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## December 2021 VOTER Newsletter

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## ***YOU ARE INVITED!!***

### **Come Join Our Year-end Lunch Party**

**Sunday, December 5 from 12:00 to 3:00 pm**

#### [Green Mountain Retreat](#)

19480 Bear Creek Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033 (Bear Creek exit off 17)

**COST (includes full-meal lunch and facility fee):  
\$25 for one OR \$40 for two**

**SPACE IS LIMITED! REGISTER NOW & PAY ONLINE:**

<https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/2021-holiday-party>

**\*\* COVID Health guideline followed: Please bring your vaccination card and wear a mask. \*\***



Dear Friends and Members of the League,

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and you are cordially invited to join our in-person holiday party this coming Sunday at Green Mountain Retreat. Please sign up through our website <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/2021-holiday-party>, and we look forward to seeing you in person this weekend at the beautiful mountain retreat center!

A gentle reminder that the deadlines for both Santa Clara County and the State Advisory Commission to release the district maps have been shortened due to the late release of Census data. The League is not advocating for specific maps; rather, we encourage community members to follow corresponding guidelines from the County and the State to make your personal opinions about these important issues known. Please check the **Redistricting Update** session for more details.

League members joined thousands of supporters to attend the Los Gatos United Against Hate Walk to denounce hate speech and attacks on November 14. The crowd, which included members of the local community, business and arts groups, students, and politicians, gathered at the Los Gatos Civic Center after marching from Fisher Middle School. The League was a proud sponsor of this event and thank you to all the community members who came to partake!



We are grateful for the opportunity to work with and serve you this year. We are planning to bring more programs to you in 2022, including discussions on topics about Housing, Natural Resources, Healthcare, and Education...etc, from the lens of racial justice. Until then, we wish you and your family a joyful and relaxing holiday season!

Sincerely,  
*Sophia Kao, President*

## VOTER SERVICES



### Los Gatos Parcel Tax

The Los Gatos Union School District Board of Trustees Parcel Tax, **Measure B**, passed overwhelmingly with over 75% of the vote on the November 2, 2021, ballot. Congratulations to the many community members who volunteered their time to this campaign.

### Defending Democracy from Voter Suppression

#### Voting Rights Are People Rights!

Federal voting rights protections cannot wait and are vital to saving the soul of our democracy. The League is calling for the White House to harness its substantial power and influence to lead the fight for voting rights reforms that will:

- Protect and enforce voting rights;
- Address the historical barriers to voting;
- Provide oversight on voting rights violations;

Your voice is powerful, now it's time to raise it up to the Oval Office. Call on the Biden-Harris White House to lead this fight to protect the freedom to vote. League members are getting arrested for protesting outside the White House fighting to protect our rights to vote!!

As LWVUS President, Deborah Turner, stated in the League update dated November 18:

"Yesterday I was honored to be one of some 200 people arrested at the White House advocating for the President to stand up for voting rights. Among those arrested were CEO Virginia Kase Solomon, LWV board members and staff, and League members from across the country.

Since we launched our No More Excuses actions in August, an estimated 265 arrests of activists have been made. In these peaceful demonstrations, our activists purposely risked arrest to deliver the critical message to the White House that time is of the essence for voting rights.

#### Our Legislature

Voting rights legislation continues to remain stagnant in the Senate as we engage in the critical work of redistricting and begin the countdown to the midterm elections. Many voices, particularly the voices of color, youth, and those with financial constraints will be silenced or further disenfranchised if our President doesn't act now. It is up to President Biden to step up and step in. Our democracy depends on this action. We will not give up until voting rights are restored and expanded.

Please continue to contact your elected officials, particularly senators, and encourage them to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Make the effort to sit down with them or their staff during the upcoming holiday break and deliver the League's message of empowering voters."

#### Link to protests outside White House:

[https://www.facebook.com/stories/102883301879900/UzpfSVND0jIxODUzNjk0Mzc0MjM5Mg==/?bucket\\_count=9&source=story\\_tray](https://www.facebook.com/stories/102883301879900/UzpfSVND0jIxODUzNjk0Mzc0MjM5Mg==/?bucket_count=9&source=story_tray)

## Redistricting Update: Congressional, State, and County

Redistricting is about power at the ballot box and representation in a democracy. Every ten years, after the federal government completes the census and releases the updated population count, California must redraw the boundaries of its congressional, legislative and state Board of Equalization districts, so that the districts correctly reflect the current populations.

### Congressional and State Level

This year, the timeline for the State Advisory Commission to complete its work was shortened due to the late release of the Census data. The Commission had to release preliminary maps for public comment by November 15 and submit a final map to the state by December 27.

*Significant changes in Assembly and State Senate Districts are being considered for our area!* The State Redistricting Advisory Commission has just released preliminary maps in what is called "visualizations, shape, and equivalency files". The maps are difficult to read due to their size and lack of any documentation regarding impacts—this recent [link](#) gives the highest resolution maps. What is important for our League members to know is that our current Assembly District 28 is being divided with Saratoga and Campbell being part of a district extending north to Palo Alto and Atherton ("SAMATEO" region), while Saratoga and Monte Sereno (along with Almaden Valley, Morgan Hill and Gilroy) are in a district extending across the mountains and along the coast including Santa Cruz ("GATOSBANK" region). The State Senate also divides the previous district with Saratoga in the Peninsula region extending up to Pacifica ("PENINSULA" region), while Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Campbell are in a district composed of the Santa Clara County South Valley and extending from Santa Cruz to Monterey to San Luis Obispo ("SCLARA" region).

The process is moving very fast. If you have any concerns it is important for you to provide your input to the Commission as soon as possible; written input can be given at this [link](#):

[https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/draft\\_maps\\_public\\_input?utm\\_campaign=draft\\_maps&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=ccrc](https://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/draft_maps_public_input?utm_campaign=draft_maps&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ccrc)

## Santa Clara County Supervisorial Districts

The SCC League of Women Voters has been closely following the process by the Santa Clara County (SCC) Redistricting Advisory Commission, and our League's County Council has spoken to the Commission in support of League principles, including:

- Substantially equal populations
- Effective representation of racial and linguistic minorities
- Preserving "communities of interest"
- Keeping cities together to the extent possible
- Compactness

On November 2, after much discussion and community input, three maps were selected by the Board of Supervisors for further review and discussion at their next meeting on November 16: the Yellow Map, also called the Unity Map; the Purple Map, developed by the Advisory Committee; and, the EE.2.0 Map also called the Equity Map.

**At the SCC Board of Supervisors meeting on November 16**, after much community input and Board discussion, the Board voted to forward the **Revised Yellow Map** for further discussion, review, and possible changes prior to their final adoption vote on December 7. **Community input can still be given prior to and during this meeting.** Check this link for the revised maps: <https://countyexec.sccgov.org/2021-redistricting-process>.

The League is not advocating for specific maps; rather it is *strongly encouraging member awareness, particularly those members living in Los Gatos and Monte Sereno*, and encourages citizens to make their personal opinions known.

**What do you think?** Examine and study the revised map, assess if it meets the criteria that was supposed to be followed, and form your own opinion. If you have an opinion about the map, you should make your personal opinion known in public testimony at the tentatively scheduled upcoming Board of Supervisor meeting on November 23 or at the December 7 meeting where the final vote will be taken. Information on this meeting and Zoom links for public testimony are expected to be posted at <https://countyexec.sccgov.org/2021-redistricting-process>. Final supervisory district maps must be adopted by December 15 and submitted to the State by December 27.

## Bay Area League of Women Voter Activity Updates

The first in a series of Bay Area Community Conversations (through 2021-2022) presented by the Bay Area League will be on **November 30 from 12:00 to 1:00** via Zoom with a Brown Bag Lunch Dialogue on Environmental Justice, featuring a discussion with leaders from APEN (Asian Pacific Environmental Network), and BARHII (Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative). They will examine the unjust and unavoidable disparities that impact communities of color, the elderly, children, and those unable to afford food, quality shelter, fuels for cooling and transportation, or alternatives to contaminated drinking water. Solutions, and how League members can advocate in their communities, will be important questions to be discussed, with possible answers.

Additional note: There will be an optional period from 1:00-1:30 for League members to remain on the call to discuss their priorities, and to talk with each other and to LWVBA leaders about other topics they wish explored with future Community Conversations.

Register here: <http://tiny.cc/LWVBAconversation>

**Save the Date: Bay Area League Day is planned for Saturday, February 19**, with the theme of "Solving for Housing". The event will take a holistic look at land-use planning involved in placing housing. A Board committee has been formed, and local League members interested in housing are urged to help plan the event by contacting League Day Chair Danielle Crider at [daniellecrider4@gmail.com](mailto:daniellecrider4@gmail.com).

And... a Communications Director is being sought to fill a seat on the Bay Area League Board. Interested people may contact Nominating Committee Chair Ann Draper at [adtp@comcast.net](mailto:adtp@comcast.net)

## Healthcare



### Single-Payer Healthcare Can Save \$\$\$

Researchers from UCSF, UCLA and UC Berkeley examined 22 economic analyses by government, business and academic organizations of national and state-level single payer plans, including proposals made in Massachusetts, California, Maryland, Vermont, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New York and Oregon—and determined that single-payer systems would result in savings over current systems. Lower administrative and drug costs would be the main reasons for cost savings. January, 2021, Source: UCSF News

<https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2020/01/416416/single-payer-systems-likely-save-money-us-analysis-finds>.

*Barbara Lea, Healthcare Director*

## Healthcare Around the World

### Sixth article in a series about healthcare in other countries



#### Taiwan

Taiwan spends only 6.4 % of its GDP on health care, with access to both Western and Chinese medicine. A large majority of the population says they are satisfied with the health system's overall performance. But doctors see patients at an unbelievable pace—50 to 100 per day—and work late into the night. Only the wealthy can get some of the more innovative treatments. More physicians need to be trained, the number seen by each physician lowered, salaries increased, and new drugs accessed more quickly. Taiwan lacks the infrastructure to coordinate chronic care and mental health care. An increase in spending would give Taiwan the money they need to increase physicians' salaries, train more physicians, and provide the newest drugs more quickly. *Barbara Lea, Healthcare Director*

#### United States

The United States spends 18% of GDP on healthcare—by far the highest in any developed country. There are four components to the system which provides coverage for 290 million citizens: Employer-based health insurance, Medicare for Americans aged 65 and older, Medicaid for lower-income, blind and disabled, and Private insurance purchased by those under 65 without employer-based insurance who earn too much for Medicaid. In 2019, the uninsured population reached nearly 11%. There is no comprehensive long-term care insurance program in the United States. The challenges are many: (1) Excessive cost. Five years ago, costs per person were over \$10,000 a year. (2) The exorbitant price of drugs, with new cancer drugs routinely costing more than \$120,000 per year. Our average drug prices are 56% higher than those in Europe. (3) Physicians and hospitals need to deliver care so it is more cost conscious and increases efficiency. (4) Coverage is still a big problem, with nearly 30 million Americans lacking health insurance. (5) The system is too complex, causing average Americans a struggle to navigate. (6) Annual open enrollment periods should be changed to two or three years to cut costs. (7) As in other countries, the United States suffers from physician burnout. (8) We have a nursing shortage and will need 1 million additional nurses in the next five years. And (9) There is a long-term care crisis looming in the future. *Barbara Lea, Healthcare Director*

**Healthcare Resource:** An excellent source of information in this field is *Which Country Has the World's Best Health Care?* by Ezekiel J. Emanuel.

## Natural Resources: Water





## **WATER: Conservation -- Save water, save our future**

California's rivers and aquifers cannot [sustainably provide](#) all the water the state has promised over the years. With growing climate change and more drought in our future, water conservation can help preserve the supply we have and help Californians live sustainably within our water means.

Agriculture uses about 80% of California's "developed" water supply (water delivered for agriculture and urban/suburban use). Conservation/efficiency could reduce agricultural water use by 5.6 to 6.6 million acre-feet (maf), which is about 16-22% of agricultural water use.

Urban/Suburban (including residential, business and industrial) uses about [6 to 9 maf per year](#). We could save a large portion – 2.9 to 5.2 maf – through increased efficiency and through lifestyle/habit modification.

Stormwater Capture: Hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water, if captured and used, could water crops and gardens, and replenish aquifers ([groundwater](#)). Aquifer storage [has many benefits](#) over surface reservoirs.

Water Reuse: Getting a second or third use out of water, including graywater and even blackwater, could mean over a million more acre-feet of water available for local needs.

See <https://lwvc.org/cheapest-water-conservation> for the complete article.

By Meg Giberson



## **Racial Justice**

### **Fall Programs Still Available**

If you missed any of our Fall Programs, through the magic of Zoom, you can still see them. The three programs—Racial Justice Issues Today and in the Future, Voter Suppression Tactics Attack Democracy, and Criminal Justice Reform are available at <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/calendar-archive>.

### **Coming Racial Justice Events**

Each of the following webinars will have an emphasis on racial justice.

January - Housing

February - Natural Resources: Water

March - Education

April - Healthcare

### **Small Progress toward Equality in Education**

The following news organizations: New York Times, Washington Post, and NPR have commented on the ACT and SAT exams: The following is the summary. The University of California will not take SAT and ACT scores into account in admissions or scholarship decisions for its system of 10 schools, which include some of the nation's most sought-after campuses, in accordance with a settlement in a lawsuit brought by students. The settlement announced on Friday signals the end of a lengthy legal debate over whether the University of California system should use the standardized tests, which students of color and those with disabilities have said put them at a disadvantage. Opponents of the tests called the settlement "historic," and said that it would broaden access to campuses for students across the state. "Today's settlement ensures that the

[2019 lawsuit](#) brought by a coalition of students, advocacy groups and the Compton Unified School District, a largely Black and Hispanic district in Los Angeles County. The plaintiffs said that the college entrance tests are biased against poor and mainly Black and Hispanic students--and that by basing admissions decisions on those tests, the system illegally discriminates against applicants on the basis of their race, wealth and disability. Nora Mason, Racial Justice Committee

## CITY NEWS & UPDATES



### Los Gatos Town Council

November 20: Current owners of the Los Gatos Theater, the Goetz family, have offered to donate the theater to the Town. In their proposal, they state their wish that it be a multicultural venue. They suggest the following uses: screenings of newly released movies; family movie series; teen movies; live theater productions on stage performed by local elementary schools; community meeting center. Additionally, it is an opportunity to preserve a historic building in the downtown. Council members approved accepting the donation. The Town Manager will negotiate the agreement and solicit proposals from private companies on managing the theater and programs.

Town staff reviewed the Town's economic support to the downtown businesses during the pandemic. Parklets are continuing to be built for outdoor restaurant patrons. Outdoor space, public parklets with bike racks, and car parking were discussed. Councilmembers approved extending the Economic Recovery Resolution of 2020, until 12/31/2022, so economic support can continue. *Lynda Jandron, Los Gatos Observer*

### Saratoga City Council

November: School Resource Officer-- Approved the funding of SROs and details of the funding relationship between the City and the Sheriff's Office. This is in support of a 10-year agreement between the City and the County, which will expire on July 1, 2024.

Parking restrictions: Announced that parking restrictions were proposed for Douglass Lane, Black Walnut Court, Kenosha Court, and Minocqua Court. This was scheduled for discussion November 17.

Organic waste: Discussed whether to adopt the Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance required by the State of California. This involves putting organic waste in clearly labelled waste containers.

Flavored tobacco products, adding menthol as a flavoring that will be banned: Authorized staff to research this potential change to an ordinance.

See <https://www.saratoga.ca.us/AgendaCenter/City-Council-13> for more details.

*Dana Ellingen, Saratoga Observer*

### Monte Sereno City Council

November 16: Council discussed erosion along 400' of Withey road. There is a PG&E gas line on the uphill side. Planning for a retaining wall will cost ca. \$40,000, construction \$400,000. Council and staff discussed sources of funding, erosion prevention, liability and property. Staff will continue exploring alternatives.

Council is continuing its efforts to implement new California State laws SB9 and SB10 relating to regulations promoting higher density housing. The Site and Architectural Commission is working on required Objective Standards for making land use decisions. However, there is a statewide initiative in progress for the November ballot that seeks to protect local control of local land use decisions. If passed, an amendment to the California Constitution would provide that city and county general plans, specific plans, zoning laws, etc. concerning land use would prevail over any conflicting State general laws, with some exceptions. Council is monitoring the progress of the new initiative; changes in direction will affect steps the Council would be required to take. Council at this time is concerned that SB9 and SB10 may not be the best way to address our regional housing shortage. Council discussed legal limits on their taking action to support the new initiative. The City cannot spend its resources on politics. But it can communicate its support, or lack of support, on issues that affect the City.



continuing its efforts to respond to SJ Water Company's recent major rate increases, which heavily impacts properties that have made large investments in time and money in landscaping.

*Linda King, Monte Sereno Observer*

## POLITICAL BOOK CLUB



Join us for an interesting discussion at the League Political Book Club which will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 21. The book to be discussed is **On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century**, by Timothy Snyder. #1 New York Times Bestseller • A historian of fascism offers a guide for surviving and resisting America's turn towards authoritarianism. The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience. Contact Wade Ellis, [wade25@SBCGlobal.net](mailto:wade25@SBCGlobal.net) to join the group or just tune in for the meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222588472>.

## CIVIC EDUCATION SERIES UPDATES

The Civic Education series - The Government 101 Team is happy to report that the series has been delivered to the community with much success. It debuted on October 21, 2021 and concluded on November 18, 2021. There were five sessions that covered from Federal Government, California State Government, County and City Governments, School Districts and Civic Engagement.

The series was meant for people who did not have an opportunity to learn US Government and US History in high school or who just wished to brush up knowledge from these areas. Thanks to our IT Director Amy Vu, the series was delivered via Zoom webinar, without any technical glitches and with increased viewership as we progressed to each session. By session five, we had reached 96 registrants cumulatively.

There were questions asked during the session and then there were comments expressed by the attendees. Based on the feedback from them and from our own presenters, we all believed that civic education like this truly is much needed and appreciated.

A big THANK YOU to our Board and League members for your trust and support. This series demonstrated how Democracy Works. We are proud to be a part of the effort.

For your interests, listed below are the links to all five sessions.

- Federal Government: <https://youtu.be/62z2Qbg0jaU> presented by Frances Zhan.
- California State Government: <https://youtu.be/azizsdheWtI> presented by Eleanor Yick.
- City and County Government: <https://youtu.be/exUkOwq8XpE> presented by Jeff Wang/County, and Liang Chao/City
- School Districts: <https://youtu.be/BU1zt6pRbS0> presented by Julie Reynolds-Grabbe
- Civic Engagement: <https://youtu.be/dneexlb9twE> presented by Victoria Zhang

Again, thank you to all who have helped prepare the curriculum, the publicity, the editing and the Zoom operation: Qing Bai, Margret Bard, Liang Chao, Vicky Du, Julie Reynolds-Grabbe, Sophia Kao, Tom Picraux,



We hope more will consider joining us for future topics in the Civic Education series, 201, 301 and etc.,  
Happy Holidays to All!

-Aileen Kao, Membership Chair

## BOARD BYTES

November 3, 2021



1. The LWV County Council has sent a letter to LWVC voicing the need to conduct a study of the recall process.
2. As there is a lot of activity on redistricting currently, the League will send out updates to help keep members informed with the relevant facts.
3. Board members voted to support the Los Gatos United Against Hate Walk held on November 4. The Board also reaffirmed the League's commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) and plans to reach out to local organizations to build more connections and express our willingness to participate in future DEI events.

## LEAGUE UPDATES

### SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Our League's coverage area includes the four cities of Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga. Three of the supervisors on the Santa Clara County Board represent our communities. Below are links to our supervisors' most current newsletters. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive these updates, which contain important local news and activity.

- District 1: Supervisor Mike Wasserman:** (Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and portions of San Jose.) Click on this link for the latest newsletter: [district1.sccgov.org](https://district1.sccgov.org)
- District 4: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg:** (Campbell, West San Jose, Santa Clara, and unincorporated parts of Burbank and Cambrian). Click on the link for the latest newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3DbaNiH>
- District 5: Supervisor Joe Simitian:** (Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Cupertino, Saratoga, and portions of Sunnyvale and San Jose.) Click on this link for the latest newsletter: [district5.sccgov.org](https://district5.sccgov.org)

### LWV BAY AREA UPDATES

The first of a series of Bay Area Community Conversations (through 2021-22) will be on November 30 from 12:00 to 1:00 via Zoom. It will be a Brown Bag Lunch Dialogue on Environmental Justice. Registration Link: <http://tiny.cc/LWVBAconversation>.

### THE LWV BAY AREA MONITOR

The shift away from fossil fuels could leave refineries behind, unless they make significant changes -- and that is just what is proposed for two Bay Area facilities. Read the feature story <https://bayareamonitor.org/article/redefining-refineries-but-not-emissions/>.

### LWV CA UPDATES

Voting is a right for all people across the country — not a privilege that should be kept under lock and key. LWVC is launching a new Unlocking Democracy campaign: <https://lwvc.org/news/unlock-democracy>.

Upcoming Events: [List of Upcoming Events](#) | [LWVC.org](https://lwvc.org)

### LWV US

[LWV Statement on Guilty Verdict in Trial for the Murder of Ahmaud Arbery](#)(11/24/2021)

[LWVUS and LWV Wisconsin Joint Statement on the Acquittal of Kyle Rittenhouse](#)(11/19/2021)

[LWV of Texas Joins Partners to File Federal Lawsuit to Block Racially Discriminatory Redistricting](#)(11/17/2021)

[\\*League Commends Federal Judge for Blocking Texas Abortion Law](#) (10/7/2021)

[LARGEST DIRECT ACTION TO DATE: Voting Rights Activists Arrested at White House After Fifth Direct Action Demanding that Biden Do More to Protect Freedom to Vote](#)(11/17/2021)

[LWVNC Asks to Intervene in North Carolina Voter Purge Case](#)(11/15/2021)

[The Grio: Hundreds Arrested Outside White House During Second Day of Voting Rights Protests](#) (11/17/2021)

[NPR: In the wake of 2020, Election Officials are Beleaguered](#) (11/4/2021)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**LWV SWSCV**  
**Wed. Dec. 1**

**Board Meeting**  
Virtual, at 12 noon

**LWV SWSCV**  
**Sun. Dec. 5**

**LWV SWSCV Holiday Party**  
12:00pm - 3:00pm

**LWV SWSCV**  
**Tue. Dec. 21**

**Political Book Club**  
Webinar: 7:00 - 8:00 PM  
On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century  
by Timothy Snyder  
Click here to enter the meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222588472>

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We rely on dues and donations to support our programs. Please consider making a donation to our local League of Women Voters general fund now. If you prefer to donate to our 501(c)3 tax-deductible account please, indicate that.

**League of Women Voters SWSCV Donation**

## JOIN US

Come to a LWV-SWSCV team meeting and learn about important issues affecting you and your community. You can make a difference! **Learn More About Our Work and Programs** [on our Website!](#)

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