



The Sacramento Voter

SEPTEMBER 2019



Contents

- 1- President's Message
- Events
- 2-Issues of Emphasis
- Sherriff Forum
- 3-Unit meetings
- New members
- NorCal
- 4-In memory
- News
- 5-Web-volution
- Charter schools
- Ethics Commission
- 6-CJ position
- Congressional map
- 7-Books/Reports
- 8-Labor Day

President's Message

The year ahead will be busy and challenging. The Presidential primary election in California will be in March 3, 2020. Reaching out to our Sacramento County voters and future voters before then will be one of our goals. In addition to registering voters we want to advise them of the date change for the primary, and the importance of voting. information available at www.votersedge.org

Sacramento County is large and we want to hear from our members about community events in their neighborhoods that will give us an opportunity to have a table to register voters. There will be additional training sessions on registering voters.

Our local league also works with the League Women Voters California in contacting local candidates to participate in www.votersedge.org.

Thank you for your membership and support. Claudia

EVENTS

Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 3:00 p. m. Pacific time: "People Power Fair, LWV 50-State + DC Redistricting Campaign." Tele Townhall, Register using title link above

Tuesday-Wednesday, September 10 & 11, 2019: Unit meetings, page 3

Friday, September 13, 2019, CA Senate **votes on or by 9/13** on AB 1185, see: Sheriffs Oversight County Forum, page 2

Saturday, September 14, 2019, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: NorCal Climate Change Forum, page 3.

Thursday, September 26, 2019, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.: Celebration for 30th Anniversary of Sacramento Housing Alliance ,Warehouse Artists Lofts, 1108 R St., Sacramento, 95811

Saturday, September 28, 2019, 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: Our Voice Matters 18th Annual CA Voters and Candidates Forum, Sacramento State University, Student Union. Free. RSVP link above or contact - Marjorie Patzer - Hall voterservices@lwvsacramento.org 209-815-5787

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 6:00 p.m.; march at 8:30 p.m.: Sacramento Take Back the Night. 40th Annual. Sacramento Native American Health Center, 2020 J. St., Sacramento, 95814. LWVSC cosponsors

Tuesday, March 3, 2020: California Presidential Primary election

2020 LWV 100th Anniversary

2018-2019

Board of Directors

League of Women Voters of Sacramento County

921 11th Street Suite 700
Sacramento, CA 95814
916-447-8683

lwvsacramento.org
lwv@lwvsacramento.org

Board Directors

Claudia Bonsignore, President
Paula Lee, 1st Vice-President
Theresa Riviera, 2nd Vice-President
Terri Colosimo, Secretary
Suzi Bakker, Treasurer

Directors

Nancy Compton
Mahnaz Khazari
Nancy Lapp
Brenda Main
Joan Normington
Inga Olson
Marge Patzer
Juli Raju

Off Board:

Patricia Pavone LWVC Children's Roundtable
Vacant, Budget Committee
Eileen Heaser, Voter Registration
Bernadette Lynch, Nominating Comm.
Mahnaz Khaari, Membership
Marge Patzer, Voter Services
Voter editor– Alice Ginosar
Voter publisher– Eileen Heaser



facebook.com/LWVSacramento

Locating Election information
www.Elections.SacCounty.net or
916-875-6451

Web sites to check for LWV news

LWVC.org & LWVUS.org

Board Meeting Dates
All members welcome

9/12 Arcade Library

Articles for *The Voter*
Members are encouraged to write articles relevant to LWVSC issues; word length up to approximately 350 words. Please provide attribution when appropriate. Email: aliceginosar@yahoo.com or cheaserlwv@gmail.com

2019-2020 Issues for Emphasis

1. High Priority Issue– Make Democracy Work^R
 - Special focus in under-represented communities
 - Includes all Voter Service programs: Street Vets, Voter's Choice Act & Sacramento City Good Government Framework
2. Mid-Level Priority—Voter Representation via Electoral Process
 - Education and advocacy as opportunities arise. Includes education on ranked choice voting and monitoring cities facing voting rights violation lawsuit threats
3. Other Priority Issues
 - Criminal Justice
 - Homelessness and Affordable Housing

2019-2020 Handbook and Roster, page 4

Sheriff Oversight Community Forum

The Sacramento Chapter of the ACLU held a Sheriff Oversight Community Forum on August 9, 2019 to discuss the need for oversight of Sacramento County Sheriff Scott Jones. County sheriffs are vested with significant law enforcement authority, as well as responsibility for the safety and welfare of incarcerated individuals in California's jails. Therefore, sheriff oversight is critical for increasing government accountability and transparency, improving public safety, and building community trust in law enforcement.

The need for accountability was highlighted by community activists who outlined examples of unresolved problems in Sacramento's county jails, as well as unresponsiveness of the sheriff's department toward the community. Additionally, the 2017 killing of Mikel McIntyre by Sacramento County sheriff's deputies, and Sheriff Jones's subsequent lockout of the Inspector General (IG) investigating it underscored the need for meaningful oversight.

Speakers also noted that oversight is complicated by state law and the unique relationship between county boards of supervisors and sheriffs. As constitutional officers elected by voters, sheriffs operate autonomously. The limits of a county board's authority over public safety—and the sheriff—are unclear. County supervisor Phil Serna discussed policy-related efforts to address these issues, including AB1185 (McCarty). This bill would clarify state law to (1) authorize a county to establish a sheriff's oversight commission (2) authorize the oversight commission to issue a subpoena for testimony or documents when deemed necessary to a board's investigation and (3) authorize a county to establish an office of inspector general to assist the commission with its oversight duties. **The Senate will vote on AB 1185 by September 13, at the close of the legislative session.**

To further assure accountability, Serna recommended executing a Memorandum of Understanding mandating formal dispute resolution to settle differences between an IG and the sheriff. Forum participants also discussed petitioning state legislators to amend the State Constitution to allow greater supervision, oversight, and accountability for sheriffs. Recall of the sheriff was a final option considered.

By Brenda Main, Criminal Justice Reform Committee

Unit Meetings—September 2019

Unit	Date & Time	Contact	Location
Suburban	Tuesday, September 10, 2019 9:15 a.m.	Anne Berner 916-944-1042	2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael 95608
Outliers, Folsom	Wednesday, September 11, 2019 11:45 a.m.	Nancy Compton 916-600-1992	Lunch, Cliff House, Folsom 9900 Greenback Lane 916-989-9243
Greenhaven Land Park	Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Roseanne Chamberlain 916-454-2358	45 Sunlit Circle Sacramento 95831 Mary Hopkins—host 916-422-6958

Unit Meetings

At September unit meetings, we'll learn about the League's Observer Corps. We will review the League publication *Observing Your Government*, and websites that some other local Leagues have developed to facilitate and highlight their respective Observer Corps. Please review the following for the discussion.

Observing Your Government: https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2018-05/lwvef_observingyourgovernment.pdf

LWV of Oakland <https://www.observercorps.org/index.php/category/brochure/>

LWV of Dane County (WI) <https://www.lwvdanecounty.org/observer-corps>

LWV of Wilmette (IL) <https://www.lwvwilmette.org/observer-corps.html>

LWV of Palo Alto <https://www.lwvpaloalto.org/observer-corps.html>

By B. Lynch

Welcome New Members

Bender, Silvia
Campbell, Diane
Colosimo-Jensen, Vikki
Enns, Carol
French, JoAnne
Girard, Yvette
Hazen, James
Jones, Gail
Mitchell, Jesse Diane
Moses, Patricia
Nichols, Julie
Ruhl, Kae
Szostek, Jan
Szostek, John
Tibor, Diana

Register for the NorCal Climate Change Forum,

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 a.-m. - 3:00p. m.

- Meet other climate folks from Leagues across NorCal
- Learn about state-wide climate teams you can join
- Become more engaged in taking action

CSU Sacramento, room to be announced, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Adobe stock. Retrieved 8/26/2019



In Memory of Ilse Spivek March 5, 1922—August 18, 2019

Ilse Spivek was a native of Berlin who immigrated with her parents to the United States in 1939. She attended the Illinois Institute of Design and became principal photographer of a Chicago studio. Later Ilse photographed clients in her home studio in Norfolk VA, and was active in local affairs including serving as president of the local League of Women Voters. Ilse moved with her husband and daughters to Sacramento in 1977 continuing her career in photography. She mentored young photographers, led wine-country tours, taught at library branches and Sacramento State University, and was a docent at the Crocker Art Museum and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Ilse was active in several organizations including membership in the Congregation B'nai Israel and Congregation Beth Shalom. She was a 50+ year member of the League of Woman Voters, Sacramento. Adapted from *The Sacramento Bee*, 8/21/2019, Obituaries, [Legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com) E. Heaser

News

- Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn was the speaker at our LWVSC Annual Meeting on May 20, 2019 at Wellspring Women's Center. Chief Hahn said the mission of SPD is to help make neighborhoods better and improve the quality of life. They are making changes to improve mental health services and now have a social worker assigned to the police to help people get needed services. The police are expanding their prevention role in the community by getting young people involved with activities as an alternative to using drugs.

- LWVSC's hard working volunteers went into local high schools and registered **4,000** young people to vote.

- Since two year ago, the number of homeless individuals and families has surged by 19% to 5,570 people. About one in five are 55 years old or older. *Sacramento Bee*, June 27, 2019pg. 1A Adding to the problem is the 30% increase in rent charges, and the closing of the Salvation Army rehabilitation center this fall.

By A. Ginosar

Welcome to the Web-volution! Introducing My League Online Websites: MyLO

It's been just over two years since we received our "MyLO" welcome. We knew it would be a challenge to learn the new system and take advantage of all the new features, but staffing has been a big problem. However, now we're ready to make this website work for you! We need your input.

I'm Carol Enns and I'm your new webmaster. I was involved with the LWV in Tulare County and as a recent retiree there is more time for League activities. Having taught logic as a philosophy professor might explain some of my interest in maintaining web sites. My first experience in the "old days" was using HTML code to create a web page and each subsequent software has its own language. We can learn MyLO together – let me know how MyLO can be more useful to you, whether it is with an activity, article or other item of interest to members or the public.

Check out the [LWVSC web site](#) to give me ideas for updates, additions or reading ease. Suzi Bakker added a lot of information lately so I know you will begin to see how our web site can be useful. Follow in her footsteps with ideas and send them to our new webmaster, me!

For starters:

What do you need that you cannot find?

Which pages need to have a different format?

Should the Menu list more/fewer items?

Would you like to see a slide show in the home page?

Have you checked out the recent helpful information on the Members Only page? I am creating accounts for everyone based upon your membership information or just log in to create your own account.

Is the calendar easy to read – would you like to see calendar events pop up on the main page?

Which pages are out-of-date? I will work to make them current.

Would you like to see brief minutes of each committee and unit meeting?

By Carol Enns webmaster@lwvscsacramento.org

Charter Schools

“Asleep at the Wheel: How the Federal Charter Schools Program Recklessly Takes Students for a Ride”

The Network for Public Education (NPE) is an advocacy group whose mission is to preserve, promote, improve and strengthen public schools for both current and future generations of students. The goal of NPE is to connect all those who are passionate about our schools – students, parents, teachers and citizens. We share information and research on vital issues that concern the future of public education at a time when it is under attack. For more information use link [Network for Education NY, NYC](#) Retrieved 8/26/2019 E. Heaser



Sacramento Ethics Commission

“A Call to Action on Ethics: Sacramento’s Commission Needs Public Support,” Paula Lee, first vice president LWVSC, and author of this essay concerning the need for public engagement with the Ethics Commission in order “... to have a meaningful role in creating a culture of ethics and trust in our city.” *SN&R*, 8/15/2019, page 6.

Retrieved 8/26/2019, E. Heaser

Criminal Justice Reform in Sacramento

Our program chair Norma Nelson is an active member of the statewide Criminal Justice Task Force that conducted the study leading up to adoption of the position on this issue. Below is the Criminal Justice Reform Position that the League of Women Voters of California adopted at its 2019 State Convention. Our initial emphasis for our local area is to focus on the Policing Practices component of this State Position as it relates to jurisdictions within Sacramento County.

Position in Brief

The LWV California supports:

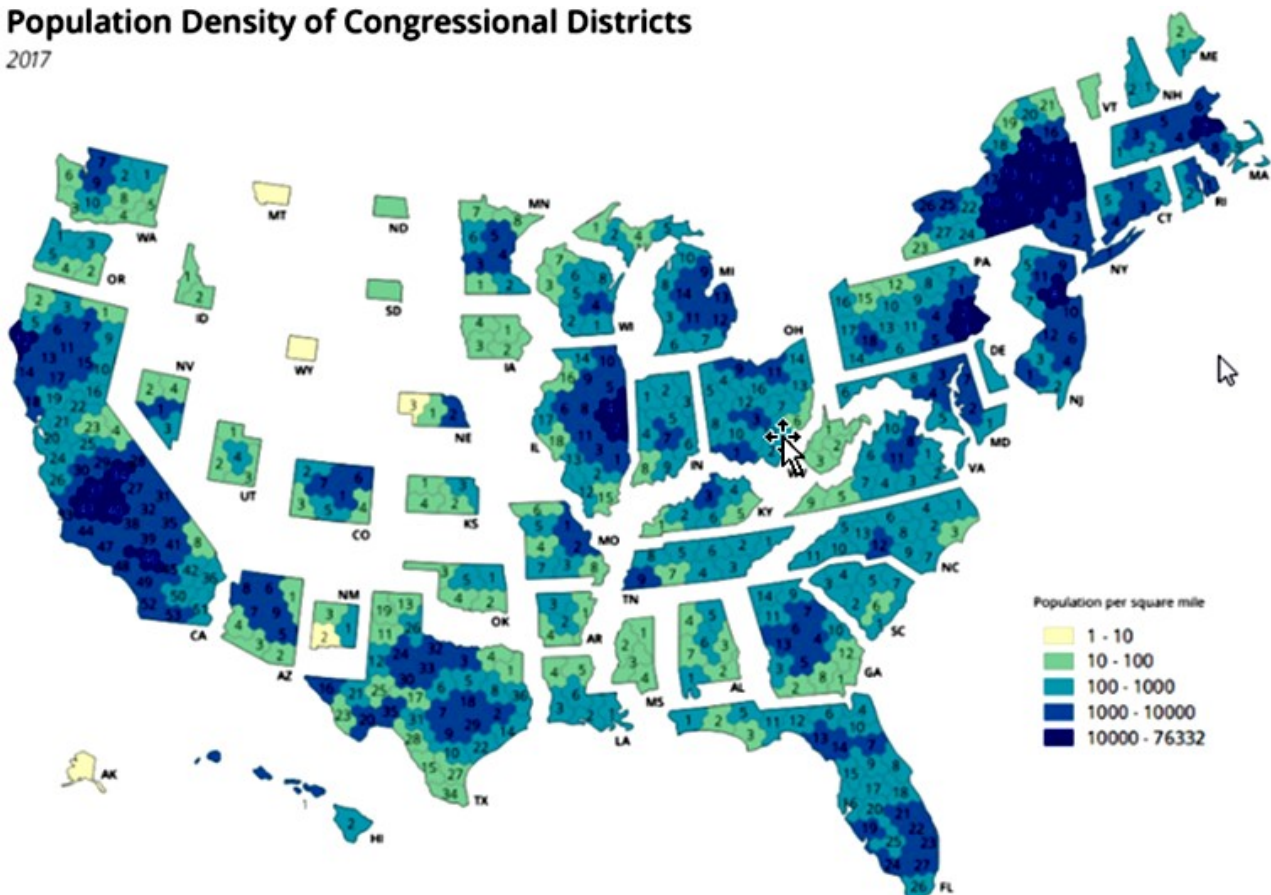
- a criminal justice system that is just, effective, equitable, transparent, and that fosters public trust at all stages, including policing practices, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, incarceration, and re-entry;
- the elimination of systemic bias, including the disproportionate policing and incarceration of marginalized communities;
- policing practices that promote safety for both law enforcement officers and the communities they serve;
- collaboration between government and community throughout every stage of the criminal justice system;
- a focus on humane treatment and rehabilitation with the goal of promoting the successful re-entry into communities of those who have been incarcerated; and
- reliance on evidence-based research in decision-making about law enforcement programs and policies (including scheduled, periodic audits of program and policy effectiveness).

Anyone interested may contact me Norma at criminaljusticechair@lwvsacramento.org
Nelson

By N.

Population Density of Congressional Districts

2017



Data source: Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Data (2013-2017)



Daniel Donner for *Daily Kos Elections*, July 23, 2019, Retrieved July 24, 2019. "We took the best map ever of the U.S. Congressional districts and made it even better."

Book and Report Notices

By E. Heaser

The State of Water: Understanding California's Most Precious Resource, 2019, by Obi Kaufmann discusses the fate of water and how it will determine California's future. Full-color maps are used to describe California's complex infrastructure, ecosystems and history of unlimited growth despite finite natural resources. [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Retrieved 7/3/2019.

No Visible Bruises, 2019, Rachel Louise Snyder "... reports on what the World Health Organization has called 'a global health problem of epidemic proportions.' *The Sacramento Bee* reports that in the United States more than half of the murdered women by a current or former partner, equals 50 every month. The author is a reporter and investigative journalist for National Public Radio. Her coverage was from Cambodia to Honduras. Snyder states: "... intimate partner terrorism" has "... links with mass shootings and is a direct cause of homelessness for more than half of homeless women." The author is the winner of the prestigious J. Anthony Lukas Work-In-Progress Award. *The Sacramento Bee*, 5/12/2019, 1 E.

The Dreamt Land: Chasing Water and Dust Across California, 2019, Mark Arax, journalist, biographer, memoirist and native Californian, covers the entire state in this history of water from 1769 to present. The author describes the "one-of-a-kind" water distribution system built between 1940-60 that is now strained to deliver to the ever increasing water demands. He explains that gold miners, wheat and fruit farmers, and Big Ag redirect rivers, drill deeper wells and higher dams seeking water. [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) 4/23/19. Arax writes "Our water wars began 150 years ago ..." "What's changed is our old nemesis drought has been joined by the new nemesis of climate change—and thirty million more people ... from drought to flood to wildfire to mudslide ..." The author describes the "imperious landowners," e.g., Johann August Sutter, and Henry Miller, "cattle king." *Kirkus Reviews*, 4/1/2019 v. 87/7 p. N. He describes the crops grown and water consumed by each crop, e.g., Bozwell (agriculture) consumes 80% of the water used in the Central Valley.

Chokehold: Policing Black Men, 2017, Paul Butler, former federal prosecutor, author, professor at Georgetown University, and writer for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and contributes to non-print media. He was nominated for, or a recipient of many awards; he writes about the impact of the criminal justice system on African Americans especially men. The author documents claims that the criminal justice system is designed to subjugate African Americans. One reader states "... an alarming honest assessment of the complicity of the U.S. judicial system, Congress, and law enforcement agencies." Another states: "Given the central role of race in the allocation of societal resources, Butler cogently argues that correcting this system is not merely a matter of clearing up misconceptions through dialogue or adopting modest reforms. Instead ... the American criminal justice structure must be restructured from the ground up." "... policing will not change significantly for African Americans until such comprehensive change happens. Until then, African Americans [especially men] will remain under a chokehold." [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) Retrieved 5/8/2019

Reports

California's Health Care Paradox. Too Much Health Care Spending May Lead to Poor Community Health. Lown Institute, Well Being Trust, Ben Miller, July 2019. "The *Report*, shows that from 2007 to 2018, state budget spending on health care (including Medi-Cal, health care for state employees and retirees, and health care for the incarcerated) grew by 146 percent, while spending on community conditions increased by just 39 percent, on average. California now spends just \$0.68 on social services, public health, and environmental protection for each \$1.00 spent on health care—down from \$1.22 in 2007." Retrieved 8/7/19

Legislating Native American Voting Rights, *NARF Legal Review: Native American Rights Fund*, Winter/Spring 2019, vol.44 no.1 page 6. Voting rights is a keystone of the Native American Rights Fund. [Contact representative](https://www.narf.org) and ask them to support the [Native American Voting Rights Act](https://www.narf.org). Endorsed by the LWV.

California Environmental Justice Agency Report 2018

Sac State-assisted Survey Shows Rise in County Homelessness June 27, 2019

Online Voting Sounds Like a Great Idea Until You Look Closer Zeynep Tufekci. *Scientific American*, June 2019 page 76 vol.320 #6

"In the end, the biggest flaw in even the most secure online voting system is this: trusting the experts isn't supposed to be how voting works. It's true that voter fraud and errors can occur in a variety of systems, but electronic voting lowers

Continued page 8



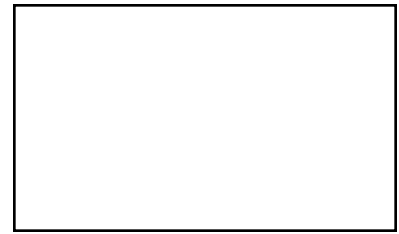
The League of Women Voters of
Sacramento County

921 11th Street Suite 700
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-447-VOTE
Fax: 916-447-8620

E-mail: lwvs@lwvsacramento.org
Web address lwvsacramento.org

Return Service Requested
September 2019
First Class Mail

FIRST CLASS MAIL



Continues from pg. 7 Reports

the bar for both stealthiness and scale. Paper ballots can definitely be corrupted, but that requires organizing lots of people in a secret scheme that is hard to keep under wraps. And if fraud is suspected, you can just do a recount in the presence of eagle-eyed observers.” Retrieved 7/9/2019

[The Climate Crisis and Your Health: What You Need to Know](#), 7/10/2019, by the Climate Reality Project, Bay Area Chapter, free download 24 page report

[Who Keeps Buying California's Scarce Water? Saudi Arabia](#) *US News & The Guardian*, 3/25/19 online. Retrieved 7/16/19

Homeless Solution Why Not Build a San Antonio Center Here? Craig Powell, *IES* August 2019 pages 22 & 24

“Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, trade unionists proposed that a day be set aside to celebrate labor. "Labor Day" was promoted by the Central Labor Union and the Knights of Labor, which organized the first parade in New York City. In 1887, Oregon was the first state of the United States to make it an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the United States officially celebrated Labor Day.”^[1] Wikipedia, retrieved 8/27/2019. E. Heaser



Retrieved 8/16/19 Free Images