Two joint meetings with LWV San Diego and LWV North County San Diego.

PUBLIC Surveillance vs PERSONAL Privacy
April 6 at 5:30 online

POLICING SAN DIEGO: Study Report and Consensus
Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 online

How can San Diegans have knowledge and agency when their city is adopting emerging technologies with a heavy data component? How are emerging technologies like drones and automatic license plate readers affecting our lives in San Diego? What is the Smart Streetlights program? What oversight of law enforcement is required? How is data pursued, collected, analyzed, shared, and stored?

Learn about these emerging technologies and what you can do about them at this event, presented by the LWV members who have worked on the Policing Practices Study during the past year. It focuses on one of the topics that will be discussed at the Report and Consensus Meeting presented by the Policing Practices Study Committee on April 14.
PUBLIC SURVEILLANCE VS PERSONAL PRIVACY (cont.)

Our speakers will be:

- Maritza Johnson Ph.D., founding director of the Center for Civil Digital Society at the University of San Diego (USD) and a partner at Good Research. She is working to establish a new type of relationship with data, one that epitomizes legibility, accountability and resilience. Before joining USD, Maritza was a user experience researcher at Google Research and a technical privacy manager on Facebook's public policy team.

- Jessica Traynor, director of Good Research's newly created Good Impact program, which develops programs and resources to build a better foundation of knowledge around data and privacy. She has a history of building out programs from ideas, including Facebook Research, Siegel Family Endowment, and the Center for Inclusive Computing. As someone who thrives in ambiguity, Jessica helps leaders articulate their vision, develop and execute their plans, and engage stakeholders.

Please register at this link or on the website of the LWV of San Diego or of the LWV of North County San Diego.

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March Board Report

The board held two meetings in March. At the regular board meeting on March 8, next year's budget, which needs to be approved by the board prior to the June annual meeting, was discussed. The budget committee presented a preliminary budget and will provide a final budget to the board at the April meeting. A report from the nominating committee was discussed and included positions that are or will be open at the end of this fiscal year. The board also reviewed a membership survey that will be sent to all members to allow committee chairs and the board to better identify members' areas of interest. We also discussed the logistics of a membership directory, planning for which is in the works! The board also received updates on the recently completed Legislative Interviews, Voter Service planning for the primary election and a website update.

At a special board meeting on March 22, the board met to review and approve the Police Study consensus statements that will be presented to the membership at the April 14 consensus meeting. More information on the Police Study and the upcoming meetings is included in several articles in this month's Voter.
Message from President Karen Sutton

Did you know that April is National Volunteer Month? As an all-volunteer organization, the work of the League of Women Voters North County would not happen without the efforts of our members and our many volunteers. Dozens of people throughout the year study and report on a range of public policy issues, arrange meetings, update the website, provide newsletters and meetings on topics of interest, prepare budgets, recruit new volunteers, and research and undertake advocacy actions. All of this is in addition to our work in voter education, providing accurate election information through Voters Edge and our Pros and Cons talks, voter registration, and candidate forums.

Our work makes a meaningful difference in our community, and it cannot happen without your time, energy, and financial support.

Thank you for all you do for League!

Karen

Please Welcome our New Members

Lani Conti - Carlsbad
Robert Hemphill - Encinitas

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Contact any board member through our website: lwvnncsd.org
Promote Your Group on Our LWVNCSD Web Site!

More and more members and potential members look to our website to find out what’s happening and ways to get involved with our League. Nancy Sublette is doing a great job of keeping the Calendar up to date, but we don’t always know the details behind the calendar items. We have a special section on the site highlighting several of our interest groups, but many are not represented. If you’re part of a group that would like to include more members, please send a brief paragraph to webmasters@LWVNCSD.org describing what you do, when you meet and who to contact for more information.

You are welcome to include more detail on your focus if you’d like and send updates whenever you have something that you’d like to share. Bonus points if you also include a photo or screen shot of something your group has done! We look forward to including you on our website!

P.S. And if your group would like to promote an event, activity or new initiative, don’t forget to check out the Promotional Assistance Request (https://bit.ly/LWVNCSD_PromoReg) on the Members Only section of our website to get support with press releases, social media, flyers, presentations and more.
April 2022 Meetings

For more information about any League meeting check out the website: lwvncsd.org and watch for emailed updates from LWV on Monday mornings. **Every League member is welcome to attend any League meeting.**

**PUBLIC Surveillance vs PERSONAL Privacy**
**Wed. April 6 at 5:30 - Zoom see p. 1**

San Diego County Water Group - **Thursday, April 7 at 3:00 pm - Zoom**
Call Anne Omsted if you want to attend. 760-334-1659

Heath Interest Group
**Monday, April 11 at 10 AM**
We will continue with plans for a survey of North County Community Centers and how they are meeting the needs of the mental, physical, and social health and well-being of seniors 60+.
Any member is welcome to participate. Contact Jane Dunmeyer at jdunmey@gmail.com

Board Meeting - **Zoom**
**Tuesday, April 12 at 4:00 pm**

POLICING SAN DIEGO: Study Report and CONSENSUS Meeting
**Thursday, April 14 at 5:30 pm - Zoom**
Please see page xx

**LWV Book Group Meetings - Zoom**

**Monday April 18 at 1 pm**
Dvora Gittelson will lead a discussion of Lies My Teacher Told Me (updated version) by James Loewen.

Loewen’s book might be especially interesting in light of the controversies about what school curricula should contain and should books be banned, etc. The updated edition, published in 2018, also contains a chapter on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Monday, May 16 at 1 pm**
Nancy Telford will lead a discussion on The Second Mountain: The Quest for a Moral Life by David Brooks.

**Climate Interest Group - via Zoom**
**Monday, April 18 at 3 pm**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85015411251?pwd=bGR4a3Zu-VG50RVloRGhXaDHsY0dCdz09

Questions: contact Carol Parker at NatRes@lwvncsd.org

**Oceanside Unit Meeting - Zoom**
**Tuesday, April 19 at 2:00 pm**

**Carlsbad Unit Meeting - location TBD**
**Thursday, April 21 at 10 am**
Watch the Monday e-blasts for details.

**San Dieguito Unit Meeting - on Zoom**
**Thursday, April 28 at 10:00 am**
Members will hear an official from the City of Encinitas talk about how SB-9 will affect housing in the City.
Explaining Ballot Measures

Explaining ballot measures is often one thing the community relies on from the League of Women Voters each election season. It is a serious task that needs many hands so that the League’s message is scrutinized for facts and bias, giving the public confidence that the information we provide is reliable.

Mary Thompson, who has led our ballot measure team for several years, is recruiting a mentee to join in developing this year’s project team to study the measures, prepare clear explanations, and deliver them to virtual and live audiences. The variety of the work involved creates opportunities for volunteer work that can be suited to members’ interests.

If November 2022 is like the average mid-term election, we can expect there will be about a dozen state ballot measures and an equal number of county and local measures that will need to be prepared. Work will begin in July and wrap up by the end of October before the Election Day deadline of November 8.

If you would like to dig deeper into this valuable community service, contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com.

**Oceanside’s New Pure Water Plant**
Anne Omsted, Water Director

On February 22, 2022 the City of Oceanside joyously celebrated the official opening of its new Pure Water plant. This $67 million dollar project (with some $30 million in grants and loans from federal and regional agencies) immediately lessens Oceanside’s current 85% dependence on imported water by 21% with the completion of Phase 1, and by 32% after Phase 2 is completed in 2025. This is a farsighted project which took years of work to bring to fruition.

I am happy to say our League wrote two letters to federal agencies urging funding of this project. Congratulations, Oceanside!
Climate Solutions Corner
by Carol Parker, Natural Resources Director

Celebrate Trees with Arbor Day in April

National Arbor Day is the last Friday in April. Tree plantings are a great way to fight climate change, clean the air, provide shade, and support wildlife. Planting a fruit tree is a gift to yourself that keeps on giving every year. The Arbor Day Foundation www.arborday.org has helped to green our world with 500 million trees in 50+ countries in the last 50 years. They encourage everyone to plant the right tree in the right place for the best chance at having a healthy tree in the future. They have a lot of information about picking the right tree. I encourage everyone to consider planting a tree in their own yard, perhaps a smaller plant in a pot if you don’t have space, or in an organized tree planting event. I have been helping with Encinitas Arbor Days for the past 5 years and have found that it is really fun to be around people that like trees. Check out one of the events listed below to get outside and celebrate trees.

Encinitas Arbor Day: Saturday, April 30, 9-noon, Cottonwood Creek Park contact me at cgparker34@aol.com LWVNCSD will be registering voters.

Carlsbad Arbor Day: Saturday, April 30 from 8:30 am at Leo Carrillo Ranch

Oceanside: (not Arbor Day but…) Earth Day of Service and Celebration is being celebrated on April 23, 2022 9-1, multiple locations www.greenoceanside.org

Vista: (not Arbor Day but…) Creek to Bay Cleanup Saturday, April 23, 9-noon (creek-tobay.org)

San Diego: (not Arbor Day but…) Earth Fair in Balboa Park, Sunday, April 24, 10-5 info12@earthweb.org. LWVSD will have a booth and be giving away succulents.

If anyone wants succulents for their own yard, please contact me (cgparker34@aol.com). I have lots.

Happy Arbor Day! Happy Earth Day!
In Memoriam - Anne Patton
July 22, 1934 – February 1, 2022

Many In our League fondly remember Anne Patton. We also remember her as a talented, creative, strong willed, and dedicated member.

Anne first joined our board of directors in 2008 as Natural Resources director. In 2009, while remaining on the board, Anne stepped up and volunteered to become the San Dieguito Unit Chair; she remained in that position from 2009 to 2017.

During her eight-year tenure as Unit Chair, she engaged outstanding speakers from a number of different fields much to the Unit-members’ edification and enjoyment.

Anne was active in the League Book Group for many years and helped with events and fundraising.

Anne had a masters degree in planning from UCSD. Anne had a great sense of style and color both in her clothing, and her beautifully decorated home and lovely garden. She was a talented painter as well.

She move from her home in Olivenhain to an assisted living home after many years of dealing with macular degeneration.

Anne’s friends in League valued her friendship, warm smile and loyalty to LWV.
The two Leagues in San Diego County, LWV of San Diego and LWV of North County San Diego, have worked over the past year on a study of policing practices. This working group of our Criminal Justice Committee kept its scope to the City of San Diego’s Police Department and the County Sheriff’s Office, along with some glimpses of Oceanside and Chula Vista. The topics are:

- Police Discipline
- Traffic Stops
- Police Unions
- Police in Schools
- Surveillance
- Transparency as a topic within all of those

We hope that the attendees will have read at least the summaries of the Policing Practices Study Committee’s five reports so that you will be informed. The reports have been printed in the Voter newsletter of each League and are on our Criminal Justice webpage on the LWVSD website. https://lwvsandiego.org. As members, you will be able to express your opinions during the Consensus Process to revise or add to the consensus statements and then show whether you agree or not with those statements.

These statements have been approved by both boards prior to the member consensus meetings. This is all part of the process of developing a position. Only members may participate in polls* or influence the thinking of these discussions of the San Diego Leagues. After reviewing the feedback from this meeting, the study committee will draft positions and present them at the LWVSD Annual Meeting on June 11 and at the LWVNCSD Annual Meeting on June 4, where members will be asked to vote on adoption of any new or updated positions.

* In a normal consensus meeting, the idea is to get the “feel of the room” as consensus. In virtual meetings, the only way to really get consensus is to use Zoom polls.

Please register on the website of either the LWV of San Diego (website) or of the LWV of North County San Diego lwvncsd.org
Policing Practices Study Consensus Statements

1. Racial and identity profiling by law enforcement is not acceptable. The LWVSD/LWVNCSID* support effective data collection on law enforcement officer encounters with the community so that any bias can be determined and addressed.

2. Effective anti-bias training is necessary both in the initial training of new law enforcement officers and in regular refresher courses to reduce racial or identity profiling.

3. The LWVSD/LWVNCSID * supports seeking alternatives to the deployment of armed law enforcement officers in routine traffic stops as a means of reducing the number of such stops which escalate into violence.

4. Cities and counties should enact privacy and technology-use ordinances to protect privacy and other civil liberties. The proposed ordinances should include requirements for:
   - Specified policy and data to be audited in an annual surveillance report that is publicly available.
   - Evidence of crime-prevention effectiveness, civil rights impact, fiscal costs, and source of funding for surveillance technology;
   - Establishment of independent civilian commissions at the local jurisdiction level which consist of representatives of involved communities of interest such as civil rights advocates, attorneys, marginalized groups, specialists in technology, privacy and open government, to oversee all law enforcement and government acquisition and use of technology for surveillance
   - Enforcement of violations of the ordinances; and
   - Whistleblower protections.

5. Abolish the current system of law enforcement officers in schools and replace it with systemic restorative practices and other proven programs. Replace law enforcement officers with student mentors, counselors, and strive for better cohesion with other county/city offices that offer family support and restorative justice programs.

6. Law enforcement officers assigned to schools should not be armed. Rather, law enforcement agencies should provide additional training in mental health, restorative practices and de-escalation.

7. Law enforcement agencies should keep records of all complaints made against a law enforcement officer for at least five years with the records reviewed at least once a year to determine if there is a pattern of misbehavior.

8. An investigation should be conducted of all complaints, however received, with the complainant informed of the action taken to ensure officers are held to a strict standard of behavior.
9. All law enforcement agencies should have a published list of misconduct and expected punishment for the breach of those standards to clarify expectations for both the officers and the public.

10. The League supports restricting law enforcement collective bargaining to salaries, working conditions, benefits, and aspects of workers compensation; any other topics would need public notification and input.

*the position will include the name of the League which adopts the statement.

### Explanation of the April 14th Consensus Meeting

When a League wants to take action, they need to look for a League position to support it. This can be one from LWVUS, their state League which for us is LWVC, or their own local positions. If they do not have one that works, then they need to do a study to create a position that would allow them to act on the issue. As a grassroots organization, that suggestion for a study begins at an annual meeting where the membership will vote whether to do a study based on the need and the interest. If there aren’t enough people to do it then it doesn’t happen. Last year both the LWVSD and the LWVNCSD voted to have a study on policing practices. That study group has been meeting and researching for the past year.

Their work has been displayed in the five reports that have been shared with the members on the Leagues’ websites and in their VOTER newsletters. The 5th report, Police in Schools, is now on the two League websites and the summary is in this Voter. Members should read all of the reports or at least the summaries, prior to the consensus meeting on April 14th.

At the consensus meeting, the committee will be presenting the results of their work along with a set of board-approved consensus statements that reflect the committee’s conclusions. It will be up to the members to attend, listen to the presentation and vote. Only members can vote or participate in the discussion.

Consensus is defined by the League as “getting a sense of the room” rather than a vote. However since we will not be in a room but meeting virtually, we will need to vote. 80% approval was determined by the LWVSD board to be a close enough approximation to consensus.

We hope you will read the materials and the consensus statements that are in this edition of the Voter and attend the joint meeting of the two Leagues on April 14th at 5:30 pm. Register ahead of time so that the Zoom link can be sent to you prior to the meeting.