

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUTTE COUNTY (LWVBC)



Voter

Dear League Members & Friends,

The dictionary offers many definitions of the word **change**. I'm going with this one: **to become different**. For the March 3, 2020 primary, your voting process will *become different*. Nationally, 15 states -- including population powerhouses California and Texas -- will head to the polls on **Super Tuesday**. This multi-state line up represents more than one-third of American voters in what is considered an early test of a presidential candidate's electability.

At the local level, Butte County is the 13th California county to adopt the Voter's Choice Act. This new election model aims to increase convenience and access as our Registrar of Voters, Candace Grubbs, strives to assist Camp Fire survivors, voters with disabilities, and the community at-large. Every registered voter will be mailed a ballot 29 days before the election with 3 options for return: (1) mail it in the included postage-paid envelope; (2) deposit it in one of several countywide ballot drop boxes; or (3) take it to one of several countywide Vote Centers. At these new one-stop Vote Centers, Butte County residents can *register to vote; update their voter registration information; receive voter assistance in multiple languages; vote using accessibility machines; get a replacement ballot; or just say help*. We'll send more on this important topic ... but look for your ballot soon after February 3. Read on for more information about No Party Preference voters.

Looking ahead to the March primary, we have a Butte County Supervisor candidate forum planned for January 15 at 6:30-pm at Butte College. There are 3 open districts so we'll have 3 forums. We are also trying a new idea (for us) called candidate speed dating. All Butte County candidates will be invited to sit at their own table to meet the public and answer questions. This will be at Lincoln Hall/Chico High School on February 1, 2020 at 9:30-am.

Sincerely,
Linda MacMichael
President



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Dates to get on your calendar:

Nov 14 – Climate Change Speaker
Series, 7-pm Gateway Museum

Nov 16 – AAUW Celebration of
Women, 10-am, PV Rec Center

Dec 5 - Climate Change Speaker
Series, 7-pm, Gateway Museum

Dec 10 - Member Engagement Party,
4-pm, Linda MacMichael's home

Jan 15 - County Supervisor Forums,
6:30-pm, Butte College Black Box
Theatre

February 1, Candidate Speed Dating,
9:30-am, Chico High

February 13, 100th Birthday Potluck
and Census Forum, 5:30, Masonic

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Youth Voter Registration Project

Our 2019 **Youth Voter Registration Project**, partially funded by a successful grant application to the national League of Women Voters Educational Fund, continues this fall and into 2020. Groups of student leaders from Chico-area high schools are now trained in voter registration – including the new Butte County Vote Centers. They are also aware that the California Secretary of State has been notified by the American Independent Party, Democratic Party and Libertarian Party that No Party Preference voters may request their party's presidential ballot for the March 3 presidential primary. Trained peer leaders are conducting voter registration at Pleasant Valley and Inspire High Schools – including preregistration for 16- and 17-year olds. Our goal is to supply each high school in Butte County with a mobile voter registration booth set-up (table, table cloth, signs, forms, pens and more) that will remain on campus for voter registration activities. If you have a spare rolling cart or wheeled carry-on suitcase in good shape, we could use them!

The lowest voter turnout is consistently among 18 – 25-year olds, so let's work together to change that! Please consider working with us to empower youth voters throughout Butte County. Even if you have not been trained in voter registration, we can arrange more training. Please call Debra Barger (530-345-1908) or email her at debra.barger@sbcglobal.net She'll take your small wheeled carts or carry-ons too! We sincerely thank Debra for launching and sustaining this very worthy League cause.

It's (Still) Dues Time

Here is another friendly reminder to please pay your League dues. We need your support for this upcoming year – there is an incredible amount of work to do. Individual memberships are \$60 and household memberships are \$90.00. You may send a check, made out to LWV of Butte County, to LWVBC, POB 965, Chico, CA 95927-0941 or you may pay online on our website www.lwvbuttecounty.org

American Association of Women – Celebration of Four Women

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Our League is invited to a celebration honoring four local Women of Distinction on Saturday, November 16, 10-am, at the Pleasant Valley Recreation Center, 2320 North Avenue in Chico. This occasion will highlight Sarah Blackstone, Tami Ritter, Pat Macias, and Barbara Vlamis. These four women will be honored for their work in education, public service, the arts, and in environmental advocacy.

Member Engagement Gathering: December 10, 2019

In lieu of the regular League board meeting on December 10, the board would like to spend its time with you. This informal wine-and-cheese event is from 4 to 7-pm at the home of Linda MacMichael. We will send more information, but please mark your calendar and plan to join us. The board looks forward to connecting with our many new members, and catching up with our not-so-new-members. Mates, dates, and friends are welcome too!