

June 13, 2026

Welcome to our

2026 Annual

Meeting

Defending Democracy Starts Here

Who We Are

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a **nonpartisan**, political organization dedicated to empowering everyone to participate fully in American democracy.

Our Mission

Empowering voters. Defending democracy.

Our Vision

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

Our Values

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

Nonpartisan

The League is a **nonpartisan** organization. We do not support or oppose any political party or candidate for elected office.

The League takes stands on legislation and ballot measures. Our advocacy is focused on issues, not individuals, and is guided by League positions, research, and commitment to informed, active participation in democracy.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The League of South San Mateo County is fully committed to LWVUS's diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policy.

We are fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to our organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policymakers 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.

Today's Agenda

10:00 AM Welcome

10:10 AM Meet Our Business Partners

11:00 AM LWVSSMC Business Meeting

Our Partners

Belle Haven Empowered

Casa Circulo Cultural

Menlo Together

Youth Community Service

2026 Annual Meeting

Business Meeting

Agenda

11:00 AM	11:15 Treasurer's Report and Budget Presentation
Call the League business meeting to order	Motion 4: Adopt 2026-27 Budget
Introductions	
Credentials Report	11:25 2026-27 Program Motion 5: Adopt 2026-27 Program
Motion 1: Adoption of Rules of the Day	
Motion 2: Adoption of Agenda	11:35 Nominating Report
Motion 3: Granting Linda Jansen, incoming LWVNCSMC President, member's privileges	Motion 6: Elect the 2026-27 Board
Appoint committee to approve the minutes	
	11:45 Directions to the Board
11:05 President's Report	
	12 PM Adjourn the business meeting

Credentials Report

Our bylaws require a quorum at the Annual Meeting of 5% (five percent) of the membership.

We currently have 169 (one hundred sixty-nine) members, so the number required for a quorum at the Annual Meeting is nine (9).

Rules of the Day

A majority vote is required to amend the agenda and the Rules of the Day. A two thirds vote is required to change the agenda after adoption.

QUORUM

Five percent of Local League membership shall constitute a quorum at this meeting of the LWVSSMC. For our current membership of 169, that is nine (9) people.

VOTING

Voting is limited to LWVSSMC members unless otherwise voted by the membership.

CHAIR

The President of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of South San Mateo County is the Chair of this meeting, unless they appoint another board member.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Only members and those persons designated by the President shall have the privilege of the floor.

DEBATE

Any member, upon recognition by the Chair, shall address the Chair and state their remarks on the question. Debate shall be limited to three minutes per speaker, unless extended by the Chair. No person shall speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

POSITIONS

Adoption of a recommended item and consideration of a non-recommended item require a majority vote. Adoption of a non-recommended item requires a two-thirds vote. Voting shall be held first on the proposed program, then on non-recommended items in the order in which they were considered.

BUDGET

Budget adoption requires a majority vote.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Immediately following the report of the Nominating Committee, nominations may be made from the floor, provided the consent of the nominee has been obtained. Each election requires a majority vote.

Motions

Motion 1: Adoption of Rules of the Day

Motion 2: Adoption of Agenda

Motion 3: Granting Linda Jansen, incoming LWVNCSMC President, member's privileges

President's Report

Lucia Tedesco



Treasurer's Report

Susie Cohen

FY 2026-27 Budget Presentation

Ann Draper

Proposed FY 2026-26 Budget

Projected Spend-down Timeline

Assuming the current annual deficit

Projected Total Assets EOY June 2026	\$107,000
Annual Operating Budget	\$30,370
Target Reserve Level	\$30,370
Minimum Reserve Level (9 months)	\$22,778
Excess Reserve Level (exceeding 14 months)	\$71,568
Spend-down Plan Years	8

	FY26 BUDGET		PROPOSED FY27 BUDGET	
INCOME				
Unrestricted Income		\$21,100		\$16,100
Restricted Income				\$5,000
TOTAL INCOME		\$21,100		\$21,100
EXPENSE				
Administration		\$13,125		\$12,250
Action and Advocacy		\$100		\$200
Communications		\$2,500		\$1,700
DEI		\$100		\$100
Membership		\$920		\$1,120
Program Events		\$2,450		\$3,900
Voter Services				
Unrestricted	\$3,190		\$4,100	
Restricted			\$5,000	
Total Voter Services		\$3,190		\$9,100
Donations				
501(c)3	\$600			
501(c)4			\$2,000	
Total Donations		\$600		\$2,000
EXPENSE		\$22,985		\$30,370
Net Operating Surplus/Deficit		-\$9,185		-\$9,270

Motion

Motion 4: Adopt 2026-27 Budget

2026-27 Program

Lisa Conrad

Proposed FY2026-27 Program

On **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at our **Program Planning Meeting**, we reached a consensus on the following program:

National Program

We support the 2026-2028 League of Women Voters Program “Women Defend Democracy: Democracy Under Siege”.

The six prongs of the proposed program include:

- Voting Rights
- Election Protection
- Redistricting
- Individual Liberties
- Immigration
- The Presidency

Local Program

We reached a consensus to adopt the following focus for 2026-27:

- Immigration
- Housing and Transportation
- Civil Rights

San Mateo County Joint Program

On **Saturday, March 7, 2026**, at **County League Day**, we reached a consensus on our joint 2026-27 program:

- Local Government Transparency and Accountability
- Voter Engagement and Civic Education
- Independent Redistricting Commission for San Mateo County Supervisors

Motion

Motion 5: Adopt 2026-27 Program

Nominating Report

Joyce Shefren

Nomination Slate for Election

The following members have been nominated for a term of two years (202628):

Lisa Conrad as VP of Administration

Janice Vilorio as Co-VP of Program

Carol Orton as Secretary

Karen Askey as Co-Director of Membership

Jeanette Kennedy as Co-Director of Membership

Debbie Wright as Director of Voter Services

Tracy Clark as Director of Youth Engagement

Leigh Flesher as Director at Large

Motion

Motion 6: Elect the 2026-27 Board

LWVSSMC 2026-27 Leadership

President: Lucia Tedesco (2025-27)
VP Admin (1st VP): Lisa Conrad (2026-28)
VP of Program (2nd VP): Diana Sunshine (2025-27)
Co-VP of Program: Janice Viloría (2025-27)
Secretary: Carol Orton (2025-27)
Treasurer: Marsha Abbott (2027-28)
Director of Advocacy & Action: Tom Enger (2025-27)
Director of DEI: Connie Guerrero (2025-27)
Co-Director of Membership: Karen Askey (2026-28)
Co-Director of Membership: Jeanette Kennedy (2026-28)

Director of Voter Services: Debbie Wright (2026-28)
Director of Youth Engagement: Tracy Clark (2026-28)
Director at Large: Leigh Flesher (2026-28)

Non-board Positions

411 Coordinator: Janice Viloría
Assistant Treasurer: Susie Cohen
Budget Committee Chair: Patty Fry
Nominating Committee Chair: Joyce Shefren
Stocking Voter Registration Forms: Judy Rino
Website and Social Media: Marta Fatica

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Our League runs entirely on volunteer power.

Whether you can spare just one hour every few months or are ready to take on a regular role, your time makes a difference.

We have leadership positions available for those who want to step up, and numerous one-time opportunities for anyone looking to support democracy without a long-term commitment.

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Join Our Voter Services Team!

We are looking for a couple of members to join our Director of Voter Services to help lead our efforts in educating and engaging the public in the election process.

The Voter Services team:

- Organizes candidate forums and Pro/Con ballot presentations with trained, nonpartisan speakers
- Promotes voter registration, especially among underrepresented communities
- Leads Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts to increase voter participation

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Protect Open Government – Join Our Observer Corps!

Volunteers attend public meetings, take notes, and share observations with the League to help keep government open and accountable.

Why it matters: Local decisions shape our schools, neighborhoods, safety, and environment. When residents show up, officials know they're accountable.

We need observers for the following meetings:

- Town of Portola Valley Council Meeting
- Town of Woodside Council Meeting

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Snack-Sized League Jobs

Can you give the League just 90 minutes of your time in the next 12 months?

Check out our [LWVSSMC Snack-sized League Jobs](#)—Each of these tasks can be completed in 90 minutes or less—either once or occasionally throughout the year.

Directions to the Board

Coming Soon

- No Kings Flag Day Walk - June 14 (tomorrow)
- New (& Not So New) In-Person Member Orientation - June 18
- 4th Annual Ice Cream Crawl - TBD
- Fall Kickoff Meeting - TBD

Meeting Adjourned