



## October 2021 VOTER Newsletter

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### Important Webinar Announcement

#### **VOTER SUPPRESSION TACTICS ATTACK DEMOCRACY!**

Webinar, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, Saturday, October 16, 2021

Click here to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYsdemsrjsrE9AsNMlgUxH--Q29PMS5ufkc>



- \* How much do you know about Voter Suppression in the United States?
- \* How would you feel if bureaucracy set up barriers to your voting in the next election?
- \* Do some politicians really try to lower the number of voters?
- \* Just how important is it to you to protect our democracy?

#### **ANN RAVEL, J.D. – “Highlights of Voter Suppression throughout History”**

Join us for a morning of enlightenment about a very important and distressing situation: Two Excellent Speakers, Film Clips, and a Question & Answer period!

Vice-President of the League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara Valley, Professor at the University of California Berkeley School of Law, Former Chair of the [California Fair Political Practices Commission](#), and Former Commissioner of the Federal Election Committee

**MAC HELLER** – Executive Producer of “**Rigged**” will highlight aspects of the **Voter Suppression Playbook**. Tim Smith was also an Executive Producer of the film. Narrator Jeffrey Wright is an American actor well known for his [Tony](#), [Golden Globe](#), and [Emmy](#) Awards.

**FILM CLIPS from:**

“**All In: The Fight for Democracy**” (Directed & produced by [Liz Garbus](#) and Lisa Cortés)

“**Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook**” (Written & directed by Jeffrey Wright)

“**View from the Student Section: The Fight for the Youth Vote**”

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## President's Letter

Dear Friends and Members of the League,

Kudos to our Racial Justice Chair Barbara Lea and the Event Moderator Wade Ellis, for coordinating and conducting our kick-off event for the Racial Justice Series this year. We were very honored to have Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber share her personal story about this topic and the legal reforms she is working on. And we also appreciate the presentations of Dr. Dulce Maria Gray and Ms. Rebecca Cisneros-Diaz, as well as the audience including many from the West Valley College community for their support of our Webinar. If you missed the Webinar, please visit [the event website](#) to review the slides and recording.



Moving forward, we will focus on topics like Voter Suppression and Criminal Justice in the coming months. On October 16, our own VP of Program Ann Ravel, along with Mac Heller, the producer of the movie "Rigged" (<https://www.riggedthefilm.com/>), will bring us a very unique presentation about the history and cases of voter suppression. Don't miss this special webinar. Please follow the [registration link](#) to reserve your space now.

Last but not least, we are excited to announce the debut of our Government 101 class. This is a project initiated by Board Member Aileen Kao, and is a follow-up to our award-winning Chinese-translation Pros and Cons project, which promoted the civic engagement of the immigrant community during the 2020 election season. After several months of planning, we will officially roll out this pilot Civic Education Program starting October 21. Please read more details about this

class in this Voter and help us spread the word. Thank you!

***Sophia Kao, President***

## Announcing LWV's Civic Education -- Government 101 Series



**Government 101 Series**  
*2021 online class launch!*

Session I: October 21, Federal Government  
Session II: October 28, California State Government  
Session III: November 4, County and City Government  
Session IV: November 11, School Districts  
Session V: November 18, Civic Engagement



Thanks to the League's support and approval, a Civic Education Government 101 series will be making its debut on October 21, 2021. The series of classes will run for five consecutive weeks, every Thursday evening starting at 7:00 PM.

The concept of offering a learning opportunity to better understand American history, our government structures, the political systems and our voting rights has been in many people's minds. Since joining the League in 2018, I have voiced this idea on some occasions and have always been met with total endorsement. Finally, I was encouraged to just take the lead and go for it. Where else could we all learn from the most trustworthy place? Only LWV!

With faithful commitment from the Series Development Team (Qing Bai, Vicky Du, Sophia Kao, Frances Zhan and Victoria Zhang), we started the project, divided the series into sections, researched the material and prepared the curriculum. We also decided that the targeted audience would be naturalized citizens, myself included, who didn't have a chance to learn civic education in high school. We had learned pieces of it from news, books, and friends, but not in a systematic way.

In mid-May, we began our weekly project meetings to review the documents of each section. By the end of June, we had completed the first full draft. Then during the summer, we asked student members of our League to pull video clips from the Public Domain and create illustrations/diagrams to make the materials more vivid and interesting.

In September, we resumed our weekly project meetings and firmed up the series to include: An Introduction; the Federal Government; State Government; Local Government, Santa Clara County and cities; the Public School System; and concluded with how each of us can be more engaged in civic life.

The series will be offered weekly via Zoom, on consecutive Thursday nights, at 7:00 PM, starting on October 21 and ending on November 18. Each class will have approximately 30 minutes to cover the materials, 10 minutes for Q&A, then 5 minutes to wrap up for a total of 45 minutes.

We strongly believe this Government 101 series is one way to demonstrate to our communities that Democracy truly works and has worked in the U.S. for the past 245 years!!! The Team appreciates the interests from a few members already, and we are still looking for “teaching” partners to pair up at each Zoom session. Please don’t hesitate to contact me for more details.

If you wish to sign up to attend this series of five classes, please register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?secret=ZETfuyvqzovHd1hbJElPYX0OOhukWGGnTkKw>

*Aileen Kao, Civic Education Class Coordinator*

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## Voter Services



### **LG Union (Elementary) Parcel Tax Renewal: Measure B**

The Los Gatos Union School District Board of Trustees has placed **Measure B** on the November 2, 2021, ballot. Mail-in ballots for all parcels that are within the Elementary

School District boundaries will start arriving the week of October 4, 2021. **Measure B**, if passed, will renew the existing \$290 tax and add on \$45 for a total of \$335 per parcel. Beginning July 1, 2023, the amount of the parcel tax will increase annually by 2%. Factoring in the 2% per year increase, the parcel tax amount will start at \$335 the first year and increase to approximately \$380 by the last year. All parcel tax money stays local and will be used to retain highly qualified teachers, maintain core academic programs including reading and writing, and expand programs and labs in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. The ballot question asks you to vote YES or NO.

## **Redistricting**

### **The League opposes gerrymandering!! Fair maps ensure access and representation!**

Utilizing the results of the Census 2020, redistricting is currently happening at many levels of government. Many of these governmental jurisdictions are looking for community input. Please take this opportunity to let the jurisdictions know your thoughts on how to draw fair lines and specifically share information on areas of common interest that should be kept together as districts are drawn. These are called Communities of Interest and include things like school groups, sports groups, religious organizations, home types such as apartments or single family homes among others. **Getting involved in redistricting is getting involved in democracy in the truest sense. Remember: your voice is heard through your vote and input!!**

You can find out how to provide your input by clicking on the links below or by telephoning the entities listed below and ask for the superintendent’s office for information regarding going on.

California: [www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org)

Santa Clara County: <https://countyexec.sccgov.org/2021-redistricting-process/>

Water District: <https://www.valleywater.org/how-we-operate/redistricting>

City of Campbell: <https://campbell.generalplan.org>

Campbell Elementary School District: 408-364-4200

Campbell Union High School District: 408-371-0960

Moreland Elementary School District: 408-874-2900



#### Voter Services: General Plans and Housing Elements

All of our local cities are also updating their General Plans and, specifically, their Housing Element. In light of the recent successful passage of Housing Bills SB9 and SB10, It is critically important that members of our communities get involved in these discussions as it will directly impact all future housing developments. Contact your local city offices and find out when their General Plan hearings are being held and be sure to participate:

**Campbell:** <https://campbell.generalplan.org>

**Los Gatos:** <https://losgatos2040.com>

**Saratoga:** <https://www.saratoga.ca.us/499/Housing-Element-Update>

## “Freedom to Vote Act”

The fight for voting rights continues to be a long and enduring battle, but one which American democracy hinges on. The Senate has introduced new legislation, the Freedom to Vote Act, which has the power to make our elections more free, fair, and accessible to all. This transformative voting rights bill will protect and expand the right to vote, decrease the influence of money in politics and curb partisan gerrymandering. Your voice is crucial in ensuring the freedom to vote for Americans. [Contact your senators](#) (Senator Dianne Feinstein: [www.feinstein.senate.gov](http://www.feinstein.senate.gov); and, Senator Alex Padilla: <https://alex-padilla.com>) and [implore them to vote YES on the Freedom to Vote Act](#).

Our nation is facing a series of attacks on our most basic right to vote. The Freedom to Vote Act embodies much of the voting rights and democracy work the League of Women Voters has fought for more than 100 years by

- Protecting and expanding voting rights
- Removing big money out from politics
- Curbing gerrymandering.

*Eleanor Yick, VP & Director Voter Services*

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## Directors' Reports

### Health Reform & Social Justice

**Reducing Inequity and Addressing Health Disparities**



**Virtual Community Forum: 6:00–8:00 PM, Wednesday, October 6, 2021**

Click here to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/173140998387>

Join us for an informative program presented by **Dr. Susan Rogers, President, Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP)**. Dr. Rogers' presentation will include an overview of the U.S.

HealthCare System through a social justice lens, followed by a discussion highlighting disparities resulting from our current policies and opportunities to improve inequities through health reform. The forum will conclude with an audience Q&A.

Presented by LWV of the Davis Area, Co-sponsored by LWV SW Santa Clara Valley

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## Healthcare Around the World

### Fourth in a Series about Worldwide

### Healthcare



#### Japan

Japan spends 11% on its healthcare system, where the patient accepts responsibility for 30% of the costs and the government 70%. By law, all residents are required to have health insurance coverage, and hospitals must be run as non-profit managed by physicians. In 2009, in the United States an MRI of the neck area could cost \$1,500, but in Japan it cost \$98. Japan has the longest life expectancy at birth of those in any country in the world--79.6 for males and 86.4 for females. The average patient visits a doctor 13 times a year--more than double the average for most other countries. The medical treatment of physical health is generally competitive with that of the U.S., but the quality of mental health care is relatively low. They have an understaffing problem with 92% of hospitals having an insufficient number of doctors. Japanese patients receive MRIs at a per capita rate 8 times higher than the British and twice as high as Americans. In addition to Western medicine, more than 200,000 people are licensed to practice massage, acupuncture, moxibustion, and other East Asian therapeutic methods.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Healthcare\\_in\\_Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Healthcare_in_Japan)

*Barbara Lea, Director Healthcare Committee*

#### Netherlands

The Netherlands health care system costs about 13% of GDP. (Compare the USA cost at 17% or Britain's 10%.) and is rated third or fourth highest in the world. It is not a single payer system. Taxpayers are covered by the combination of publicly funded care and mandatory private insurance. This managed competition uses a combination of private markets and government regulations. Patients choose their primary care doctors who are gatekeepers for specialized services. The system is fairly equitable between urban and rural communities, but some low-income earners struggle to pay insurance and out-of-pocket costs. Prescription drug payments depend on one's insurance plan. Most citizens are satisfied overall. Technology and innovation are well used in the Netherlands. Despite high marks, however, preventable deaths and life expectancy are not as good as might be expected. Administration inefficiencies are high. Primary doctors cite relatively low pay, high stress with visits averaging only 10 minutes. Costs of private insurance, hospitals and more are rising faster than wages. Lower income earners struggle to pay out-of-pocket costs. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Healthcare\\_in\\_the\\_Netherlands](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Healthcare_in_the_Netherlands)

*Terry Cabrinha, Healthcare Committee*

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## Natural Resources: Water

## WATER POLICY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IMPACTS



A large water project with large impacts on environmental justice minority and low-income (“EJ”) communities appears poised to downplay, rather than cure, those impacts. The project is the Delta conveyance tunnel that would carry water under—rather than allowing it to flow through—the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta) for export south. This new single-tunnel project would bypass the rivers and channels that bring fresh water to the Delta—fresh water that combats excessive salinity in the Delta and helps eliminate harmful effects such as toxic algae.

“In the Delta, pollution and inadequate water flows have led to an explosion of harmful algal blooms. This summer, the Delta is choked by floating masses of electric green algae that can harm people and kill pets, threatening the health, quality of life, and economy of Delta communities.” Harm to native fish and the communities that depend on them is “not caused by drought alone, but by excessive water deliveries to ‘senior water rights’ holders that have drained Lake Shasta’s cold water.” <https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/09/18/opinion-governor-must-integrate-justice-into-state-water-policy/>

California Department of Water Resources (DWR) notes that environmental effects are considered disproportionate if they are adverse and occur in areas with greater than 50% total minority populations or where low-income households constitute greater than 20% of the total. Most of the Delta tunnel area qualifies as an environmental justice community (61% minority and 26% Hispanic, 34% low-income households). Yet, it is not clear that DWR will seriously consider how tunnel impacts and costs will affect low-income communities.

While water quality in the Delta is legally controlled by the State Water Board, its regulation of Delta water quality is stalled. Instead, an alternate process of “Voluntary Agreements” has been proposed whereby water diverters would decide among themselves how much flow to allow through the Delta. Should our water come via deeply flawed means that harm EJ communities and entire ecosystems?

-Meg Giberson, Natural Resources Director

### LWVC Drive Clean with the League

League of Women Voters of California, together with Drive Clean California, is co-hosting Drive Clean with the League, an educational and inspirational gathering to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions. The LWV of California and the LWVUS have declared a climate emergency, urging all local Leagues to include Climate Action as a high priority in 2021. The most important step a typical California resident can take to reduce carbon emissions is to switch to an electric vehicle. Although the event is focused on California, all are welcome! [Read more.](#)

**Saturday, October 16, 5:00-6:00PM PDT** [Sign Up for Oct 16](#)  
**Wednesday, October 20, 6:00-7:00PM PDT** [Sign Up for Oct 20](#)

-Meg Giberson, Natural Resources Director

## Racial Justice



### CITY OF SAN JOSE APOLOGIZES TO CHINESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

On September 29, the City of San Jose and the Chinese American Community held a historic ceremony in the Circle of Palms Plaza, in Downtown San Jose, commemorating the City Council Resolution apologizing for the City's role in acts of injustice towards Chinese immigrants and their descendants. The Plaza sits on the site of the second Market Street Chinatown, which was destroyed by arson in 1887. This ceremony included opening remarks from City leadership, a formal presentation and reading of the resolution to attendees, as well as additional remarks by community leaders and elected officials. California Assemblyperson Evan Low and others spoke on behalf of the Chinese community in memory of their San Jose forefathers.

*Barbara Lea, Chair Racial Justice Committee*

## HOW IS THE UNITED STATES DOING WITH RACIAL JUSTICE?

First in a series of articles about Racial Justice in other countries

Recently **US News and World Report** came out with a report about Racial Equality and how the world is managing that issue.

"The deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd as well as the shooting of Jacob Blake, all Black Americans, at the hands of white police officers, touched off protests around the world, calling for greater racial equity and social justice. Those protests have turned into lasting conversations in countries about reexamining policing policies, inequities in the workplace and health care, and the toppling of monuments tied to a country's colonial past and use of slavery." Those actions come as studies show that people who interact with others from different backgrounds have more positive views of diversity.

Reflecting how much nations' values have changed in the past year, the 2021 Best Countries report introduces a new ranking: **countries that seem to have the most positive views on racial equality**. The ranking was developed using the **racial equity score** a country received and connecting it to the more than 17,000 survey respondents who agreed moderately or strongly with this statement: "**A country is stronger when it is more racially and ethnically diverse.**"

Of the 78 countries ranked, the **United States**, birthplace of the Black Lives Matter movement, finished among **the bottom 10 countries for racial equality**, a lower ranking than China, a country the international community has condemned and imposed sanctions over treatment of its Muslim Uyghur population. The best countries for Racial Equality are Netherlands, Canada, New Zealand, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. Each month we will examine how these countries are managing racial justice and equality. (Source: U.S. News and World Report, September 8, 2021)

*Nora Mason, Racial Justice Committee*

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## Political Book Club



The next Zoom Meeting of our League Political Book Club will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 19, to discuss **THE PREMONITION: A PANDEMIC STORY**, by **Michael Lewis**. Read and discuss this story about a group of medics and scientists who attempt to get the US government to take pandemic response seriously. 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>.

## Great Decisions

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs.

The program model involves reading the Great Decisions [Briefing Book](#) and meeting in a [Discussion Group](#) to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.

**\* Starting the first week in February 2022 \* Evening meetings \***  
**If interested, please call Barbara Lea at 408-354-2287 or Hana Itani at 408-399-9727**

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## City Updates - Observer Reports



### Los Gatos: Town Council News

September 20. Council members heard recommendations for allocating additional ARPA funds to senior services impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. The Community Health and Senior Service Commission presented its ideas after a previous request from the Council. Funding was approved for KCAT TV, Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation, and Saratoga Area Senior Coordinating Council (SASCC). ARPA funds were previously awarded in April to several other community programs.

Mr. Schultz, Town Attorney, reviewed state law for campaign contributions from a single source to candidates in local elections. Council members voted to keep the limit at the default amount set by the State, \$4900/donation, rather than setting a different limit as allowed.

- Lynda Jandron

### Saratoga: City Council News

September 15. Hakone Gardens: The Council authorized the Hakone Foundation to apply for a County Historical Grant for the Mon Roof Rehabilitation and Restoration Project. Information Technology Master Plan: The IT Staff Report was received. City Road Conditions: To improve City road conditions the Council received the report and considered suspending the current community engagement program and continuing discussion.

2040 Saratoga General Plan: The City of Saratoga is currently refreshing and making minor policy updates to three elements (Land Use, Circulation, and Open Space & Conservation) of the General Plan. The updated elements will be combined with the existing elements (Housing, Safety, and Noise) to comprise the Saratoga 2040 General Plan. Those who wish to become involved in the process may submit ideas to City staff or at a Planning Commission or a City Council meeting in either written or oral format.

- Dana Ellingen & Barbara Lea

### Monte Sereno: City Council News

September 7. The council adopted a resolution authorizing Councilmember Mekechuk to testify as a witness in hearings about a California Public Utilities Commission general rate increase. The Council authorized an agreement to construct and install painted traffic striping near Daves Avenue. The cost is high (\$25,000) because striping near a school is strict. Council discussed bids for renovating the old Monte Sereno Post Office building, now unused, and turning it into a community center. NBC's lower contract bid for renovation was nearly \$1,000 per sq. ft, about the same as for high quality new construction. The Community loved the old Post Office, but it came with large expenses. Bids on the Community Center were tabled pending further definition of the Center's purpose, collection of up-to-date community input, and consideration of other sources of funding.

Monte Sereno is distinguished by its lack of curbs and sidewalks, which gives it a country feeling. However Natalye Road and Clara Street for two blocks have issues with flooding, and need more than just a paved street to control runoff. The Council approved McKim Corp.'s bid for modifications and paving, not to exceed \$594,218.

The Monte Sereno City Council and the Community in general are strongly opposed to new zoning changes in SB9 and SB10, and the Council discussed steps that can be taken to counteract them, on the grounds that changes to Monte Sereno's zoning may not be the best way to solve California's housing issues.

- Linda King

### **Campbell: City Council News**

September. National Demographics Consultants (NDC) has been hired to oversee the redistricting in Campbell. The first draft maps will be published February 1, 2022. The map chosen will be for the next ten years. Since the last map was drawn in 2019 (also the first one) the new one could be quite similar as most demographics have probably not changed too much. Since only two of the districts voted last cycle, it is important to make sure that some residents do not go six years without getting to vote, so this will be considered. Community members can create maps with an online tool (Maptitude), or by hand.

Campbell's new Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for 2022, if adopted by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in December, 2021, will need to offer potential maps showing 3,000 new units required to be built in 2022. The state is changing the goal posts constantly. When you do not meet your "low-low" requirement, it goes up in the next cycle. Campbell did not meet theirs.

Campbell's draft "Envision Campbell General Plan" was reviewed by the Planning Commission on September 14 and then sent back to the Council.

- Jackie Costanzo

Check out events hosted by our sister leagues in Santa Clara County

<https://my.lwv.org/california/santa-clara-county/calendar>

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## **BOARD BYTES**

**September 1, 2021**



1. The League has approved a revised Conflict of Interest Policy. All voting Board members will submit a signed copy of the Conflict of Interest form based on the new policy.
2. The League is considering conducting a study on the recall process and plans to raise the idea with the County Council.
3. The League's Communications Team is working to reorganize the structure and improve the content on the League website to be more user-friendly. Information related to past events such as presentation slides and event recordings can be found in the website's Events section.
4. The next Board Meeting will be held on October 6, 2021.

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## **League News**

### **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 cities. Please note that the SCC Board of Supervisors is currently working on drawing new district maps based

on the 2020 census. It will be interesting to see if any changes are made that impact our 4 cities. Below are links to our supervisors most current newsletter. 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](http://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, unincorporated County and San Jose.) Click on this link for the latest newsletter: [district5.sccgov.org](http://district5.sccgov.org)

### **LWV BAY AREA UPDATES**

The next Bay Area League Day is planned for Saturday, February 19, with a theme of "Where Can More Housing Go?" The Bay Area League Board has decided that the upcoming community dialogs will have as their topics "Civil Discourse and Inclusivity", and an exploration of criminal justice and homelessness of the formerly incarcerated.

### **THE LWV BAY AREA MONITOR**

How to deal with poor air quality? Read the latest article [Breathing Room - Bay Area Monitor](#)

### **LWV CA UPDATES**

Can you spot fake news? Could you pass a Citizenship test? Try Verify It!

<https://lwwc.org/news/can-you-spot-fake-news-could-you-pass-citizenship-test-try-verify-it>

Advocates File Amicus with California Supreme Court, Letter Urging Extension of Redistricting Deadline

<https://lwwc.org/news/advocates-file-amicus-california-supreme-court-letter-urging-extension-redistricting-deadline>

### **LWVUS**

Visit <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom> to see the latest statements and press releases from Dr. Deborah Turner, LWV President

[Virginia Supreme Court Upholds Law Banning Prison Gerrymandering](#) in Adkins v. Virginia.

[Federal Court Blocks "Proof of Citizenship" Voting Requirement](#)

[LWV Files Amicus Brief in Voter Intimidation Case Before SCOTUS](#) LWV of the United States, along with the Leagues of New York and Florida filed an amicus brief in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen, a US Supreme Court case examining New York laws regulating the right of individuals to carry guns in public places.

[League Supports New Senate Voting Rights Bill, the Freedom to Vote Act](#) The League of Women Voters of the United States CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued this statement in response to the US Senate's introduction of transformative voting rights bill, the Freedom to Vote Act.

[Advocates File Amicus with California Supreme Court, Letter Urging Extension of Redistricting Deadline](#) LWV of California and partners filed an amicus letter in support of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's emergency motion to extend California's redistricting deadline.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**LWV Davis**  
**Wed. Oct. 6, 2021**

**Health Reform & Social Justice:  
Reducing Inequity & Addressing Healthcare  
Disparities**

**Virtual Community Forum: 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Click here to register:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/173140998387>

**LWV SWSCV**

**Sat. Oct. 16, 2021**

**Voter Suppression Tactics Attack Democracy**

**Webinar: 10:00 - 11:30 AM**

Two Excellent Speakers, Film Clips, and a Question & Answer period!

**Click here to register:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsdemsrjsrE9AsNMlgUxH--Q29PMS5ufkc>

**LWV SWSCV**

**Tue. Oct. 19, 2021**

**Political Book Club**

**Webinar: 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**The Premonition: A Pandemic Story**, by Michael Lewis

**Click here to enter the meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222588472>

**LWVUS**

**Th. Oct. 21, 2021**

**DEI in the context of Criminal Justice & Civilian Oversight**

**Webinar: 12:00 - 1:00 PM**

**Click here to register:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_asmEcuRERoC2iPfLRTyTDQ](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_asmEcuRERoC2iPfLRTyTDQ)

**LWV SWSCV**

**Th. Oct. 21, 2021**

**Civic Education 101 Session 1 (of 5) Begins**

**Webinar: 7:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Click here to register:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEtfuyvqzovHd1hbJEIPYX0OhukWGGnTkkW>

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## Donate

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**

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## 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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## ELECTED OFFICIALS

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<https://eshoo.house.gov>

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