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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization which neither supports nor opposes candidates or political parties. We encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and action.

A STATEMENT FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOLANO COUNTY

This statement was released by LWVSC July 2, 2020 and was printed in several Solano County newspapers.

The League of Women Voters of Solano County stands with the National League in declaring the following:

“The protests we’ve seen across America, from rural communities to major cities, over the last month are a call for long overdue change by the people of every race, age, and gender who elected this Congress. The League stands in solidarity with the Black community in demanding an end to police violence against people of color. The Senate must move the strongest bill possible to rectify the systemic racism that has taken the lives of countless Black and Brown people. They must strengthen and pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.”

We call on local, state, and national governments to rise to this moment and take additional steps to redefine public safety and prioritize investments in economic opportunities, education, healthcare, and other community-led solutions. We encourage all citizens to contact your local, state, and national representatives to act to make democracy work for all. The League of Women Voters of Solano County commits to being actively anti-racist through word and action.”

All committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time. Meetings and updates are posted on our website [LWVSC Calendar](#).



Please watch for updates to these events, as things change from time to time particularly as we work within Covid-19 safety guidelines. Meetings and updates are posted on our website [LWVSC Calendar](#).

Monday, Aug 3rd at 7:00 PM, Great Decisions Extension. The topic will be emailed to those on the Extension list when it is finalized.

Great Decisions has completed this year's regular meetings thanks to help from Zoom. We have transitioned to our once monthly Great Decisions Extension Group. Our extension group selects topics of interest to members of the group. If anyone one would like to join our discussion or just come and listen in and add your thoughts please send an email request to LWVSolano@gmail.com.

Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM, Celebratory Zoom Meeting to commemorate the 100-year Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote. Please Zoom in on your computer or device to join us for a good time and to learn and talk a little about the League and the Women's Suffrage Movement. For Zoom information, please send an email request to LWVSolano@gmail.com. More details in the PPE section below.

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A few words from the LWVSC President:

Hello Leaguers,

Summer isn't what it used to be. To fill in the time usually spent vacationing, sipping mint juleps as we drift gently down the stream in some exotic locale, your board and committee chairs have been working on how to modify our traditional general election forums to work in this virtual age. (Whose idea was that? Ah well, back to the real world.) Candidate forums and voter registration events will take on a different look this year. There will be many opportunities for you to get involved safely.



We intend to hold as many virtual candidate forums as we can manage. Ideally for each city as well as for countywide positions. We will need member volunteer help in various virtual roles in these forums.

We also are collecting information on ballot measures for local ballots, in addition to the statewide propositions, so it would be very helpful if you can forward material from your local news sources on local ballot initiatives for use in building our counties' ballot section of Voters Edge <https://votersedge.org/ca>.

Democracy is not a spectator sport! To help you participate in our sport, we've mailed out a **Volunteer Packet** to each member that includes:

- Overview of our committees and the volunteer work that is needed,
- Volunteer Checklist with a self-addressed, stamped envelope you can use to let us know how you would like to help. Please be sure to return this to us by August 31st.

If you prefer, fill out the online Volunteer form at <https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/volunteer-interest-form> to let us know your preferences.



Check out the **Help Wanted section** of this newsletter, our website at <https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/donate>, or contact a Committee Chair or any Board member. We'll follow up with you to connect you with volunteer work that fits your situation and schedule.

Speaking of Board members - We want to welcome Carole Paterson and Maryanne Perlmutter to our Board of Directors. They have already made great contributions to the League as members and we all look forward to working together in what is definitely shaping up to be an historic election.

Remember, Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Niles Medders
President
League of Women Voters Solano County

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Marilee Scholl, our intrepid Publicist, sends out monthly press releases and twice monthly updates to our extensive media list and she's building good relationships with our local media folks. If you have suggestions for items to include in our press releases and posts to our social media pages, please send them to LWVSolano@gmail.com.

Among our responsibilities, we manage our LWVSC website and social media accounts. We welcome your feedback and suggestions.

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VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE

The Voter Services Committee, which meets by Zoom, will hold its next meeting on **Thursday August 13 at 1:00 P.M.** The committee is grappling with ways to help people, especially students, register to vote in these Covid-19 times. A sub-committee is revising the in-classroom PowerPoint, which has been very well received by students and well-liked by teachers. We anticipate it to be the foundation of a scripted YouTube video to be offered to the high school teachers as a virtual tool in their civics curriculum this fall.

Not being able to "table" at events or social gatherings has pushed the committee to find alternative methods to encourage people to register to vote. The committee will use a website called "[Map the Vote](#)." Postcards will be mailed to these residences with a message from the League encouraging them to register with a method to do that virtually. If you would like to be part of this committee which is trying to think outside the box, please join us!



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

2020 Membership Committee Priorities. With its successful 2019 outreach efforts expanding our League to 121 active members, the committee has recommitted to expanding and building on our 2019 Goals and Priorities:

- Develop new and deeper influencer relationships with values-based community organizations with the goal of building strong mutual community engagement in government/elections.
- Build awareness and recognition of LWV as a resource for unbiased information.
- Keep Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the core of our outreach.
- Outreach to youth to build future League leaders.
- Leverage, support, and facilitate activities by other committees.

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Education and Advocacy Program Planning & Events Committee has planned a **Celebratory Zoom Meeting to Commemorate the 100-year Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote**, this event will be held on **August 11th at 7 PM**. Please Zoom in on your computer or device to join us for a good time and to learn and talk a little about the League and the Women's Suffrage Movement.



This will be a Party! So, wear a party hat, paint your face, wear a headband, or dress up! Also, no party would be complete without fancy drinks and snacks, so feel free to bring party food, you may want to decorate your background too! Together we will have a real celebration! Look for an email invitation for this event! RSVP's will be necessary.

Candidate Forums are on the horizon! We are looking for help with these, the more volunteers we have the more we can do. Contact us at LWVSolano@gmail.com to learn how you can help.



LWVSC VOLUNTEER WANT ADS

Time on your hands? Get involved while staying at home!

Important Volunteer activities are available to suit your skills and time – from just an hour or two a month or more. Email us at LWVSolano@gmail.com to **find an opportunity that works for you!**



Communications Committee

Exciting volunteer work is available for a few hours or more a month. Help us keep our website and social media up to date, with ideas and tracking for LWVSC publicity, drafting flyers, and more.

Membership Committee

Help us continue to grow and diversify our Solano County League with outreach to New and Existing Members and community organizations. Our goal is a membership that reflects the full diversity of Solano County.

Program Planning & Events (PP&E)

PP&E is responsible for planning and executing league and community educational events throughout the year. There are many ways to participate now and will be more as Covid-19 restrictions are reduced.



Voter Service

With area leaders for each Solano city, this is our busiest committee: helping register new voters, working on Voter's Edge which is a comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California, Adopt-a-Poll, "Get Out the Vote", or Candidate Forums for the General Election.



Fundraising Committee

This new committee is building an infrastructure that will help our league fund new educational opportunities for our communities and awareness of the value of the League of Women Voters.

We know that some members are not able to volunteer at this time but we want you to know that your membership and support is so important to our League.



Deputy Chairs and Area Coordinators

Program Planning & Events (PPE) Co-Chairs

Julie Hartford and Craig Paterson

Voter Service

Barbara King

Voter Service Area Coordinators

Gayle Vaughan: Benicia/Vallejo

Carole Paterson: Fairfield

Barbara King: Fairfield

Becky Cecena: Vacaville

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OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS and COMMITTEES

To contact our Officers, Board, and Committee Coordinators please email: LWVSolano@gmail.com

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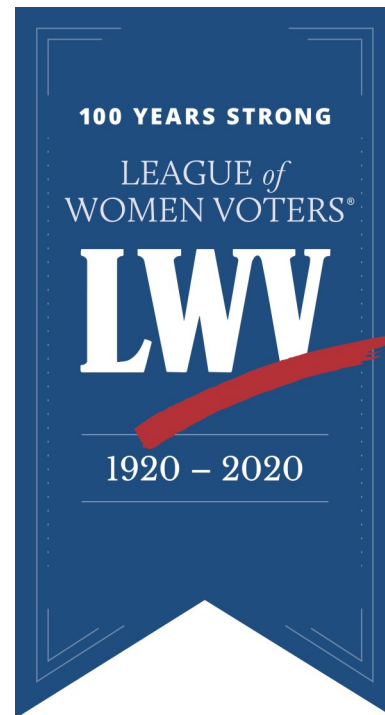
Alice Fried, High School Civics Competition

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Voter Newsletter

Leslie Lessenger, Sandy Coury, Niles Medders

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS GUIDELINES

Due by the 17th of the month

Email submissions to Sandy Coury, sandycoury@gmail.com

Content must be League Business Only

Include What, Where, When, and Why in first paragraph.

Length should be 200 words or less.

Please use WORD; Calibri 12 pt. is preferred.

Simple formatting only.