

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF SANTA MARIA VALLEY

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Letter from the President

Hello Leaguers!

Before I begin...thanks to Pam Gates for resurrecting the LWVSMV newsletter! And here we go....

Our LWVSMV Board has an active election season planned and it's already in full swing. We have tabled at 4 events and registered numerous student voters as well as recruited student members at Allan Hancock College events. Public meetings are beginning, voting literature and voting guidance talks by LWVSMV members will be initiated in late September. Adopt-a-Poll will be our first foray into that arena as a fundraiser and fun hands-on participation in the vote. Finally, LWVSMV Program Director Tracy Beard is planning a holiday party to celebrate all our work and featuring one of our elected officials. The party will be held in the Solvang area this year for the first time. Carpooling will be available.

First public forums! #1 & #2. September 24th! Please come out to hear and invite guests to hear SB County Clerk and Registrar of Voters, Joe E. Holland. "Safeguarding Your Votes in Santa Barbara County" is the title of his talk. This topic will interest ALL voters no matter their preference for party. Come early for best seating at these **two free events at 11 a.m. in Santa Maria and 2 p.m. in Guadalupe.** Details below.

Mark your calendars for October forums. You will receive information soon on opportunities to learn and to assist.

Did you notice the tag line on LWVSMV logo? Serving All North Santa Barbara County. Thanks to ALL Board Members, especially those living outside Santa Maria, who are making this work possible.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY to **work a poll November 8th** with very little effort and GET PAID (and even donate the funds to LWVSMV 😊) Let me know by September 15th if you have interest in learning more. 805-868-5201.

LWVSMV members...We need YOU! We need your friends and

neighbors too! Membership dollars support LWV local, state and national efforts. Online membership form available [here](#). Our LWVSMV membership goal is to **double** membership in 2022 to prepare for work in 2023-24. Each member bring in a member and we are there!

Our board motto this year is: Vote Local – Your Vote Counts More!
LWVUS has Women Power Democracy as their 2022 mantra.

Onward and upward Leaguers!

Virginia Souza

Calendar

September Events

20: National Voter Registration Day. To volunteer for a one-hour activity perhaps in a local high school contact Virginia at vps805@gmail.com

24th: The LWVSMV is hosting an event with **Santa Barbara County Clerk and Voter Registrar Joe Holland speaking on “Safeguarding Your Vote in Santa Barbara County.”** The presentation will be offered at 11 a.m. in Shepard Hall at the Santa Maria Public Library (421 S. McClelland Street) and at 2 p.m. in Guadalupe at The Little House by the Park, (4681 11th Street). Spanish interpretation offered at both locations. Video recording will be available post talk on our website and Facebook. Volunteers appreciated at both events. Contact Virginia at vps805@gmail.com

A big thank you to our sponsors: The Fund for Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara Commission for Women, NAACP, Family Service Agency (Guadalupe Community Changers, Santa Maria Valley Youth & Family Center, The Little House by the Park), CAUSE, Santa Maria Sun, SBCAN (Santa Barbara Community Action Network), and the Santa Maria Times.

29th: The Lompoc Branch-Vandenberg Branch of the AAUW is sponsoring a candidates' forum for City Council and School District via Zoom. For info, contact lompocvandenberg-ca@aauw.net

October Events

6th: Hybrid State Assembly Candidate Forum: Mike Stoker and Gregg Hart. LWV Santa Barbara is hosting. For details, click [here](#). For District 37 map, click [here](#) (be sure to scroll down).

10th: Women's March of Santa Maria Valley joins the National Women's March call for action with a “Fall of Reckoning” rally in

Santa Maria to continue fighting for rights to reproductive healthcare. Contact WMSMV at womensmarchsmv@gmail.com or [Facebook](#).

November Events

IMPORTANT NEW ACTIVITY: "ADOPT A POLL" Want to see democracy up close and personal and get paid for it? Sign up to work with LWVSMV to Adopt a Poll on Election Day. One to two additional 3-hour shifts need to be filled and two 12-hour shifts available as we work together assisting in the voting process. All registered voters may apply. Let me know by September 15 if you are interested. One-hour training required. Thank you. Contact Virginia at 805-868-5201 or Vps805@gmail.com.

December Events:

4th: Holiday Party in Solvang!! Celebrate our work and our friends. LWVSMV invites LWV Santa Barbara to join us in Solvang for a great brunch with an elected official speaker. Mark your calendars!

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Need help understanding the ballot? Check out these resources available now: For Easy Voter booklet click [here](#) and for Pros and Cons booklet, click [here](#). Ideas for distribution sites? Please contact Virginia at vps805@gmail.com

Confirm your voter registration status at the Federal level [here](#) and for California state [here](#). Last day to register online to vote is October 24th. California mail-in ballots will be sent out beginning October 10th to all active registered California voters.

Join us! LWVSMV Membership form is online [here](#) or email us at LWVSMV2012@gmail.com



VOTE LOCAL – YOUR VOTE COUNTS MORE!

