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League of Women Voters Book Club Welcomes Author to Discuss “The Womans Hour”

*Noted author Elaine Weiss will appear via Zoom for September 30
Book Club Program at Salida Library*

August 25, 2026 – The League of Women Voters - Stanislaus County (LWVSC) is delighted to welcome author Elaine Weiss as its guest for the Sept. 30 meeting of the League Book Club series. The program, hosted by Stanislaus County Library, will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Salida Library. The program is free and open to the public.

In “The Womans Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote” Ms. Weiss takes readers to Nashville in the summer of 1920 and the often nail-biting drama that surrounded the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution granting women the right to vote. Perhaps surprising to some is the intense opposition to the amendment by both men and some women; the “Antis.” Included among the real-life characters in “The Womans Hour” are Carrie Chapman Catt, acknowledged to be the primary founder of League of Women Voters; and Alice Paul whose story is the basis for the Broadway musical, “SUFFS.” In a nod to the play, audience members can join in a singalong performance of “Let Mother Vote” from “SUFFS.”

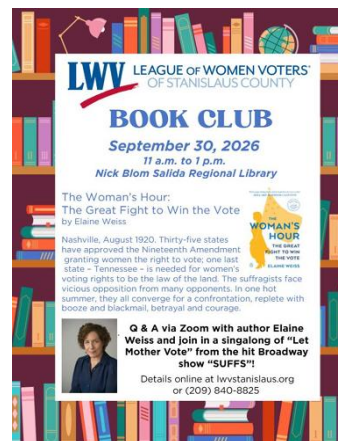
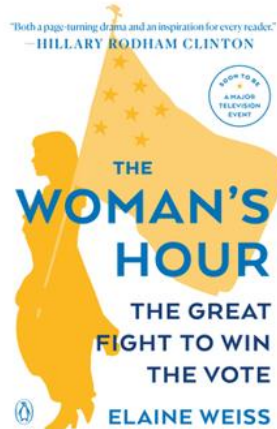
League Vice President Angelina Ceja will moderate the discussion. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions of Ms. Weiss, whose latest book, “Spell Freedom: The Underground Schools That Built the Civil Rights Movement” explores the effort of ordinary citizens who educated tens of thousands of Black citizens to read and write in anticipation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Elaine Weiss is a journalist and author whose writing has been recognized with prizes from the Society of Professional Journalists and her by-line has appeared in many national publications. She is a popular public speaker and frequent media commentator.

The book club program is free and open to the public. It will take place at the Salida Regional Library located at 4835 Sisk Road, Salida. For more information, call (209) 840-8825.

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About the League of Women Voters: The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Left to right: Author Elaine Weiss; The Womans Hour book cover; event flyer