



The Voter

"... to promote informed citizen participation in government."

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Calendar of Events

April, 2018

Monday, April 2nd, 9:45am-12:00pm **LWV Orange Coast Board Meeting**
Location: St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Bonhoeffer Room, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach, 92660
For information: 1-949 786-1669 or beckynewman2222@gmail.com

Thursday, April 5th, 2:00pm **CAPO Unit Clip & Come & PIE!**
For information and location: 1-949-496-1858 or mjob35@gmail.com. Join us don't be shy.

Monday, April 9th, 11:45am **Candidate Forum Training**
Location: Board Room of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District, 1051 W. Bastanchury Road, Fullerton
For details: 1-714-475-9772 or vchenevey@yahoo.com

Wednesday, April 11th, Noon **Voter Service Meeting & Registration Training**
Location: University Hills Community Center, Irvine
For details: 1-714-475-9772 or vchenevey@yahoo.com. *See page 6 for information*

Wednesday, April 18th, 11:30am to 1:30pm. **Lunch with League**
Topic: "How to Access "The End of Life Option Act": Medical Aid in Dying"
Speakers: Steph Campbell, LWV Orange Coast member and Diane Johnson.
Location: Back Bay Conference Center, 3415 Michelson Drive, Irvine, 92612
Entrees: Broiled Chicken Salad, Chicken or Beef Fajitas with Rice & Beans, Chicken Teriyaki with Steamed Rice, or Vegetarian Entrée, Garlic Bread and Cookies or Brownies.
Cost: \$20 for lunch and speaker, \$5 for speaker only
RSVP: Required by April 15th. For information only: 1-949 451-2212 or Programs@LWVorangepcoast.org

Thursday, April 19th, 3:00pm **CAPO Unit Book Club**
Book: "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah
For information and location: 1-949-496-1858 or mjob35@gmail.com

Thursday, April 26th, 12:30-2:30pm. **Book Club North**
Book: "Impeachment" by Cass R Sunstein
Moderator: Diane Nied
For information and location: 1-949-923-1793 or stamper3@pacbell.net

May, 2018

Thursday, May 3rd, 2:00pm. CAPO Unit Clip & Come & PIE!
For information and location: 1-949-496-1858 or mjob35@gmail.com. Join us don't be shy.

Monday, May 7th, 9:45am-12:00pm LWV Orange Coast Board Meeting
Location: St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Bonhoeffer Room, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach, 92660
For information: 1-949 786-1669 or beckynewman2222@gmail.com

Friday, May 11th, 10:00am-2:00pm LWV Orange County ILO Annual Convention
Location: Claim Jumper Restaurant, 18050 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, 92708.
Topic: "Transforming the League as We Approach Our Second Century of Activism"
Speaker: Chris Carson, President LWVUS and Chair of the LWVUS Education Fund
In January 2005, Ms. Carson joined the Board of the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) as Government Director. After her Board service, Ms. Carson became LWVC's Redistricting Program Director, leading its redistricting reform efforts, serving as one of the drafters of California's historic redistricting reform, and spearheading LWVC's effort to pass this ballot measure.

Entrees: Chicken Caesar Salad, Black Tie Pasta with chicken or vegetables, Chicken Pot Pie, or Veggie Wrap.

Cost: \$20 for lunch and speaker, \$5 for speaker only

RSVP: Required by May 5th, 1-714-465-9695 or <https://goo.gl/forms/0nvy4gySgoOTLbww2>

Wednesday, May 16th, 10:00am-2:00pm LWV Orange Coast Annual Meeting
Location: Back Bay Conference Center, 3415 Michelson Drive, Irvine.
Topic: "Interviewing Political Women in the Age of Clinton and Trump"
Speaker: Natalie Fousekis, Ph.D., Professor of History and Director of the Center for Oral and Public History, California State University Fullerton. She specializes in modern U.S. History, grassroots politics, women's history, and oral history.

Entrees: TBA

Cost: \$20 for lunch and speaker, \$5 for speaker only

RSVP: Required by May 5th, for information only: 1- 925-367-6885 or lura.dymond@gmail.com

Thursday, May 17th, 3:00pm CAPO Unit Book Club
Book: "Promise Me Dad" by Joe Biden
For information and location: mjob35@gmail.com

Thursday, May 24th, 12:30-2:30pm North Unit Book Club
Book: "Salvage the Bones" by Jesmyn West
Moderator: Joan Petty
For information and location: 1-949-923-1793 or stamper3@pacbell.net.

All members or guests are welcome at any of the meetings in this calendar

Co-Presidents' Message

As *The Voter* goes to press, your Co-Presidents Diane Nied and Becky Newman are amazed and encouraged by COAST's current level of activity – and like most members of your Board, your committees, and your Off-Board leaders, a bit exhausted! It's Becky's turn to write this report, but it comes from both of us, as always. Here are some things that are going on:

- 1) On Saturday, March 24 we will have participated in the Great American Write-In, and
- 2) On Tuesday, March 27 LWV Orange Coast will have hosted a panel discussion on Solutions for Homelessness for perhaps 100 or more League members and non-members. A HUGE thank you to the many people who worked hard to bring these events to fruition. Expect to read reports about these events in the next *Voter*.



LWVUS Program Planning: January 27th COAST members participated in Program Planning for the LWVUS as it prepares for the biennial convention, which will set the course for the LWVUS for the next two years as we approach the beginning of the League's second century.

We were asked if we supported continued focus on Making Democracy Work[®], which was our focus for the 2016-18 biennium. We agreed that we did and did not propose new Studies.

We were also asked to indicate specifically how we had worked to “make democracy work” and, again specifically, which League *Positions* we had used in our work during the past two years. Preparing to answer these questions revealed some great data.

In the 2016-18 biennium we held 16 Lunches with the League (with two more to come) and two evening events, and we participated in two advocacy events. All these efforts were related to one or more League *Positions*. Twelve of these also involved attendees in writing advocacy postcards related to the topic. As a League we wrote letters to newspapers and various governing bodies and to our elected representatives. We trained some of our members to become facilitators for civil discourse events. We created citizen advocacy kits for our members and for folks attending two Great American Write-Ins, and, in collaboration with the Orange County Registrar of Voters, a pamphlet on voting for college students. We did 28 Pros and Cons presentations, 6 candidate forums and numerous voter registration events. We worked hard getting data for [Voter's Edge](#).

Nominating Committee: As you have just seen, we have been busy – and the highlights above don't include everything. BUT: This level of activity cannot be sustained without more of our members actively engaged in the work of the League. Starting in mid-March, our nominating committee (Chair Judith Stamper, Christine Moore and Judy Standerford) will be contacting people to learn what they can do for the League. **Please consider volunteering to serve on a committee, or even to fill a vacant Board position.** If you haven't yet been called by the nominating committee, email Judith at stamper3@pacbell.net and volunteer! Only the strength of our members can let us be the change we want to see.



In League,
Rebecca Newman & Diane Nied,
Co-Presidents

Orange County Board of Supervisors Report

By Wanda Shaffer, Observer Corp ILO and LWVNOC

This was the first meeting held since the change in the public addresses. The public now may address the BOS at the beginning of the meeting if they wish to speak on an item from the “Consent Calendar.” Then when the “Discussion Items” are to be started, they may also ask to address the Board. Usually after a lunch break, the Board returns and announces “Closed Session” items that can be made public and once again, the public may speak on items they feel are important to them.

The three chances at speaking are stipulated that they must be in writing and presented before the item comes up for Board discussion. At this first meeting of the new rules, no persons spoke before the Consent Calendar or during the Discussion Items. A few irate citizens said they did not know of the new ruling and were unhappy with having to wait until after lunch to speak. This observer thought it went well.

The Board discussed and voted on grants, contracts, amendments, and department reports.

Of interest however was the Consent Calendar item on the Orange County Fraud Hotline annual report. The public and county employees can report welfare fraud, misconduct of an employee, employer, contractor, etc. This can be done by phone or email and **both can be anonymously submitted** if desired at www.ocgov.com/service/fraud.asp or phone 714-834-3608. The caller will receive a password and a “callback” date for possible further details. The Fraud Hotline Team can have an outgoing written message to the filing party asking for more information, but still preserve the right to anonymity.

The Office of Care Coordination Newsletter FEBRUARY 2018 Fraud Hotline was established September 1994, was inactive during the County bankruptcy and reinstated May 1996. The Internal Audit Department “enhanced and improved” it from December 2004 until the Department was eliminated August 2015. Now the County Counsel’s Office is responsible for the administration of the Fraud Hotline. The annual report for 2017 states that the number of cases amount to approximately the same as the years 2014-2017: 44 cases acted upon, 131 cases referred to appropriate departments (District Attorney, Social Services, Auditor/Controller), 201 telephone referrals, 14 Non Actionable items and 46 Fraud Hotline cases were closed.

The Board of Supervisor meetings are held in Santa Ana, Orange County Hall of Administration, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and start at 9:30 a.m. I’ll see you there or you can watch it online. Visit the ocgov.com website for instructions.

Here is a link to the Office of Care Coordination Newsletter for February 2018:

<http://bos.ocgov.com/legacy4/newsletters/pdfs/Vol9Issue5/Office%20of%20Care%20Coordination%20Newsletter%20-%20February%202018.pdf>

The 23rd. Annual Report on the Conditions of Children in Orange County

By Wanda Shaffer, Observer Corp ILO and LWVNOC

The newest copy has arrived! This is a thorough and comprehensive look at how our children in OC are progressing or losing out.

The research and documentation is conducted every year in OC and publicly shared. All of the information is discussed and shown on maps with details of INDIVIDUAL OC CITIES. This allows for a great comparing of concerns throughout the county and then in individual cities.

Areas of concern include such facts as the hospitalization rate for serious mental illness and substance abuse increased 32% since 2008. The percent of children living in poverty is increasing faster in Orange County than in California!

The 76 pages report is divided into 4 sections:

1. Good Health Indicators, such as access to care and early prenatal care.
2. Economic Wellbeing, such as childhood poverty and housing.
3. Educational Achievement, such as 3rd.Grade Mathematics, Arts, and English Language.
4. Safe Homes and Communities such as substantial child abuse, gang memberships, and juvenile arrests.

125 pages of extensive supplemental tables also are available. Unfortunately, the OC Board of Supervisors decided to limit the hard copy publications this year. Therefore you will have to go online to get any this fabulous source:

<http://ochealthinfo.com/phs/about/family/occp/report>

If you don't look at it now, please save this document for later use. It is so useful for research or grant writing.

↳ In Memorium ↵

Fanny Labin was born Fanny Findling on November 3rd, 1929 in Cologne, Germany. Separated from her parents and siblings at a young age, Fanny spent her early childhood and teens in hiding with sympathetic families throughout Germany, France and Belgium. She was a brave and resourceful, Holocaust survivor who migrated to Detroit from Brussels, Belgium in 1948. She loved education, music, travel, gardening and her pets. She was a long time member LWV Orange Coast.

Rep. Louise Slaughter (N.Y.), one of the longest-serving women in the U.S. House, died early Friday at the age of 88. Slaughter was elected to Congress in 1986. She championed women's and reproductive rights during her time in the House. In 2007, she became the first woman to chair the powerful House Rules Committee. Some of the first policies she helped pass reflected her work as a defender of women: the allocation of \$500 million in federal funding for breast cancer research and the mandated inclusion of women and minorities in all federal health trials. She co-authored the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, which offered legal avenues to women who were victims of crime.

Transforming Orange County

By Authors: Vo, Linda Trinh, and Laureen D. Hom. 2018. Transforming Orange County: Assets and Needs of Asian Americans & Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Orange County, CA: Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Orange County.

Orange County—the third-most populous county in California and the sixth-most populous in the United States—exemplifies the major demographic shifts sweeping the nation. These shifts have transformed this predominantly homogenous, White, and suburban county into one that is highly diverse and urbanizing, where Asian Americans & Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (AA&NHPI) now comprise 21% of the county’s 3 million residents. With nearly 600,000 Asian Americans and over 19,000 Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPI), Orange County is home to the nation’s third-largest AA&NHPI population.

Although the county’s fastest-growing population—from 2000 to 2010, the Asian American population jumped 41% in contrast to 6% growth for the county as a whole—data and research on AA&NHPI in Orange County are surprisingly limited. Three years after the data-driven demographic report on the AA&NHPI of Orange County, Transforming Orange County attempts to better understand the county’s complex and diverse AA&NHPI community. Relying on rich narrative context and analysis from diverse community leaders (see table), this report examines six areas where AA&NHPI strengthen the county but also areas of concern that have been largely overlooked: (1) building sustainable communities, (2) economic development and disparities, (3) K–12 and higher education, (4) health care services, (5) political participation and civic engagement, and (6) civil rights advocacy. In each of these chapters, we analyze the many contributions and resources that AA&NHPI bring to the county (“assets”) as well as identify significant issues challenging AA&NHPI that must be addressed (“needs”), and conclude with key policy recommendations. With Transforming Orange County, we seek to increase knowledge, foster dialogue, and reevaluate policies about AA&NHPI communities in the county, and we hope this report sparks additional discussion, research, and action.

The full report can be downloaded here: <https://transformingoc.advancingjustice-oc.org/>

Seven Federal Policies on Guns

1. The federal firearms trace database is off-limits to the public.
2. The military cannot impose additional regulations on service members who own guns.
3. You can carry a loaded gun inside a national park or check a gun when riding Amtrak.
4. The gun industry is shielded from many lawsuits involving criminal misuse of guns.
5. Congress has removed federal funding for firearms-related research.
6. ACA Clause prohibits doctors from reporting possession of guns by patients they treat.
7. Guns are exempted from regulation by U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

(Source: ProPublica, 01/07/2013)

LWVUS Position on Guns

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

LWV of California Update:

Announcement to Local Leagues: June 2018 ballot measures

The LWVC board took final positions on these measures scheduled for the June ballot:

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund (ACA 1) This measure would add a requirement that two thirds of legislators approve the first appropriation of any money collected from the sale by California Air Resources Board of Cap-and-Trade allowances. At a time when we need efficient and effective investments in climate change solutions, this requirement could lead to deadlocks, inefficiency, and poor decisions. **Oppose.**

Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes (ACA 5) If passed, this measure would raise excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, provides for regular increases to those taxes based on inflation, establishes a new fee on zero-emission vehicles, and raises vehicle registration fees. The new revenue from these taxes would be used for transportation-related purposes -- repairing streets and bridges, addressing deferred maintenance on highways and local roads, improving public transit, and investing in needed transportation infrastructure to benefit all Californians. The League supports measures to ensure adequate revenue to support needed services, including safe roads and good public transportation. **Support.**

Effective Date of Initiatives (ACA 17) Currently, any initiative that is approved takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Election results are not officially certified until five weeks after the election. While most election results are clear shortly after Election Day that is not always the case. Proposition 71 would provide that an initiative take effect 5 days after the Secretary of State certifies the election results. This is a common-sense measure, ensuring clarity about what is – and is not – California law. **Support.**

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act (SB 5) This measure would authorize California to issue general obligation bonds, with the money used to finance state and local parks, water conservation measures, water reliability to disadvantaged communities, and flood protection projects. California parks provide open space and recreation, improving health and community well-being. The water projects funded by this bond are forward thinking, and are a key part of our state response to climate change. **Support.**

How does the League make ballot measure endorsements? We only take positions on ballot measures based on current policy [positions](#) and [League principles](#). Positions are developed based on grassroots member [study and consensus](#).

Together,

Helen Hutchison, President
League of Women Voters of California

LWVUS Making News

Statement by President Carson: As usual, young people are leading the way in demanding change. From the [moving scene in Tallahassee](#) where thousands rallied for common sense gun reform to the [many student walkouts being planned across the country](#) for March 14 and other dates, we are witnessing a profound national moment. Our young people are saying "enough" and standing up for what's right.

On this and other issues, there are also a number of ways to take action in your own state. [Trendwatch from the Giffords Law Center](#) highlights legislation moving at the state level. Learn about moving legislation, then check with your state League about taking action on priority issues

Take Action for a CLEAN Budget: Multiple ideological riders have been secretly added into the must-pass federal spending bills that threaten to tip the balance of our democracy in favor of wealthy special interests even further. [Call or email your Senators today](#) and request that they reject any poison pill riders in this year's spending bills, particularly ones that undermine our democracy.

League Partners on U.S. Clean Energy Progress Map: The League joined the Environmental Defense Fund and other organizations to launch and promote the [U.S. Clean Energy Progress Map](#). The Map shows the economic impact of clean energy growth across the country. The map is a non-partisan, free-to-use public resource that captures investments and jobs in the U.S. wind, solar and energy efficiency industries.

League Joins Full Page Ad on Offshore Drilling: The League joined coalition partners on a full-page ad in Politico on March 1. The ad asked Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to protect our coasts and say no to offshore drilling. Earlier this year, the Trump Administration announced a plan to allow drilling along coasts of the United States (except Florida).

Deadline Extended for Comments on Clean Power Plan Rollback: The EPA has extended the deadline to comment on the planned rollback of the Clean Power Plan. Interested parties now have until April 26, 2018 to submit comments regarding this misguided action. The proposed rollback will greatly weaken the requirements to curb GHG emissions, taking our nation in the wrong direction on a critically important issue. All concerned Leagues and members are urged to submit comments opposing the weakening of this pivotal US climate policy. Please [review the talking points and background information](#) developed for this purpose. LWVUS [submitted comments](#) to the Environmental Protection Agency with regard to their plan to repeal the Clean Power Plan.

In League,





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