah Shefler (LWV Oakland) as a Local League Coach (LLC). The motion carried unanimously (Hutchison absent).

LWVUS COUNCIL – JUNE 24-26, 2021 – VIRTUAL MEETING

President Moon Goldberg, Second Vice President Hoo, Director Anderson, and Executive Director Doute will represent LWVC at the upcoming LWVUS Council.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the Board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary

LWVC Special Meeting

**League of Women Voters of California
Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee
July 1, 2021 – 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 at 3:32 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2021, for the purpose of discussing the item noted below. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg

First Vice President Tracey Edwards

Second Vice President Gloria Chun Hoo

Secretary Caroline de Llamas

Absent: Treasurer Frances Carrillo.

Others present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None were stated.

REASON FOR MEETING: President Moon Goldberg advised that the meeting was called to assist the Davis MAS Unit in determining if the Unit may join a coalition of groups in support of a *For the People* rally to thank Congressman John Garamendi for co-sponsoring the *For the People Act* and supporting passage.

Jacquie Canfield consulted LWVUS, and the Unit received the go ahead. As a MAS Unit, however, the group needs LWVC board permission. This is urgent as the Unit wants to announce sponsorship and the rally is scheduled for July 8, 2021, during the Congressional recess.

Consensus: There was a consensus among the Board Members that it is okay to speak as the League if the remarks are nonpartisan from the other groups. President Moon Goldberg will notify the Unit of the board's decision.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Executive Committee and the meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVC Secretary**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caroline de Llamas, Secretary

July 17, 2021 – State Board Kit

LWVCEF Minutes

March 20, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund
Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 20, 2021 – 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 3:36 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Amanda Berg
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Helen Hutchison

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Tracey Edwards
Director Gloria Chun Hoo
Director Lori Thiel.

Absent: Secretary Caroline de Llamas and Director Christina Dragonetti.

Staff Present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

Guests Present: Nominating Committee: Chair Mony Flores-Bauer and Carolina Goodman.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The LWVCEF Regular Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2021, were approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report was presented for this meeting.

VOTER SERVICE: President Moon Goldberg talked about the possibility of a recall election this fall. She noted, however, that there will be no initiatives on the ballot.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVCEF Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 20, 2021 – 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 Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 6:06 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2021. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg
Secretary Caroline de Llamas
Director Maxine Anderson
Director Christina Dragonetti
Director Debbie Fagen
Director Lori Thiel.

First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Amanda Berg
Director Tracey Edwards
Director Gloria Chun Hoo

Absent: Director Helen Hutchison.

Staff Present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Frances Carrillo presented 2020-2021 End of the Year Financial Projections Adjusted, February 2021 Financials, and March 2021 Financials for the LWVC Education Fund. She responded to questions. Following discussion, there were no objections, and the reports were received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVCEF Secretary**

**League of Women Voters of California Education Fund
Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 28, 2021 – 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 Education Fund (LWVCEF) to order at 4:38 p.m. on Monday, June 28, 2021. A quorum was present as follows:

Responding Officers and Directors

President Carol Moon Goldberg	First Vice President Jacquie Canfield
Secretary Caroline de Llamas	Treasurer Frances Carrillo
Director Maxine Anderson	Director Christina Dragonetti
Director Debbie Fagen	Director Gloria Chun Hoo
Director Helen Hutchison.	Director Lori Thiel

Absent: Directors Amanda Berg and Tracey Edwards.

Staff Present: Executive Director Stephanie Doute.

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

GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

President Moon Goldberg advised that the meeting was called to elect LWVCEF Officers and Directors, and to adopt the LWVCEF Budget for 2021-2023.

Motion: Canfield/Anderson moved to elect the LWVCEF Officers and Directors as indicated below. The motion carried unanimously (Berg and Edwards absent).

President:	Carol Moon Goldberg	(LWV Sacramento County)
First Vice President:	Tracey Edwards	(LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale)
Second Vice President:	Appointment Pending	(Usually Voter Service Chair)
Secretary:	Caroline de Llamas	(LWV East San Gabriel Valley)
Treasurer:	Frances Carrillo	(LWV San Diego)
Director:	Maxine Anderson	(LWV San Francisco)
Director:	Debbie Fagen	(LWV Pasadena Area)
Director:	Cynthia Heard	(LWV Los Angeles)
Director:	Helen Hutchison	(LWV Oakland)
Director:	Adena Ishii	(LWV Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville)
Director:	Astrid Ochoa	(LWV East San Gabriel Valley)
Director:	Maya Paley	(LWV Los Angeles)
Director:	Kathleen Quenneville	(LWV Piedmont)
Director:	Shelly Saini	(LWV Solano County).

FINANCE

Motion: Thiel/Dragonetti moved the LWVCEF Board of Directors adopt the Proposed Budget for 2021-2023, as shown on Page 66 of the LWVC Convention 2021 Workbook. The motion carried unanimously (Berg and Edwards absent).

ADJOURNMENT: There was no further business to come before the board. The meeting was duly adjourned by the Chair at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

/s/

**Caroline de Llamas
LWVCEF Secretary**

Attachment: LWVCEF Budget for 2021-2023

Proposed Budget 2021-2023

League of Women Voters of California Education Fund	Projected 2019-2021	2021-2023 Proposed	Differences +/-	% Diff	Notes
Membership Dues	\$ 19,970.94	\$ 18,900.00	\$ (1,070.94)	-5%	
Contributions	\$ 425,205.94	\$ 340,000.00	\$ (85,205.94)	-20%	
Restricted Contributions/Grants	\$ 488,513.98	\$ 361,000.00	\$ (127,513.98)	-26%	
Earned Revenues	\$ 83,045.26	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 5,954.74	7%	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 5,763.95	\$ 4,750.00	\$ (1,013.95)	-18%	
Total Income	\$ 1,022,500.07	\$ 813,650.00	\$ (208,850.07)	-20%	
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 555,375.64	\$ 556,711.53	\$ 1,335.89	0%	
Travel	\$ 13,116.79	\$ 800.00	\$ (12,316.79)	-94%	
Services and Professional Fees	\$ 387,191.76	\$ 181,753.07	\$ (205,438.69)	-53%	
Office and Occupancy	\$ 59,367.59	\$ 42,145.14	\$ (17,222.45)	-29%	
Total Expenses	\$ 1,015,051.78	\$ 781,409.74	\$ (233,642.04)	-23%	
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 7,448.29	\$ 32,240.26	\$ 24,791.97		
Beginning Balance	\$ 237,429.58	\$ 244,877.87	\$ 7,448.29		
Ending Balance	\$ 244,877.87	\$ 277,118.13	\$ 32,240.26		
Ending Balance Components					
Temporary Restricted	\$ 92,918.24	106690.4	\$ 13,772.16	15%	
Board Designated Funds	\$ 64,047.23	\$ 64,047.23	\$ -	0%	
Operational Reserves	\$ 8,221.80	\$ 8,221.80	\$ -	0%	
Undesignated Funds	\$ 79,690.60	\$ 98,158.70	\$ 18,468.10	23%	

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Highlights of the Biennium

The last two years were unlike any others. We knew it would be an interesting biennium, because the 100th Anniversary of League's Founding and the passage of the 19th Amendment were imminent; plus the Schools and Communities First initiative was planned for the 2020 General Election. In addition, we kicked off a search for a new Executive Director. This added a little extra challenge. After conducting an extensive search using a professional recruitment agency, we hired our new ED in November 2019.

The LWVC staff, with new Executive Director Stephanie Doute, found its footing, went on with the planned work in advocacy, prepared for and completed the March 3 Primary Election work. None of us could have guessed what would happen after that.

The COVID pandemic hit and everything seemed to stop, but only briefly. Leagues learned to video-conference and conducted their annual meetings. Then the murder of George Floyd highlighted the urgent need for immediate work on social and racial justice. All of this was followed by obstacles to the election, both natural and manmade. Through it all, League members and staff meet each challenge with resilience, flexibility, and ingenuity. In light of the tremendous challenges of the last 18 months, the following highlights emerged.

--In a wonderful illustration of the respect the League commands, the LWVC and a coalition of organizations were invited by the Secretary of State's office to advise the state government on the conduct of the General Election ensuring that it was safe and accessible to all of California's diverse voters.

--In response to the pressing issues of social justice and racial justice LWVC applied the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policy lens to our traditional voter service activities. This led to two new features, the creation of the Easy Voter Guide's Spotlight on Justice page and participation in a coalition of organizations to create the Elect Justice California website. Both described the elected offices that are directly involved in the criminal justice system. The latter both educated voters about those offices, and linked to Voter's Edge to help voters research candidates and channel their passion, power and energy from the streets to the ballot.

--The DEI lens led to an innovative project to engage and empower youth voters, aged 18-24, with a specific focus on Black and Latinx voters. Engaging youth voices and leadership as the face of the campaign, we reached over 6 million people using Snapchat and TikTok. We delivered League vetted voter education designed to increase comfort with voting and move them to cast a ballot.

--The November election included two ground breaking initiatives backed by LWVC and a broad, diverse coalition of allies. Prop 15 Schools and Communities First was both the first large scale reform of the Prop 13 property tax system and an attempt to bring about

economic justice for chronically underfunded communities. Prop 17, the Voting Rights Restoration to Persons on Parole measure, arose from legislation cosponsored by the LWVC, which we then shepherded to become law through success on the ballot.

--Even though Prop 15, Schools & Communities First, did not pass, the work that supported it deserves highlight status. League members across the state came together with a broad, diverse coalition of organizations in the campaign's speaker bureau, phone, and text banking to reach voters during the pandemic. We cut through the pandemic, the wildfire smoke, and the flash of a hotly contested presidential election to gain voters' attention and convince 48% of them that California's under funded services required a reform of the property tax system.

--The murder of George Floyd punctuated the need for a reckoning with social and racial justice issues. The League, both LWVUS and LWVC spoke up then, and in early 2021, spoke up about the anti-Asian hate and violence we saw spreading through our communities. And while it was important to speak up, it's also important to act. The LWVC continues to do so with our advocacy work, and is focusing on being good allies to impacted people.

-- In 2020, The LWVC was a co-sponsor of the Racial Justice Act, which was passed and is now law. The Racial Justice Act aims to eliminate racial bias in the criminal legal system, by creating a path for recourse for individuals who experience racism in the course of their legal process. At the time of writing, we are a co-sponsor of the Racial Justice Act for All, which expands upon the first bill, by making it retroactive for people who have already experienced racism in their dealings with the criminal legal system.

--Over the last two years the state League created and distributed, or will distribute in conjunction with Convention, more than 7 new toolkits to support local Leagues, including the People Powered Fair Maps Local Redistricting toolkit, Voting in Jails Community toolkit, the Voters Choice Act toolkit, the Elect Justice toolkit, the Election Mythbusters, the People-First Language Guide (to be released at Convention), and a full DE&I toolkit (to be released at Convention).

--Leagues across the state demonstrated tremendous resilience and ingenuity in adapting to pandemic impacts to their internal operations and voter service work. Leagues moved their candidate forums to a virtual format and reached a larger audience than they might have in a live one. Leagues responded to nervous questions about voting by mail, the slow down in postal delivery, and the displacement of voters by wildfire.

These are just some of the highlights. Read on for more detail on League work during the biennium.

Responsiveness to a Changing World

In response to the COVID pandemic, the LWVC moved to remote operations. Fortunately, our Executive Director is skilled at remote operations and quickly led our team to adapt to working effectively and collaboratively from their homes, many using their own computers and cell phones. We also sought and disseminated legal guidance on how local Leagues were able to shift their business and other meetings to be compliant in a remote environment.

And that was just the beginning, because in April of 2020, it became immediately apparent that huge changes in our election system were required to allow people to vote, while observing the safety measures designed to blunt the spread of the virus. This work is core to the League. Our team in Sacramento was integral to decisions being made with coalition partners, the Secretary of State, the legislature, etc in ensuring that the November 2020 elections would be safe and accessible to all of California's diverse voters - and to ensuring that local Leagues around the state were informed and had resources to support the changes in the election processes.

Simultaneously, the murder of George Floyd brought people to the streets demanding that Black people stop being killed by the police. Demanding that justice be equitable. Demanding a reckoning with racism in this country that was long overdue. And the League had, and has, a place in that reckoning. We no longer observe quietly on issues of racism and injustice. We spoke up then, and in early 2021, we spoke up about the anti-Asian hate and violence we saw spreading through our communities.

And while it is important that we speak up, it's also important that we act. We focused a lot of our work on being good allies, doing the work within ourselves and our Leagues to understand the issues and our personal relationships to them, working to better ourselves and our Leagues. Our DE&I lens came to the forefront, and we focused a lot of our policy on the pressing issues of criminal and racial justice. We worked on creating systemic change by centering and lifting the voices of impacted people, while using our power in allyship to drive equity based policy. We continue to explore the ways in which the League itself must evolve and make systemic changes to the League traditions and historical practices that may not be inclusive. This is all a part of the League's DE&I journey - at the local, state and national levels.

The unusual circumstances and events of the year led to the LWVC filing amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs in six cases. This is probably a record number of cases in a biennium. Three of the cases revolved around the delayed 2020 census. One case involved the moving of redistricting deadlines in California, one involved universal vote-by-mail in the 2020 election, and one involved the counting of undocumented residents for purposes of redistricting. The latter brief went to the US Supreme Court but the Court declined to rule on it. Another brief, in which the LWVC is a participant, is now at the US Supreme Court and involves donor disclosure by nonprofit organizations, the ruling on which has implications for transparency and the disclosure of "dark money" in campaigns.

Advocacy & Policy

To advance our legislative agenda, support local Leagues, and work to implement our vision for a more equitable California, state League staff lead and participated in over 2000 meetings in the last 12 months. These meetings were to build and strengthen our coalitions and partnerships to advance policy, to craft and negotiate policy, to directly advocate in Sacramento, to inform and engage local Leagues and local League leaders, to support and engage LWVC legislation and policy committees, to support local Leagues in redistricting, to participate with redistricting commissions, to advance our DE&I work, to advance ballot measures supported by LWVC, to plan and engage in good government litigation, and to ensure all Californians had access to safe, accessible voting during the pandemic.

In that work, over the last two years, League analyzed and took positions on approximately 140 bills. This undertaking is supported by League's volunteer legislative analysts, position directors, and area directors. These volunteer leaders share their expertise and time to analyze bills, track them through the committee process, work with local Leagues when needed, and more. LWVC staff lead the process, negotiating amendments as needed, establishing/participating in coalitions and collaborating on the bills, meeting with legislators and their staff, writing multiple letters of support or opposition per bill and testifying on them as needed. In addition, League members participate by responding to Action Alerts, with League members sending over 10,000 Action Alerts since September 2019 to advance critical policies.

One of League's chief legislative missions is to empower people to have a voice in their civic life, ensure that local and state government is representative of California's diversity, and to end impediments to those goals. The LWVC successfully championed significant bills governing Election Day voter registration and setting up standardized criteria for redistricting line drawing by counties, cities, and special districts. The pandemic led to the LWVC's part in successful efforts to run a safe election by supporting bills to send vote by mail ballots to all active registered voters while preserving in person voting in safe settings.

As you saw in the highlights, some of our greatest legislative impacts came in the criminal justice field. The groundbreaking Racial Justice Act prohibits the state from seeking or obtaining a criminal conviction, or from imposing a sentence, based on race, ethnicity or national origin. The LWVC members lobbied hard and supported the passing of the California Act to Save Lives that strengthens the standards on police use of deadly force, and local Leagues around the state are now supporting implementation of the law in their communities. In addition the LWVC supported bills that authorized counties to create sheriff oversight boards.

During the 2019 Legislative session the LWVC supported the Tenant Protection Act to keep families in their homes by limiting extreme or unreasonable rent increases and protect against discriminatory and retaliatory evictions. In addition we supported the Housing Opportunities Act that prohibits housing discrimination based on specified personal characteristics, including source of income.

The 2020 Legislative Session was truncated by the COVID pandemic. The Legislature focused on the COVID-19 crisis. Sadly efforts on climate change, waste reduction, natural resource conservation, and green technology, housing and homelessness stalled during the height of the COVID crisis. Numerous bills introduced in 2019 and early 2020 died and remain on hold.

Additionally, we analyzed and took positions on 12 ballot propositions. We created and distributed Vote with the League, and then launched and executed public education and influence campaigns to support the outcomes we hoped to achieve. Schools and Communities First, restoring voting rights for people on parole, voting rights for 17 year olds, and ending cash bail were a few of the ballot measures that we invested our time and energy into in the 2020 election cycle.

With everything that has transpired, we learned that we must continue to defend our democracy – by advancing policies that make government accessible, accountable and transparent – while fighting against bad faith legislation and litigation designed to reduce transparency/accountability, restrict voting rights, and disenfranchise historically underrepresented communities and people in California.

And, this is not the pinnacle of our advocacy work. We don't want to stop here. We aspire to *increase* our influence in Sacramento and in legislative coalitions around the state. We aspire to *increase* public engagement with our advocacy priorities and to continue to engage people so they can follow their passion with the League. We aspire to be THE organization that state legislators, staff, and committees seek out to advise and guide on the policy areas League knows best. To do that, we need League staff present at every critical meeting. Seated at every table where decisions are being considered or made.

Voter Education & Engagement

In a biennium unlike any other, the LWVC Education Fund work was also unlike any other election cycle. We ran and supported all of our usual projects including Voter's Edge, Easy Voter Guide, Pros/Cons, In-Depths, and overall voter education via LWVC channels. But the world changed and we needed to change with it. As we looked at our work through a DE&I lens and assessed what needed to be done to advance our mission in 2020, it was clear that more, and different, work was needed.

With DE&I as the lens, the LWVC EF staff assessed the most current research on where voting disparities lie and what kind of work might be needed to help close those gaps. We needed to do something new and different to engage historically low propensity voters with the election, to show them that the ballot is a source of their power to create the change they desire and to motivate them to use that power. We had to take a new approach if we were really going to make a difference. We decided to focus our new efforts on two projects: a youth get out the vote campaign and the Elect Justice partnership.

We all know that social media is a powerful tool. We have seen the misinformation and disinformation campaigns that have wrought havoc in our political systems. At the national,

state and local League levels, we all did a lot of additional community education in 2020 to help counter that flood of disinformation.

But that power in social media can also be harnessed for good. Research shows that people aged 18-24 count social media as a heavy influencer of their behavior, and that they have high levels of trust in specific platforms. Knowing that we wanted to reach youth (18-24 year olds), particularly Black and Latinx youth, we leveraged a partnership with Snapchat, and received grant funding to expand our effort to TikTok. We worked with youth social media micro-influencers to deliver specific key voter education messaging on TikTok and Snapchat. By the end of the election, this project reached over 6 million people with trusted, League vetted voter education designed to increase their comfort with voting and move them to cast a ballot. This project has been recognized by the Public Relations Society of America for excellence, being awarded a Bronze Anvil, and a Bronze Anvil Commendations, as well as being selected as a finalist for two national Silver Anvil Awards for excellence in communication. Winners of the Silver Anvil Awards will be announced in June 2021.

The other new project of 2020 was a grant funded collaborative effort with other voter education and justice focused groups. The breakout movement for racial justice in 2020 was a critical call to change - and a draw to the down ballot elections that many voters never touch, sometimes because they do not know what the offices do. LWVC joined with other organizations to create the Elect Justice coalition. Thanks to the Elect Justice project, there was a full page in *Easy Voter Guide* called Spotlight on Justice, justice focused questions were added to Voter's Edge¹ for certain local offices, and a brand new Elect Justice California website leveraging Voter's Edge¹ was developed. The Elect Justice website allowed California Voters to learn about down ballot, justice focused roles, and use an integrated version of Voter's Edge¹ to research justice issues in their own local candidates. The ElectJustice Campaign had over 1.5 million impressions, reaching voters across the state.

Voter's Edge¹, in English and Spanish combined, reached approximately 2 million voters during the 2020 election cycle, with about 1 in 10 Californians using it to inform their voting decisions. This is consistent with past use of Voter's Edge¹. Candidate participation was slightly increased over previous years with an average of 56% candidate participation in 2020, compared to 48% in 2018 and 43% in 2016. To achieve that participation rate, League volunteers spent an amazing 1800 hours in the 2020 election cycle on candidate outreach! The LWVC EF staff and interns put in an additional 250 hours in candidate outreach, and over 600 hours in platform management, volunteer support, seeking funding, and data entry.

We also produced other resources for the public including Pros/Cons and *Easy Voter Guide*. In partnership with local Leagues, libraries, and individual league members, we distributed 175,000 print copies of *Easy Voter Guide* in five different languages. That is only a 12% decrease in *Easy Voter Guide* print distribution during an election cycle in which the state was largely locked down, and in-person events were cancelled. There was so much ingenuity in how

¹ A project of the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund and MapLight

individual League members and local Leagues partnered with other nonprofits and businesses to get the *Easy Voter Guide* into the hands of historically under-resourced voters.

Taken together, our voter education and engagement projects reached 300% more Californians in 2020 than in previous election cycles. And with the disinformation and misinformation we were all countering, that increased reach and impact was crucial this year.

We also continued our work on the grant funded Civic Intelligence via Field Reporting (CIVFR) technology project. This new technology being developed by the LWVCEF is designed to provide a way for Leagues and other community based organizations to collect data on their efforts in the field - be that voter registration, get out the vote, canvassing, taking groups to City Council meetings to speak on issues, etc. Collecting data allows non-profits and community based organizations to quantify their impact, assess their efforts and focus on the most effective initiatives to achieve their goals, effectively collaborate with other nonprofits, and generate data that helps government officials understand the priorities and concerns of their constituents. The technology is in the development phase. This project shows promise as a useful tool for Leagues and other non-profit organizations.

Internal League Operations

In 2019/2020, the LWVC processed and distributed \$19,255 in membership dues to local Leagues. As of mid-April 2021, the LWVC has processed and distributed over \$21,000 in this fiscal year to local Leagues across the state in membership dues for new members who joined through their connection with the state League. The LWVC pays the credit card fees for these memberships, saving local leagues thousands of dollars each year. This is more than we have ever done in membership, and reflects year over year increase in the state League supporting membership growth for local Leagues.

As of January 2021, the LWVC had 8,152 members, for year over year membership growth of 7.1%. In fall of 2020, a Facebook marketing campaign to increase awareness of the League and drive membership gave the League increased exposure. These kinds of efforts in making the League and the work of the league visible to new people who may not otherwise be exposed to all that we do, are critical to future growth. The LWVC will continue to invest in growing the League in California to support local Leagues and increase our influence.

We continued our work in building out and supporting the MyLeagueOnline (MyLO) platform. Hundreds of Leagues around the country now host their websites with MyLO, benefitting from a platform researched and created by Leagues for Leagues. MyLO can be used in conjunction with any membership or fundraising software, and offers automated content population so that Leagues do not have to invest in seeking, sourcing, and posting state and National level content. The LWVC staff ensures that state and National level content is provided to MyLO sites. The team at LWVC has been busy supporting webmasters, holding weekly office hours to train local League webmasters, and has created an online library of on demand videos to ensure Leagues can access readily available training whenever they need it. There is no other web platform built specifically to meet the needs of Leagues, to help align our

National/State/Local web content, and ready to be used with whatever online database or fundraising software a League may choose. We continue to look for ways to improve the platform, while keeping the cost to Leagues at a minimum.

Finally, the LWVC staff spent over 180 hours each year supporting local Leagues who keep their Education Fund accounts with the LWVC EF. With the LWVCEF supporting accounting, local Leagues holding their Education Fund accounts with the state EF have the benefit of the state League staff managing compliance, accounting, and taxes.

Looking Forward

We have accomplished so much together during this exceedingly challenging biennium. The resilience of the League and League members in shifting to meet new challenges and finding opportunities in the chaos was a remarkable testament to our 100 year legacy. As we embark on the next 100 years, we will continue our DE&I journey, building a League that reflects all of California and working hard together to empower voters, defend democracy, and create a more equitable future for all Californians.