THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUTTE COUNTY (LWVBC)

LW e-BULLETIN

Sunshine Week is Coming in March!

Across the country, Sunshine Week every March is marked by fascinating panel discussions, workshops and other events about using and understanding the latest developments in freedom of information resources. Founded and supported by the American Society of News Editors (ASNE) and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Sunshine Week is an annual nationwide celebration of access to public information and what it means for us and our community. Numerous webinars are available from across the United States: <u>http://sunshineweek.org/events/</u>

Locally, the League of Women Voters of Butte County is sponsoring a free informational forum, *Law Enforcement Records: Public or Private?*

Open to the public, the forum will be held Thursday, March 14 from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library, 1108 Sherman Avenue. Butte County Sheriff Honea, George Gold of Chico Citizens for Justice, and a Local Press representative will address transparency and access to law enforcement and public records with a question and answer session following the panel. Topics include

- Public access to public records
- Are "your" law enforcement records public?
- Process to access records
- New SB 1421: Law Enforcement Records: Public or Private
- Remedies if access denied
- Alternate means for transparency, public review and oversight.

Sunshine Week lasts seven days, but it is up to all of us to keep the sun shining on government all year. Please consider joining the League's Observer Corps. Observers help ensure transparency. A League presence observing governmental boards and commissions makes a difference when it comes time for us to ask individuals running for office to participate in a League candidate forum to answer questions relevant to our community.

March 2019

LWVBC Membership Committee meeting, Tuesday, March 5 6pm, League Office Share your thoughts on member services

Youth Voter Registration Project Thursday, March 7, 5:30pm League Office

Join our efforts to empower new voters, including strategies for converting registrants into informed voters.



"Ponderings with the President" Open House, Wednesday, March 20 4:30 -6pm, League Office Drop in whenever you want to ponder whatever you want (every third Wednesday of the month).

Watch for an announcement soon on dates for our annual LWV Observer Reports. Stay current with all local League activities by checking out the LWVBC online <u>calendar</u>.

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