

President's Message

Hello League Members,

Our League schedule has certainly picked up in the past month!

We're currently well underway with candidate forums ahead of the June election, and by the time you're reading this, we should be finishing up. I'd like to extend my thanks to KEET for hosting the forums, and to every League volunteer who helps them run smoothly. This is the first year that the forums aren't being organized by the late Carol Masterson, and the committee has done a fantastic job with them.

It was great to see so many of you at our virtual annual meeting on May 19th! We achieved a quorum, I gave the president's report, **Molly Cate** updated the membership on the behavioral health study, members shared thoughts regarding the upcoming year, and overall, it was a productive meeting. I'm hoping that we get to meet in person next year!

Sharolyn Hutton and I will be headed to the National Convention in Denver at the end of June. If there are any topics that you'd like us to address with other Leagues that weren't brought up at our annual meeting, please let us know! I'm looking forward to attending, getting the chance to meet representatives from Leagues around the country, and sharing ideas on how to best serve our communities. I've also never been to Denver before, so it should be a fun trip!

If you haven't already cast your ballot, remember the California primary is June 7th! Mail your ballot through the USPS, drop it in an official drop box, turn it into a voting location -- or vote in person. Remember, make democracy work and VOTE!

Jessica Schlechter
LWVHC Co-President

Behavioral Health Services Study Update

Our study of behavioral health services in Humboldt County is in the midst of turning a corner, from research to gleaning ideas we can use to fashion proposed consensus questions. We have gathered significant resources, and committee members are searching and summarizing those resources as we begin to shape our work into the consensus question phase. It is an exciting time in the work of the committee!

Into the fall, the committee will organize proposed consensus questions under the four areas of our study's behavioral health services scope: prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and availability. Then, these four areas will form the themes of a series of consensus-driven member meetings through the rest of 2022 and into 2023 as we fashion the proposed position that will ultimately be presented to the LWVHC board of directors and then to the general membership at the 2023 annual meeting.

Members are welcome to attend our monthly Zoom meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 pm. Below is the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789562688?pwd=K1FsNW52MG5HVzV2em9NQ1p3S09BUT09>

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director

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.

Report on the LWVHC Annual Meeting

The LWVHC Annual Meeting was held on May 19, 2022. The proposed budget was approved. The corrected positions for the Library, Housing, and Land Use Planning were also approved, as was the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee.

Co-presidents **Jessica Schlechter** and **Sharolyn Hutton** thanked those present and acknowledged the work of so many League and Board members who made our year very successful. Also acknowledged were the deaths of several who had supported the League over many years: Bev Post, Marianne Pennecamp, Carol Masterson, Joan Shirle, and Thea Gast.

Directions to the board were:

1. To consider having an emphasis on sea level rise.
2. To consider changing the bylaws so that the Annual Meeting could be held in June in even years that have primary elections.

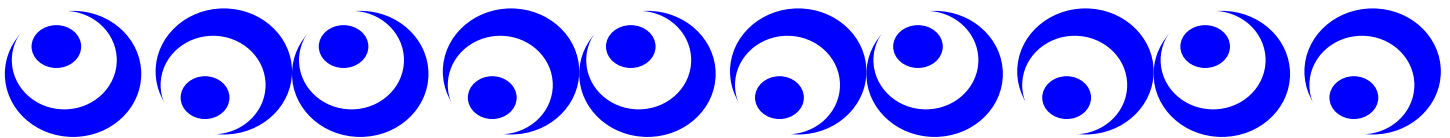
Sharolyn Hutton

National League of Women Voters Convention, June 23-26, 2022

LWVHC Co-President

On June 22, 2022, **Jessica Schlachter** and **Sharolyn Hutton** will travel to Denver for the LWV Convention. **Anne Hartline** and **Julie Kelly** will attend virtually. A few of the topics to be addressed are as follows: Abolishing the Electoral College; Achieving Digital Equity and Cybersecurity and Privacy. Anyone wishing to attend virtually as an observer should go online :<https://www.lwv.org/manage-your-league/council-convention>
The cost is \$300.

Sharolyn Hutton
LWVHC Co-President



LWVHC/KEET Candidate Forums

In cooperation with KEET, the League of Women Voters, Humboldt County has begun airing candidate forums for the June 7 Primary Election. The first two forums, for Auditor-Controller and 4th District Supervisor went well with moderators **Judy Bennett** and **Anne Hartline**, a new planning committee, and LWVHC volunteers filling necessary broadcast roles. Candidates responded to questions generated by the committee as well as those submitted by members at large and the public.

During the second week of forums, the positions of 5th District Supervisor and District Attorney were scheduled, moderated by **Byrd Lochtie** and **Anne Hartline**. The forums will conclude with:

Recorder-Clerk/Registrar of Voters on May 23,
Arcata City Council on May 25,
and Superior Court Judge on June 1.

Forums are held at 7 p.m. on KEET. Recordings of all forums are available on [KEET.org](https://www.keet.org) and [my.lwv.org](https://www.my.lwv.org).

Ann Diehl
LWVHC Interim Forum Director

Exciting Move for Access Humboldt

Access Humboldt (AH) is our local, non-profit public service media organization promoting free speech, broadband access, and community media equity. Their board of directors reflects their breadth of public service by designating seats to local civic entities. One of those seats is designated for the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, and I have the joy of serving in that capacity. The League has a long history of collaboration with AH. Right now, they are in the midst of airing, along with KEET, our candidate forums.

Big changes are under way! Access Humboldt is in the process of moving their facilities to a spacious site at College of the Redwoods. The move will take many weeks to accomplish and involves a great deal of technical coordination to ensure service without interruption. A celebratory Open House is being planned for July 1. Stay tuned for more details.

Also, Access Humboldt is undergoing changes in their income stream. The US Congress originally set up funding for public access media all across the country by mandating that five percent of the income of cable TV providers go to local public media organizations. That income source is declining as more people switch to internet sources for media access and cable TV revenues dry up.

You can help by becoming a member of Access Humboldt and/or supporting them with a monthly donation (as little as two dollars a month) through Patreon online. Find out more at the Access Humboldt website, www.accesshumboldt.net

Support local voices through community media!

Molly Cate

LWVHC Access Humboldt Liason

LWV on Gun Violence

The League of Women Voters of Buffalo-Niagara, the League of Women Voters of New York State, and the League of Women Voters of the United States issued the following statement on the mass shooting in Buffalo, New York: “This weekend, a terrorist with a violent and racist agenda brought tragedy to the Black community in Buffalo. This heinous attack is the result of hateful white supremacy we sadly experience far too often across America.

“We mourn the victims of this horrific shooting, and we stand in solidarity with the Black community in Buffalo. Our hearts are broken by the trauma inflicted on our friends and neighbors.

“Continued white supremacist attacks in our country make it clear that our leaders must do more to ensure anti-racism education in schools, curb the amplification of white supremacy on social media, and protect Americans against the threat of gun violence.

“Our nation has an ugly history of extreme violence against Black Americans that continues today. In a true democracy, everyone can live freely without the threat of extreme violence against their community. A racist attack on the Black community is an attack on American democracy.”

Dave Rosso

LWVHC Co-Editor

Voter's Edge: Getting Ready for the June Primary

This is an online source for voter information regarding candidates and measures. It is a collaboration between MapLight and LWVC. Following is the link to the Voter's Edge website: <https://votersedge.org/ca>

This year there are no state measures, but there are measures for Humboldt County. To get information that is more limited to Humboldt County candidates and measures, click on Look Up By County. You won't be deluged with information from the other 79 districts! You can compare candidates under each position if there are multiple candidates. By clicking on the profile for a candidate, you get more information such as education, political philosophy, employment, priorities, endorsements, etc. For measures one can get the published arguments for and against, impartial analysis/proposal and related news articles.

Note that not all candidates are participating and that some news articles may not be accessible, so there will be some lapses. I am in contact with candidates to get them to participate and in contact with Voter's Edge to get mistakes corrected. Unfortunately, links sometimes become non-functional. Even with these deficiencies, Voter's Edge is a good source of voter information. I encourage you to visit Voter's Edge.

Maggie Augustine
LWVHC Voter Service Director

Vote Humboldt

This month LWVHC participated with Vote Humboldt for voter registration of high school students at Eureka High School. Jane Callahan worked with Lacey Lorenzen in organizing the training and selection of students. Twelve students participated. Voter registration sessions were held on May 5, May 12, and May 24 from 12:45 - 1:30 pm. The trained students registered the students electronically either on individual cell phones or Chrome tablets. See the photos of the participants which include students and Lacey Lorenzen. There will be more sessions in August and September at the high schools in Fortuna and Ferndale.

Conditional Voter Registration or Same Day Voter Registration:

To vote in California, a citizen must register to vote 15-days prior to the election date. If you miss the deadline, you can do conditional voter registration which means that one conditionally registers to vote and then casts a provisional ballot. This can be done at the county elections office, a vote center, or a designated satellite location during the period of 14 days prior to and including Election Day.

Once your county elections official processes your affidavit of registration, determines your eligibility to register, and validates your information, your registration becomes permanent, and your provisional ballot will be counted.

Maggie Augustine
LWVHC Voter Service 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.

Annual Dues are due each year on July 1st

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.

_____ \$75 Single Membership

_____ \$115 Family Membership
(2 in same household)

_____ I also want to gift a membership!

Name _____ Phone _____

I am enclosing for my annual membership renewal:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____



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Who's Who in Your 2021-2022

- Co-Presidents.....Sharolyn Hutton/
Jessica Schlachter
- Vice President.....Molly Cate
- Secretary.....Anne Hartline
- Treasurer.....Nancy Kay
- Program Director.....Molly Cate
- Natural Resources Director.....Leslie Leach
- Social Policy Directors.....Molly Cate/
Amy Moffat/Sylvia Shaw
- Government Directors.....Sharrone Blanck/
Karen Price
- Fairs Director.....Becky Simpson
- Access Humboldt Liaison.....Molly Cate
- Election Service Director.....Byrd Lochtie
- Interim Forum Director.....Ann Diehl
- Voter Service Director.....Maggie Augustine
- Membership Director.....Becky Simpson
- Social Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- VOTER Co-Editors....Dave Rosso/Leslie Leach
- Community Education Directors.....Nancy Kay/
Amy Moffat
- Communications Director.....Deborah Downs
- Traditional Media Chair.....Jessica Schlachter
- Director.....Eddie Morgan





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To:

Get Involved!

We all have a unique set of skills to contribute and limited time to afford. 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 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

LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, June 7	Primary Elections Day
Thursday, June 9 6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting On Zoom
LWVHC Webpage	Any Time!
LWCHC Twitter	Any Time!
LWCHC Instagram	Any Time!

