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Calendar

September 14	Effective Board Meetings, White Rock Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon
September 17	Lunch with a Leader: Eric Martinez, Los Alamos Public Library, 11:45 a.m.
September 23	Voter Registrar Training, County Building, 11 a.m.
September 24	National Voter Registration Day
September 24	Board Meeting, Mesa Public Library, noon
October 1	LWVLA Membership Party, 1210 Los Pueblos, 6:30-8 p.m.
October 3	Candidate Forum, UNM/LA, 7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. for refreshments)
October 8	Early voting begins
October 15	Lunch with a Leader: Shane Woolbright, Los Alamos Public Library, 11:45 a.m.
October 22	Board Meeting, Mesa Public Library, noon
November 5	Election Day

Lunch with a Leader: Eric Martinez, County Engineer

Eric Martinez, the Los Alamos County Engineer, will be our speaker at the September 17, Lunch with a Leader at Mesa Library at 11:45 a.m. Martinez oversees the Engineering & Project Management Division within the Public Works Department. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from New Mexico State University and is a licensed New Mexico Professional Engineer and Certified Floodplain Manager. He joined Los Alamos County in 2015 and has over 20 years of experience serving in various engineering and management capacities.



Eric Martinez.

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The County's Engineering & Project Management Division manages the study, design, and construction of multimodal transportation and facility capital improvement projects and programs including the pavement management program, major facilities maintenance program, and surveying and mapping services.

Some recent and notable projects managed by the division include: pavement and street improvement in the County, the renovation of Canyon Rim Trail Improvement, the Bicycle Master Plan, Fuller Lodge & Historic Museum Renovation, White

Rock Civic & Senior Center Renovations, Mesa Public Library HVAC and Lighting Renovation, the Kiddie/Multigenerational Pool at the Aquatic Center, and Piñon Park Splash Pad. Martinez will have a PowerPoint presentation and discuss the roads and traffic situation along with these other topics.

At the October 15 meeting Shane Woolbright, from the Sierra Club, will talk about global warming and electricity generation.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

“Effective Board Meetings” Free Seminar

Accomplish business without wasting time—a valuable seminar for non-profit agency board members as well as members of community organizations. The Santa Fe Parliamentary Unit will present a 1.5-hour seminar entitled “Effective Board Meetings” on Saturday, September 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the White Rock Branch Library, 10 Sherwood Blvd., in White Rock. The interactive seminar will provide information and practical applications of effective procedures. Handouts will be provided to all participants. **Those who pre-register** will receive a free copy of the book Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised In Brief.

Participants will practice planning an agenda, presiding at a meeting, and introducing business before a board.

To pre-register contact Jan Strand
([jan_str\(AT\)msn\(DOT\)com](mailto:jan_str(AT)msn(DOT)com)).

Rebecca Shankland

National Voter Registration Day, September 23

The County Clerk’s Office is providing training for voter registrars in the Council Chambers at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 23. Recent legislation has made it advisable even for experienced registrars to attend. No reservation is necessary.

On the next day, September 24, Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) has invited the League to celebrate National Voter Registration Day by setting up a table at the center. We will have volunteers in attendance from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Celebrate the History of the League of Women Voters of Los Alamos at a Party, October 1

While planning celebrations for the centennial of the League of Women Voters, which was founded in 1920, and the 19th Amendment, which was ratified that year, we’ve been thinking about our own League’s history, which began in 1947. We think it’s time to celebrate our past and discover some interesting facts about the issues we’ve worked on, including helping to organize our county government, beginning the first farmers’ market, and working to abolish the state’s patronage system.

On October 1, we will celebrate our accomplishments with a party that Janice Trujillo has graciously offered to host at her house at 1210 Los Pueblos from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The board will provide hearty snacks and drinks for a festive evening of sharing stories about the old days. We’ll invite some former presidents and reflect on our accomplishments in days gone by.

If you know former League members who might enjoy attending, please let Becky Shankland know by emailing her at [rebecca.shankland\(AT\)gmail\(DOT\)com](mailto:rebecca.shankland(AT)gmail(DOT)com). RSVPs are appreciated but not required.

Los Alamos League Votes for Free Student Memberships

At a recent board meeting, the Los Alamos League voted to encourage student memberships by making them free. The new membership form in this and subsequent issues of the *Update* and on our website (www.lwvlosalamos.org) shows this new designation.

Youth membership is a concern of the League of Women Voters. The national organization has made girls and boys 16 and older eligible to join for free; the state League dropped the student rate from half price to zero; now our local League is hoping to entice teenagers and college students to become active participants in our endeavors.

Today, we are seeing the remarkable energy of young people participating in the political process. From Greta Thunberg's worldwide fight for climate change action to our own local high school Eco-Club (currently preparing a petition to County Council) and Hilltalkers (researching and debating major political topics), we respect the work of our young people. The Hilltalkers are especially dear to our hearts; they help with time-keeping and public participation at all LWVLA forums.

Rebecca Shankland

How Individuals Can Address Climate Change

(This letter was sent to the LA Daily Post, LA Monitor, and Los Alamos Reporter.)

Many Los Alamos residents feel an urgency to tackle climate change and many are already doing what they can in their own lives. Some are adding insulation, planting trees, using LED light bulbs, switching to electric cars, and so on.

When trying to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, most people think of electricity generation. Of course, this is an important source of emissions and our Los Alamos County utility is addressing this. Within three years we will no longer be part of the San Juan Generating Station, substantially decreasing our coal-sourced electricity. The utility is currently exploring a purchased power agreement for replacement with some solar and wind power. Meanwhile, installing rooftop solar is an effective means to reduce one's carbon footprint now.

But other important contributors to climate change are buildings, transportation, industrial processes, and agriculture. We need to tackle climate change every way that we can.

Individuals can do little to impact industrial processes, but we are the change agents for our own homes, properties, and communities.

To solve the climate crisis, one thing we must do is stop burning gas in our buildings. Natural gas is methane, which is mostly carbon, and burning it generates carbon dioxide. Buildings, through heating and cooking, use almost a third of the natural gas consumed in the U.S.

Typically, four appliances in our homes run on natural gas: water heaters, furnaces, dryers, and gas stoves. These are a big part of our personal carbon footprints. To address climate change, we need to electrify everything. This makes sense because as renewable energy displaces fossil fuels, the electric grid will get cleaner and cleaner. If we start converting our homes to electricity now, then as the electric grid becomes greener our buildings will be contributing less and less to climate change.

Installing Energy Star electric appliances is a no-brainer. A new electric induction kitchen range is a far cry from the old-school electric stoves with coils that heat up. Electric induction cooking is faster than a gas flame and operates on a fraction of the energy.

Improved technology has made it possible to heat and cool our homes without burning fossil fuels. For instance, air source heat pumps run on electricity, but far more efficiently than those of an earlier generation. They can both heat and cool and they do a good job in cold climates.

For new construction, major remodels, and replacing or adding appliances, switch to electric and enjoy the benefits of lower pollution and lower fire hazard.

Climate change is causing catastrophes here in New Mexico and around the world with more severe storms, droughts, wildfires, reduced crop yields, loss of our native trees, heat stress, and more. We are warned by climate scientists that there is no time to lose if we are to avoid the most extreme effects.

The climate crisis will not wait for us. We must act now.

LWVLA Board



From left, League of Women Voters of Los Alamos (LWVLA) member Jody Benson, Los Alamos County Clerk Naomi Maestas, Councilor David Izraelevitz, LWVLA member Lynn Jones and Chief Deputy Clerk Adrianna Ortiz hold up a proclamation declaring September as Voter Registration Month. Photo by Kirsten Laskey/ladailypost.com.

Observer Corps Reports

County Council

The focus of August 27 Council meeting was the *Project Grant* of almost three acres located on the 20th Street Extension to a company called TNJLA to build a conference center.

But prior to the discussion, the Council declared September Voter Registration Month and honored Naomi Maestas and the staff of the County Clerk's Office for their unparalleled and heroic work to increase voter participation in Los Alamos. Clerk Maestas invited the LWVLA (represented by Lynn Jones and Jody Benson) to stand with the Clerk's Office for the honor.

The County Council also

- Approved the transfer of County land to Los Alamos Public Schools to build a field house in the Sullivan Field parking lot,
- Signed a Resolution joining Governor Michele Lujan Grisham's 2020 Census Complete

Count Committee to address the challenges of a complete and accurate census count in New Mexico, and

- Approved the proposed Infrastructure and Capital Improvement Plan to be submitted to the State for unfunded infrastructure costs including \$10,000 for another study of the proposed bypass road by the Research Park.

The major focus of the meeting, however, was the County's proposal for a project participation agreement for TNJLA. The Project Grant, with an appraised value of \$1,825,000 is almost three acres, and located at the end of the 20th Street Extension. The acreage includes the solar house, which will be demolished to make room for the new construction.

In return, "TNJLA shall have approval from Marriot Corporation to construct an 86-room Towneplace Suites extended-stay hotel with conference center in Los Alamos, and provide:

- 17 full-time jobs
- A conference center that can accommodate 250 to 300 people banquet style for the entire 10-year term of this Agreement. (The County shall be entitled to use the conference facilities up to four times per year at no charge for room fees, only cleaning and catering fees shall be charged)
- TNJLA shall make good faith efforts to promote Los Alamos County as a good and desirable place to visit, live, and work."

County Manager Harry Burgess presented a long list of why a conference center run by TNJLA was the best and highest use of land. TNJLA had been investigating the opportunity to fulfill the expressed need for a conference center for some time; the County presented multiple locations for TNJLA, but only this parcel met the requirements for both TNJA and the Council's vision.

Among the many people who waited to present their two-minute comment, the County business community was mostly in favor, and the ordinary citizens were mostly opposed. The business community was primarily in favor for the following reasons: 1) a conference center had been in the County Comprehensive Plan for years, and this was an opportunity to fill the need; 2) Los Alamos needs

a conference center for local events so they wouldn't need to go off the hill; and 3) it would enhance other businesses, especially catering and retail because the only food service in the hotel would be a coffee shop.

The negative comments primarily focused on

- Lack of transparency of process;
- The County's irresponsibility in giving this valuable piece of land away;
- The fact that there was no easement for the Rim Trail (County Manager Harry Burgess said the Rim Trail had already been built as a 10-ft wide urban-access trail near Trinity Dr., rather than an actual along-the-rim trail);
- Concern that the proposed conference center was too small to accommodate even our Los Alamos High School prom because the prom's participants would exceed 400;
- Concern that it would be difficult to find staff to commute to Los Alamos on a hotel wage;
- The inadequacy of the available parking spaces for both the conference center and the extended-stay hotel; and
- The need to use the brown space in Los Alamos (including the old Smith's and the Hilltop House and two failed hotels, rather than focus on a Marriot-style conference center in a new location.

Following the public comment, Councilor David Izraelevitz read a prepared statement in favor of the project and moved to approve it; Councilor Scott seconded the motion. However, after Councilors Ryti, Schmidt, Maggiore, and Sheehey explained their reasons for opposing the project as presented, Izraelevitz withdrew the motion. The Council then voted to approve Councilor Ryti's motion to table the discussion until October 1. On October 1 it is possible that the proposed ordinance will be amended. If it is amended, another vote will be required at a later hearing.

Finally, with little public discussion, the Council approved a Local Economic Development Agreement for public support from the "State of NM for the benefit of Pebble Labs USA INC," for significant investment in build-out of the corporate campus, new bio-lab facilities, and research test gardens at East Gate.

Jody Benson

Board of Public Utilities

The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) met for its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 22. Staff from the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) gave a presentation on the condition of electric distribution assets. A second presentation on research conducted on the viability of pumped hydro storage in Los Alamos was given. It was determined that at this time, it is not economically feasible. Lastly, the BPU voted against approving a Power Purchase Agreement for a 1.32-megawatt photovoltaic solar array to be installed on the closed and capped landfill on East Jemez Rd. The proposed terms of the 25-year agreement with the developer was to sell power from the array to DPU at \$0.0585 per kilowatt hour. DPU informed the BPU that it is looking at other options, including a combination wind/solar project that potentially could be less expensive.

Julie Williams-Hill

League of Women Voters Meeting with Brian Blalock, Secretary of Children, Youth, and Families Department

Five LWVLA board members—Becky Shankland, Barbara Calef, Kathy Taylor, Ellen Mills, and Karyl Ann Armbruster—met with the new Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) Cabinet Secretary Brian Blalock on August 6 in Santa Fe. Blalock has a wide-ranging background, starting with teaching in a poor area of New York City (the kids who are dealers have a good grasp of math, he commented), two degrees in law and theology, and, most recently, working with Bay Area non-profits helping to raise families out of poverty and assist homeless youth.

Blalock plunged into an account of his efforts during the 2019 Legislative Session. The department had six priority bills. His goal was to be totally non-partisan, to seek sponsors from both parties. He was very pleased that five of the bills passed. However, he stressed the need to convince legislators and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) that it's

important to fund the CYFD for community-based health services.

One of the bills that passed, [HB 230](#) (House Bill 230), the Plan of Safe Care Act, is a best-model statute that mandates medical care for substance-exposed newborns. Surprisingly, Blalock commented, it was a struggle to pass the legislation because the anti-abortion groups opposed it.

Another successful bill was [SB 23](#) (Senate Bill 23), Services for Youth Leaving Foster Care, sponsored by Senator Michael Padilla, who himself grew up in foster care. The statute extends foster care up to the age of 21 and permits a youth to voluntarily leave and then return to foster care.

Blalock discussed some of his concerns about foster care in the state. There is a need for more appropriate placements for foster children. Of the 2,500 children in foster care in New Mexico, only 23% of them have been placed with relatives. Placements within the family are more effective; relatives are more likely to take in older kids, and the rates of reunification are higher. Blalock said, “When a child has more than three placements, the outcomes go down.” He wants to change the payment rate to make it possible to pay grandmas more to foster their grandchildren.

Benefits are a significant part of the problem. The rate system needs to be improved. (Foster parents in Texas receive much higher payments.) One useful tool is the Voluntary Placement Agreement between the parents, relatives, and the CYFD. There is no court involvement, and benefits are granted for foster care.

To address problems in foster care, the Legislature passed another of Blalock’s bills, [HJM 10](#) (House Joint Memorial 10), which created a Child Protective Services Task Force to improve relations between CYFD and foster families, to recruit and retain more foster families, and to increase placement of children with their relatives.

New Mexico has one of the five best juvenile justice systems in the country. The probation program is effective; high school graduation rates are high; it offers good jobs programs; the number of youth in facilities has declined. Currently 1,000 kids are on probation.

Regarding child care, the LFC looks at the impact it has on academic performance. Blalock says what’s more important is that it can move families out of poverty. In New Mexico 70% of children are born into Medicaid! CYFD recently announced that families earning a gross income of up to 200% of the federal poverty level will continue to be eligible for the Child Care Assistance Program. A star system evaluates the quality of child care, with higher pay for those who provide better quality. This is one of the programs that will be transferred to the new Department of Early Childhood Education and Care. Blalock noted that Governor Lujan Grisham wants universal child care.

When Blalock took office, there was a 24% vacancy rate in Child Protective Services. He has hired 70 people; the rate is now down to 10%. He said that 106 new positions are needed to sufficiently reduce the caseloads. He received funding for 23 after the Legislative Finance Committee slashed the request.

Most of the employees who provide services under CYFD programs are not social workers. To improve the workforce, CYFD has entered into a partnership with New Mexico State University and New Mexico Highlands: it helps by paying student loans for those getting degrees in social work. CYFD also gives educational leave for staff who need training.

Next Blalock wants to expand community-based mental health services. He described a model at San Felipe Pueblo with non-clinical intervention by peer-to-peer mentors who are certified and supervised. This can be billed to Medicaid.

Blalock recommended that we arrange a screening of “The Shake-Up,” a documentary about the behavioral health care debacle in New Mexico in 2013. He said that the director, Ben Altenberg, might be willing to participate.

Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland

Welcome, New Members!

Randall Ryti writes: I moved to Los Alamos in 1992, as a founding partner of an environmental consulting firm, Neptune and Company. We settled in Los Alamos originally for work and the excellent schools.

We decided to stay in Los Alamos for our small-town sense of community and our outstanding local environment. I worked at Neptune until my retirement in 2018. I ran for a seat on the Los Alamos County Council and was elected as a first-time candidate in 2018.

I have enjoyed participating in local non-profits and other volunteer activities, including the Pajarito Environmental Education Center Board of Directors and Los Alamos Public Schools Science Fair committee. I also enjoy photography, hiking, and travel.

I look forward to learning of ways to better engage the public and improve on our already impressive voter turnout.

August Lunch with a Leader: Global Warming Express with Beverly Williams

To whom do we turn when we're hoping to save the world? To those with energy and passion, with imagination that supports a vision, optimism that change will actually happen, and leadership to teach and inspire the rest of us. We turn to those who can influence the decision-makers who can effect the change the world-savers are asking for.

In other words, kids.

Beverly Williams, a mentor with the Albuquerque group of Global Warming Express (GWE, called Global Warming Emergency in Albuquerque) told Lunch with a Leader that world-saving actions are the goal of the third through sixth graders in GWE. GWE is a free, once-a-week, after-school program that starts with educating kids about the science of global warming, helps them single out where

their passion lies, identifies a project for them to work on, then guides them in accomplishing a successful outcome.

GWE was founded by a fourth grader. Marina Weber loves animals. She saw the horror of extinction due to global warming—so she wrote to President Obama about her concerns. To her delight, she received a letter back from him, so she kept writing and kept getting letters.

One day, when she showed the letter to someone, that person blew her off by saying, “Oh, that’s just a form letter.” Marina, absolutely committed to saving her species, said, “Okay, I’ll write a book and send it to him.” She wrote the book; her friend Joanna Whysner illustrated it; they sent it to President Obama, and both girls, with help from Marina’s mother, Genie Stevens, founded GWE at the start of the 2013 school year.

The team saw that GWE worked in one school and thought, why not all schools? Marina’s mom began to work to establish the program in multiple schools around the state. One difficulty, however, is that the program works best in a school or facility with students who have involved parents. Williams said she has tried the program with kids “disadvantaged to the point of not even being able to read, and the outcomes haven’t been successful.”

Some groups have students as young as third grade, but, because of maturity levels, groups with fifth



Members of the Global Warming Express. Photo courtesy of Beverly Williams.

graders are most successful. “Why fifth graders?” Williams asked. “Because they make the best evangelists. They make adults evaluate their lives. We show them that we have so many conveniences that we don’t even think about, like electricity and faucets. What does it take to make electricity? A turbine, a coil, and a magnet—whatever the energy, from coal to wind—the turbine spins the shaft to generate the electricity. We teach the kids that all actions have consequences. Some sources of electricity cause global warming. Kids are usually hooked on global warming because they care about cute animals. When we ask why the animals are dying, they really get involved. (You need only read Marina and Joanna’s book to see the passion.)

GWE understands that at the elementary age, students need to do something after sitting all day with their hands on their desks, and so mentors begin the session with lightly structured activities. Once the GWE kids learn some science and choose a project, the mentor guides them on how to present their project. “Kids get it,” Williams said. “Kids see how stuff works, and GWE empowers them to take action. They see what’s going on and they want to take action.” This can be anything from teaching adults to not idle their cars while picking up their children from school, to an art project, to lobbying government to save the world.

For example, the first GWE from Acequia Madre was the group that got Mayor David Coss and the City Council to ban the single-use plastic shopping bag in Santa Fe. And when stores started using paper bags, the GWE kids went back and asked for an ordinance to charge for paper. (Note: we haven’t succeeded in that effort in Los Alamos.)

The GWE kids in Albuquerque were also successful. Their mayor, Tim Keller, and the City Council banned the bag, but the restaurants lobbied to retain Styrofoam. Williams said GWE will go back and try again. They learned their skills from GWE mentors, but also, the kids get parents involved and the parents take them to lobby, sitting through a long Council meeting until their issue comes up.

If you want to see all that GWE is doing as well as see the book that Joanna and Marina wrote, please go to their webpage (<https://theglobalwarmingexpress.org>).

GWE is trying to get established in Los Alamos. If you are interested in volunteering to be a mentor or to facilitate GWE program locations, please contact Genie Stevens, [genie.stevens\(AT\)sierraclub\(DOT\)org](mailto:genie.stevens(AT)sierraclub(DOT)org).

Jody Benson and Rebecca Chaiken

Fair Districts for New Mexico

Dick Mason, the LWVNM Action Chair, visited Los Alamos on September 4 to give an update on the state League’s redistricting project. The League and Common Cause have tried for years to get the legislature to create an independent redistricting commission, but with no luck. During the last session the League advocated for a different approach based on Iowa’s method for redistricting, but the bill died.

Now, with a \$43,000 grant from the Thornburg Foundation and the promise of more funds from the national League, LWVNM has hired a project coordinator, Kathleen Burke, and is embarked on a new effort to assure that fair redistricting maps will be adopted in 2021 without the need for intervention by the courts.

Some of the criteria for fair districts are easily understood. For instance, the districts within a state must be equal in population and they must be contiguous. Other criteria are more difficult to define, such as the need to minimize the division of communities of interest. “A *community of interest* is defined as an area with recognized similarities of interests, including but not limited to economic, social, cultural, geographic, or historic identities” according to the Brennan Center.

The League is working with other groups and policy makers, including Common Cause and the Brennan Center, and is seeking support from Democrats, media, and the business community. For the 2020 session the League is planning a memorial that will request the Legislative Council to create an Interim Redistricting Task Force to oversee the 2021 redistricting process.

Mason has been invited to give a presentation to the Interim Committee of Courts, Corrections, and Justice on October 10. The Fair Districts Committee also

plans to meet with the legislative leadership and with the governor, who will need to sign any legislation.

At present the League is asking its members to write letters to the editor to raise public awareness of the importance of fair redistricting and the need for legislative action to prevent gerrymandering in 2021. Akkana Peck, the state league webmaster, has created a website (<http://fairdistrictsnm.org>) with resources for educating League members and the general public about the issue.

Barbara Calef and Rebecca Chaiken



*League Suffragists set off on the Rodeo Parade.
Courtesy photo.*

League Members Marched in the Los Alamos Rodeo Parade on August 10

On August 10th, 2019 the League of Women Voters participated in the Los Alamos Rodeo Parade. League members marched in honor of the 100th year anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America that granted women the right to vote. Dressed in white and wearing sashes trimmed with purple and green, the symbolic colors of the courageous Suffragists, the League received enthusiastic support from the parade audience as they marched along Central Street. The League of Women Voters were given the third place recognition by parade organizers.

Ellen Mills



For the Rodeo Parade, LWVLA members remember the events of 100 years ago, dressed as suffragists in white with sashes of green- and purple-edged white ribbons. Front row, left to right: Wendy Swanson, Addie Jacobson, Becky Shankland, Joyce Nickols Back row, left to right: Rosemary Alme, Jean Dewart, Lynn Jones, Mark Jones, Jody Benson, Karyl Ann Armbruster, Leslie Wallstrom, Akkana Peck, Kathy Taylor, Ellen Mills, Tom Shankland, JJ Mortensen, Amy Birnbaum and Ann LePage also attended. Courtesy photo.



Amy Birnbaum and Jody Benson carry the VOTE poster from 100 years ago. Courtesy photo.

- Treasurer: Kathleen Taylor
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- Arrangements: Wendy Swanson
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- Newsletter Editor: *not filled*
- Nominating Committee Chair: Ellen Mills
- 2nd Nominating Committee Member: *not filled*

If you would like to join the League, fill out and submit the membership form on page 11.

LWVLA Board of Directors 2019-2020

Officers:

- Co-presidents: Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland
- 1st Vice-President: Ellen Mills
- 2nd Vice-President: Leslie Wallstrom



LWVLA Board of Directors 2019-2020: (top row, left to right) Leslie Wallstrom, Julie Williams-Hill, Akkana Peck, Lynn Jones, Amy Birnbaum, Karyl Ann Armbruster, Ellen Mills, Jody Benson; (bottom row, left to right) Kathleen Taylor, Barbara Calef, Rebecca Shankland, and Rebecca Chaiken. Courtesy photo.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ALAMOS

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Membership Categories (All checks for memberships and contributions should be payable to “LWV-Los Alamos” and all are now tax-deductible. Let us know if you’d like a tax-deductible statement.)

____ Single membership: \$45

____ Household membership (two+ people at the same address): \$65

____ Single Sustaining membership: \$75

____ Household Sustaining membership (two+ people at the same address): \$95

____ Student membership: \$0 (must be 16 or over)

____ Contribution support League work: \$ _____

Interests and Ways to Help the League (check as many as apply)

Topics of Interest

____ Affordable Housing

____ Local Government

____ Education

____ Elections, Voting Rights

____ Water Issues

____ Land Use

____ Health Care

____ Money in Politics

____ Sustainability

____ Living Wage

____ Public Transportation

____ Environment

____ Other topics (please suggest):

Ways to Help with League Activities

____ Set up Refreshments at Forums

____ Observer Corps (County Council, DPU, etc.)

____ Nominating Committee

____ Voter Guide Committee

____ Voter Registration

____ Publicity

____ Website, Social Media

____ Newsletter

____ Membership

____ Fund-raising

____ Budget Committee for LWV

____ Lunch with a Leader (assistance)

____ Fund-raising Committee for LWV

____ Participate in board meetings or join the Board

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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