

# LWV<sup>®</sup> Voter of Southwest Santa Clara Valley

Serving Los Gatos, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, & Campbell

September, 2019

On September 24, thousands of volunteers from hundreds of diverse organizations will unleash a nationwide field effort to register voters where they are—on their way to work, on campus, in the community, and online. The message is simple: now is the time to register, or update your registration, in time for Election Day.

LWVUS is asking every state and local league to take part in this event. The goal is to have 400 local Leagues participate. Join in the conversation online as well by following #NationalVoterRegistrationDay on social media.



Our Voter Registration Chair, Jackie Costanzo, has organized Leagues volunteers, along with the SCC Librarian, to staff registration table. They'll be at both the Campbell and Saratoga libraries. Encourage family, neighbors, and friend to support this effort.

Primaries are just around the corner. Every eligible American deserves the chance to participate in the upcoming elections—and that starts with getting registered to vote or updating their status if needed. Read more at <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org>.



## Message from the LWVSWSCV Presidents

The fall calendar is heavy with League events celebrating the passage of the 19th Amendment (recognizing women's right to vote), the upcoming 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters (LWV) in 2020, and LWV's longstanding fight for voter access, engagement and equality.

Yet, let us pause to grieve for the victims in Gilroy and El Paso. Commenting on gun violence, LWVUS president Chris Carson noted these events were the latest in a long series of bloodlettings that Americans have endured. As much as we feel outrage, we need to continue to work for legislation that promotes gun safety. President Carson felt this was really about voting rights. Those who become victims—and their families—have not always been able to vote. Until voting

barriers are eliminated, it is difficult to pass legislation that makes a difference.

The LWV defends the right of every American citizen to vote. League—at the national, state, regional, county and local levels—also continues outreach on issues of gun violence, voter rights, gerrymandering, environmental justice and women's equality and rights.

We continue here our summary of LWVUS Impact Issues 2018-2020 that we began last month. Social Policy represents one of the four pillars of these policies. The goal is to secure equal rights and equal opportunity for all and to promote social and economic justice and health and safety for all Americans.

1. Equality of Opportunity: support the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and support equal rights for all under state and federal law regardless of race, color, gender, religion,

national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

2. Fiscal Policy: support adequate and flexible government funding through an equitable tax system that is progressive and broad-based; support federal role in old-age, survivors', disability and health insurance.
3. Health Care: promote a health care system that provides affordable access to a basic level of quality care, including behavioral health, for all US residents that is integrated with and achieves parity with physical health care system.
4. Immigration: promote reunification of immediate families, meet economic and business needs of the US, be responsive to those facing persecution; ensure fair treatment under the law.

Please join with our Leagues, local, state and national, in upcoming events!!

Meg & Alan Giberson, LWVSWSCV Presidents

**Mission Statement:** The League of Women Voters is a diversified, nonpartisan political group of women and men, influencing public policy through education and advocacy and encouraging informed and active participation in government.

## LWVC August Leader's Update

### Census 2020

Join in LWV's national effort to educate Americans about the importance of the Census. The Census offers fantastic opportunities for Leagues to engage with our communities by hosting forums, workshops, and to partner with other organizations. Please join Complete Count Committees, [www.sccgov.org/sites/census/completeness/Pages/home.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/census/completeness/Pages/home.aspx), in your counties to partner and develop plans for outreach, education, and census counting activities. Talking points and League plans, flyers, information on confidentiality of gathered data and a plethora of other information is in the Census Action Toolkit.

Learn about the 'Hard-To-Count' (HTC) Communities in California, [www.censushardtocommunities2020.us](http://www.censushardtocommunities2020.us). Your county might contain one.

LWVUS offered a webinar in July on the national efforts, register to listen. It provides a timeline, answers general questions, and some useful workshop materials. A Google group on the Census is up and running. Contact Jenny Avina, [lwvpa-census-2020-team@googlegroups.com](mailto:lwvpa-census-2020-team@googlegroups.com), to join the group.

The League's Census 2020 work will occur in three phases at the local level:  
**Phase 1:** Now until March 31, 2020 - Education & Community Engagement  
**Phase 2:** April 1, 2020 - Get Out the Count (GOTC) - guidance and activities  
**Phase 3:** Now until count completes in Aug. 2020 - Watchdog Reporting. In the months leading up to Census Day April 1, 2020

### 100th Anniversary

On August 15th, LWVUS will have launched the 100th Anniversary She is Me, <https://www.lwv.org/sheisme>, social media campaign with the tagline "Progress is in our DNA." This exciting campaign will feature League members and the work that is being done. Designed for

# VOTERS SERVICE

## Candidate Forums Co-Chair Volunteer Is Needed

A volunteer Co-Chair is needed to work with Sue Cooney in organizing the Candidate Forums. These Forum events are public events for national, state, and local political candidates to debate and answer general questions from the constituents. The job entails learning who the candidates are, acquiring a public venue, then setting dates and times for the event to occur. Please email or phone Sue Cooney or Eleanor Yick for more detail or any questions.



## Voter Education Training

As many of you know, Santa Clara County (SCC) will be implementing the provisions under the *Voters Choice Act* (VCA) starting in the March 2020 Primary. The VCA includes the following processes: everyone will receive a mail in ballot which can be returned via US mail, dropped off in a designated drop box or in person at a Voting Center.

The SCC Registrar of Voters is working with the League to spread the word and hopes that all League members will be able to inform people of these changes. If you would like to learn more about the VCA, you are invited to attend this training:

### Women's Equality 2020 Presents

### Train the Trainer Voter Education

Saturday, September 7,  
8:30A.M.-12:00P.M.

SCC County Government Center  
Lower Level Cafeteria  
San Jose 95110

Co-chaired by the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Office, the Women's Equality 2020 Leadership Council is presenting a "Train the Trainer" to answer all questions about the Voter's Choice Act and upcoming changes for 2020 elections. Tool kits will be provided with all information needed for attendees to support their own voter education trainings in their communities. Language services are available at this training, please note interest at registration.

As we near the Centennial Celebration of the 19th amendment in August 2020, Santa Clara County will approach the next year as an opportunity to continue advocating for equal rights for ALL residents. The Women's Equality 2020 Leadership Council was formed to champion democracy in the community and invite citizens to support these efforts.

Registration is required for this event. Please join us!

RSVP at:

[we2020trainthetrainer.eventbrite.com](http://we2020trainthetrainer.eventbrite.com)

Eleanor Yick, Voter Services Director

Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, this campaign features short biographies and photos. It will continue through August 2020 and offers opportunities for viewers to gain more information, to join, and to donate. Over the next year

all state and local Leagues are invited to spotlight their own members. This is a great opportunity to attract new members and donors to our Leagues.

## 2019-2020 Board of Directors

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## Board Bytes - Meeting of August 7, 2019



### Discussed

- Board member responsibilities were reviewed.
- A request by Moms for Gun Sense for a League presentation was thought to be better served by local city councils with a opportunity for public testimony

### Reports

- Dues and fund raising income did not meet expectations as announced by the treasurer.
- Presidents Meg & Alan, completed a questionnaire for our League for creation by LWVC of an app to track civic activities.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events will be featured at the Saratoga Library (Jan/Feb) and the Los Gatos Town Council chambers.
- Action Chair Heidi Owens reported on Santa Clara County events for the anniversary of women's right to vote.
- Membership, Aileen Kao, reported on membership totals with five being with us for 50 years. She's working on plans for increasing membership.
- Presidents Meg & Alan distributed hard copies of the Voter to local libraries and elected officials.
- Eleanor Yick submitted a written report on Voter's Services activities which included the naturalization ceremonies and 2020 census.

### Approval Vote

- Henry Yin was approved as the new Finance Chair.

## New Citizens Voter Registration

Thanks to the volunteers who have joined in the National Voter Registration Day events at the Campbell and Saratoga Libraries on September 24th: Pat White, Jane Voigts, Eileen Barnes, Jackie Costanzo, Ginny Balch, Virginia Carpio, Dan and Wendy Hendry, Claudia Aden, Barbara Lea, Sue and Phil Shoff.

At our July 25 New Citizens' Ceremonies, here is the number of new voters registered during the four sessions that day:

Total New Voters: 522

Jackie Costanzo, Voter Registration [jjc717@aol.com](mailto:jjc717@aol.com)



## Good News: The American Medical Association & Single-Payer Health Care

On August 15, "the American Medical Association—the largest association of doctors and medical students in the United States—took a big step towards dropping their decades-long opposition to single payer. The Association announced that it is leaving the Partnership for America's Health Care Future—a coalition of lobbyists from the insurance, pharmaceutical, and for-profit hospital companies—whose sole purpose is to fight Medicare for All."

Source: E-mail to LWVSWSCV from Healthcare Now, an organization that fights to end the health insurance crisis by educating and advocating for improved Medicare-for-All legislation, such as H.R.1384.

Barbara Lea, Healthcare



## City & Town Council Observers

**Campbell:** Camping and Storage Code Amendment: The Council has been presented with a proposed text amendment to update the city code about sleeping in cars and camping in public places. The amendment would define the word “camping” and restrict where it is allowed and would outline enforcement procedures.

Two churches in Campbell are participating in a county-sponsored program that allows people to camp in their cars in the parking lots at night. The Council discussed the proposed amendment and asked staff to incorporate some changes to the amendment that would address RVs parked on streets for long periods and unintended consequences of an ordinance that is too strict.

**Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan:** One of the new requirements of the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit (MRP) is that each of its municipalities and agencies develop and implement a Green Stormwater Infrastructure Plan, to reduce the amount

of untreated runoff that goes directly into creeks and storm drains. To clean pollutants from runoff water, the water needs to first be diverted to the ground with several ways to achieve this.

The Council has heard a presentation on the city’s new plan which will be submitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board in September. It contains criteria for choosing and developing public and private projects. They voted to approve the plan.

Jackie Costanzo, Observer

**Los Gatos:** Council members approved rezoning a property located at the corner of Shannon Rd and Los Gatos Blvd to allow for construction of a commercial building. The developer’s proposal for a 2-story building there includes revision of the streets’ intersection to include safety measures in accordance with Safe Routes to School’s Plan. The developer will pay for these safety improvements, which

### City & Town Councils

#### Campbell City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:30P.M.

#### Los Gatos Town Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

#### Monte Sereno City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

#### Saratoga City Council

1st & 3rd Wednesdays – 7:00P.M.

are estimated to cost up to one million dollars. This saves the town from having to budget for this. The intersection is crossed by numerous students attending Van Meter Elementary and Fisher Middle schools. A previous proposal to build high-density housing on the property had failed to gain town approval and community residents had objected to it.  
Lynda Jandron, Observer

**Saratoga:** No Report in Recess

**Monte Sereno:** Observer Needed!

## Bridging the Divide How to Have Better Political Conversations

Wednesday, September 18  
7:30 - 9:00pm

### AME Zion Church

549 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Speaker

### Robb Willer, PhD,

Professor of Sociology, Psychology, &  
Organizational Behavior

Professor Willer is the Director of the Polarization and Social Change Lab and Co-Director of the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at Stanford University. His research focuses on bridging the ideological divide, overcoming polarity, and moral reframing for more meaningful conversation. You can also listen to Dr. Willer’s TED Talk on How To Have Better Political Conversations. [www.ted.com/talks/robb\\_willer\\_how\\_to\\_have\\_better\\_political\\_conversations?utm\\_campaign=teds\\_pread&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=tedcomshare](http://www.ted.com/talks/robb_willer_how_to_have_better_political_conversations?utm_campaign=teds_pread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare).

## Civil Discourse: A House Divided Workshop with An Official Invitation!

### Sunnyvale Prebyterian Church

728 W Fremont Ave. Sunnyvale

Saturday • September 21 • 1–5 P.M.

Our country is having trouble making important decisions and solving problems in the United States. Americans find it harder and harder to even talk with one another.

Join the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women for a stimulating conversation about our current political system. This workshop is a community event intended to bring diverse ideas and opinions from a wide segment of the Bay Area about

As part of the Building a More Resilient Community Series, this event is co-sponsored by LWV Palo Alto and the University AME Zion Church. It is endorsed by the City of Palo Alto Human Relations Commission, [www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/hrc\\_bios/default.asp](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/boards/hrc_bios/default.asp).

how we might bridge the polarization in our country.

Employing the principles of civil conversation, we will explore options for changing our current system. Please share this invitation with your family, friends, and colleagues **and with people with whom you disagree.**

Our committee is looking for additional sponsors to help publicize this event - so please send us contact information for groups and organizations you think would be interested in participating. There is a \$10 fee. Register at:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eggrw4k82a39fa51&oseq=&c=&ch=>

For questions contact LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale at:

Ph 408-730-4413 or [info@lwvcs.org](mailto:info@lwvcs.org)

## LWVUS: People-Powered Fair Maps Campaign

The League of Women Voters of the United States will be leading a national 50-state redistricting campaign focused on creating fair political maps nationwide—the People-Powered Fair Maps Campaign. Although California is in much better shape than many states, we'll be part of this effort.

All members are invited to learn about the **People Powered Fair Maps Campaign** at the:

**Tele-Town Hall**  
**September 4**  
**3:00-3:45 P.M. PT**

The June 27, 2019, decision by the United States Supreme Court in three partisan gerrymandering cases (including *Rucho v. League of Women Voters of North Carolina*) was a call to action for the League of Women Voters. When the court

decided to take a hands-off approach to redistricting, the League decided to jump into a People-Powered Fair Maps Campaign to ensure fair representation across the country.

Because the Supreme Court has said they won't hear any more of these cases, state legislators have a green light to continue the undemocratic process of political party-based voting maps that silences voters. We don't have an equal playing field when it comes to election maps across the country, and the redistricting process set to begin in 2021 is in danger. We do not have to rely on the Supreme Court to solve partisan gerrymandering.

The LWV campaign includes:

- Education/Advocacy
- Organizing and Mobilizing
- Partnership Building

- Ballot Initiatives/Referendums
- State Constitutional Option/Litigation
- Federal Legislative Fixes

The League will ensure that there is an opportunity to restore the Voting Rights Act prior to the redistricting cycle in 2021. The pending Voting Rights Advancement Act modernizes the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The national board authorized half a million dollars to launch this campaign, and every state League will receive some of that funding through grants. This work will look different in each state, and the campaign will be unveiled in the Tele-Town Hall.

**Register now at:**

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/9102504223989902859>

Heidi Owens, Action Chair

## Registrar of Voters: EAP Hearing

**Public Hearing on the Draft Plan for the Administration of Elections Conducted Pursuant to the Voter's Choice Act**

**September 4 • 6-8:00 P.M.**

**Board of Supervisors Chambers**

70 W. Hedding Street, SJ

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters (ROV) invites anyone interested to provide input on the County's draft Election Administration Plan (EAP) related to the Voter's Choice Act (VCA). The purpose of the hearing is to provide a forum for public input on the Plan.

The VCA introduces a new elections model where voters can choose how, when, and where they cast their ballot. Voters may choose to mail in their ballot, drop it off at any secure ballot drop-box location, or vote in person at any Vote Center in the county. Ballots may be

mailed or dropped off in a drop-box as soon as they are received, while Vote Centers will be available to voters for up to 10 days prior to Election Day and including Election Day.

The EAP is the formal plan for the implementation of VCA. Throughout June and July, the ROV collaborated with Santa Clara County residents through several consultation meetings regarding the new election model to consider input and feedback on how Santa Clara County can make the transition smooth and effective for its diverse community members. The ROV received valuable input from residents who primarily speak a language other than English, seniors and disabled voters, as well as the general public. Upon

consideration of the input received at the meetings, the ROV created a draft plan of the EAP, which will be discussed at the public hearing at the September meeting after which the final plan will be released by the County of Santa Clara.

This is an accessible facility. Requests for documents in accessible formats, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or other accommodations should be made by calling the Registrar of Voters at 408-299-8683 or by emailing your request to [voterschoice@rov.sccgov.org](mailto:voterschoice@rov.sccgov.org), no later than five working days prior to the meeting.

For an overview of VCA, please visit the ROV website: [www.sccvote.org/voterschoice](http://www.sccvote.org/voterschoice).



## Goodbye Precincts, Hello Easy Voting: The Voter's Choice Act

**Thursday • September 26**  
**7:00 – 8:30 P.M.**

**First Congregational Church**

Harmony Hall & Courtyard  
1985 Louis Rd, Palo Alto

Hear our speaker, **Rachel H. Jung**, election specialist and CA/outreach coordinator for the SCC Registrar of Voters, on the **Voter's Choice Act**, which will start in March 2020.

Co-sponsors: AAUW Palo Alto, Avenidas Palo Alto, LWV Cupertino Sunnyvale, LWV Los Altos-Mountain View, and LWV Southwest Santa Clara County.

## Natural Resources: Climate Change, Toxic Algae and Canine Alert

The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) recognizes that climate change has reached the level of an emergency. LWVC has been at the forefront of the climate effort, and now recognizes climate change as a key area for action to protect not only our planet, but also our democracy.

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. lobbied vigorously in the late 2000s for comprehensive legislation to control global climate change by setting a cap on greenhouse gas pollution and by encouraging conservation and renewable energy (<https://lwvc.org/news/league-women-voters-california-stands-youth-fight-climate-emergency>).

With climate change “the defining issue of our time”, according to a recent United Nations report, come associated threats to food production, rising sea levels, increased threats of flooding and drought, diminishing snow levels, warming oceans—along with a lack of fresh water that is causing crises around the world.

Global warming also brings problems such as toxic algae blooms, which have been popping up in California and worldwide. Warm temperatures, nutrients from runoff (urban/agricultural/septic), and slow-moving water are the major contributors to the problem.

What makes them such a problem? Cyanobacteria in the harmful algal blooms (HABs) create cyanotoxins that, through contact with the water, can cause “eye irritation, allergic skin rash, mouth ulcers, vomiting, diarrhea, and cold- and flu-like symptoms. Pets can be especially susceptible because they tend to drink while in the water and lick their fur afterwards”, according to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Dogs have been known to get sick or die suddenly after swallowing contaminated water or licking it from their fur. There were 18 cyanotoxin-related dog deaths in 2017, according to California officials ([https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/domestic\\_animals.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/resources/domestic_animals.html)).

This year, DWR has issued “danger” warnings at least twice, telling people to avoid physical contact with the water at San Luis Reservoir because of toxic blue-green algae. (Incidentally, San Luis Reservoir is where Santa Clara Valley Water District stores some of its imported water.)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cautions that these HABs may be impossible to see, although the cyanobacteria can produce visible “foam, scum, or mats”; the blooms can be “blue, bright green, brown or red. Blooms can sometimes look like paint floating on the water’s surface. As cyanobacteria in a bloom die, the water may smell bad, similar to rotting plants.” [www.cdc.gov/habs/pdf/cyanobacteria\\_faq.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/habs/pdf/cyanobacteria_faq.pdf). The CDC recommends that people report any “musty” smell or taste in their drinking water to their local water utility.

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources

## League of Women Voters Stands With the Youth

The League help in effort to the fight climate emergency!

LWVC is standing with youth in fighting for action in the International Climate Strike on September 20. “Every Friday recently classrooms have grown quiet while streets worldwide have come to life again with the chants and cries of a new generation of climate activists. What started as a one-person protest by Greta Thunberg has grown to a movement of millions sacrificing their Fridays For Future ([www.fridaysforfuture.org](http://www.fridaysforfuture.org)) in over 160 countries in at least 2000 locations.” Read further details at <https://350.org/support-climate-strikes>.

“Youth will be the hardest hit, yet youth do not have a vote in this time of crisis,” said Diz Swift, LWVC Climate Change Program Director. “Without urgent action on climate, we are risking the future of



ourselves and our children. It’s time for decisive action. It’s time for all hands on deck.” Stand in fight again this emergency, read more at <https://lwvc.org/news/league-women-voters-california-stands-youth-fight-climate-emergency>.

The League of Women Voters of California recognizes that climate change has reached the level of an emergency. “Our California LWV passed a resolution unanimously at our June, 2019 Convention to declare a climate emergency. Similar Climate Emergency Declarations also passed at state League Conventions in Oregon, Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois, and Colorado. It’s time for all hands on deck!”

As LWVBAE has pointed out, the two key challenges for California are sea level rise and changing weather patterns, the latter influencing drought, stronger storms, and agricultural disruptions. One meter of sea level rise—very probable by 2100—will flood almost to Manteca, encroach on major transportation routes, and impact many of the Bay’s sewage treatment facilities. Read about League actions in California at <https://lwvc.org/issues/climate-change>.

To be a part of the Global Climate March, join with other groups, as part of the Fridays for Future efforts of youth. Check for events on the map, [www.fridaysforfuture.org/events/map#](http://www.fridaysforfuture.org/events/map#).

# Climate Change Task Force

LWV California Climate Change Task Force is a group of over 200 League members across California who are working on climate action. As a member, you can work on climate action at the level that works for you, even if your local League does not have climate change as a priority. The Task Force steering team will send periodic notifications on climate issues, events, and actions.

We are forming state-wide teams on a number of topics related to climate change including: Building Electrification; Food, Soils, and Agriculture; Transportation; Smart Growth; Wildfires. To join or to express interest in a state-wide team, email [climatechange@lwvc.org](mailto:climatechange@lwvc.org).

Local Leagues across California are working on a wide variety of issues related to climate change. Counties where the most action is happening are near the coast, but activity is increasing farther inland. Read more at <https://lwvc.org/climate-change-task-force>.



## NorCal LWVC Climate Change Forum!

Saturday • September 14 • 11:00A.M.

CSU Sacramento • Room TBD

6000 J Street • Sacramento, CA 95819

We will discuss state-wide climate teams that are forming. You can be a part. Please come!

Learn about state-wide climate teams you can join in Northern California, what is happening in the League across our state, and become more engaged in taking action. See what California local Leagues are doing on climate around the state. This is our second forum. We held a Los Angeles area Forum in June, which you can read about on our website.

Register at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMAEGstfu3dPHUE0JYCedmZfM7AEfgstvl1OD1gCS4nf31TQ/viewform>.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-Webinar

LWVUS is hosting a series of webinars on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) this year. A cycle is scheduled for June through September, taking a deeper look at topics the League has been exploring for the past year and offering tools members can use in their League work.

September 26, 2019: Register at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1966096514372440587>.

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Membership year is from July 1 to June 30. **Members joining after January 1 shall pay one-half the annual dues amount.** Dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Contributions to the Education Fund are deductible to the extent allowed by law. Joining at the local level makes you a member at all levels:

County, Bay Area, State, and National. Financial assistance is available; please address questions regarding membership to the LWVSWSCV at, [lwv.swscv@gmail.com](mailto:lwv.swscv@gmail.com). Your contact information will be added to our membership database and our published *Membership Directory*.

## Event Calendar

- Sep 4 Wed **Board Meeting**, 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station
- Sep 4 Wed **Tele-Town Hall - People Powered Fair Maps** 3–3:45 P.M.
- Sep 7 Sat **Voter Education Training**, 8:30 A.M.– 12:30 P.M. SCC Government Center, Lower Level Cafeteria San Jose
- Sep 12 Thu **Clip 'n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share Home of Markene Smith, contact [patwh.athome@gmail.com](mailto:patwh.athome@gmail.com)  
**Please let hostess know you will be coming.**
- Sep 14 Sat **LWVC Climate Change Forum**, 11:00 A.M. CSU Sacramento 6000 J Street, Sacramento
- Sep 18 Wed **Bridging the Divide**, 7:30 – 9:00 P.M. Robb Willer, Ph.D. AME Zion Church, 549 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto
- Sep 21 Sat **Civil Discourse Workshop**, 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale
- Sep 24 Tue **National Voter Registration Day**, 11:00 – 6:00 P.M. Saratoga Library, 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. Campbell Library
- Sep 26 Thu **VCA Fall Kickoff**, 7– 8:30 P.M. First Congregational Church Harmony Hall & Courtyard, 1985 Louis Rd., Palo Alto

## Save the Date

- Oct 19 Sat **Options for Health Care Reform** 10:30 A.M.- 12:30 P.M. Dr. Henry Abrons MD, MPH, Saratoga Library

## Great Decisions 2019

The topics for the coming year will be:

1. Climate Change- by Ronald Bee
2. India and Pakistan- by Barbara Crossette
3. Red Sea Security- David Shinn
4. Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery- Ronald Weitzer
5. Northern Triangle- Michael Shifter and Bruno Binetti
6. China in Latin America- Margaret Myers
7. The Philippines- Julio Amador
8. Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work- Molly Kinder

The books aren't published yet, so look for further information to come. I thought people would want to know the topics we will be discussing to consider whether or not to participate. Watch for more information in the coming *Voters*.

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