

June-July 2026 VOTER



LWVUS protest in October at the Supreme Court for Louisiana vs Callais case

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President's Letter

League Leaders and Members:

We are in the midst of **the biggest fight for Voting Rights and representative democracy since the passage of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in 1965**. The Supreme Court has now eliminated the final protection with the Calais decision. Here is an excerpt from the League's response:

- *The League has been planning for this outcome and is ready to fight for our multiracial democracy, regardless of what six justices decide.*
- *We will continue to fight against racial discrimination in voting and advocate for a fair and transparent redistricting process that produces the most representative maps while considering past systemic racism in every area of life that has affected the ability of Black and other voters of color to elect candidates of choice.*
- *We will not stop fighting — in the courts, in the legislatures, and in the streets — for a democracy where every eligible voter has meaningful representation, and every voter's voice truly counts.*



To learn more about this issue, see “[SCOTUS's Final Blow Dismantling the Voting Rights Act](#)” on the LWVUS website.

LWVDV members are involved in the fight! [Our Unite and Rise team](#) will be planning to participate in events on or near August 8 to commemorate the anniversary of the 1965 Voting Right Act (VRA). Watch for more details in our weekly emails.

At our Annual Membership Meeting on May 30, members voted to adopt our priorities:

- **Promote, Defend and Empower Democracy**
- **Youth Engagement**
- **Immigration**

In June, at the LWVUS Convention, delegates will vote on the new, overarching Priority for the next two years:

- **Defending Democracy Under Siege**

If you want to fight for democracy, you are in the right place!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Youth Circle members graduating from High School: Aahana Tayal and Langston Akin

And WELCOME to our newest members: Gary Beeler, Allison Daniels, Concepcion James, Paula Krauss, Carol Louisell, Paula Marshall, Candice Newburn, and Jere Ramsey!

Mary Schreiber, LWVDV President



Save the Date!

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States with the League this Fourth of July!

Get your flags and mark your calendars! The League of Women Voters Diablo Valley is thrilled to announce our participation in the annual Kiwanis-Danville Fourth of July Parade in Danville.

Bring your whole family and invite your friends. Let us know you are coming by emailing action-advocacy@lwvdv.org

Be a Shining Star! Help the League While Helping Voters!



LWVDV has a contract with Contra Costa Elections Office to stock post offices, libraries, and city halls with voter registration forms. Patti Bittenbender coordinates a group of volunteers throughout Central and East Contra Costa County who distribute the voter registration forms. She is looking for volunteers to maintain the stock of forms in six Pittsburg and Bay Point sites. Please contact her at voter.services@lwvdv.org if you are interested in learning more.

Celebrating Democracy Every Day!

Liberty and equality...will be best attained when **all persons alike** share in the government to the utmost.
— Aristotle

LWVDV is Out and About...

Whew, May was a busy month!

- Continued **weekly tabling with our Food Bank partner** to have a consistent presence, make connections and build trust with neighbors in the larger community who are unfamiliar with the League.



- We co-hosted with several community organizations to produce **three candidate forums**. (Check the League's [YouTube page](#) for recordings.) Thank you to the 32nd District PTA Council, the Contra Costa County Bar Association and the East Bay Leadership Council for reaching out to the League to partner with them to provide these informative opportunities for the community. Several young helpers were part of the League team. *(photo, Janet*

Hoy moderating County Superintendent of Schools forum)

- Members were at **three college campuses over eleven days**, talking to amazing young people about good resources for getting informed and registering. Thank you to Los Medanos College, Diablo Valley College and St. Mary's College for inviting the League to be on campus. *(photo, Kamryn Y. at Los Medanos College)*
- LWVDV tabled at **Antioch High's** Visual and Performing Arts Fair. A fun day all around.
- Voter Services participated as a **community advisor for [Generation Citizen's Civic Days](#)**. Students from San Ramon High, California High and Monte Vista presented their real-world civic engagement projects to numerous community members.

Come and Get Your Voter Registration Groove On!

- Visit the CA Secretary of State's [Promote the Vote page](#) and click on "**Our Partners**". You will find the LWVDV logo there, along with the Sacramento League and other partners including the Food Bank.
- Please contact shawn@lwvdv.org. We would love your help!



CC County Library Summer Exploration Stations

The Contra Costa Library has invited LWVDV to participate again in its summer Exploration Stations program for elementary students. League participants had their first planning session and are looking forward to helping little ones have a fun voting experience. We will be meeting on Zoom to refine the draft plan on **Thursday, June 4th at 10:00 am**. We still have room for more participants.

This year’s theme is “Plant a Seed—Read.” **Two new puppet friends are joining in the good times:** a sunny swallowtail butterfly and a happy honeybee. LWV West Contra Costa County will also be sharing the fun at the San Pablo Library.

Location	Date	Time	Address
Concord Library	Thursday, June 11	11:00- 1:00	2900 Salvio St, Concord, CA 94519
Pleasant Hill Library	Tuesday, June 16	11:00- 1:00	2 Monticello Ave, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
San Pablo Library	Thursday, June 25	11:00- 1:00	13751 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo, CA 94806

Board Briefs for May 2026

At its meeting on May 14, the Board took the following actions:

- Approved the proposed budget and the 2026-27 Priority to be voted on by the members at the Annual Meeting.
- Approved changes in the budget for additional expenditures and accepted a restricted donation.
- Approved a letter of support for the Non-Cooperation Ordinance proposed by the Equity Committee of the Board of Supervisors.
- Approved guidelines to be used in deciding to endorse local ballot measures.



Statement

The Board also

- Heard about activities and efforts of the Youth Engagement Committee.
- Reviewed a toolkit for opposing conversion of the Dublin prison to an ICE detention facility.
- Discussed changes to calendar management for scheduling and tracking volunteer engagement and suggested possible ways to improve volunteer recognition efforts.

Membership Updates and Information

WELCOME to our newest members: Gary Beeler, Allison Daniels, Concepcion James, Paula Krauss, Carol Louisell, Paula Marshall, Candice Newburn, and Jere Ramsey!

Thank you to our Renewing Members!

We very much appreciate our continuing members. With more members, our voice is stronger.

Membership: Join Us or Renew!

Sign up online by going to our [website](#) and using the Join page (*preferred*), or send a check made out to LWVUS to the LWVDV address at the end of this Voter (*only if you have no other option*). **If you have an upcoming membership anniversary, please check the [Join page on the website](#) for instructions on how to renew. We need you, so please renew!**

New/interested member orientations will be held on the same days/times each month

moving forward. To attend, please send an email to membership@lwvdv.org to RSVP and request Zoom link. The days/times for orientations are as follows:

- 2nd Tuesday, 7-8 pm, via Zoom only
- 3rd Saturday, 9:30-10:30 am, hybrid (Zoom & in-person at the Walnut Creek library, Prologue Coffee & Tea)

Membership is not based on the ability to pay. You select the dues amount when you join or renew. If you have been a League member for 50 years or more, you are a **Life Member**. Life Members do not pay dues. Contact membership@lwvdv.org to upgrade your status!

Suggested dues: \$75 Individual Membership (\$20 minimum)

(LWVDV is a 501(c)3 organization. Dues and donations to LWVDV are tax-deductible. Tax ID number supplied on request -- call the LWVDV office at 925-283-2235.)

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CALENDAR of MONTHLY MEETINGS

Team meetings are on Zoom. Board meetings are hybrid meetings at the LWVDV office or via Zoom.

*Luncheons are at WiseGirl in Pleasant Hill, Coffee Socials are at Panera in Countrywood, Walnut Creek.

To participate in a Zoom meeting, send your email address to lwvdv@lwvdv.org or call (925-283-2235) and leave your email address and the name of the meeting. We will send you the meeting link.

Tuesday, June 2, 5-6:30 pm	Membership Team
Thursday, June 4, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Wednesday, June 10, 11:30 am	Luncheon*
Thursday, June 11, 10:00 am	Board Meeting
Thursday, June 11, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Sunday, June 14, 4:00 pm	Youth Council
Monday, June 15, 3 pm	Action-Advocacy
Thursday, June 18, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Tuesday, June 23, 10:30 am	Communications Team
Thursday, June 25, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Saturday, June 27, 9:30 am	Coffee with the League*
Sunday, June 28, 4:00 pm	Youth Council
Thursday, July 2, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team

Tuesday, July 7, 5-6:30 pm	Membership Team
Wednesday, July 8, 11:30 am	Luncheon*
Thursday, July 9, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am	Leadership Retreat
Sunday, July 12, 4:00 pm	Youth Council
Thursday, July 16, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Monday, July 20, 3 pm	Action-Advocacy
Thursday, July 23, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team
Saturday, July 25, 9:30 am	Coffee with the League*
Sunday, July 26, 4:00 pm	Youth Council
Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 am	Communications Team
Thursday, July 30, 1:00 pm	Community Conversations Team

LWVDV Board Members (through June 2026):

- [Mary Schreiber](#), *President*
- [Kathy Gallagher](#), *Vice President/Observer Corps*
- [Karen Dolder](#), *Secretary, Office Manager*
- [Paul Derksen](#), *Treasurer*
- [Diane Bianchi](#), *Community Conversations Co-Chair*
- [Anna Honda](#), *Action-Advocacy Co-Chair*
- [Audra Ruthruff](#), *Membership Chair*
- [Shawn Gilbert](#), *Voter Services and Community Conversations Co-Chair*
- [Ana Pan](#), *Voter Services Co-Chair*
- [Janet Hoy](#), *Civic Engagement Chair*
- [Kathryn Wilder](#), *At-Large Board Member*
- [Anne Granlund](#), *At-Large Board Member*
- [Brooke Schwartz](#), *At-Large Board Member*

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