



League of Women Voters Benicia

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization which neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. We encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and action.



January 8th, Tuesday 7 PM LWV Benicia Board meeting at Niles Medders' home at 200 Brighton Drive, Vallejo

January 22, Tuesday 7:00 PM Annual Program Planning meeting at the Camelia Tea Room, 828 1st Street, Benicia, Ca.

January 28th, Mon. 7:00 PM Great Decisions first meeting, Benicia Public Library, Topic: Refugees and Global Migration

February 4th, Mon. 7:00 PM Great Decisions second meeting, Benicia Public Library, Topic: The Middle East: Regional Disorder

February 9th, Sat. 9:30 AM—3:00 PM LWV Bay Area League Day, Google Community Space, 188 The Embarcadero, San Francisco. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in the Bay Area

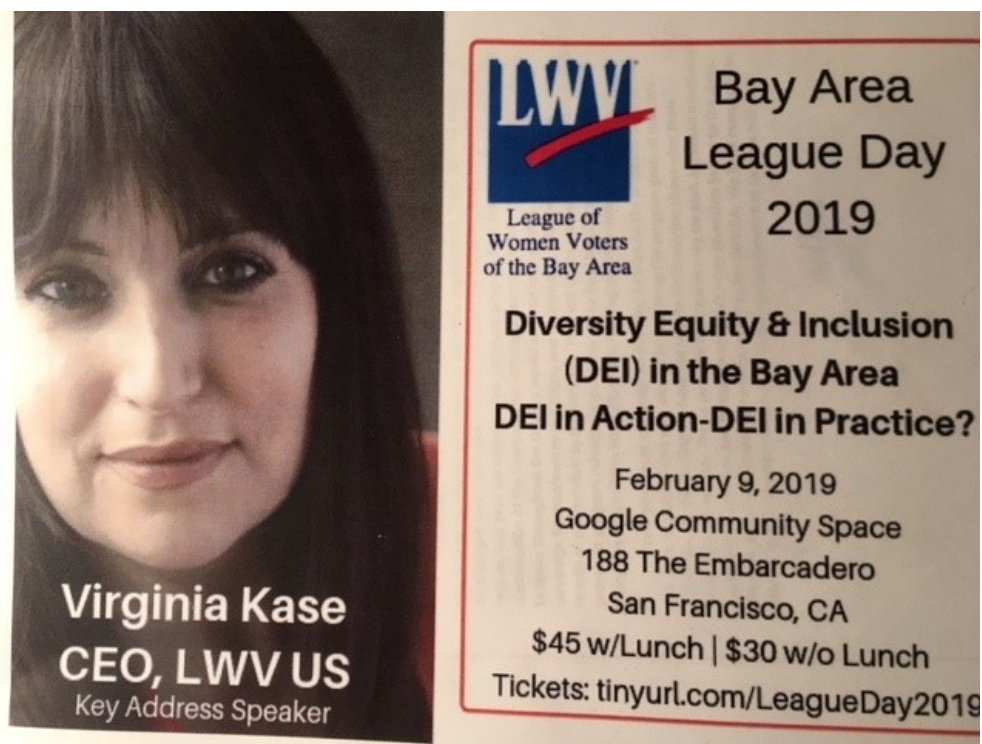
Great Decisions

The first Great Decisions meeting of 2019 will be Monday January 28th at 7:00 PM at the Benicia Public Library, Dona Benicia room. The topic for the first week is **Refugees and Global Migration**. Today no countries have open borders. Every state in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders, and how they will do so. Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries including the United States, reacted to migration? How effective are the international laws, policies and organizations that have evolved to assist and protect refugees and migrants? Come and view the Foreign Policy Association's informative video and discuss the issues presented in the video and in the companion chapter provided in the FPA briefing book. If you would like to sign up to purchase a book, please email Niles Medders at nilesmedders@gmail.com.



LWV US CEO to Speak at Bay Area League Day Feb. 9, 2019

The theme for this year's Bay Area League Day is Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in the Bay Area. The key address speaker will be Virginia Kase, CEO, LWVUS. The event will be held at the Google Community Space, 188 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, Ca. Cost is \$45 w/lunch and \$30/w/o lunch. Explore diversity, equity, & inclusion with key thought leaders. Networking and continental breakfast will be from 9:30 am – 10:00 am. The event with break outs will begin at 10:00 am and conclude at 3:00 PM. This should be an extremely informative meeting and provide an opportunity to meet and talk with League members from all over the Bay Area. For tickets go to tinyurl.com/LeagueDay2019.



Virginia Kase
CEO, LWV US
Key Address Speaker

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(DEI) in the Bay Area
DEI in Action-DEI in Practice?**

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Annual Program Planning Meeting
January 22, 2019 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Camelia Tea Room

It's time again for everyone to join together and set our League's agenda through the Program Planning process. This is a truly grassroots organization and our yearly program planning meeting is the **opportunity that each League member has to help choose the focus of our local and the state League for the next two years.**

This year we will meet at the beautiful Camelia Tea Room, 828 1st Street in Benicia on Tuesday evening January 22nd from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We will discuss League policy and positions at the state level. Where should the League focus its energy over the next two years? For a review of the work the state League's advocacy work you can go to lwvc.org/news/hard-fought-victories-california-our-legislative. Issues included campaign finance reform, vote-by-mail (VBM), bail reform, climate change, water, hazardous materials, criminal justice reform, protecting the rights of immigrant families, alleviating California's housing crisis, quality, affordable childcare and education.

There will also be an opportunity to consider issues of concern to us in Benicia, Vallejo and throughout Solano County. Where is there a need for legislative activity and other advocacy, both in Sacramento and in our city and county?

Advocacy is a key League activity year-round. For example, we supported or opposed 7 of the 11 statewide ballot measures in November and in addition, many bills we supported from climate change to voting rights-were signed into law.

What will we do to participate in the LWVUS Campaign to Make Democracy Work? Should we focus on community education? Where does the census fit in to our priorities? Was there an issue on the ballot this year on which you wished the League had been able to take a stand – so that we should have a new or updated study?

This is your opportunity to make your voice heard. Join us!! Everyone is welcome. To actually vote you must be a member.



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