



Monthly Highlights

The **Monthly Highlights** brings you information about exciting events and committee meetings, as well as volunteer opportunities for you to engage in as a League member.

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming Events, Meetings, and Involvement Opportunities

CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Saturday, April 26, 2025
Time: 2:00 to 5:00pm

CELEBRATE OUR HONOREES
PURCHASE EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW

PATT MORRISON
Patt Morrison is a longtime Los Angeles Times writer and publisher who has a share of two Pulitzer Prizes. Her longstanding work has won six Emmys and 11 Golden Globes. Her book about the Los Angeles River was a bestseller, and she was the first woman in nearly 20 years to be honored with the L.A. Press Club's lifetime achievement award. Pink is the legendary Hollywood hot dog stand named in her honor after her.

VALERIE MORISHIGE
Valerie Morishige is this year's League Legacy Award honoree. Serving as Co-Chair of the Voter Service Committee is not the only way she stands out as a leader for voting rights. She serves on the Electoral Committee of Reform Progressives. She has been a poll worker for almost three decades. She has made over 30 presentations about pollbook issues to civic-minded organizations. And, she developed a civics engagement curriculum to be used in schools.

LA FIREFIGHTERS WEST BUREAU
During the recent fires, the men and women of the LAFD demonstrated courage, leadership, and self-sacrifice. Everyone worked as a team from the incident commanders behind the scenes to the firefighters putting lives through the streets, knocking on doors, and leading frightened neighbors to safety. Everyday they put their lives on the line so we can live safely. We think and honor the firefighters of West Bureau.

Don't miss out on the most important event in 2025!
SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

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CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Saturday, April 26, 2025
Time: 2:00 to 5:00pm

Leadership in Media Honoree Patt Morrison

Voting Rights Champion Honoree Valerie Morishige

Leadership in Community Safety Honoree LAFD

We'll pay special tribute to the Valley Unit.

Join League members and friends to honor these leaders. You'll never get another opportunity like this.

****Early bird ticket price is still available.**

Purchase tickets [HERE](https://www.lwv-la.org/tickets)

****Deadline to have your ad or sponsorship included in the commemorative program is April 5th, this coming Saturday.**

Purchase a Sponsorship or place an ad [HERE](https://www.lwv-la.org/sponsorship)

Can't attend the celebration. Make a donation [HERE](https://www.lwv-la.org/donate)

FEDERAL JUDICIARY STUDY CONSENSUS MEETING

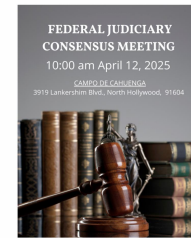
Be part of League history. Attend this meeting to help develop a long-lasting position on the Federal Judiciary.

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025, 10am to 1:00pm

Location: Campo De Cahuenga Park

Register [HERE](#)

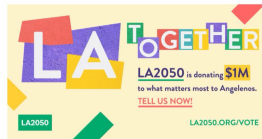
Please join us for the Consensus Meeting to discuss the Federal Judiciary Study consensus questions. Volunteers are also needed for the meeting, including a recorder to take notes and a timekeeper to ensure we stay on schedule to complete all of the consensus questions. To volunteer, please reach out to Mary Dickson at mary@lwvlosangeles.org



In order to prepare for the Consensus Meeting members are encouraged to explore policy briefs.

Policy papers are easily digestible in 2-3 pages each and may be downloaded in a PDF version by clicking the links below.

- [Financial Disclosure](#)
- [Judge Shopping](#)
- [Judicial Ethics and Enforcement](#)
- [Legitimacy and the US Supreme Court](#)
- [Key Terms for the Federal Judiciary Study](#)
- [Recusal](#)
- [Representation](#)
- [Shadow Docket](#)
- [Stare Decisis and Binding Precedent](#)
- [Structural reforms for the US Supreme Court](#)



Action Alert

LA 2050 GRANTS CHALLENGE LWVGLA is an Outreach Partner

LA2050 and Outreach Partners have launched voting in the 12th annual LA2050 Grants Challenge.

Each year, LA2050 gives \$1 million to nonprofits and other social impact organizations making LA better. But, it's up to Angelenos to determine what issue areas will receive funding – from homelessness and income inequality to civic education and voter education – through online voting.

Voting is online through April 18th, open to all ages, and available in 12+ languages.

LWVGLA needs YOU to vote NOW to advocate for the issues that matter most to LWVGLA and to your community. Share with your friends and colleagues.

****Use this link to vote: <https://la2050.me/lwvgla25>

COMMITTEE on CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Date: Tuesday, April 8, 3-4:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Guest Speaker: Chauncey Smith, Associate Director of Reimagine Justice & Safety, Catalyst California

Agenda topics include: Racial and Identity Profiling, Surveillance and Community Safety, School to Prison Pipeline, LAPD use of force.

Email Carolina at cjreform@lwvlosangeles.org for the zoom link.



VALLEY UNIT

Distinguished Speakers Series

The next meeting will be in May.

The exciting and frightening topic will be deportation.

LWVGLA VALLEY BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 14th at 12:30 p.m

Location: Zoom

Our selection for the **May 14** discussion is "No Democracy Lasts Forever..." by Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean of UC Law School and renowned Constitutional scholar.

We welcome all readers and hope you'll join us! .

Please contact Sue Strickland at johnandsioux@socal.rr.com for information and the zoom link.



HOMELESSNESS ACTION COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 17, at 7:00pm

Location: ZOOM

The Homelessness Action Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Please email HAC chair Gina K. Thornburg at gkthornburg@gmail.com for the link and agenda. The HAC is planning to host a guest speaker. More details to come.

All League members are welcome to attend our HAC meetings and participatory events.



LWVGLA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m

Location: Zoom

Please email Development Committee Chair Crissi for the Zoom link and agenda at crissiann@gmail.com



CHAPTER SPOT

Membership Information



You should have received an email through ChapterSpot, the new membership system, asking you to log in to the portal for the first time. You are not being asked to renew or pay dues, only to log in and complete your member information.

It is important that you log in to the portal to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information, as well as to help the League more broadly understand who we are as an organization.

If you haven't received an invitation to log in, please check your spam folder or reach out to membership@lww.org.

Gift Memberships

If you would like to give a gift membership to someone joining LWVGLA, you may do so as part of your own renewal process. If you want to give a gift membership without waiting until you renew your membership, you can send a check to our League's office and the League will enter the person's information as part of the offline join/renewal process.

The League is working on streamlining this process.

PINK'S FAMOUS HOT DOGS

You don't have to go to Pink's and eat a veggie hot dog in hopes of meeting Patt Morrison.

You can purchase a ticket to the Celebrating Leadership Awards event on April 26th. From 2:00pm to 5:00pm you'll be able to enjoy a light lunch in the beautiful back yard garden of one of our



members. You'll hear from our three honorees, including Patt Morrison.

Get a ticket at the early bird price.

Click [HERE](#)

LWVUS FIELD CALL FOLLOW-UP

April 2nd—Patients' Rights Rally

Next week, the Supreme Court will hear a case that could allow states to block Medicaid patients from accessing care at Planned Parenthood health centers. We're standing alongside Planned Parenthood and allies in front of the Supreme Court to help us fight back and uplift the voices of patients and providers. If you are in the DC metro area, RSVP today. If not, take action on League In Action to take virtual action.

Action Alert

April 5th—Hands Off! National Day of Action

On April 5th, LWV and organizations nationwide are coming together to organize a national mass activation. The goal of Hands Off! is to demonstrate that people are taking action to stop corruption and power grabs. With over 700 events planned worldwide, join us and find an event near you. If there isn't one, we encourage you to organize an event for your community. For more information, visit the event website. [FIND AN EVENT NEAR YOU](#)

Thursdays—Rise for Freedom: Nationwide Mass Trainings

Starting April 3, the Rise for Freedom coalition will host a series of live, hybrid online training sessions designed for in-person groups nationwide, spanning 7 weeks. The goal of the training series is to bring people together, grow & strengthen their local networks, and get ready to mobilize to demand democracy in this new challenging environment. RSVP for the training series [here](#) and volunteer to host a training.

LWVUS EVENTS FOR MEMBERS

[Click HERE](#) to connect to these member events.

April 1, 2025

1:00pm PT

League in Action

Join the LWVUS organizing team for an orientation on our digital organizing platform, League In Action. Sessions are held on the first Tuesday of the month.

April 10 & 24, 2025

12:00pm PT

Legislative Office Hours

Opportunity for Leagues and League members to address advocacy, legislative, or policy issues with LWVUS staff.

April 9, 2025

3:00pm PT

Federal Judiciary Office Hours

Study Committee to ask questions regarding the study and process. Passcode: 628145

April 8, 2025

12:30pm PT

Democracy Integrity Briefings

April 17, 2025

1:00pm PT

Litigation Office Hours

The LWVUS litigation team is excited to provide virtual office hours to League leaders and members in support of legal advocacy and litigation.

April 10, 2025

2:00pm PT

LWV Corporate and Organizational Partnerships: Expanding Your Reach

Join the LWVUS external affairs team to learn about our national corporate and organizational partnerships, how your League can plug in, and tips and tools to building your own partnerships strategy at the state or local level.

April 23, 2025

11:00am PT

Organizing Office Hours

Opportunity for members to ask questions and troubleshoot our digital organizing platform, League In Action.

Action Alert

Contact Your Representatives

Speak up on the issues impacting our democracy.

- Tell your senators to enshrine sex-based equality by [affirming the Equal Rights Amendment as part of our Constitution!](#)
- [Demand bipartisan cooperation on voting rights!](#)
- Support the [expansion of voting rights](#)
- Urge Congress to [address the climate crisis](#) and protect our youth!
- Ask Congress to decrease the influence of dark money with the [DISCLOSE Act](#)
- Demand that Congress end voter discrimination and support the [John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act](#)

One Person One Vote Campaign

One Person One Vote will educate and activate the people as we move past the Electoral College and towards a truly representative system.

[Be part of the movement!](#)

LWVUS sends a bi-weekly, internal email newsletter to state and local League presidents, as well as other highly engaged League members. The League Update includes important announcements about upcoming trainings and webinars, grant opportunities, messaging resources, stories from Leagues nationwide, and surveys to help LWVUS serve Leagues better. The newsletter is curated for League members specifically and is not intended for public consumption or distribution.

LWV California Update

- [Signals Reporting Form](#)
- Form for League leaders to help us understand the spread of commonly recognized authoritarian behavior at the state and local levels.
- There is a two-step process to complete the form. After the initial step and verification, Leagues will get a link to complete the survey. We recommend Leagues designate a point person or committee to complete the form when an incident is determined.
- Send questions to aambrogi@lww.org

Action Alert

- **The SAVE Act is expected to come to the floor the week of March 31. Keep calling your members of Congress!**
- [Action alert](#)
- [Talking points](#)
- [LTE template](#)
- Statement: [An Unprecedented, Breathtaking Assault on American Democracy: LWV Responds to Trump Administration's First 60 Days](#)
- Toolkit: [Turn Up the Heat: Congressional Recess Guide for Action](#)
- The next recess starts the week of April 14!
- Tips, tricks, and resources for engaging with your members of Congress during recess
- Public blogs: [English](#) and [Spanish](#)



LWVC Google and Facebook Groups- The LWVC has several interest groups, they include Advocacy, Communications, Voter Service, Climate Change, Criminal Justice Reform, Healthcare, Homeless, Immigration, Money in Politics, Program Planning, Redistricting, Schools and Communities First, and Water. For details see the [Join an Online Discussion Group](#)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION

JEWS UNITED FOR DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE WEBINARS AMERICA AT A CROSSROADS

JUDJ is offering free online events on provocative topics. You'll feel a little smarter after each session. The ZOOM registration procedure is [HERE](#)

- Wednesday, April 2 at 5:00pm. Dennis Ross: Statecraft: Donald Trump, the Prospects for the Middle East and US Foreign Policy
- Wednesday, April 9 at 5:00pm. David Gergen: A Pundit's Pundit assesses the State of the Union
- Wednesday, April 16 at 5:00pm. Jon Michaels: Vigilante Nation: The Subversion of American Democracy
- Wednesday, April 23 at 5 pm. Michael McFaul: Turmp's Foreign Policy
- Wednesday, April 30 at 5 pm. Bret Stephens: Still 45 Months to Go: Trump, America, and the World

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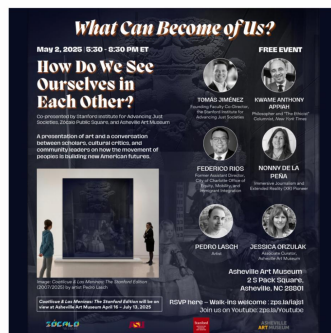
What Can Become of Us?

How Do We See Ourselves in Each Other?

Friday, May 2, 2025, 2:30PM PST

Streaming Live on Youtube

Register for free tickets [HERE](#)



As people move to and around the U.S., they transform communities, perhaps nowhere as strikingly as in fast-growing North Carolina. As the long-established Native, Black, and white citizens of the state welcome Latino and Asian newcomers into this “new Southern immigrant gateway,” once-separated groups are building new futures together—and understanding themselves anew through the eyes of their neighbors.

Action Alert

UNARMED MODELS OF CRISIS RESPONSE (UMCR)

Demand LA City fund unarmed crisis response services!

Spread the word using this [toolkit](#)

1. —> Share graphics on social media, and find more resources to make your voice heard [here](#).
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URBAN GARDENING and COMPOSTING WORKSHOP Herbs, Pollinators, & Drought Tolerant Plants

Dates and Locations:

Saturday, April 5, 9:00 am - Gaffey Center

Saturday, April 12, 9:00am - Griffith Park

Saturday, April 19, 9:00am - Devonshire PALS

Saturday, April 26, 9:00am - Lopez Canyon

Register [HERE](#)

The workshop will teach you how to turn kitchen scraps and yard trimmings into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. Home composting is taught by a team of ten rotating LA Sanitation & Environment green waste specialists. The Gardening Workshop will be taught by Steve List. Each participant will take home a free garden plant at the end of the event. Some workshops have surprise guests!



NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY Keeping Nonpartisan in Messy Partisan Times

April 23, 2025, 11:00am PST
Webinar

Register [HERE](#)

America's nonprofits have a unique opportunity to take part in impactful voter engagement and education efforts in a nonpartisan way. But while remaining nonpartisan is crucial to the protection of 501c3 status, navigating where "the line" is can be difficult in these highly partisan times. With that in mind, we're partnering with the dedicated attorneys from the Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg law firm for "Staying Inside the 501(c)3 Lines: Keeping Nonpartisan in Messy Partisan Times" to provide nonprofits with a holistic overview of how they can simultaneously engage voters AND continue their advocacy efforts in a 100% nonpartisan way.



CicLAvia—Koreatown meets Hollywood Volunteer to Support Fire-Affected Families in LA

April 6 at 9:00am

CicLAvia is FREE!

CicLAvia lasts from 9am to 4pm.

CicLAvia closes streets to car traffic and opens them for people to walk, skate, bike, play, and explore parts of Los Angeles County.

CicLAvia is not a race! There's no starting point or finish line—begin where you like and enjoy the day your way.

CicLAvia traffic flows in two directions, just like regular traffic.

Check out more [rules of the route](#).

LA 2050 EVENTS

To access the event list for April, click [HERE](#)

AUTRY MUSEUM of the AMERICAN WEST

Exhibits:



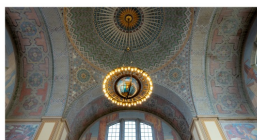
ReVOlt 1680/2180: Sirens & Sikas

Future Imaginarie
Stirs Up The Dust
Reclaiming El Camino: Native Resistance in the Missions
Imagined Wests
Waterways
California Road Trip
Art of the West
Romance Re-imagined
Human Nature

Film and Television Western Music Showcase

<https://theautry.org/>

EXHIBITS AND EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY



In-Person events
Online events
Education Programs for Children and Adults

Exhibits:

A Human Atlas of a City of Angels
No Prior Art: Illustrations of Invention
John Parkinson

Searching for unique ways to celebrate Black History Month, check out our calendar—there is something for every member of the family.

Podcasts

HOOPLA - Instant access to audiobooks, ebooks, and comics.

Kanopy - Get free access to thousands of movies
Education Programs

<https://lapl.org/events/exhibits>

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

Exhibits

Imagining Black Diasporas

Digital Witness: Revolutions in Design, Photography, and Film

Josiah McElheny: Island Universe

We Live in Painting

Ritual Expressions

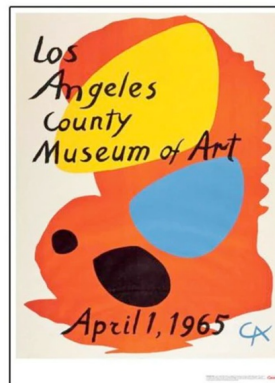
Talks

Music: Jazz at LACMA and Latin Sounds

Art Classes

Film Program

Family Program



<https://www.lacma.org/>

CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

- Tatyana Fazlalizadeh: Finding Soft Ground
- Public Sculpture: Chloe Bass Hindsight for a Future America
- Really Free
- Repossessions
- Darol Olu Kae

SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER

Exhibitions (free to the public on Thursdays)

Common Ground

Noah's Ark

Diane von Furstenberg

Ancient Wisdom for a Future Ecology

On the National Language

Ancestors Voices: A Community Workshop

**Welcome to
Skirball
Cultural Center**

Film/Civic Engagement

Skirball Movie Group

Talk/Civic Engagement

Skirball Book Groups

Current Events Discussion Groups

Writers Bloc

<https://www.skirball.org/visit>

THE GETTY CENTER



Exhibitions:

Charles Ross

Lumen: The Art and Science of Light

Magnified Wonders

Ultra Violet

Exploring the Alps

Sculpted Portraits

Brush with Nature

Gustave Caillibotte

Performances

Talks

Podcasts: Art and Poetry

Family Festival

<https://www.getty.edu/visit/>

MAY MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

If you would like to contribute information about events, meetings, and volunteer opportunities, please send your messages to [Laurice Sommers](#) by April 25th. You can send information to me as soon as you are ready.

MAY - JUNE VOTER

If you would like to submit information about your committee's goals and plans for the year, calls to action, description of League or community events, interviews, recipes, or DIY crafts, please send them to [Laurice Sommers](#) by April 25th. You can send articles as soon as they are ready.

APRIL 2025

MONTHLY OBSERVANCES in APRIL

ASPCA Month

Autism Awareness Month

Celebrate Diversity Month

National Month of Hope

National Volunteer Month

WEEKLY OBSERVANCES in APRIL

April 1 to 6: American Crossword Puzzle Week

April 6 to 12: National Library Week

April 20 to 26: Administrative Professionals Week

April 21 to 27: Lesbian Visibility Week

DAILY HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES

4/1 April Fools' Day

4/2 World Autism Awareness Day

4/6 Good Deed's Day

4/7 World Health Day

4/10 National Erase Self-Negativity Day

4/12 Passover Day and Federal Judiciary Consensus Meeting

4/13 Palm Sunday

4/17 Blah, Blah, Blah Day

4/18 Good Friday

4/20 Easter Sunday

4/22 Earth Day

4/23 National Administrative Professionals Day

4/24 National Take Your Daughter and Son to Work Day

4/25 Arbor Day

4/26 Independent Bookstore Day and Celebrating Leadership Awards Event

4/28 National Superhero Day

4/30 Denim Day



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