



# UPDATE

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## Calendar

- April 15     **Annual Meeting:**  
Lunch with a Leader, Representative Christine Chandler, Zoom, noon;  
LWVLA Annual Meeting, Zoom, 1:15-2:30 p.m.
- April 22     Board Meeting, Zoom, noon
- April 24-25   LWVNM Convention on Zoom, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday and Sunday
- April 29     People Powered Fair Maps Day, Peter Wattson, Zoom, 10 a.m.

## ***Lunch with a Leader: Representative Christine Chandler***

At our Zoom Lunch with a Leader on April 15 Representative Christine Chandler will be our presenter. No surprise that she will be giving an overview of the last legislative session as well as the special session that was called for March 30. Chandler has been extremely active in Los Alamos. She has been a League member for many years and was president at one time. She has served on the County Council and as probate judge. She was first elected to the NM House of Representatives in 2018 and then re-elected in 2020. This year her bill to provide sick leave to all employees was an outstanding accomplishment.

**The LWVLA Annual Meeting will take place immediately following Lunch with a Leader!**

*Karyl Ann Armbruster*

***Annual Meeting April 15  
1-2:20 p.m.***

See the March Update for the agenda and details. Missing from that issue is the proposed budget for FY 2022-2023.

# Proposed Budget

## Proposed Budget for FY22 FY23

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos	Actual Expenses & Income FY20 (05/01/19- 04/31/20)	Projected Expenses & Income FY21 (05/01/20- 04/30/21)	Adopted Budget FY22 (as of 4/2020) (05/01/21- 04/30/22)	Proposed Budget FY22 Adjustment (05/01/21- 04/30/22)	Proposed Budget FY23 (05/01/22- 04/30/23)
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
<b>A. Administration</b>					
1. President's Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
2. Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Treasurer	\$144.00	\$178.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4. Board tools	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. Communications					
a. Newsletter	\$190.63	\$253.95	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
b. Website + Domain Name	\$0.00	\$442.34	\$400.00	\$442.34	\$442.34
6. Other Administrative					
a. Travel (unassigned)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
b. Printing (doesn't include voter guide)	\$115.39	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
c. Paypal (FY21, 22 & 23)		\$80.00		\$80.00	\$80.00
d. Zoom membership (FY21, 22 & 23)		\$216.18		\$150.00	\$150.00
e. Miscellaneous (Footnote 1)	\$251.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$701.32</b>	<b>\$1,170.47</b>	<b>\$1,190.00</b>	<b>\$2,062.34</b>	<b>\$1,662.34</b>
<b>B. Per Member Payment (PMP)</b>					
1. State (footnote 2)	\$884.00	\$1,014.00	\$1,430.00	\$1,131.00	\$1,131.00
2. National (footnote 3)	\$2,176.00	\$2,496.00	\$3,520.00	\$2,784.00	\$2,784.00
<b>Total PMP</b>	<b>\$3,060.00</b>	<b>\$3,510.00</b>	<b>\$4,950.00</b>	<b>\$3,915.00</b>	<b>\$3,915.00</b>
<b>C. Committees</b>					
1. Fundraising	\$0.00	\$67.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
2. Membership	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Lunch with a Leader	\$368.91	\$85.40	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
4. Arrangements	\$365.66	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
a. Other (Publicity)	\$571.02	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>\$1,305.59</b>	<b>\$252.40</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>	<b>\$675.00</b>
<b>D. Position Support</b>					
1. National	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. State	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Local (footnote 4)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
<b>Total Position Support</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
<b>E. League Meetings</b>					
1. National Convention (footnote 5)	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$1,600.00
2. State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
3. State Convention (footnote 6)	\$2,830.36	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
4. LWVLA annual mtg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total LWV Meetings</b>	<b>\$2,830.36</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$1,470.00</b>	<b>\$760.00</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>
<b>F. Program</b>					
1. Voter Services (footnote 7)	\$2,410.24	\$2,474.63	\$830.00	\$150.00	\$5,000.00
2. Local Government	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. Legislative Preview	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
4. Early Childhood Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$2,410.24</b>	<b>\$2,474.63</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>	<b>\$230.00</b>	<b>\$5,080.00</b>
<b>G. Other</b>					
1. Other Forums (footnote 8)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$346.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
2. Other (footnote 9)	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>Total Other</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$546.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,307.51</b>	<b>\$7,707.50</b>	<b>\$9,921.00</b>	<b>\$8,202.34</b>	<b>\$14,242.34</b>

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<b>INCOME</b>					
<b>A. Dues</b> (footnote 10)					
1. Single	\$675.00	\$972.29	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00
2. Single Sustaining	\$300.00	\$592.04	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
3. Household	\$697.61	\$400.34	\$1,470.00	\$910.00	\$910.00
4. Household Sustaining	\$475.00	\$649.70	\$1,995.00	\$1,045.00	\$1,045.00
5. Student & Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Dues</b>	<b>\$2,147.61</b>	<b>\$2,614.37</b>	<b>\$5,940.00</b>	<b>\$4,730.00</b>	<b>\$4,730.00</b>
<b>B. Contributions (Donations)</b>					
1. Members	\$715.00	\$627.93	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
2. Non-members	\$975.00	\$1,950.77	\$1,200.00	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00
3. Businesses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
4. Non-Profits/Foundations (footnote 11)	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>\$16,690.00</b>	<b>\$2,578.70</b>	<b>\$3,100.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>	<b>\$3,600.00</b>
<b>C. Miscellaneous</b>					
1. Interest	\$8.48	\$0.19	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
2. Other	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3. State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Forum Partners	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5. State Convention	\$1,855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$2,163.48</b>	<b>\$50.19</b>	<b>\$192.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$21,001.09</b>	<b>\$5,243.26</b>	<b>\$9,232.00</b>	<b>\$8,342.00</b>	<b>\$8,342.00</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b> (INCOME less EXPENSES)	<b>\$10,693.58</b>	<b>(\$2,464.24)</b>	<b>(\$689.00)</b>	<b>\$139.66</b>	<b>(\$5,900.34)</b>
<b>CASH POSITION FISCAL YEAR END</b>					
Checking & Savings Account		\$35,316.62	\$35,316.62	\$34,627.62	\$34,767.28
Net Operating Income			(\$689.00)	\$139.66	(\$5,900.34)
<b>TOTAL CASH POSITION</b> (checking + savings accounts)		<b>\$35,316.62</b>	<b>\$34,627.62</b>	<b>\$34,767.28</b>	<b>\$28,866.94</b>

**Footnotes: EXPENSES**

- 1 - A.6.e.: FY22 Actual Expenses "Misc." are related to LWV 100 yr gallery exhibit. Proposed funds originally in FY21 budget (didn't happen due to COVID).
- 2 - B.1.: FY22&23 Prop. Budg. based on 104 members (80 memb types). State PMP: Sing. 51 @ \$13; House 24 @ \$19.50; Life/Hon. 2 @ \$0; Stud 3 @ \$0.
- 3 - B.2.: FY22&23 Prop. Budg based on 104 members (80 memb types). National PMP: Sing. 51 @ \$32; House 24 @ \$48; life/Hon. 2 @ \$0; Stud 3 @ \$0.
- 4 - D.3: FY22&23, studies carried over from FY21 - Privacy & Waste Mgt
- 5 - E.1.: FY23 National Convention in TBD - Jun, 2022 includes air travel and hotel; (registration fees paid in FY22 - April 2022)
- 6 - E.3: FY22 State Convention, due to COVID will be virtual. Changing dollars to \$0
- 7 - F.1: FY 22 will hold 2 candidate forums; FY 23 will hold 7 candidate forums and print 2 voter guides (primary & general elections)
- 8 - G.1.: (Carried over from FY21 due to COVID) - FY22 two add'l forums (Increased LANL pit prod & Loss of obgyn svcs in LA) - venue & advertising
- 9 - G.1.: FY22 and FY23 PAC8 Filming of Forums and/or Studies to share on website and Facebook.

**Footnotes: INCOME**

- 10 - A.1.: FY22&23 Dues 104 members (80 Memb/Types): Sing 35@\$45; SingSust 16@\$75; House 13@\$70; HouseSust 11@\$95; Life/Hon. 2@\$0; Stud 3@\$0)
- 11 - B.4.: FY20 \$15,000 Donation from the Delle Foundation

## ***Welcome, New Members!***

We are happy to welcome June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin. Even though they are well-known in the community, we hope they'll write a mini-biography for us.

Harvey Rose joined last year, but now Sherry King has joined with him. And we'd love another mini-biography from them.

## ***Philippa Fung Wins Again!***

LWVLA extends congratulations to Philippa Fung, an honorary member of our League. Last year she won the LWVLA essay contest celebrating the centennial of women's right to vote. At the 2021 New Mexico State Speech and Debate Championships in March she took second place in Informative Speaking and, with Taylor Kanzleiter, placed sixth in Duo Interpretation, contributing to the Hilltalker Team's receipt of the NM Speech & Debate School of Excellence Award. The League looks forward to the day when we can resume in-person candidate forums, which we conduct with assistance from the debate team.

## ***Observer Corps Reports***

### **County Council**

#### **March 9**

There were four issues of interest to the LWVLA on the agenda: the County's contract for its open government platform, the Rim Trail, Summer Concerts virtual venue, and the Council's draft federal priorities.

**Legistar as the County platform for open government:** The County renewed its contract with Carahsoft Technology Corporation in the amount of \$258,335.61 to continue its software

subscription services for Legistar/Granicus to run County open meetings. The LWVLA is concerned with County platforms because of the ability to harvest personal data. Legistar uses three or more trackers including addthis.com, google-analytics.com, moatads.com, newrelic.com, nr-data.net.

**The Rim Trail:** The Rim Trail is proceeding; the planned underpass costs \$3.5 million with the federal government almost matching the County's 1.8 million with \$1.7 million. Last summer the Council voted to create an urban network of trails through the downtown, connecting other Los Alamos destinations like PEEC. The Canyon Rim Trail Phase 3 from Knecht's to 20th St. is contingent on economic development plans, terrain, and acquisitions from DOE and private owners. Maintaining the bike lanes on Trinity is in flux, which is why no sidewalk improvement has been constructed.

**Summer Concerts:** Due to COVID, the Sancre Productions contract for producing summer concerts includes allowing virtual rather than the original live performances. The *minimum* time for each virtual concert—20 minutes—was determined by analyzing data from other virtual concerts, which showed that virtual concerts lack gusto and excitement after 20 minutes.

### **Support Nuclear Weapons Trigger**

**Production:** The County finalized its FY2022 Federal Priorities "addressing the interdependent needs of LANL and Los Alamos County." The letter requests that the federal government

- Fully support LANL's new mission as the nuclear weapons pit production facility for the nation.
- Create a targeted relief package for individuals and small businesses affected by Covid-19 as the County supports LANL's research into the virus.

- Have Congress fully fund LANL missions focusing on national security and pit production.
- Help the County meet the critical workforce housing shortage by transferring DOE land to the County for housing and business development.
- *Not support* the proposed EPA Storm Water permit that would put a new burden on Los Alamos County to pay for monitoring and cleanup of LANL's legacy waste.
- Clean up newly identified contamination on DP Road (land acquired from NNSA that the County owns), and other potential land-transfer parcels. Emergency Management must prioritize these cleanup requests.
- Fully fund the clearance of munitions and explosives from Rendija Canyon to permit safe long-term use of the property.
- Prioritize moving TRU waste from Los Alamos (Area G on TA-54) to WIPP. ("Moving waste from Area G is a priority for the region and the County.")
- Expand the Manhattan Project NHP by opening up the Clementine Reactor and Los Alamos Canyon Tunnel Vault.

*Jody Benson*

## March 16

Anne Laurent, Public Works Director, gave a report on the updated evaluations of the costs and efforts needed if the County were to purchase the CB Fox building and the Reel Deal Theater. The County Council met for this work session primarily to consider whether they would request a 30-day extension of the due diligence time period so they could further evaluate the purchase. The motion to request a 30-day extension failed with a 2–5 vote, so the purchase will not happen. Both Councilor Sara Scott and Councilor David Izraelevitz wanted to continue with the purchase evaluation because they

believed that even though the County would lose money, this was a singular opportunity to help the community get the kind of downtown they wanted. The other councilors felt that the economics didn't justify the costs.

*Lynn Jones*

## March 23

The [agenda for the March 23 Council meeting](#) included a somber proclamation observing the one year milestone marking the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic and declaring Wednesday, March 24, 2021 as "Lights On, Los Alamos...and Howl!" in appreciation for all those who have helped our community.

A [presentation by the National Research Center](#) on the 2020 Community Livability Survey revealed that:

- Residents enjoy a high quality of life and feel safe in the community;
- While the LAC economy is strong, residents are concerned about the cost of living and the impacts of COVID-19 on their economic future;
- Residents appreciate their neighborhoods and public places where they spend time, but feel the community is lacking areas of economic development and growth;
- The COVID-19 pandemic is having the strongest impact on residents' mental health; and
- Residents give high scores to the natural environment in their community.

Presentation materials are available online.

There was also a briefing on the FY21 Historic Preservation Advisory Board work plan, and consideration of a request for a federal earmark of \$15.3 million to fund cleanup of legacy materials found on DP Road property.

The Council Chair reported that the County Manager Recruiting Committee met on March 10 and expects a closed session soon. He also reported on a meeting with the San Ildefonso Governor and Lieutenant Governor (primarily covering safety issues, including cattle). The County Manager reported that advertisements announcing the County budget will go out soon and a Citizen's Guide will be available at the County Building and libraries.

General Council business included lengthy discussion regarding how to engage and inform the community. It included reference to the Community Livability Survey results on transparency and openness. The County Communication Plan has not been updated in five years, and there was discussion about the need to update it (and keep it updated) as well as the need to look at the Council's online presence and communication platforms including social media.

The Council was divided on the issue of whether to resume in-person Council meetings, with some councilors in favor and others expressing concerns about moving too quickly with special consideration for impacts on County staff. This discussion included options for a hybrid model, with some attendance in-person and some online, using the one-way Granicus broadcast system and also a two-way participation option such as Zoom. Several technical issues still need to be resolved so that the participant experience is equally inclusive regardless of the mode of attendance. Council agreed to revisit the question of resuming in-person meetings at a later date.

*Maxine Martin McReynolds*

## **March 30**

The [agenda for the March 30, 2021 Council meeting](#) included a situational update on

Covid-19 (499 County cases, 6 deaths, and 461 recovered with 78.6% of eligible residents registered for a vaccine) and a [presentation on wildland fire preparedness](#). The 2021 seasonal outlook is an above normal fire potential, but the County has many efforts underway to help mitigate risk. The Council discussed tree thinning (a healthy forest was reported at 30 to 50 trees per acre and many areas have 100 trees per acre), invasive species reduction (such as Russian olive), and zoning and code enforcement options.

The Los Alamos County Assessor presented on the [Valuation and Maintenance Plan](#), emphasizing that owner-occupied homes in the County should be applying for the head-of-household exemption. He also said that homeowners should visit the County Assessor's office within thirty days of receiving their Notice of Valuation to try to informally resolve any concerns.

The Council discussed the [Racial Equity and Inclusivity \(REI\) Task Force](#) and voted 7-0 to expand the task force from seven to nine members. After three rounds of voting, the following individuals were appointed to the newly-chartered REI Task Force: Lisabeth Lueninghoener, Ashley Naughton, James Hall, Erin Green, John Nash, James Hogue, Kenneth Lee, Oral Saulters, David Holtkamp (3 members of the Task Force are female).

County Manager Harry Burgess announced that the County Proposed Budget is available on the County Finance site at <https://www.losalamosnm.us/cms/one.aspx?pageId=6502838>. Copies of the Citizen's Guide are available at the libraries and the Municipal Building as well as online at the above site. The next Council meeting will include a broadband discussion and the NM legislative update.

*Maxine Martin McReynolds*



## Board of Public Utilities

The Board of Public Utilities held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 17 and then held a special board meeting on March 30. At the March 17 meeting, N3B updated the board on the Department of Energy's efforts on the remediation of the chromium and the RDX contamination. The interim measure to pump and treat (extract, treat and inject) appears to be successful in reducing the chromium plume size. Three additional wells are planned to be installed in the summer and fall of 2021 and spring of 2022. While these wells will initially be used for monitoring, there is a potential for future use as remediation wells (extraction or injection). DOE is developing details of the next remediation phase to be submitted to the New Mexico Environment Department. As for the RDX contamination, the DOE submitted its report to NMED in May 2020 and concluded that there was not a present-day risk of the plume reaching a drinking water supply well. DOE further recommended that long-term monitoring continue to ensure early detection capability and response time. The NMED has responded and DOE is working to address the comments and determine a path forward.

Board members approved the department's fiscal year 2022 budget. It is now ready to be presented to the County Council for adoption. County Attorney Kevin Powers gave a presentation on the Open Meetings Act and discussed the proper conduct for board members. Deputy Utilities Manager James Alarid concluded the meeting by reporting on conservation efforts undertaken by the Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) on behalf of the DPU.

At the March 30 meeting, DPU staff members requested that BPU approve an increase to the budget for purchased natural gas due to the steep increase in the cost resulting from the polar

vortex weather event in February. Staff also requested an increase to the budget for purchased electricity due to a heat wave in August 2020, which increased demand as supply was constrained. The BPU approved the budget revisions.

*Julie Williams-Hill*

## **March Lunch with a Leader: Skolnik and Massaro Discuss COVID**

Richard Skolnik has more than 40 years of experience in international development and global health. He spent 25 years at the World Bank, retiring as the Director for Health and Education for the South Asia Region. His efforts focused on health systems financing and development, improving equity, maternal and child health, and the control of communicable diseases.

He began his talk by summarizing the current global COVID scene, saying that "the health of anyone anywhere is the health of everyone everywhere," meaning that the threat will not end until the virus is controlled around the world. He



*Richard Skolnik speaking at the March LWL.  
Screenshot by Barbara Calef.*

listed some of the successful efforts that are underway. Some countries, like New Zealand, aimed to suppress the virus from the start. Large parts of Africa have apparently not been highly affected. In about 50 countries the rate of new infection is low.

The vaccine rollout has gone well in many countries. COVAX, a global initiative aimed at equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, has sent vaccine to low-income countries soon after they reached the high-income countries. More vaccines are being produced and more being approved. The approved vaccines have so far been effective against the new variants.

That was the good news; the bad news is that globally cases are up, although deaths are down. The rate of infection is rising in Europe and South America; hospitals are overwhelmed in some countries; and 130 countries have not yet begun vaccinations. Furthermore, in addition to concerns regarding the new variants, over 20% of the population in high-income countries say they will not be vaccinated. Skolnik warned, “We need to act like we’re in the second inning of a ball game, not like it’s over.” We need to act



*Dr. Thomas Massaro of the New Mexico Department of Health. Screenshot by Barbara Calef.*

now, prepare now as if the disease is going to become endemic; strengthen public health in the U.S., and rebuild the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). As the virus diminishes, we need to implement sound public health measures. Meanwhile, we need to prepare for the next pandemic, incentivizing the development of better therapeutics and enabling more production of existing vaccines as well as new and better ones.

The second speaker, Doctor Thomas Massaro, is the Chief Medical Officer of the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH). His education includes degrees in engineering and management. He is also an M.D. certified in Pediatrics, Neonatology, and Pediatric Critical Care Medicine. Massaro began by saying that his goal is to provide insight into the operation. “A pandemic is a human exercise in chaos management.” For a resource-limited state with geographical and cultural-socio-political constraints, New Mexico is doing pretty well. However, we need to vaccinate 70-80% of the population for positive effect, so it is important to convince people who are “vaccine-hesitant” that the vaccines are very safe and effective. They prevent serious illness, hospitalization, and death. We should all reach out to those people to convince them to get vaccinated.

Asked how worried we should be about variants, Massaro said no one is sure. RNA viruses like COVID tend to mutate more easily than DNA ones. There are thousands of variants, but only rarely does one propagate successfully. The vaccines are currently effective against the variants that are out there, but the more people are vaccinated, the less likely it is that a significant mutation will appear. To suppress those rare mutations, we need 70-80% of the population vaccinated, he repeated. A mutation anywhere in the world should concern us. The



three vaccines being administered in the U.S. are pretty resilient.

Asked how COVID manifests itself in young children, Massaro answered, “That’s a tough one. The data are soft.” The sense is that children under 10-12 are somehow protected from COVID. They get infected at a lower rate than adults and the multi-system inflammatory syndrome is relatively rare. Clinical trials for young children and adolescents are underway.

Massaro explained that the DOH receives the vaccines; they manage one part of them and partner with hospitals and provider groups for the other part. The registration and scheduling systems have been controversial because of delays. One problem is that New Mexico has a disproportionate number of high-risk individuals, but the vaccine is distributed to the states in proportion to the population. This is the first time most Americans have had to deal with health care rationing, whereas England has done so for many years. The DOH is trying to be as fair and equitable as possible, but the sense of fairness has been a challenge. In areas where there is better connectivity, more people have been vaccinated. As of March 18, 65% of those 75 and over in the state had received at least one shot.

The Public Education Department started planning for the future the day the schools were closed last year. Massaro has attended a weekly meeting with a LANL group that has been modelling the options for re-opening. Opening the schools at all will increase the risk of the virus, but he said the consequences are small compared to the risk of retarded social and personal development that will result from the absence of interactions with other children. Massaro said that to keep children home an entire year is a risk we should not take. He added that we need to improve our education system to

prepare the students for careers that will bring in revenue to sustain our economy when fossil fuels are no longer mined.

*Barbara Calef*

***LWVNM Convention April  
24-25 on Zoom***

Please read the Spring *La Palabra*, which has details about the 2021 LWVNM Convention. All League members are invited to watch, but you must register to do so. Here are the links:

Register for Saturday, April 24

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?source=share-link>

## Register for Sunday, April 25

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9687123456>

## ***New Mexico's Citizen Redistricting Committee - Peter Wattson Compares Similar Models***

In recognition of People Powered Fair Maps Day on April 29 at 10 a.m., Peter Wattson will discuss other states with redistricting models similar to the Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) created by SB304. He will also give advice on what we can do to prepare even before the CRC starts, and he will take questions as they arise. To participate, please register:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_CzXwQP0bStS0T1OzwUdug](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CzXwQP0bStS0T1OzwUdug)

Peter S. Wattson is beginning his sixth decade of redistricting. He served as Senate Counsel to the Minnesota Senate from 1971 to 2011 and as General Counsel to Governor Mark Dayton from January to June 2011. He assisted with drawing,

attacking, and defending redistricting plans throughout that time. He served as Staff Chair of the National Conference of State Legislatures' (NCSL) Reapportionment Task Force in 1989, its Redistricting Task Force in 1999, and its Committee on Redistricting and Elections in 2009. Since retiring in 2011, he has participated in redistricting lawsuits in Arkansas, Kentucky, and Florida, and lectured regularly at NCSL seminars on redistricting.

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### 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):  
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#### Ways to Help with League Activities

- \_\_\_\_ Set up Refreshments at Forums
- \_\_\_\_ Observer Corps (County Council, BPU, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_ Nominating Committee
- \_\_\_\_ Voter Guides 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 board

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