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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER LOS ANGELES



## Saturday, October 9, 2021 2:00 to 5:00pm

Honoring leaders who have demonstrated - through their professional and civic work - a dedication to the values and the goals upon which the League of Women Voters was established in 1920.

# PROGRAM

### Welcome

Marilú Guevara, Executive Director of the LWV of Greater Los Angeles

### **Master of Ceremonies**

Frances Hardy, Director of Development of SGV Habitat for Humanity

### **President's Message**

Mona Field, President of the LWV of Greater Los Angeles

### **Honoring - League Legacy**

J. Mira Hashmall, Partner at Miller Barondess, LLP Introduced by Raquel Beltran, General Manager, EmpowerLA

## League Spotlight

Briana Tetsch, Inclusive Action

## Honoring - Innovation in Leadership

Miguel Santana, C.E.O. and President of Weingart Foundation Introduced by Anne Whatley, Senior Consultant, Network Impact

### **Honoring - Trailblazer**

The Honorable Sheila Kuehl, Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 3 Introduced by Renee Chanon, Member, LWV of Greater Los Angeles

## 2021 CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP HONOREES





**Trailblazer** Sheila Kuehl Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 3 League Legacy J. Mira Hashmall Partner at Miller Barondess, LLP



Innovation in Leadership Miguel Santana President and C.E.O of Weingart Foundation

## TRAILBLAZER



Sheila Kuehl Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3

Before her service on the Board, Supervisor Kuehl served eight years in the California State Senate and six years in the California State Assembly. She was the first woman in California history to be named Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly, and the first openly gay or lesbian person to be elected to the California Legislature.

She served as chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Natural Resources and Water Committee, and Budget Subcommittee on Water, Energy, and Transportation, as well as the Assembly Judiciary Committee. She successfully advanced single-payer health insurance through the Legislature, twice.

Prior to serving in the Legislature, as a public-interest attorney, Supervisor Kuehl drafted and fought to get into law more than 40 pieces of legislation relating to children, families, women, and domestic violence. She was a law professor at Loyola, UCLA, and USC Schools of Law, in addition to co-founding and serving as managing attorney of the California Women's Law Center. She was also the Founding Director of the Public Policy Institute at Santa Monica College and was a Regents' Professor in Public Policy at the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. Supervisor Kuehl graduated from Harvard Law School in 1978.

## **INNOVATION IN LEADERSHIP**



### **Miguel Santana** C.E.O. and President Weingart Foundation

Miguel has over 30 years of experience leading numerous fiscal, legislative, political, and community issues. He served as President and CEO of Fairplex since 2016, a non-profit community benefit regional organization based in Pomona, CA. Previously, Miguel was the City Administrative Officer for the City of Los Angeles, where he oversaw the City's \$9 billion budget and designed the City's first comprehensive homeless strategy, resulting in a \$1.2 billion voter-approved housing bond and a doubling of the City's general fund investment on programs to end homelessness. Prior to joining the City, Miguel served as one of five Deputy Chief Executive Officers for Los Angeles County overseeing all social service programs supporting children, families, veterans and persons experiencing homelessness.

Miguel has engaged in many civic efforts to create a more equitable Los Angeles region, including serving as Chair of the Committee for Greater LA. He has served on numerous non-profit boards including the Whittier College Board of Trustees.

Miguel A. Santana is the President and CEO of the Weingart Foundation, a private grantmaking foundation that partners with communities across Southern California to advance racial, social, and economic justice for all.

## LEAGUE LEGACY



### J. Mira Hashmall Partner, Miller Barondess, LLP

Mira Hashmall, a partner with the law firm Miller Barondess, LLP, is an experienced trial lawyer who tackles some of the most important public issues facing our society today, including homelessness, accountability of public officials, and fiscal management for public employers.

She is consistently ranked as one of the top attorneys in Los Angeles in recognition of her effective advocacy for clients and her experience handling tough cases, including matters all the way up to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Mira's commitment to the League of Women Voters is undeniable. She grew up volunteering at voter registration tables alongside her mother Katherine Gavzy, former LWV Oakland President and current LWV Pasadena Area member.

Mira is a long-time League member and she served as a board member and chair of the League's Education Fund from 2011-2015. She is also active in social, community-based organizations focused on justice and civic participation, and spearheads the women's mentoring program at her firm with a focus on empowerment and professional development.

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Celebrating Leadership Awards

## Congratulations 2021 Honorees

### Sheila Kuehl & Miguel Santana

Los Angeles County Supervisor District 3 CEO & President of Weingart Foundation

AND OUR OWN PARTNER

Mira Hashmall



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On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and Council District Eight, it is my pleasure to recognize

### League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles

on their Celebrating Leadership Awards

#### We salute this year's outstanding Honorees

Sheila Kuehl L.A. County Supervisor, District 3

#### Miguel Santana C.E.O. and President of Weingart Foundation

J. Mira Hashmall partner at Miller Barondess, LLP



## ENGAGEMENT PIONEER

Thank you for your leadership of Greater Los Angeles Mira, Sheila, Miguel --- you are all wonderful! - Susan F. Rice

## Thank you League of Women Voters!

Our community is brighter and stronger because of your commitment to leadership and civic engagement.

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## CIVIC LEADER

### **CalPoly**Pomona

President Soraya M. Coley and Mr. Ron T. Coley and Cal Poly Pomona celebrate the 2021 Innovation in Leadership awardee **Miguel Santana**, CEO and President, Weingart Foundation







The Los Angeles Community College District Proudly Supports

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles 2021 Celebrating Leadership Awards

And Congratulates Honorees

Sheila Kuehl Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 3

Miguel A. Santana CEO and President of the Weingart Foundation

> J. Mira Hashmall Partner at Miller Barondess, LLP

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## REFORMER



Thank you, Mira, for your Education Fund Leadership. Your passion and persuasive intelligence has amplified<sup>n</sup> League's purpose.

Continue the great work!

- Chris & Tom Carson

- Liza & Stuart White

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles, we would like to congratulate our honorees on their well-deserved recognition!

## VISIONARY

Best wishes to the LWVLA and all the good work they do.

- Barbara Archibald

With deep appreciation to our honorees and the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles for your contribution to our community.

- Carryl Carter

Thank you for your leadership and congratulations to this year's recipients of the League of Women Voters Celebrating Leadership Awards.

- Renee Chanon

Congratulations and greetings to LWVLA from the Pasadena Area League: Martha Zavala, President LWVPA; Veronica Jones, member LWVPA and Altadena Town Council; Katherine Gavzy, Board of Directors LWVPA and proud mother of honoree Mira Hashmall.

- Katherine Gavzy

Congratulations to the Honorable Sheila Kuehl for this welldeserved recognition by the League of Women Voters. Thanks for your dedicated and valuable service to Los Angeles County, the State of California, and beyond. Through your leadership and example, you have improved the lives of so many in so many ways.

*– Bob Wunderlich (Mayor of Beverly Hills) and Andrea Spatz* 

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & SPECIAL THANKS

### **Event Committee**

Mona Field Martha Sklar Laurice Sommers Rebecca Sutter Lauren Rodriguez Marilu Guevara Natalie Berrios

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Thank you to our interns and volunteers who helped plan, and make this event possible.

## Special Thanks to

Ann Rushton and Family

Our Honorees: Supervisor Sheila Kuehl Miguel Santana J. Mira Hashmall

## THE IMPACT YOU SUPPORT



### Mission & Legacy

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

- Membership & Volunteer Engagement
- Voter Services
- Youth Empowerment
- Civil Education & Outreach
- Advocacy
- Media Outreach
- Community College ど University Campus Outreach
- Year-round Voter Registration

At the League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles, we believe that our democracy and our institutions can only be as strong, vibrant and accountable as the people they represent and serve are informed and engaged. Through the public policy studies we conduct, the unbiased voter information we distribute, the civic engagement education we provide and the advocacy work we do, we give the people of Los Angeles the knowledge and resources they need to be active, informed and effective participants in civic life.

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

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