



The Sacramento Voter

MAY 2019



President's Message

The featured speaker will be Sacramento City Police Chief Daniel Hahn,* at the LWVSC Annual Meeting Monday evening May 20, 2019, 5:30 p.m., convened at Wellspring Women's Center, 3414 4th Ave. in Oak Park. This meeting is a great opportunity to connect with other members. Our officers for 2019/20 will be voted on as well as our program plans for 2019/20. Information will be presented on the two concurrence proposals for the LWVC Convention taking place in Pasadena. All that we do is done by our members, we want to make sure that new and current members participate in our educational, advocacy and voter services activities.

By C. Bonsignore

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*Chief Daniel Hahn

Daniel Hahn, Chief of Police, Sacramento Police Department (SPD), will be our speaker at the Meeting. Chief Hahn was born and raised in the Oak Park neighborhood of Sacramento where he graduated from Sacramento High School. As a student at Sacramento City College, he was persuaded to apply to the Sacramento Police Department for the position of Community Service Officer. He was hired in 1987 and rose through the ranks to Captain. He served in numerous capacities: Public Information Officer, High School Criminal Justice Academy Coordinator, Watch Commander, Special Investigations Commander, Patrol Commander, and Personnel Division Commander. In 2011, Chief Hahn left the SPD to become the 15th Chief of Police of the City of Roseville. After six years he returned to Sacramento to become Chief of Police.

Chief Hahn holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from California State University, Sacramento, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from National University. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, P.O.S.T Command College, Sierra Health Foundation Leadership Program, and the American Leadership Forum.

Throughout his Career, Chief Hahn was honored with many awards, and is a member of many organizations such as the California Police Chiefs Association, and volunteers his time as a member of numerous boards throughout the region.

By N. Compton

EVENTS

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Monday, May 20, 2019. Annual Meeting, Wellspring, 3414 4th Ave. Sacramento 95817. Food & beverages, 5:30, p.m., meeting 6:00 p.m. More information will follow.

Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2, 2019. [The 67th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of California](#) with a special pre-Convention event on **Thursday, May 30, 2019. [The Westin Pasadena Hotel](#)** 191 North Los Robles, Pasadena, CA 91101, Phone: 626-792-2727

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Articles for *The Voter*

Members are encouraged to write
 articles relevant to LWVSC issues;
 word length up to approximately
 350 words. Please provide
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Police and Deadly Force Bill

It was painful listening to families of young men killed by California police officers. Supporters stated that in 2017, 172 Californians, only half of whom had guns, were killed by the police. California departments have some of the highest killing rates in the nation. Of the unarmed people California police killed, three out of four were people of color.

On April 9, 2019 the Assembly Public Safety Committee approved AB 392, Police "Deadly Force" Bill, by five to two.

Assembly member Kamlager-Dove stated her house had been burglarized and as she entered, the four police officers inside had their hands on their guns watching her carefully. Although this was appropriate, she said she broke down crying because she was so frightened that they could misjudge her or her black sons or black husband if one of them had also entered.

Opponents said that AB 392 would require superhuman split-second decision-making, but a 20-year Los Angeles Police Department gang division sergeant said she had always successfully adhered to de-escalation practices even in the most violent of circumstances.

Opponents said that officers would be scrutinized by "20/20 hindsight" which they did not have in the moment when they had to make a decision. Attorneys speaking on behalf of S. Weber (D. San Diego) said that the decision by a peace officer to use force shall be evaluated from the perspective of a reasonable officer in the same situation, based on the totality of the circumstances known to or perceived by the officer at the time, rather than with the benefit of hindsight.

According to *The Sacramento Bee*, AB 392 faces an uphill battle due to the police-backed SB 230, which offers an alternative for legislators on the fence about voting for a stricter bill. The LWVC supports AB 392 and opposes SB 230. We urge League members up and down the State to contact their legislators to stop this "epidemic" of unnecessary use of deadly force by police officers and turn the tide for the nation as well. The archaic language that is currently the law must be modernized and we must stop the disproportionate deaths of young people of color due to the structural racism still intrinsic in our systems.

No one is talking about ending the discrimination against women in police forces across the country, but I bet you may feel like I do that if 50% of the force were women, these statistics would improve overnight.

By Inga Olson

Voter Affidavits

Thank-you to the volunteers for distributing 7,791 voter forms to area post offices in 2018: S. Bakker, C. Bonsignore, P. Cody, N. Compton, P. Lee, J. Normington, G. Powell, and yours truly, E. Heaser.

Unit Meetings—May 2019

| Unit | Date & Time | Contact | Location |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Suburban | Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:15 a.m. | Anne Berner 944-1042 | 2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael 95608 |
| Outliers, Folsom | Wednesday, May 15 2019 11:45 a.m. | Nancy Compton 916-600-1992 | Lunch, Cliff House, Folsom 9900 Greenback Lane 916-989-9243 |
| Greenhaven Land Park | Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:00 a.m. | Mary Hopkins 916-422-6958 | 45 Sunlit Circle Sacramento 95831 |

Unit Meetings

With the centennial celebration of women's suffrage now just around the corner, we LWV members should all be acquainted with the Equal Rights Amendment – the topic for May's unit meetings!

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/equal-rights-amendment-passed-by-congress>

<https://www.equalrightsamendment.org/era-ratification-map>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/22/us/equal-rights-amendment-what-is-it.html>

<https://now.org/resource/equal-rights-ammendment/>

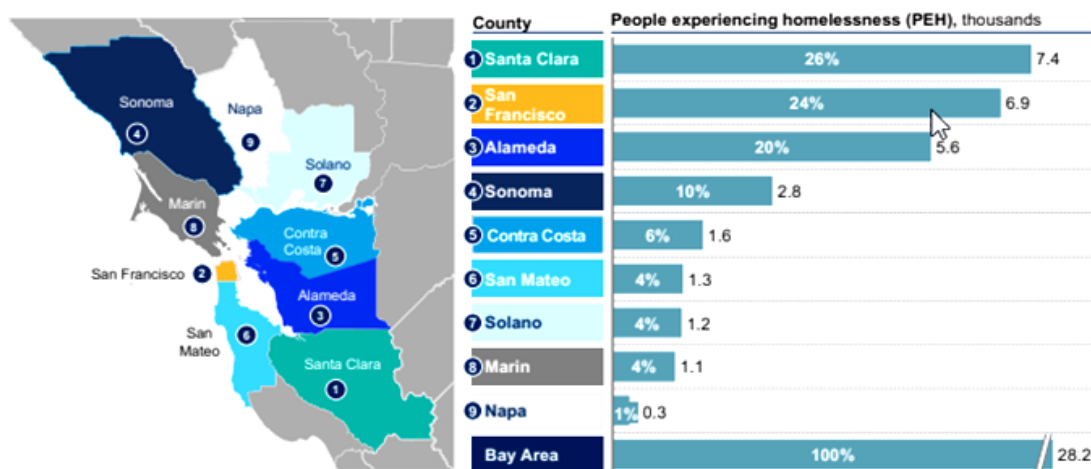
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By B. Lynch

Bay area homelessness: A regional view of a regional crisis, April 2019. By the Bay Area Economic Institute is a detailed report on the nine county bay area; chapter three outlines ten recommendations.

Bay Area Homelessness

In 2017, roughly 28,200 people were estimated to be homeless across the nine Bay Area counties according to Point-in-Time counts, with 70% in three counties



Source: 2017 HUD PIT count data by CoC, 2017 US Census population estimates
Analysis: McKinsey & Company and Bay Area Council Economic Institute

Free Veterinary Clinic

[4 R Friends: The Street Vets](#) program is Sacramento's only year-round, free, mobile veterinary clinic operating without barriers based on income, residency, breed, or number of pets. Dr. Jean Rabinowitz has been operating this all-volunteer clinic since 2012 when she held three clinics serving 1,200 dogs and puppies with preventive care. Since then they have grown to more than 40 clinics in 2018 with more than 4,000 individual clinic visits. In addition to wellness care, they provide treatment for many common medical problems, emergency intervention, and spay and neuter of the pets of unhoused members of the community. The Sacramento Public Library provides safe and accessible venues for their Sunday Clinics.

The purpose of the program is to decrease the number of pets entering our municipal shelters by empowering underserved pet owners to keep their pets happy, healthy and at home, off the streets. Everything at these clinics is provided free of charge to the public because of private donations and the work of 4 R Friends. They provide engraved ID tags with the phone number and street address to pets who do not have them, and collars to all pets who do not have one. Vaccines, flea prevention, deworming, heartworm prevention are given at designated stations. Information sheets are available to pet owners on programs through which people may get free or very low cost spay and neuter surgery for their dogs. Printed information is available on free/low cost vaccine clinics.

All new volunteer staff are welcomed to Dr. Jean's team with a detailed orientation that includes emphasis on the importance of honest, direct, friendly, respectful engagement with everyone who shows up for these well organized, superbly run clinics.

As many as 200-400 puppies and dogs may be seen on a given Sunday morning. Long lines and a possible wait time of at least two hours make fertile ground for voter registration outreach. Dr. Rabinowitz has already observed that LWV volunteers meet her criteria for pet owner engagement (see paragraph above) and she does welcome us as an additional service to the community.

It is my hope that for the five remaining [Sunday clinics](#) this year, more of our members will be able to help with LWVSC voter registration outreach at this fun monthly event. The dates are 5/5, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 12/8. Pet owners begin lining up for the clinic as early as 8:00 a.m., although the official time is 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

By Gloria Powell

Medicare for All

[National Health Spending Estimates Under Medicare for All](#), by [Jodi L. Liu](#), [Christine Eibner](#). Rand

Corporation, April 10, 2019 update.

"We estimate that total health expenditures under a Medicare for All plan that provides comprehensive coverage and long-term care benefits would be \$3.89 trillion in 2019 (assuming such a plan was in place for all of the year), or a 1.8 percent increase relative to expenditures under current law. This estimate accounts for a variety of factors including increased demand for health services, changes in payment and prices, and lower administrative costs. We also include a supply constraint that results in unmet demand equal to 50 percent of the new demand. If there were no supply constraint, we estimate that total health expenditures would increase by 9.8 percent to \$4.20 trillion."

Retrieved 4/10/2019

By E. Heaser

Recycling Bill

Senators Nancy Skinner (D. Berkeley) and Scott Weiner (D. San Francisco) are sponsoring SB 54 that would require state agencies to "... adopt regulations to source reduce and recycle 75% of single-use packaging and products sold or distributed in California by 2030." "... the mass of plastics in the world's oceans is also expected to exceed the mass of fish by 2050." *The Sacramento Bee*, 4/22/2019, 9A.

Submitted by E. Heaser



Sac State had great success in bringing more voters to the polls for the 2018 midterm elections. (Photo by Sacramento State Strategic Diversity Initiatives)

Voter Registration Success Earns Sacramento State Honors

Sacramento State bested all other California State University campuses for its creativity in getting out the student vote for the November 2018 statewide general election.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla issued a proclamation on March 19, 2019, declaring Sacramento State a winner of the 2018 California College and University Ballot Bowl.

Associated Students, Inc., and its 2018-19 president, Noel Mora, led the University's efforts in developing novel ways to register more than 200 Sacramento State student voters and get them to the polls.

Sacramento State Leader, 3/26/2019 By Dixie Reid

Climate and Fires

On 4/17/19 Dana Nuccitelli, Environmental Scientist with Tetra Tech, [Citizens Climate Lobby](#) (CCL) member, and freelance climate journalist blogging for *The Guardian*, UK, addressed the monthly meeting of Sacramento Indivisible. Dana's presentation, Fire & Water How Climate Change is Impacting Extreme Weather in California, contained many graphs describing how the rapid increases in temperatures have affected California. Twenty of the largest wildfires, and three most expensive (Camp fire being the most expensive), have occurred in California in the last few years.

[The National Climate Assessment Report](#) makes the science very clear: heightened temperatures dry everything out thus fires burn faster, rainy seasons have shifted toward the winter months, therefore the fire season is longer lasting from late spring through the fall making a longer burning season. Carbon emissions continue to rise.

If no changes are made the predictions are that from approximately 2050 through 2150 the cost will be \$225 billion per year to cover the damages. Most of the cost will be health impacts, e.g., heat stress, lost labor, increased cases of West Nile Fever, etc. In respect to infrastructure: \$26 billion will be needed to cover coastal losses, \$12 billion for road repairs, and \$5.5 for air conditioning as well as many water resources costs.

CCL is in favor of the Green New Deal as the Deal "grasps the scale of the climate crises." CCL continues to promote [HR 763](#) a revenue neutral carbon tax with 100% of the revenue returned to taxpayers in monthly rebates. The tax begins at \$15/ton of CO₂. CCL predicts that by 2034 CO₂ could be reduced by 50% and by 90 % by 2050 if HR 763 would take effect. The democrat establishment prefers to spend the money from a carbon tax on projects rather than returned to the taxpayers. The CO₂ tax is progressive as the wealthiest have the largest carbon footprint. British Columbia has instituted this type of tax and now the entire of Canada is embracing the policy.

[CCL](#) is a non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. The lobby group meets on the second Saturday of each month from 9:45 a.m.-12:00 noon. Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Road, Sacramento. The next two general meetings are on Saturday, May 10 and June 8, 2019.

By. E. Heaser

Immigration

Professor Raquel Aldana, UC Davis Law School Professor and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Diversity, addressed the Renaissance Society on 3/29/2019. She discussed “What to know so we’re all on the same page, and answers to your immigration questions.” Four percent of the world’s people are migrants, the majority of those migrating do so voluntarily. Asylum seekers are those migrants who ask for protection at the border. Refugees are given protective status from the source/country they are coming from. Refugee status is given for political or religious persecution only. Most migrants arriving at the southern U.S. border are from Central America and are seeking asylum. The United States decides year by year how many asylum seekers to allow into the country. The U.S. used to accept 250,000/year, in particular after 9/11. President Obama allowed 85,000 arrivals at the beginning of his term but toward the end 150,000 were allowed to enter. President Trump allows 30,000, the lowest in history. Many of the detention centers are converted, private jails, making them less profitable when made to look less like prisons.

Asylum seekers have no right to lawyers, they go before judges. Most forced migration is not covered by laws, e.g., results of climate change, economic reasons, gender, being a woman, and privatized forms of violence, e.g., brutalizing women or others. The Clinton administration did begin to recognize the need to have regulations to protect women and others from brutality. A narrow definition was recognized and it included children. President Obama issued regulations to protect those experiencing violence. President Trump eliminated all regulations relating to privatized forms of violence.

Human trafficking is not considered reason for asylum, even though it is recognized as privatized violence. Trafficking can include being forced to traffic drugs (mules), forced labor, prostitution, etc. Trafficking is treated as a law enforcement issue similar to piracy, viz., it deals with goods. In order to receive visas if trafficking is the reason for entry, the person must cooperate with the police.

Professor Aldana stated that a new model and new compacts are needed in order to solve this problem. Congress needs to act. The countries from which people are migrating are dictatorships, people are poor and subject to gangs, wealth by too few, lack of education, disenfranchised from voting thus providing no “counterweight” to the government. She stated: In these lawless nations, only the wealthy are served by the laws.

By E. Heaser

The Sentencing Project Reports, 2018

The Sentencing Project is a leader in changing the way Americans think about crime and punishment. Founded in 1986, The Sentencing Project works for a fair and effective U.S. criminal justice system by promoting reforms in sentencing policy, addressing unjust racial disparities and practices, and advocating for alternatives to incarceration.

Decarceration Strategies how 5 states achieved prison population reductions

Incarcerated women and girls 1980-2016. Report by Nazgol Ghandnoosh & Josh Rovner, Senior Advocacy Associate

Capitalizing on mass incarceration U.S. growth in private prisons. 2018 Kara Gotsch, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Expanding the vote: Two decades of felony disenfranchisement reform, Morgan McLeod, Communications Manager. “Since 1997, 23 states have reformed state laws that limited voting access for people convicted of felony offenses.” 2018 *Annual Report* pg. 7. As a result of felony disenfranchisement reforms 1.4 million people became eligible to vote by 2018.

Families and mass incarceration, By Kara Gotsch

Submitted by E. Heaser

Books and Reports

Biased: Uncovering the hidden prejudice that shapes what we see, think, and do, 2019 book by Jennifer L Eberhardt, Social Psychologist and Professor, Department of Psychology, Stanford University, and 2014 recipient of the MacArthur Genius Grant. The author describes unconscious bias and ingrained stereotypes, stating that these beliefs do not mean a person is racist. The author is a consultant to law enforcement, her research takes place in courtrooms, prisons, classrooms, coffee shops and boardrooms. The book was praised by many reviewers including Robin DiAngelo (*White Fragility*), “This book should be required reading for everyone.” *Kirkus Reviews*: “Compelling and provocative, this is a game-changing book about how unconscious racial bias impacts our society and what each of us can do about it.” Chris Magnus, Chief of Police, Tucson, AZ said: “This is someone who is really out in the trenches working with police departments and the criminal justice system.” [Amazon.com](#) Retrieved 4/2/2019

American prison: A reporter's undercover journey into the business of punishment, 2018 by Shane Bauer, Senior Reporter for *Mother Jones*, and award winning writer who spent four months undercover as a guard in a private prison in 2014. *Goodreads* states “A blistering indictment of the privately managed prison system and the powerful forces that drive it. *American Prison* is a necessary human document about the true facet of justice in America.” The book includes a history of development of the private penal system that had its “... origins in the decades before the Civil War.” “Private prisons became entrenched in the South as part of a systemic effort to keep the African-American labor force in place in the aftermath of slavery ...” *Goodreads*. Retrieved 4/3/2019. During a televised interview with the author, he states: 80,000 prisoners are in solitary each day, the U.S. has the largest prison system in the world, eight percent of private prisons are on the stock exchange. The Winn Correctional Prison (state owned/private run in Winnfield, LA) staff are poorly paid (\$9.00/hour) and there is a lack of staffing, guards are mostly women and blacks, \$34.00 per day per prisoner are paid by the state to those running the prison. Prisoners are aware that they are in Winn to make a profit for the prison. An extensive article that preceded the book can be read in the July/August, 2016 issue of [Mother Jones](#).

Francisco Cantu's memoir, *The line becomes a river: Dispatches from the border*, 2018, describes his experiences as a Border Patrol employee from 2008-2012. Cantu's mother is the daughter of a Mexican immigrant and Cantu was raised in the Southwest. He patrolled in remote regions among drug smuggling corridors and routes in blistering heat and frigid cold. “They haul in the dead and deliver to detention those they find alive. Cantu tries not to think where the stories go from there.” [Goodreads](#). Retrieved 4/8/2019. Cantu quit in 2012 due to nightmares, his own part-Mexican identity, “teeth-grinding stress and guilt ...” Some of the Border Patrol's tactics included: Emptying water bottles and urinating on food caches hidden along traveled routes, only later to rescue the immigrants when they were dying in the desert. [Publishers Weekly](#), 12/11/2017 v.264, issue 51, pg.161.

Reports

[California affordable rentals at risk Feb. 2019](#)

[County health rankings, 2019](#) interactive site

[Final draft of the California's State Water Resources Control Board proposed state wetlands policy.](#)
4/2/2019

[Building climate justice: investing in energy efficiency for a fair and just transition](#), 2019, Food & Water Watch retrieved 4/3/2019

Inequitable exposure to air pollution from vehicles in California: Who bears the burden?

[Society of Concerned Scientists Fact Sheet 2019](#) retrieved 4/3/2019

By E. Heaser



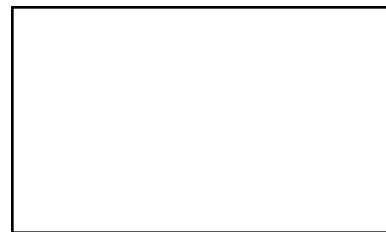
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