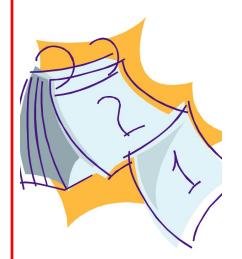


November 2020

https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county

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.



LWV SOLANO COUNTY CALENDAR

Please watch for updates to these events, as things change from time to time. Meetings and updates are posted on our website <u>LWVSC Calendar</u>.





Great Decisions Extension Group

Monday, November 9th at 7 pm Please email lwvsolano@gmail.com for Zoom information.

Check our website for the latest event news: https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county

Committee meetings are being held via Zoom at this time. Meetings and updates are posted on our website LWVSC Calendar.



A few words from the LWVSC President:

Hello Leaguers,

Hello on the eve of the election. We've been busy! Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard during the last few months to educate and engage the residents of our county for this election.

Still on the fence about a candidate, proposition, or measure? Check out Voters Edge to get the low down: https://votersedge.org/
ca. We've posted all the information for Candidates, Propositions, and Measures in Solano County on the Voters Edge site so voters have a one stop shop for nonpartisan information.

We've identified households with unregistered voters via **Map the Vote** and sent them postcards with information on how to register, including QR codes that took them straight to the Secretary of State's online Voter Registration page.

We've held **Candidate Forums** for most of the cities (Next time we'll get them all!) in the county for Mayoral and City Councilmember races; and in addition to those who watched them live, we've had **over a thousand views** on our **LWV Solano YouTube Channel**! (<u>Click here</u> to get links to the forum details, recordings, and more!)

We are still distributing **Easy Voter Guides** to as many locales as we can so those without computers can get simple, straightforward information.

And, everything I've mentioned and **more can be found** by you or anyone else who's interested on our website, just type in 'LWVSolano'. Pretty impressive for our first election as a countywide organization.

Thanks again to everyone.

Remember, Democracy is not a spectator sport!

Niles Medders President League of Women Voters Solano County

PROGRAM AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

By the time you read this the election will be over, or very close to being over, or maybe not. However, this election season LWV Solano County is pleased with the many Candidate Forms we were able to put together for so many of our communities. Additionally, there were many races that we tried to organize a forum for but were unable to find a date the candidates would agree to. As our candidate forums become more widely anticipated, we expect that candidates will more readily plan for them.

Thank you to all who helped put together these forums! It was quite an undertaking and we all learned so much!

The Program Planning and Events committee is planning for more upcoming events and programs that will be of interest to our members. **We are looking for volunteers to help us.** To get involved please email us at www.uwsolano@gmail.com



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Still working on your ballot? Check out LWV Solano's Election Resource Central for quick links to State, Local, and League resources: https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/article/2020-election-resource-central

The Comms Team is growing and we're excited! Thanks to responses to the Volunteer Interest surveys sent out in August, our team has invited several talented and experienced new members to join our team. We're in the process of building out new teams to cover all our areas of responsibility and look forward to new communication initiatives a larger committee will allow.

Publicity, Posters, and Flyers, Oh My! To support the election and candidate forum efforts of PPE, Voter Service, and Membership committees, the Comms Team created flyers, sent MailChimp eblasts, and multiple press releases and alerts to promote our Candidate Forums. The result was robust reporting by media throughout the county.

Everything Online Among our responsibilities, we manage our LWVSC website and social media accounts and send out "e-blast" alerts via MailChimp. We welcome your feedback and suggestions, please email: lwvsolano@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee continues our work of outreach to new members (127!) from throughout our county, and forging new relationships with other organizations with compatible and complementary missions including Solano County churches, service organizations, and public agencies. We

open doors for our league and our committees!

We have made significant progress engaging diverse communities throughout Solano County and raising awareness of the League and what we have to offer. If you know of an organization we should reach out to, please email us at lwvsolano@gmail.com



2020-21 Membership Committee 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.

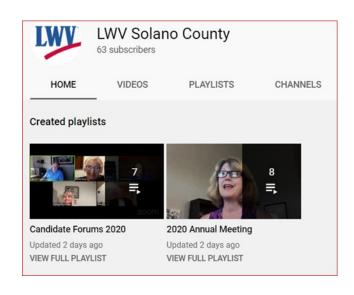
Keep Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the core of our outreach.

Outreach to youth to build future League leaders.

Leverage, support and facilitate activities by other committees.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is looking to fill some committee chair and Board positions as well as succession planning for our upcoming elections next May. We are looking for league members who would like to be more involved. If you would like to get more involved, please contact us at lwvsolano@gmail.com.



VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE

Voter Education

VotersEdge.org: Voters Edge volunteers have contacted 120 candidates throughout Solano County, with 55 per cent of the candidates submitting their profile information for the website. Candidates were able to submit their information to the website until October 29th. Voters are able to view candidate and proposition information for their area through November 3rd by entering their street address and zip code in the designated section on the website.

Easy Voter Guide: Over 500 English and 400 Spanish LWV Easy Voter Guides have been distributed to Solano County churches, pantries, senior centers, and public agencies. Links to the online Easy Voter Guide have also been sent to area churches and organizations: http://www.easyvoterguide.org/.



Voter Registration

Voter Registration Promotion in Solano County High Schools and Adult Education Facilities: A pdf PowerPoint slide deck and accompanying script is being sent to Solano County high schools and Adult Education facilities for use in classes. The slide deck and script will also be made into a video to be used in spring 2021 high school voter registration presentations. You can view the deck now by downloading it from our site at https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/leagues/solano-county/voterregistrationslidedeck100820.pdf

Voter Registration Encouragement in Neighborhoods with Unregistered

Voters: League volunteers completed and sent 1,100 postcards encouraging voter registration to unregistered voters. The national, public access website MaptheVote.org, which identifies addresses without registered voters, was used for this effort, with supplies provided by LWVSC and donated by league members.



Voter Encouragement: League volunteers are texting up to 2000 students who are registered to vote to encourage them to vote in the November general election.

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions Extension November 9th 7:00 PM

November's Great Decisions Extension meeting will take place on Monday Nov. 9th at 7:00 PM via Zoom. We decided to postpone from the first Monday so that people who wish to participate in get out the vote activities will be free to do so. Regular attendees will receive a Zoom invitation from Niles a day or two before the meeting. We plan to discuss the election. If you wish to attend but have not been receiving Zoom invites please email www.uwsolano@gmail.com to request an invitation from Niles Medders. Hope to see many of you. We should have a great deal to discuss.

Great Decisions Topics for 2021 Announced!



The Foreign Policy Association has announced Great Decisions topics for 2021. The topics are:

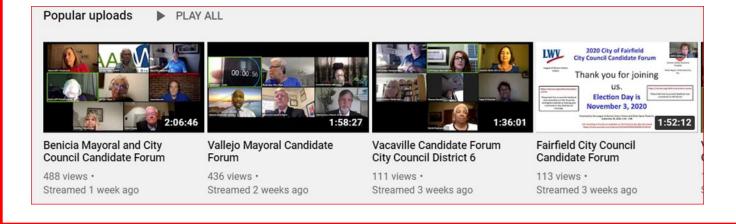
Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf Security Issues, Brexit and the European Union, Struggles Over the Melting Artic, China's Role in Africa, The Korean Peninsula, Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, and The End of Globalization?

Books are currently available for pre-order and will be delivered after January 6, 2021. If you are interested in purchasing a Briefing Book please email www.levs.nurses.com to contact Niles Medders. We can purchase a class set of books at a discount if we have enough people who are interested.

The Foreign Policy Association website has announced that they will make the video presentations available on You Tube while meeting in large groups is not possible. It does not seem likely that we will

be able to meet at the library this winter. We can read the Briefing Book, watch the video on our own, and then meet via Zoom for discussion of the issues.

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.



GET INVOLVED

Now that the election is over, it's time to get even busier! Important Volunteer activities are available to suit your skills and time – from just an hour or two a month or more.



Find out details on all the options on our website: https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/ donate

Fill out our easy online Volunteer Interest Form at https://my.lwv.org/california/solano-county/volunteer-interest-form. We have a lot of election-related opportunities happening now.

We're looking for a Special Someone! We have a new volunteer position "Volunteer Reference Desk", this member will field Committee Chair requests for volunteers. The Volunteer Reference Desk person is only responsible for getting contact information to Committee Chairs, and is NOT be responsible for contacting or following up with volunteers. Only job requirement is basic familiarity with Excel; we will train! Please email lwvsolano@gmail.com.

We know that some members are not able to volunteer at this time but please know that your membership and support is very important to our League.





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

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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.

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