



IMPORTANT DATES
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Thursday, Sept. 6
League Voter Service 101
6-8 pm
Concord Library
2900 Salvio St., Concord
(see page 5)

Week of September 17
All Day (several days)
Candidate Roundtable
Videotapings
CCTV, Martinez
(see page 5)

Tuesday, Sept. 18
Nonprofit Advocacy
Training
2-5 pm
First Presbyterian Church
1935 Colfax Street, Concord
(see page 6)

Wednesday, Sept. 26
Thursday, Sept. 27
Monday, Oct. 1
Associated Student
Elections, DVC
(see page 4)

Monthly Meeting:
Kick Off Election Season
with Learning, Lunch
and Literature

Our Saturday, August 18, meeting will be a fun morning of meeting other leaguers and community members.

We will learn the “In’s and Out’s of Registering People to Vote” — both on paper and online — and hear about Votersedge.org and “Pros and Cons” presentations.



We will conclude with a potluck lunch and casual discussion of political books that individual members have read. Bring your calendar, to sign up for volunteer opportunities!

When: Saturday, August 18, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Where: Pleasant Hill Cohousing Great Room, 2200 Lisa Lane, Pleasant Hill. *(Directions, parking instructions and RSVP instructions, page 3)*

info@lwvdv.org

(925) 283-2235

League Leader's Letter

Suzan Requa, LWVDV Co-President

Welcome to the LWV Transformation and LWVDV local transformation!

Marian Shostrom, Ashley Coates and I attended the LWV National Convention in Chicago and were very energized by the presentation of the Transformation Roadmap and multiple sessions full of successful methods to grow our membership, increase our capacity for activism and communicate our accomplishments. Our local League had been scheduling strategic planning and our planning was greatly helped by what we learned in Chicago.

Our National Vision: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

Our Mission: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

Our Core Strategies: Ensure voter access; mobilize votes; provide voter education; ensure voter protection and promote transparency and accountability in government.



Suzan and AKA sorority members doing voter registration at BART.

This IS our most focused LWVDV election year. **There is the undeniable concern for the safety of our democracy.**

So, for our local strategy:

- **We will be registering voters. We will be educating them about online resources to become informed with a plan to mobilize them to vote in November.**
- **We will have an intensified commitment to our generation of students rightfully driven to civic participation by Parkland Florida student leadership.**
- **We will have an intensified commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) as explained and trained at the convention.**
- We will initiate new ways of communicating with all of you, our full membership.

This is your chance to take constructive action with us no matter what your previous experience.

Watch for Martha and Marian's Voters Service information about training and participation and watch for Ashley's opportunities to meet new members of our LWVDV.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the Convention. Join us now to help us provide more voter services across our communities than have ever before been accomplished on such a level.

Yours in League,
Suzan

To meet our busy election season Voters Service goals, we need YOU to volunteer as much as you are able. There are lots of ways to get involved, many lasting just a couple of hours. Check your mailbox for an interest survey. Fill it out and bring it to the August 18 meeting, or put it in the mail (address is at the bottom of the survey).

Join us for fun, food and more on Saturday, August 18!

Here are the details you need for the event (see page 1).



Driving, Parking and Transit: <http://phch.org/findoutmore.htm#map>

There is limited parking next to the Iron Horse Trail, and street parking in the neighborhood (about 2 blocks away), or in the Kohl's shopping center lot, also about 2 blocks away. If you have a disabled placard, there are three spaces in front of the Common House building. (It is a mile from Pleasant Hill BART station down the Iron Horse Trail. Call the League office, 925-283-2235, if you will need a ride from BART.)

To RSVP, call the LWV office 925-283-2235 by August 16. Leave your name and whether you are bringing a guest.

Potluck Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080849a4ad22a75-august>

If you have a book you would like to describe at the discussion, please send the title and author to Ashley Coates, [at info@lwvdv.org](mailto:info@lwvdv.org).

Questions: Leave a message for Marian or Ashley at 925-283-2235.

RECENT ACTION ALERTS:

Census Comments Needed!

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross has directed the department to include a citizenship question on the U.S. Census. Including this question on the Census will discourage participation and impact the data collected in every community across the country. This decision is bad for the Census, bad for our communities, and bad for America.

Now is the time for you to act! [Submit a comment about the U.S. Census questions today!](#)

The Census helps to determine fair political representation and aid policymakers when making decisions about where and how to allocate vital program funds and resources over the next decade. It is imperative to get the most accurate count because every community relies on Census data for things like public safety and transportation resources.

Help California Take the Next Step To Fight Climate Change!

The climate crisis is endangering all aspects of our daily lives. We must act now to move away from fossil fuels and preserve a healthy and sustainable environment for ourselves and future generations. Fossil fuels account for 75-80 percent of greenhouse gas emissions—but you can help change that.

[Take action today and tell your Assembly Member to vote YES on SB 100 - the California Renewable Portfolio Standard Program.](#)

This bill will require that 100 percent of California's electricity comes from zero-carbon fuels by 2045. It also gives clear guidance and sufficient lead time so businesses can plan for the change.

VOTERS SERVICE: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Martha Goralka and Marian Shostrum, Voters Service Team

LWV Diablo Valley is gearing up for the November Election. Our goal is simple: informed, engaged voters who understand the issues and know that their vote counts.

VOTER REGISTRATION: Training

Saturday, August 18th, 10 am at Pleasant Hill Cohousing, 2200 Lisa Lane, Pleasant Hill (*see information on pages 1 and 3*), and Thursday, September 6-8 pm at Concord Library, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord (*see Save the Date below for details*).



DVC STUDENT ELECTIONS

Poll workers are needed to help the Associated Students at Diablo Valley College run their student elections. This is a "do-over" election, as the one held a few months ago was invalidated for improper procedures -- so they need our help!

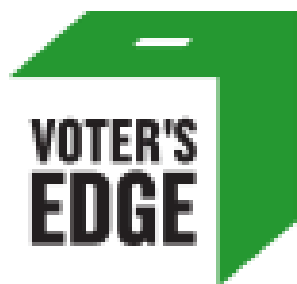
We will be staffing elections on **Wednesday, September 26 and Thursday, September 27, from 9 am-7pm**, and on **Monday, October 1, from 9 am- 1:30 pm** to do the ballot tally and certification.

Volunteers can work in shifts, but at any given time during the election days we will need **3-4 volunteers at the DVC campus in Pleasant Hill and 2 volunteers at the DVC San Ramon location.**

What do poll tenders do? You will sit at the polling place, check student IDs, check names off the list, and hand out and retrieve the ballots.

Why respond NOW if this is not until late September? Because DVC considers the poll workers to be temporary staff, you need to arrange to fill out paperwork ahead of time (you will be paid, and volunteers usually donate the money they earn for this service). **The preferred time slots for doing this advance paperwork are on Tuesday, August 7, from 9-11 am or 3-5 pm.** If alternative times are needed, Martha will need to make the arrangements with DVC for that.

Please respond directly to Martha at info@lwvdv.org with your availability and whether you can make one of the two August 7 timeslots for preliminary paperwork.



VOTER'S EDGE CALIFORNIA (VEC)

A partnership between The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund and Maplight.org, this online system gives voters information about candidates and ballot initiatives, and who is funding them. There will be nearly 100 contests in Contra Costa County (24 School Districts, 43 Special Districts, 28 City contests, 3 State Assembly Contests, and 1 County-wide contest).

We will need many **Candidate Liaisons** to learn about VEC and encourage candidates to participate. This can be done from home at a time you choose by using phone, Facebook, Twitter, or the candidate's web site. **Dates:** Early September to Mid-October (when mail-in ballots go out). If you want to help with this, email: info@lwvdv.org, and put **Voter's Edge** in the Subject Line.



PROS AND CONS

LWVDV members present both sides of state (and sometimes regional or local) ballot initiatives to groups of voters. Be part of the Pros and ConsTeam!

A script will be provided – you and your Pros and Cons partner bring it to life. You can do a single presentation, or as many as will fit into your schedule. **Timing:** mid-September through October.

CANDIDATE ROUNDTABLE VIDEOTAPINGS (CCTV)

Taping will be done in the CCTV Studios in Martinez during the **week of September 17-21**. Exact days TBA. Needed: Volunteer **Timers** for each morning and afternoon session. **Lunch Coordinators** (to pick up lunch for CCTV Crew and moderators).

SAVE the DATE!

Our September meeting will be on Thursday, September 6, at the Concord Library from 6 pm to 8 pm. Light snacks, voter registration training, overview of VotersEdge.org and Pros and Cons presentations. Bring your calendar, to sign up for volunteer opportunities!

When: Thursday, September 6, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Community Room, Concord Library, 2900 Salvio St, Concord

No RSVP needed-- just come! Bring a friend! Questions: Ashley 925-247-4034



LWV United States Convention: Healthcare

Marian Shostrum, LWVDV Boardmember

I attended my first LWV United States Convention in Chicago in June. It was an exciting opportunity to learn about many issues and positions, and to meet League members from around the country. (49 States and D.C. were represented!).

I attended the Health Care Caucus program: ***The Critical Role of Healthcare in a Democracy***. The program was co-sponsored by eleven Leagues. The excellent keynote speaker was Dr. Claudia Fegin, Director of Cook County Hospital and Treasurer of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP).

She discussed the lack of equity in health care—ZIP code matters—as well as the 30% of the U.S. population who are uninsured or underinsured, and how that impacts our democracy. For a video of the Caucus meeting, use this link:

<http://lwvmetrophoenix.org/HCCAUCUS>

How Nonprofits Can Advocate: Know the Ropes

Thanks to our allies at NETO for letting us know about this!

You are invited to a training by [Alliance for Justice](#) for Contra Costa County community leaders and organizations hosted by The San Francisco Foundation, in collaboration with Family Economic Security Partnership, First 5 Contra Costa, Ensuring Opportunity, Lift Up Contra Costa, East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, Faith Alliance for a Moral Economy, the Racial Justice Coalition and the Budget Justice Coalition.

The training will take place on Tuesday, September 18 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church (1935 Colfax Street, Concord), which is within walking distance from the Concord BART Station.

During this training, participants will learn **how nonprofits can legally advocate for public policy and community change at every level of government AND what nonprofits need to know in California to get involved in a ballot measure campaign.**

Worry-Free Lobbying Topics:

- 501(c)(3) organizations' rights to lobby;
- Your annual lobbying limit;
- What does and doesn't count as lobbying; and
- How to make the most of your lobbying power.



Understanding California Ballot Measure Disclosure Topics:

- Which ballot measure activities do not require registering or reporting under state law;
- The activities and thresholds that trigger registration and reporting requirements;
- How different approaches to raising money for ballot measure campaigns will lead to different reporting requirements; and
- Different options for engaging in ballot measure campaigns.

Please RSVP on Eventbrite by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions about the training, please contact Nancy Braxton, Program Assistant at The San Francisco Foundation at NBraxton@sff.org or (415) 733-85.



LWV Diablo Valley Convention Delegates on the March!

While attending the LWVUS Convention in Chicago, Suzan Requa, Marian Shostrom and Ashley Coates participated in the June 30 march to protest the separation of immigrant and refugee families at the U.S. border.

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If your name appears below, then it is time to renew your membership in August. Please use the form on the back page. If you have already renewed, thank you! *(We send three notices before deleting but remember: expiration date does not change even if payment is later.)*

Sharon Burke
Chris Coons
Carol Federighi

Jean Kitchens
Anna Lee
Joan Mancuso-Adair

Elaine McClellan
Dolores Morgan
Sam Stewart

Welcome, new members: Lauren Babb, Jennifer Faught, Margaret Goza, Lynn Mackey, Tammy Moulton, Hwi Ling Ng, Bertha Peters, and Molly Redding!

Did you join LWV before 1968? If you have been a member ever since then, you are a Life Member and do not pay dues. Contact Membership Chair Ashley Coates to upgrade your status!

We're on Facebook! Visit us and LIKE our Facebook page. <http://tinyurl.com/of4o2pj>
And Twitter! Follow us on Twitter -- @LWVDiabloValley



In Memoriam: Audrey Albrecht

We will miss Audrey's humor, patience (usually) and dedication to the League and its wellbeing! As our Membership Chair for the past few years, her warm voice, with its touch of the South from her years in North Carolina, was a personal welcome to many new members. She was determined to increase not only our membership numbers but the involvement of all members in the League.

She was an active member of the Affordable Housing Committee, and was personally involved with Trinity Center and its programs for the homeless. She also cared passionately about the environment and was active with climate change organizations, as well as serving as LWVDV alternate on the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission for four years.

Although she lived in the LWVDV area for only a few years, we benefited greatly from her participation. We are grateful to have known her. *Leslie Stewart*



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Membership: Join Us or Renew!

Membership is not based on ability to pay. To pay alternate dues or to request a scholarship, please contact Barbara Hill at the League office: (925) 283-2235.

- \$ _____ \$75 Individual Membership. Indicate NEW ___ or RENEWAL ___
 - \$ _____ \$105 Family Membership (2). Indicate NEW ___ or RENEWAL ___
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 Gift Membership from: _____
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 - \$ _____ Additional Donation to LWVDV
 - \$ _____ **TOTAL** of ALL above enclosed to LWVDV.
- (LWVDV is a 501(c)3 organization. Dues and donations to LWVDV are tax-deductible. Tax ID number supplied on request.)*

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please print, complete, and mail this form along with your check to:
 LWVDV, 500 St. Mary's Road #14, Lafayette, CA 94549

**CALENDAR
 MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Aug. 4 Action Committee
 10-noon [LWVDV Office](#)
Note new day of week!

Aug. 9 Board Meeting
 6:30 -- [LWVDV Office](#)
 8:30 pm
Note changed meeting time!

Sept.13 Board Meeting
 6:30 - [LWVDV Office](#)
 8:30 pm

Check out our website,
www.lwvdv.org **to keep up**
on meetings and activities!