

President's Message

Dear LWVHC members:

Isn't it good to see our area get all this rain? We are almost up to the average rainfall for this time of year. Sorry I missed the April Board meeting, but we had a nice time celebrating our grandson's ninth birthday in Atlanta. Amazing how quickly these young people grow up. Thanks to **Michele Fell-Casale**, our Vice President, for doing my job for the April Board meeting.

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting that is scheduled for May 24th. The Kit for the meeting has been prepared by **Lorey Keele**. Thanks for doing a good job on this Lorey. Our web manager, **Kathy Johanson**, will have the Kit on the website (<http://www.lwvhc.org/>) soon so you can download it and be prepared for the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Plaza Grill View Room (780 7th Street, Arcata) with registration starting at 6PM. **Becky Simpson** deserves a thank you for organizing the location and the food. As you will see on the website, you need to reserve and pay for dinner by May 16.

Our Director of Social Policy, **Mary Lou Lowry**, continues to do an excellent job of gathering signatures for the modification of Proposition 13 so it would be placed on the 2020 ballot. Mary Lou has asked many of us to obtain signatures for this initiative and continues to do so. Thank you Mary Lou.

As I wrote last month, **Anne Hartline** organized a member program in March to develop a consensus on proposal to eliminate the Electoral College. The meeting attendees unanimously supported the proposal, and it will be reviewed by the Board at their May meeting. If it is approved then, we can help to support the effort at the national convention to make it a national LWVUS initiative.

Carol Masterson has organized some forums on TV (KEET-TV Channel 13) for some local positions. See the dates and times on the next panel.

Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

President's Message Continued

May 3, 7:00 p.m., Auditor-Controller
May 7, 7:00 p.m., Supervisor, 5th District
May 8, 7:00 p.m., Superior Court Judge, Dept. A
May 9, 7:00 p.m., Supervisor, 4th District

Carol has also reminded us that we need a Voter Service Director. Here is a brief description of the responsibilities.

The Voters Service Director is responsible for the ongoing integration of duties, education, and training of the Forum Director, Voters Service Director, Smart Voter Director, and Citizen Education Director, especially as it pertains to the current year. This does not in any way reflect a diminution of the duty of outgoing job holders to train in-coming job holders. If you are interested in this role, please contact me.

We should thank **Nancy Kay** for her work in securing Easy Voter Guides. If you would like a copy either in Spanish or English, contact Nancy or me.

Lastly a reminder about the June Board meeting. It was originally scheduled for June 5th, but that is election day. We have rescheduled it for June 4th at 5:45 PM at the Area 1 Agency on Aging, our usual meeting location.

Rollin C. Richmond
President

*Schools and Communities First Campaign
Amendment to Proposition 13*

Mary Lou Lowry

The Schools and Communities Campaign of which League of Women Voters of California is part has decided to extend the signature gathering until June 30, 2018 and then have the initiative on the 2020 ballot not the 2018. I will be gone most of June so I am requesting that petitions be turned in by the Annual Meeting May 24th. If someone else would like to organize collecting signatures through the end of June please let me know. I have boxes in the League office where you can drop off finished petitions as well as pick up blank petitions.

I have copied below the email I received from LWVC.

Winning this reform and restoring \$11B in funding to schools and communities is LWVC's top priority, and LWVC sits on the Executive Committee for the campaign. After much discussion, the campaign has decided to extend signature-gathering efforts through June and qualify the measure for the November 2020 election rather than the 2018 election.

This is a strategic decision. We know a delay may be disappointing to some, but the League is in this fight to WIN it. The 2020 ballot provides the best path to victory. Why?

The presidential election offers higher and more representative turnout—critically important in passing the measure. A 2020 ballot means we have more time to inform and engage millions of voters!

The volunteer signature-gathering period will be extended to the end of June! In the just the past couple of weeks, League members have gathered thousands of signatures—leading the pack in volunteer signature gathering statewide.

Our opposition has deep pockets and is ready to spend \$100 million or more to defeat reform. The next two years provide much needed time to build the financial resources we need to win this fight.

There are other benefits as well—including getting this measure at the top of the ballot.

This has been a multi-year fight from the beginning. The early support from local Leagues has been inspiring and incredibly valuable. Your continued leadership is instrumental to our success. How can you help?

Continue to gather signatures! With the extension through June, consider whether you can increase your signature-gathering goal.

Reach out to your local elected officials and community organizations to ask for their endorsement.

Budget and plan public events in 2019 and 2020 to educate your local community about the measure and critical need to reform Prop 13.

Forty years ago, the League warned of the catastrophic impact Prop 13 could have. Today we see California's wealthiest companies benefiting while our schools and communities suffer. In November 2020, voters will finally right that wrong.

Become a Member!

Welcome New Members!

Mariel Bosserman
Roberta Jane Cole
Hannah Eisloeffel
Tracy Jordan French
Mary Keehn
Archie Mossman
Sue Y. Lee Mossman
Karen Orsolics
Janine Randall
Hawley Riffenburg
Emma Stokes

Reserve Your Seat for the Annual Meeting

May 24, 2018
Plaza Grill View Room
780 7th Street, Arcata

6:00 p.m. Registration
6:30 p.m. Dinner \$15
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting (no charge)

Reserve and Prepay by May 16, 2018

A reservation made is a reservation paid. For those members attending only the business meeting, there will be no charge, but please reserve for a quorum count!

For information call (707) 444-9252

Please pay online through PayPal at www.lwvhc.org or send a check to:

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County
P. O. Box 3219
Eureka, CA. 95502

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages.

Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are not tax-deductible. Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax-deductible.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1.

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below! Please make checks payable to LWVHC, P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

Yes! I want to join the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County and become a voice for citizens and a force for change. I am enclosing for my annual membership:

- ☐ \$75 Individual membership
- ☐ \$105 Household membership
- ☐ \$60 Associate membership
- ☐ Please accept my donation of _____
- ☐ Please send me more information
- ☐ I am interested in becoming a board member

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
Monthly Board Meeting
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 434 7th Street, Eureka

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
Community Forum, Supervisor, 5th District
Time: 7-8:30 pm
Location: Willow Creek Community Services
District
38883 Hwy 299

Thursday, May 3, 2018
Community Forum, Auditor-Controller
Time: 7pm
Location: PBS North Coast

Sunday, May 6, 2018
Avenue of the Giants Marathon
Time: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Call Kay @ 442-7495 for directions

Monday May 7, 2018
Community Forum, Supervisor, 5th District
Time: 7pm
Location: PBS North Coast

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
Community Forum, Superior Court Judge,
Dept. A
Time: 7pm
Location: PBS North Coast

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
Community Forum, Supervisor 4th District
Time: 7pm
Location: PBS North Coast

Thursday, May 24, 2018
Annual Meeting
Time: 6:00 pm Registration and 7:00pm
Business Meeting
Location: Plaza Grill View Room
780 7th Street, Arcata

Monday, June 4, 2018
Monthly Board Meeting
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: 434 7th Street, Eureka

Please go to the LWVHC website for updated information: www.LWVHC.org.

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**Who's Who on Your League Board
2017-18**

ADMINISTRATION

President.....Rollin Richmond
Vice President.....Michelle Fell-Casale
Secretary.....Patricia-Anne WinterSun
Treasurer.....Deborah Downs
Director.....Leslie Leach
Director.....Byrd Lochtie
Director.....Carol Masterson
Director.....Anne Hartline
Director.....Becky Simpson
Director.....Kathy Johanson
Director.....Celeste Ruiz
Director.....Julie Kelly
Director.....Mary Lou Lowry
Director.....Nancy Kay
Director.....Keith Snow-Flamer

PORTFOLIO DIRECTORS

Government.....Julie Kelly
Natural Resources.....Leslie Leach
Social Policy.....Mary Lou Lowry
Program.....Michelle Fell-Casale
Governance Chair.....Byrd Lochtie
Historian.....Vacant
Membership.....Becky Simpson
Nominating Committee Chair.....Alex Stillman
Publications.....Lorey Keele
Communications Support.....Kathy Johanson

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FUNDRAISING

Marathon Fundraiser.....Kay Escarda
Poll Workers Fundraiser.....Carolyn Otis
State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)
Committee Chair.....Judy Bennett

COMMUNICATIONS

Access Humboldt Rep.....Elaine Weinreb
Social Media.....Kathy Johanson
Website.....Kathy Johanson
VOTER Publication.....Keith Snow-Flamer
VOTER Circulation.....Carolyn Otis

VOTER SERVICE

Voter Service Director.....Becky Simpson
Candidate Forums.....Carol Masterson
Community Education.....Nancy Kay
Election Service.....Byrd Lochtie



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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to give. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate.

Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

Our Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. Not only shall there be no barriers to membership and participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, nor political affiliation, but also the LWVHC will actively seek to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, board and programs.

Making Democracy Work!
