



## October 2024 VOTER



**September moments:** Top, Bill Smith, Shawn Gilbert, Mary Schreiber and Angie Kangas at Festival Latino; left, Supervisor District 5 candidate forum, Janet Hoy moderating; right, TV studio representing our candidate roundtable taping days.

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## President's Message

League Leaders and Members:

We are in the midst of our Voter Services activities for this election season.

Our members are busy with candidate forums, Pros and Con presentations, and tabling [events](#) to register and educate voters.

Our Civic Engagement team has developed a [Civil Discourse](#) statement for all of our activities, as part of our Making Democracy Work priority.

LWVDV received a [grant](#) from Contra Costa County for Voter Outreach to the Spanish-speaking community. We are working with LWV West Contra Costa County and community partners in the Latino community to distribute voter information in Spanish. Kudos to the team that worked to create the synergy that made this happen!



As League members, we can continue to educate friends and family. Encourage people, especially new voters, to have a voting plan.

And be mindful that it may take a while for the results. The Registrar has a lot of work to do after Election Day before certifying the results. Local elections are often decided by a small number of votes. Every vote matters!

[Mary Schreiber](#)

LWVDV President

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## Virtual Senate District 3 Candidate Forum, October 3

The League of Women Voters of Woodland and League of Women Voters Davis Area will be sponsoring a forum on October 3 for California State Senate District 3 candidates.



**Senate District 3 includes these cities and communities in east Contra Costa County: Oakley, Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Bethel Island, Byron, and Knightsen.**

The forum will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Woodland Community Center, 2001 East

St., Woodland, CA 95776. It will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Residents in Contra Costa County are invited to attend the forum in person or watch the livestream on the Woodland TV YouTube page at <https://youtube.com/live/PnRZRZkPJMo>. The recording of the event will be available at the same link through election day on November 5. The link to the video and recording will also be available on the League of Women Voters of Woodland website at <https://my.lwv.org/california/woodland>. The video of the forum will also be available on [Contra Costa Television](#).

LWVDV has more candidate forums scheduled in October. For the complete list and any updates, as well as links to recordings of previous forums, see our [Forums and Roundtables webpage](#).

## Lunch with the League, October 9!

Join us for our monthly no-host lunch on **Wednesday, October 9th, at 11:30 am** at Bar Camino, 1470 North Broadway, Walnut Creek. There's easy, affordable parking across the street at the library parking lot.



Please let Janet Hoy know you're coming -- you can email her at [janet@lwvdv.org](mailto:janet@lwvdv.org). We're looking forward to seeing everyone!



September has been a very busy month for Voter Services and the pace continues into October. Our Voter Services chairs **Shawn Gilbert and Ana Pan** want to extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been working so hard on candidate forums, roundtables, Pros & Cons presentations, and tabling -- you know who you are! It's been great fun working with all of you!

## LWV needs YOU to Advertise VOTE411.org!

When ballots go out in the mail beginning October 7, many people will start voting. During the whole month of October, it's crucial that you "get the word out" about VOTE411.org (*the replacement for Voter's Edge*)!

- When speaking with a friend, relative, neighbor or coworker, say:
  - "Are you sure you are registered to vote (at your current address)? If you didn't vote in the primary (or moved recently) it's a good idea to check."



**To check one's voter registration in California, go to <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>**

- "Ballots come in the mail soon. Did you know that you can learn about candidates and measures on VOTE411.org just by entering your address? *(then demonstrate on your phone)*
- Follow LWVDV.org and Vote411 on Instagram (@lwvdiablovalley) and [Facebook](#), and then share a post to your feed every few days until the election.
- Write your own post on your favorite social media platform(s): "I will be using Vote411.org to learn about candidates and ballot measures before I vote."
- When you access your ballot on VOTE411, and you see that a candidate has not posted information yet, you can immediately ask the candidate to please post.



Contact Ashley Coates, [acoates@cavote411.org](mailto:acoates@cavote411.org), if you have any questions about VOTE411 in Contra Costa County.

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## Vote with the League!

The LWV does not endorse candidates or parties, but we do take stands on issues where we have educated ourselves and developed positions. Each election, the League of Women Voters of California analyzes all statewide ballot measures and makes recommendations for voters based on [our positions](#). We call this [Vote with the League!](#)



Here are our voting recommendations from the League of Women Voters of California for the California statewide propositions on the 2024 ballot. *Click the links to see the description and analysis.*

[YES on Prop 2](#) - **School & Community College Facility Bonds**

[YES on Prop 3](#) - **Freedom to Marry**

[YES on Prop 4](#) - **Climate Protection Project Bonds**

[YES on Prop 5](#) - **Lower Voting Threshold On Local Housing & Infrastructure Bonds**

[YES on Prop 6](#) - **End Slavery in California Act**

[YES on Prop 32](#) - **Raise Minimum Wage To \$18**

[NEUTRAL on Prop 33](#) - Expands Local Authority To Enact Rent Control On Residential Property

[NO POSITION on Prop 34](#) - Restricts Spending By Health Care Providers Meeting Specified Criteria

[NO on Prop 35](#) - Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services

[NO on Prop 36](#) - Increase Penalties for Theft And Drug Trafficking

In addition, **LWVDV is supporting Measure H** on the Contra Costa ballot, to add a sales tax in Lafayette. [Background information and our message of support is on our website.](#)

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## ¡Su Voto Importa!

The Contra Costa County Elections Office offered grants for non-partisan organizations this fall. **Our League applied for and received a \$2,500 grant** to develop, produce, and distribute two-sided 4x6 postcards in Spanish. With the help of Shawn Gilbert (who connected us with Doug Lezamata, President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce), Brooke Schwartz (who did all the graphic art work), Genoveva Calloway of LWV West Contra Costa County (who coordinated the Spanish verbiage and art work with Voto Latino), and Ana Pan (who helped the ad hoc committee with the verbiage and visuals), we were able to develop, produce, and distribute these postcards to Spanish-speaking voters.

**In September, 1,000 cards were distributed** at the Fiestas Patrias Parade in Richmond, the Latina Center, Familias Unidas, Downer Elementary School, a Raza History class, Monument Impact, Festival Latino in Concord, Los Medanos College, Support for Recovery, NAMI, Hope Solutions, and even a Hispanic grocery store. The reception to these postcards was very positive.

One side of the postcard focuses on registering to vote and why it is important; the other gives information on misinformation and offers websites to check whether information is credible. **Another 1,000 postcards have been printed** and will be distributed the week of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

★ ¡SU VOTO IMPORTA!

¡Las elecciones del 5 de noviembre tendrán un impacto en temas cruciales que afectan nuestras vidas hoy y en el futuro!

¿ESTÁ REGISTRADO PARA VOTAR?

RegisterVote.ca.gov

¿PREGUNTAS?

Contra Costa County Elections Office • 925-335-7800

HAZ QUE SU VOTO CUENTE: ¡TOMA DECISIONES INFORMADAS!

¡Cuidado con la información falsa!

¡Se difunde información falsa para influir su voto!

¿Qué puede hacer USTED para asegurarse que su voto sea basado en hechos?

Noticias falsas?

Cuestione la fuente de noticias: ¿Es confiable?

¡Consulte recursos verificados para votantes!

¡No difundir información falsa!

RECURSOS VERIFICADOS PARA VOTANTES:

Factchequeado.com Maldita.es Vote411.org Ballotpedia.org VoteSmart.org Politifact.com

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**We are now developing another postcard** that will be distributed when ballots are mailed. One side will focus on voter resources for Spanish-speaking voters and the other will encourage them to vote because of issues that impact their families. We will also develop the postcards in English for social media use. The Elections Office has expressed interest in sharing them for social media use with the nine Bay Area elections offices. We also plan to share the postcard images with the LWVC so that other Leagues in the State can utilize them with their communities.

*Diane Bianchi, Ad-Hoc Committee Co-Leader*

## Healthcare: Looking at Nursing Homes

You are invited to an informative presentation about the state of the US nursing home industry, on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 pm. The speaker is Charlene Harrington, PhD, RN, and she will present

- an overview of US **nursing home quality and nurse staffing**;
- the latest research on the **impact of for-profit ownership, private equity investors, and real estate trusts on quality and staffing**;
- **policy proposals** to set ownership criteria and to oversee poorly performing facilities;
- **practical advice** on how individuals can protect and advocate for loved ones; and
- **names of advocacy groups** trying to bring about change.



This program is cosponsored by the LWVC Health Care Interest Group, Health Care for All-California, and Public Health Nurse Practitioners Bay Area. **Join us on Tuesday, November 19, at 7 pm, [on Zoom](#).**

## Board Briefs for September 2024

At its meeting on September 12, the Board took the following actions:



- Approved the Civil Discourse policy statement to be used at LWVDV events.
- Approved a donation to the NAACP education fund.
- Approved the revised Nonpartisan Policy for LWVDV.

The Board also

- Agreed that the Treasurer would purchase a CD with reserve funds, prior to the anticipated decrease in interest rates.
- Discussed ways to call attention to the Civil Discourse policy statement.
- Determined that the \$2,500 grant from the Elections Department would be used to print materials in Spanish to be distributed by LWVDV and through a partnership with Latino community groups.
- Heard that LWVC obtained funds to provide a Spanish version of the Pros and Cons flyer.

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## Membership Updates and Information

**Welcome new members Joanne and Kenneth Hughes, Nancy Kleiber, Carrie Lande, Jennifer and Emma Sherman, and Lynn Wollenweber!**

**If you have an October membership anniversary, watch for your renewal reminder. We need you, so please renew!**

**Membership: Join Us or Renew!**

Sign up [online](#) or send a check to the address at the end of this Voter.

***Membership is not based on the ability to pay. To request dues assistance, please email [membership@lwvdu.org](mailto:membership@lwvdu.org), or call the League office at (925) 283-2235 and request a callback from the Membership Chair. 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 Chair Cathleen Kirk ([membership@lwvdu.org](mailto:membership@lwvdu.org)) to upgrade your status!***

\$80 Individual Membership

\$120 Family Membership (2 members)

\$40 Additional Family Membership

\$10 Student Membership



(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

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board meetings are hybrid meetings at the LWVDV office or via Zoom\*. Luncheons are at Bar Camino in Walnut Creek.

<b>Wednesday, Oct. 9, 11:30 am</b>	<b>Luncheon</b>
<b>Thursday, Oct 10, 10:00 am</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 13, 11:30 am</b>	<b>Luncheon</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 14, 10:00 am</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>

\*To participate in a Zoom meeting, leave a message with your email address on our [email](#) or on the office phone (925-283-2235) and the meeting link will be sent to you.

### LWVDV Board Members (through June 2025):

[Mary Schreiber](#), *President*

[Kathy Gallagher](#), *Vice President/Observer Corps*

[Karen Dolder](#), *Secretary, Office Manager*

[Paul Derksen](#), *Treasurer*

[Diane Bianchi](#), *Community Conversations Co-Chair*

[Cathleen Kirk](#), *Membership Chair*

[Shawn Gilbert](#), *Voter Services Co-Chair*

[Ana Pan](#), *Voter Services Co-Chair*

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