

***Report on Official Board
Actions at the
March 4, 2025 Meeting***

LWVHC Website Maintenance and Ideas:

It was moved / seconded and passed by a unanimous vote that we ask **Leslie Leach** and consultant **Emily Gunderson** to use their common sense and discretion for adding, removing or archiving content from the LWVHC website (thus not having to come to the Board to approve every little change). Leslie requested that the Board continue to give her input on website content, organization, and use.

SAVE Act Statement:

Bonnie Oliver received a request from a LWVHC member that we look into the SAVE (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility) Act which has been introduced in the US House and Senate. The LWVUS has issued a statement in opposition to the act because it would make registering to vote harder for citizens, requiring a passport or official birth certificate copy, documents that many US citizens do not have. These requirements would make more obstacles to voting and could especially cause barriers for low income citizens, citizens of color and citizens who have changed their name from what is on their birth certificate.

It was moved / seconded and passed by a unanimous vote that we make a statement in opposition to the SAVE Act and circulate it to local publications and news websites. See p. 8 for the opposition statement.

Revisions to Bylaws for ChapterSpot:

Kathy Johanson presented and explained revisions that are required to our LWVHC Bylaws to be approved by the LWVUS, so they are in line with the LWVUS Structural Transformation Plan (including ChapterSpot).

It was moved / seconded and passed by a unanimous vote that we adopt the changes to our Bylaws as presented, with the revised sections to be presented for final approval by the membership at our Annual Meeting, with an explanation in the Annual Meeting Kit.

Bonnie Oliver
LWVHC Secretary



Dear League Members,

On p. 10 of this VOTER, there are two requests for volunteers. One is for one day of the year. The other requires more of a commitment, but both are important. The request for a volunteer to take charge of the Avenue of the Giants Marathon has appeared in numerous editions of the VOTER this year.

Of course, the League needs your membership dues and donations too, but to keep the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County vibrant and relevant, we also need your time, at least sometimes.

Please think about your interests, check your schedules, and let a board member know that you are willing to volunteer to help keep our League alive.

Leslie Leach
LWVHC VOTER Editor

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.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY

**The LWVHC cordially invites you to our Annual
State of the Community Luncheon**

The League of Women Voters will be honoring:

**California Retired Teachers Association
North Coast-Division 27**

and

The Elections Transparency Project

Master of Ceremonies – Maggie Fleming
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

Keynote Speaker – Dr. Keith Flamer, President
College of the Redwoods

State of the County Remarks
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Friday, April 25, 2025

11:30 Doors open - Buffet service begins

12:00 – 1:30 Program

Adorni Center

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My check is enclosed to support the 2025 State of the Community Luncheon:

I wish to support The League of Women Voters. Please reserve _____ ticket(s) at \$75 per person.

I am unable to attend the luncheon, but I wish to support The League of Women Voters with a contribution of \$_____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Payment must be received in advance. Please make checks payable to
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, P.O. Box 376, Eureka, CA 95502
Contributions to the LWVHC are **not** deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

Keynote Speaker for 2025 State of the Community Luncheon

Dr. Keith Flamer, president of College of the Redwoods (CR), will deliver the keynote address at the League's State of the Community Luncheon, April 25, at the Adorni Center in Eureka.

Dr. Flamer says his work focuses on transparency, collaboration, and placing trust in his professional peers. He believes that diversity is a strength, and multiculturalism should be promoted, celebrated, and cherished. He welcomes input from people with differing perspectives and is sensitive to the needs of students who are differently abled, or from different backgrounds or cultures.

Dr. Flamer earned a PhD in organization leadership from Gonzaga University and a master's degree in public administration from Eastern Washington University.

Believing the North Coast community is essential to the continued success of CR., Dr. Flamer has said, "We could not do without the support and partnership of our local community."

Dr. Flamer, along with Dr. Tom Jackson, former president of Cal Poly Humboldt, has hosted a multi-episode podcast available on KHSU, "Talk Humboldt." Their interviews have highlighted a wide range of community organizations, including the Coast Guard Station on Humboldt Bay, the historic Requa Inn, the Yurok Tribal Court, and Food for People. He writes a regular column about campus events for the *Times-Standard*.

According to Flamer, "The opportunities we had talking to people, learning about their businesses, needs, and goals gave us valuable insights into our community...."

CR also serves the community by sponsoring Science Night, an educational partnership with Humboldt County Office of Education, and a College Fair to encourage community members to explore higher education.

Join us for a wonderful lunch to hear Dr. Flamer's keynote speech, to honor our Civic Contribution Award recipients, to catch up with friends, and to gain understanding of your community.

Make your luncheon reservation today.

Send a check for \$75 per person to: LWVHC, PO Box 376, Eureka 95502, or contact **Judy Bennet** judyben-nett82@gmail.com or Judith Stoffer judithstoffer@gmail.com. This annual event is the main source of funding for the many efforts of the LWVHC.

Debbe Hartridge
LWVHC SOCL Committee Member



A Summary of the LWV Letter to Congressional Leadership

Last month the VOTER had a copy of the LWVUS letter to Congress in its entirety, but with a page duplicated that may have left some confusion. Your board decided to have a summary available to the membership, in case you wanted to send it friends and family. So here is a somewhat shorter summary for you, with a link to the complete letter.

LWVUS Letter to Congressional Leadership

The League of Women Voters of the United States (“the League”), founded in 1920, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to ensure that everyone is represented in our democracy. We are a grassroots organization comprised of over one million members and supporters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands, with more than 700 local and state Leagues. The League uses advocacy, education, litigation, and organizing to achieve our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. We base our work on our policy positions developed out of multi-year studies and derived through consensus by League membership to ensure our advocacy reflects best practices and a nationwide perspective.

On the 105th anniversary of its founding, February 14, 2025, the League sent a letter to Congressional leadership regarding the organization’s grave concern over the state of our nation. Specifically, the League wrote to urge Congress to exercise its authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach that the Executive Branch has shown in the last few weeks. The letter is signed by leadership in the League and League state affiliates in 50 states and the District of Columbia. We have summarized the most important points in the letter, and have added a link to the full letter here <https://www.lwv.org/lwv-urges-congress-exercise-its-authority>

February 14, 2025

The Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Calling on Congress to Act

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

The letter begins by calling out Congress for abdicating its duty and authority under Article I of the US Constitution, and urges Congress to exercise its authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach by the Executive Branch of government which is leading to harm for millions of Americans. The League demands that members of Congress honor their oaths and protect their constituents.

The League then lists the series of executive orders (EOs) and directed actions issued by President Trump immediately after his inauguration which violate the law and the Constitution, and encroach upon the authority of Congress as representatives of the American people.

“The Trump administration has, through wide-ranging executive actions, attempted to:

1. End birthright citizenship for all persons born in the United States;
2. Pause the distribution of federal funds already allocated to programs by Congress;

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3. Dismantle federal agencies such as the US Agency for International Development (“USAID”) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”), which require notice to and the input of Congress before such actions can be taken;
4. Allow private citizens, who have neither been elected nor complied with the advice and consent requirement of the Senate, to access sensitive government systems; and to attempt to reduce the federal workforce through unorthodox means that deny them due process. These actions negatively affect American families and communities across the country.”

The League indicates it has seen “limited action or response from members of Congress to assert its constitutional authority under Article I to protect our system of checks and balances, the rights of Americans, or democracy itself. The outcry by Americans who are speaking out against the impact of the Executive Orders, including those who voted for President Trump, should be all that is needed for Congress to stand in its authority, legislate on behalf of the American people, and restore stability to the country.” The League repeats that “Congress must do its part to ensure that our great democracy is preserved and safeguarded.”

“Presidents commonly use executive orders, but they must be issued lawfully within constitutional checks and balances. EOs direct executive branch agencies and staff to take or stop specific actions.[1] To be lawful and enforceable, an executive order *must* be rooted in either the president’s powers granted in the Constitution or a law passed by Congress.[2] Further, the authority of an EO is not final; federal courts can review an order to determine whether it is a valid exercise of the president’s power or violates the Constitution, federal law, or the fundamental rights of Americans.[3]”

The League continues, “without question, Article I of the US Constitution vests all legislative powers in Congress.[4] Specifically, Article I, Section 9 grants Congress the power of the purse to approve spending in the federal budget in the Appropriations Clause, which reads in relevant part, [n]o Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law.”[5] The Constitution delegates the task of spending funds approved by Congress to the president, which requires the chief executive to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.”[6] Congress may allow the president discretion regarding how to implement the programs for which it appropriates money, but a president cannot decide whether to implement them. In other words, once Congress decides to spend money, the president cannot unilaterally substitute his judgment for that of Congress.[7] President Trump has issued numerous EOs that are not rooted in any presidential power granted by Congress and violate both the US Constitution and federal law. These EOs directly threaten our democracy.

They include, but are by no means limited to:

“Protecting the Meaning & Value of American Citizenship”[8]

This Executive Order attempts to end birthright citizenship for certain groups of children born in the United States. It would prohibit federal agencies from issuing documents recognizing the US citizenship of children who fall within certain categories. Yet birthright citizenship is a fundamental guarantee of the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution, which ensures that anyone born in the United States is a citizen of this country and is guaranteed equal rights and protection of the law.

“Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity”[9]

This EO withdraws the longstanding Executive Order 11246 issued after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibited employment discrimination by federal contractors and subcontractors. This revocation has been interpreted as undermining the protections of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.[10] It is essential that all members of Congress use their bully pulpit to inform the public that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — and its protections against discrimination — remain in full effect.

The following “EOs pause, freeze, block, or restrict federal funds in some way, blatantly disregarding both congressional authority and constitutional requirements.

“Reevaluating & Realigning United States Foreign Aid”[11]

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“Unleashing American Energy”[12]

“Protecting the American People Against Invasion”[13]

“Withdrawing The United States from The World Health Organization”[14]

“Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements”[15]

As outlined above, our system of constitutional checks and balances gives Congress the power of the purse, not the executive. The president has no authority to withhold funds through EOs without following the lawful process of communicating with Congress. Congress serves as a required check on the president’s overreach.”

The League next turns to the Trump Administration’s deployment of “employees of the Department of Government Efficiency (“DOGE”), an unofficial government department, to several federal agencies in an attempt to access secure systems and data, including Treasury Department data.[16] Unvetted DOGE employees who lack the proper security clearances can now enter the Treasury payment systems, which contain sensitive citizen and business data, prevent federal workers from entering their offices, and manipulate and stop payments to federal agencies like USAID, the CFPB, the US Department of Education, and others.[17]

Further, notes the League, “on January 25, the Trump administration summarily fired 17 inspectors general at government agencies without giving Congress the 30-day notice required by federal law.[18] The role of the inspectors general is to be an independent check against mismanagement and abuse of power while ensuring that programs and agencies are operating efficiently and effectively. With no inspectors general, there are no internal checks regarding the actions of DOGE in federal agencies or other attempts to institute abuses to the current systems.”

Congress has the power and obligation to provide oversight of federal government actions, particularly when those actions ignore the due process required for federal workers and give unelected, unvetted third parties with significant conflicts of interest access to citizens’ sensitive, private information. Congress’s constitutional duty is to provide a check on the administration’s weaponization of government against its own citizens. *All* of Congress, regardless of political affiliation, needs to stand in its authority. Advocates and individuals who are directly harmed by the Trump administration’s actions will and are already stepping forward to file lawsuits and seek redress from the judiciary branch.[19] Indeed, more than 68 cases have been filed in the administration’s first 26 days. But Congress *must* exercise its duty to check the executive’s serious overreach. This appropriate exercise of congressional authority will reinforce the separation of powers doctrine and set the tone for the necessary executive and legislative negotiation that is required in a democratic nation.”

While federal courts have enjoined the EOs on birthright citizenship, the firing of federal workers without due process, the freezing of federal funds, and DOGE’s access to critical and sensitive Treasury Department data are areas where action from Congress is critically missing. In its order against the Administration’s granting of access to DOGE, the court noted that granting DOGE access to Treasury payment systems exceeds the statutory authority of the Treasury Department and violates both the Take Care Clause of the US Constitution and the separation of powers doctrine.[20] Yet shortly after this ruling, representatives of the Trump Administration are signaling that they may refuse to comply with court orders.[21] Congress has the power of oversight but has yet to utilize its powers of checks and balances given to it by the US Constitution. This is unacceptable. Congress must step in.

Then the League, on behalf of all the League affiliate presidents in every US state and the District of Columbia as signatories asks Congress “to stand up for the American people. One of the founding principles of the League of Women Voters is the belief that all powers of the US government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. We strongly urge you to use your authority to uphold the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and put an end to the executive branch’s overreach, which is undoubtedly causing harm to millions of Americans. The time to act in defense of your constituents is now.”

Notes of LWV Letter to Congressional Leadership

This is followed by an offer to meet and discuss the League's position, League contact information, the signatories, and all citations.

Respectfully,
Leadership from LWVUS and all state and DC League affiliates

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Byrd Lochtie

LWVHC Election Service Director

Karen Price

LWVHC Community Education Director

Make Democracy Work

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County are issuing a statement of strong opposition to the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, introduced in the House of Representatives on 01/03/2025 (H.R. 22).

By requiring documentary proof of American citizenship to register to vote, the SAVE Act will create unnecessary barriers for all eligible Americans to participate in the registration and voting process. These requirements would make more obstacles to voting and could especially cause barriers for low-income citizens, citizens of color, and citizens who have changed their name from what is on their birth certificate. For example:

The SAVE Act would require all American citizens registering to vote or updating their registration information to present documentary proof of citizenship in person, which for most Americans would be a passport or birth certificate. Approximately 146 million American citizens do not possess a valid passport and only 1 in 5 Americans with income below \$50,000 have a valid passport. Many older Americans do not have official copies of their birth certificate and 84 percent of women who marry change their surnames so their birth certificates no longer have their legal name on it, and it could not be used to prove citizenship.

The Save Act makes no mention of being able to show a marriage certificate or change of name documentation and leaves it up to the States to “fix any discrepancies”.

Government-issued drivers licenses, including REAL IDs, as well as military or tribal IDs do not satisfy the bill’s requirements.

The legislation would invert the current responsibility to verify a person’s eligibility and citizenship status from election officials and the government onto each citizen.

The SAVE Act would change the way all citizens register to vote upon enactment. It would upend online voter registration, make it impossible to mail in a registration application and eliminate voter registration drives. This would force many rural Americans to drive hours to register to vote.

The right to vote is the fundamental promise of democracy, and we must protect it at all costs. We need our elected officials to prioritize impactful legislation like the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act that would strengthen voting rights instead of bills that sow disinformation and fear.

The League of Women Voters will continue to advocate for pro-voter legislation that would strengthen the freedom to vote and build a fairer democracy.



Summary of the March 20 Position Review Meeting

First, I would like to thank the ten League members who gathered on Zoom to revisit our **Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay** position on March 20. This position was just reviewed and renewed in 2023. However, the March 20 meeting fulfilled a consensus decision made at our last Annual Meeting that we take another look to determine if this position says enough about climate change and sea level rise to give us the most flexibility and breadth in our advocacy work.

With help from two local experts, Jennifer Kalt and Jennifer Marlow, the members came to consensus on two changes in the **Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay** position:

1. Continue to support a publicly elected centralized authority, ~~such as the Humboldt Harbor Commission,~~ with full powers to function that oversees and enforces a master plan for Humboldt Bay.

8.
 - C. ~~Encourage relocating critical public infrastructure to higher ground.~~ Support current research along with community-based research into sea level rise risk reduction.

The reason for the first change is that presently the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District does not have the cooperation of other local government entities. Furthermore, the Humboldt County Association of Governments recently agreed to be the lead on the Regional Climate Action Plan. Therefore, we decided not to name any publicly elected governing body in this paragraph.

The reason for the second change is that after members of the review committee attended a meeting of the Humboldt Cal Poly Sea Level Rise Institute, we learned the importance of including current research and having local knowledge and experience as part of sea level rise risk reduction. We all agreed that the change was broader, with more application than the original wording.

The topics of local governing bodies and current as well as community research led to a number of innovative ideas during our discussion. These ideas will be presented to the board at the April 1 board meeting.

Leslie Leach
LWVHC VOTER Editor

Follow the LWVHC on Bluesky

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County has joined another social media site!

Bluesky launched to the public in 2024 and quickly grew in popularity as an alternative to Twitter. It's considered a microblogging platform -- think short posts containing texts, photos, and videos -- that allows users to curate their feeds. For example, if you're interested in gardening, you can follow a curated "starter pack" of solely gardening related accounts. You can also curate your own, in case you're interested in a feed made up of hikers and their explorations in Humboldt County. It's so easy to customize to your personal interests!

In an effort to reach as many people as possible and a varied audience, we've joined Bluesky to hopefully reach local folks, those interested in activities of local Leagues, or those following politics in general.

Find us on Bluesky at [@lwvhc.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/@lwvhc.bsky.social) and give us a follow!

Jessica Schlachter
LWVHC Communications Director

We Need You at the Avenue of the Giants Marathon, Sunday, May 4

This year marks the 53rd running of the marathon. The organizers expect a big crowd, having been sold out since early January!

My husband, Lenny, was one of the founders of the race. I have staffed an aid station all 53 of those years. Over the last 20+ years, that aid station has been proudly staffed with LWVHC volunteers. It's always lots of fun, raises awareness and good will for the League, and helps the runners as well. The League will be at it again this year, and I need about ten volunteers to handle all the important tasks on that day. Our station is located at the route turnaround near Myers Flat, and we serve water, smiles, and encouragement to every runner who passes by. We arrive about 8 a.m. to set up and are through no later than 2 p.m. We can arrange to car-pool.

As an added bonus, this activity helps raise financial support for LWVHC. Each year we raise between \$300 and \$500 for our treasury. Over the years, this has brought in thousands of dollars!

This year, **Anne Hartline** has volunteered to co-chair with me. THANKS, ANNE. We hope to revive Carol Masterson's tradition of flying the League banner. It's great advertising!

If you are willing to help staff the aid station, let me know NOW, and I will contact you with the details. I really appreciate your help! Contact me by email: kay.escarda@gmail.com or by phone: (707) 442-7495 or cell (707) 672-2098.

Kay Escarda
LWVHC Member

Volunteer Opportunity

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County is seeking a member to become our next liaison to Access Humboldt (AH), our trusted local nonprofit community media center. AH offers training in video production, podcasting and more; channels dedicated to broadcasting public meetings on its cable channels and online; and is a champion of democracy, civic engagement, diversity awareness, and freedom.

The AH board of directors has a unique design that includes a set of "designated" seats, spelled out in the organization's bylaws. One of those designated seats is reserved for a member of the League. Our thanks go to **Elaine Weinreb** who has just stepped down from that position.

Right now, Access Humboldt is opening up a fresh, dynamic chapter in its 20-year history. A new Executive Director is organizing vibrant and innovative outreach programs, seeking out new funding sources and encouraging the members of the board of directors to take on more active roles in these efforts.

If this sounds like a good fit for you, please contact this writer. I serve on the LWVHC board of directors, and I am the chairperson of the Access Humboldt board too. I can personally attest that now is a thrilling time to join the Access Humboldt board.

Contact me (Molly Cate) at awestruckliving@gmail.com for more information or just to say "Yes, count me in!"

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director

Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

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.

Your membership will be good for 1 year from the date you pay your dues.

Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVUS. Send to P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

A single individual member payment of \$75 is suggested, but you can pay less if you wish, with a minimum of \$20 per member.

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____



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To:

Get Involved!

We all have unique skills to contribute and limited time. 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, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County (LWVHC), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to membership nor participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, or political affiliation. LWVHC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVHC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, Board, and programs. Discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be accepted within the League, including but not limited to race, socio-economic status, age, ability status, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or marital status. The League is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging for all people. The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences and life experiences represents not only our culture, but our reputation and the organization's mission and achievements as well.

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, April 1 Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.
in person, Babe's Pizza and Pasta, 4015 Walnut Dr.,
Eureka, CA or on Zoom (Use the link below.)

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