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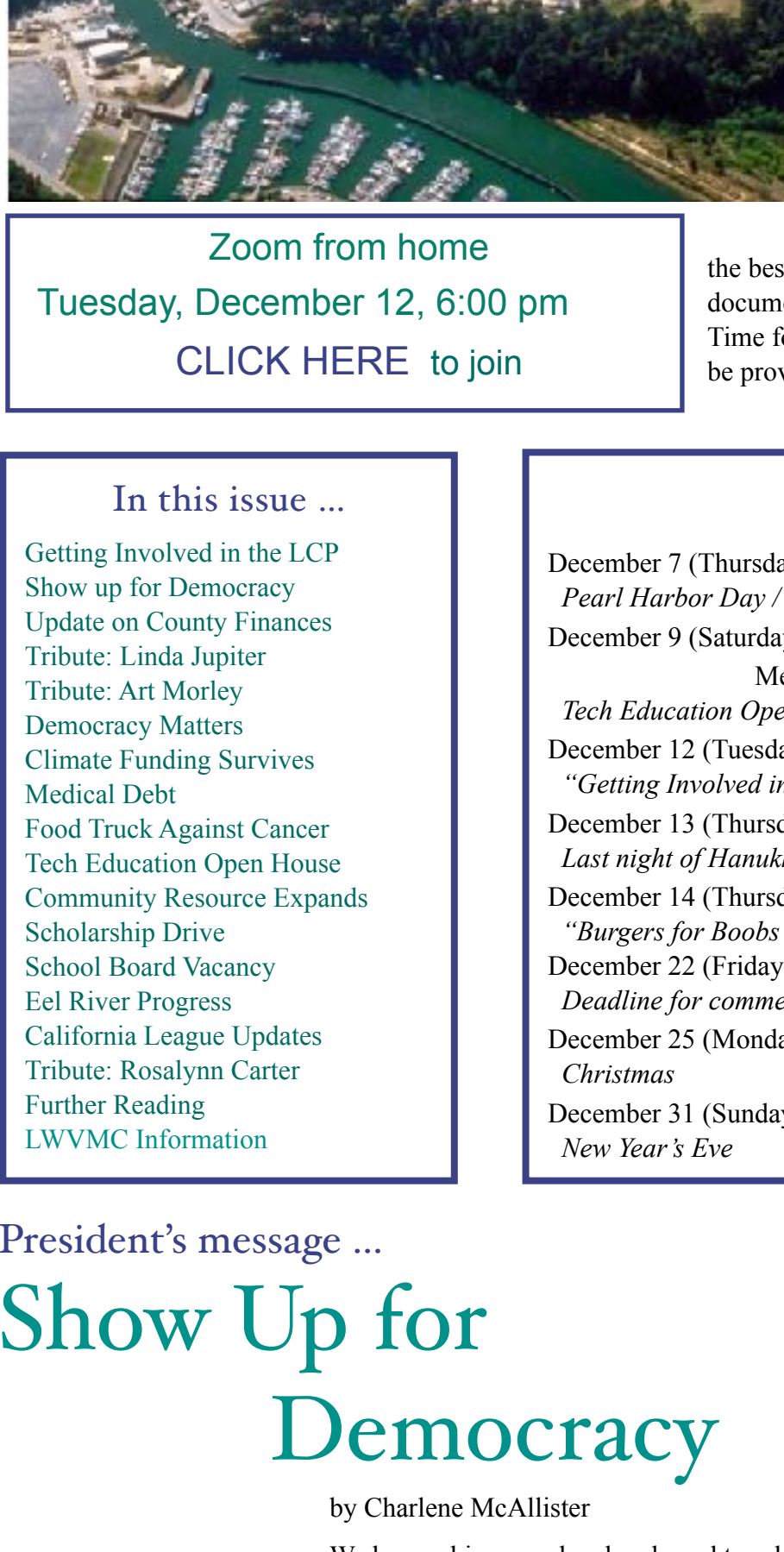
December 2023

Charlene McAllister, President

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## December meeting ...

# Getting Involved in the LCP



Peter McNamee will share a Powerpoint presentation showing how groups and individuals can become part of the Local Coastal Program update process, on Zoom at 6 pm on Tuesday, December 12. The League board and many individual members have publicly stated their desire to participate in this years-long effort to prepare for the many challenges which climate change and accompanying sea level rise will bring to residents and communities on the Mendocino Coast.

This overview of the LCP update process includes clarifying outlines and graphics covering Background, Public Engagement, various Consultants, the crucial Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment, a Timeline, and Online Resources. *Voter* readers are encouraged to motivate as many friends and neighbors as possible to attend this zoom webinar and go on to facilitate the best possible outcome for this planning document which will guide us into the future. Time for followup questions and discussion will be provided.

Zoom from home  
Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 pm  
CLICK HERE to join

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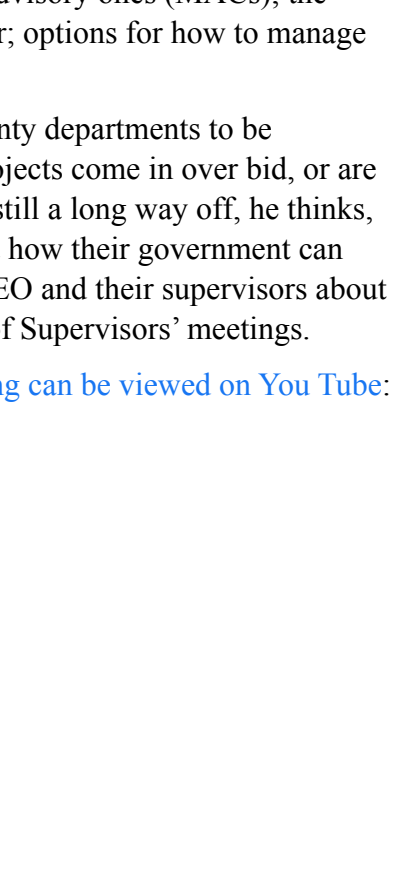
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### Calendar

- December 7 (Thursday)  
*Pearl Harbor Day / First night of Hanukkah*
- December 9 (Saturday) 5:00 -7:00 pm  
*Tech Education Open House*
- December 12 (Tuesday) 6:00 pm Zoom  
*"Getting Involved in Local Coastal Program Update"*
- December 13 (Thursday)  
*Last night of Hanukkah*
- December 14 (Thursday) Retro Wagon, Fort Bragg  
*"Burgers for Boobs" Fundraiser and raffle*
- December 22 (Friday)  
*Deadline for comments on Eel River dam plan*
- December 25 (Monday)  
*Christmas*
- December 31 (Sunday)  
*New Year's Eve*

## President's message ...

# Show Up for Democracy



by Charlene McAllister

We have a big year ahead and need to rely on our members to sustain our Voter Services and Education activities 2024, which includes the important (and early) March 5 Primary, is just around the corner. We are looking forward to Voter Registration, Pros and Cons on ballot measures, as well as several candidate forums. There will be many opportunities to help with these projects and we would love to have you join in one or more of these activities.

Show up for Democracy means being ready for the upcoming election. It means encouraging voter registration and getting out the vote. We can fight mis- and disinformation by getting our election materials in the hands of voters. For more information, or to volunteer, send an email to [info@lwvmendo.org](mailto:info@lwvmendo.org) or call me at 707.832.2135.

## November meeting ...

# An Update on Mendocino County Finances

by Jary Stavely

Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde spoke at the League's monthly meeting November 14 regarding Mendocino County finances. Twenty-four zoom participants tuned in to his presentation, which included responses to followup questions. Dismal projections about shortfalls in the county budget, and consequent looming cuts in county operations, as well as the recent indictment of the Auditor Controller, prompted League President Charlene McAllister to invite Supervisor Gjerde to share his thoughts.

He harked back to the budget crisis of 2008 which brought the county to having only a few weeks of reserves, prompting a drastic cut which eliminated 24% of the county workforce. It has taken the twelve years since that time to gradually bring the employment level to what it was, or less the income of the county, unlike those of the cities within it, which remained more or less fixed. In the meantime, the supervisors have wanted to approve sensible new ideas brought to it by the public, and in doing so, have not built back the necessary cushion of reserves which the cities have been able to do by enacting sales tax increases. For a while, the problem was deferred by all the one-time monies provided by state and national governments in response to the pandemic. Now those are gone, and the problem is apparent. The county has also agreed, in negotiations with the employees' union, finally to raise wages as a response to inflation, putting more pressure on the budget. One remedy to the financial crunch would be to increase sales taxes in the county, but if such an increase were put on the ballot by the supervisors, 2/3 of the electorate would have to agree. (If such an initiative were put on the ballot by the voters, only 50% plus one would be needed.)

Now, three county employees have been tasked to collect ideas to save money. So far 73 proposals have been gathered. One is to eliminate the position of head librarian for the county, and have branch heads rotate as overall administrator, such as happens for heading up academic departments in schools. Another cost-cutting measure could be to turn the operation of the county museum to a wholly separate non-profit group, which could rely more heavily on volunteer staffing. Another aspect of the budget crisis is a holdup in the official audit of the county Auditor to accept outside assistance. The current interim budget director is accepting such help, and within two months the necessary sign-off on the county audit, necessary for the release of state funds, may be completed.

The Supervisor answered several questions from the zoom audience, including how the county's borrowing of Measure B funds will be paid back; the county's revenue sources; the need to continue the rebuild of the county jail; the cutback in county committees and the retention of the area advisory ones (MACs); the problem of hiring a new agriculture commissioner; options for how to manage county employee pensions.

He suggested that it has proved important for county departments to be accountable for their spending—that too often projects come in over bid, or are needlessly awarded out of county. Bankruptcy is still a long way off, he thinks, but he encouraged county residents to think about how their government can improve efficiency, and to talk with the county CEO and their supervisors about any ideas they have. And pay attention to Board of Supervisors' meetings.

For more details and clarity, the 52-minute meeting can be viewed on YouTube:

## Linda Jupiter

provided energy and wisdom to the League's efforts for voter registration, the inclusion of non-white people and attendees, and the need for racial justice. On hearing the news, one League member said, "I appreciated her unwavering dedication to justice, and appreciated how she was very warm & welcoming in her approach." In a message to the Mendocino Coast Jewish Community, Margaret Holub wrote, "Linda was a light to so many of us—an advocate and activist, a great support to her friends and family and community, a person who loved life and did all she could to have a full and meaningful and joyful life, who laughed easily and often, spoke truth as she saw it, supported who and what was important to her, lived with integrity and love."

Below is an obituary she wrote with her sister Carla and brother-in-law Steve Antler.

Linda Jupiter was born in New York City on March 26, 1944, and left us on November 14, 2023, in Fort Bragg, CA, following a short but complicated series of illnesses.

Linda moved to LA to start her adult life in 1967, traveled through Europe and points east and upon return settled in San Francisco in the early 1970s, becoming part of that city's transformation into a welcoming and safe place for gay people. After moving to Ft. Bragg in 2010, she brought her energy and activism to the north coast, becoming a force in our local community for progressive politics. In the 25 years she lived here, she was a mover and shaker for any number of organization and causes: a mediator for VORP (Victim Offender Reconciliation Program), a constant participant with the Grassroots Institute, a member of the Latino Coalition, the MCJC (Mendocino County Jewish Community) Justice Group, stood with Women in Black for Peace, a long-time organizer of our Martin Luther King Day celebration, assisted in Anne Turner's Citizenship and ESL classes, co-facilitated the MCJC Elders' group on Zoom, and, with others, fought for years to keep our hospital's obstetrics department open. She created Jupiter Productions, a book production company, which, in turn, allowed her to hire many local people as editors, indexers & art directors, adding much needed jobs to the community.

## Art Morley

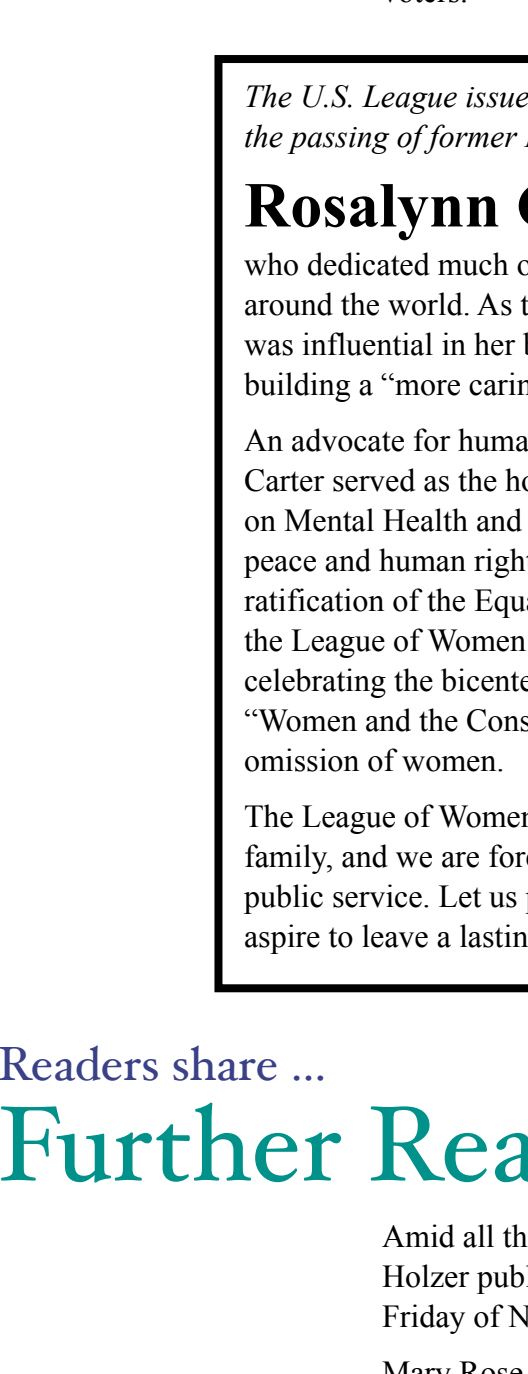
was compiled by Win and Becky Bowen. It contains many interesting details, and begins, "Art Morley, devoted husband, loyal friend, advocate for wildlife, Navy veteran, State Park Ranger, and dedicated volunteer, died peacefully November 18, 2023 in Fort Bragg. He was 97.7. Art was born and grew up in Fort Bragg, and after graduating from high school, had a career in the Navy. Subsequently, he became a ranger and wildlife interpreter for Calif. State Parks. He and his wife Jean returned to Fort Bragg to care for his mother in 1993. At this time he became well known in the community for leading nature and birding walks, and supporting a breadth of community-minded activities and organizations.

Here is an incomplete list of local non-profit organizations Art supported as a member, a volunteer, and/or donor: League of Women Voters of Mendocino County, The Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Mendocino Land Trust, Mendocino Parks (formerly Mendocino Area Parks Association), Mendocino Coast Audubon Society, Point Cabrillo Light Station, Dorothy King Young Chapter of the California Native Plant Society, Pacific Textile Arts, Mendocino Coast Historical Society, Sierra Club, Fort Bragg Senior Center, Fort Bragg Food Bank, Mendocino Coast Clinics, Fort Bragg Grange, Mendocino Coast Children's Fund, Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation, Parents & Friends, the Symphony of the Redwoods, and more. "He was, simply, a good citizen, and a man of his word. He gave his time, shared his knowledge, and made a practice of doing the right thing at the right time. A genuine local hero—we miss him."

# Democracy Matters

## New youth program teaches participation

by Cindy Plank



Are you interested in keeping democracy strong? An all-inclusive teen group, called The Can Teen, has recently formed and meets Wednesdays from 2-4 pm at the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund Family Resource Center on the corner of Franklin St. and Redwood Ave. in Fort Bragg. This gathering is also sponsored by Mendocino County Community Health Services.

The Mendocino County League is partnering with both of these groups to offer teens a series of hands-on civics learning activities on how to engage and participate in the local government process, called Democracy Matters. Representing the overall commitment of the League in protecting and sustaining democracy, these citizenship-building activities were developed, and have been successfully offered for the past two years, by LWV of Solano County. Developed from LWV tools, resources, and procedures on how to participate in local government, this program aims to help students be informed, prepared, and excited, while they confidently engage in the democratic government process.

With a promise of no pressures about time commitment, we welcome your ideas, questions & suggestions. Please call or email them to me: 707-357-4282, [cindyplank@gmail.com](mailto:cindyplank@gmail.com).

# Climate Funding Survives

## Supervisors unanimously reject cuts

by Peter McNamee

On November 7, Supervisors voted unanimously against transferring PG&E settlement money from the Carbon Reduction Fund into the General Fund Reserve. There was considerable public testimony opposing the transfer, based on the argument that one time money should be spent on the county energy conservation and decarbonization projects that allow us to come to energy utility and fuel costs. The GrassRoots Institute, the League of Women Voters Mendocino County, and Climate Action Mendocino voiced opposition to the proposed reduction in energy conservation and carbon reduction projects.

As part of the broader budget discussion, there was extensive comment by Supervisors about looming deficits resulting from declining County revenues and increasing operational costs going into Fiscal Year 24-25. The Board acknowledged that previously approved salary and benefit decisions contribute to personnel costs increases. In particular, it discussed how its goal of bringing salaries and benefits to "market" levels could be accomplished without outstripping County revenues.

The Board directed the CEO and County Counsel to report back in the near future with a proposal to establish a Citizens Advisory Board composed of one appointee from each Supervisor district to research market rate formula options and recommend a new methodology for the County to use. It also discussed how cuts in County operational costs could be made. The Supervisors noted that the CEO's report made some recommendations for ways to enhance County revenues, but lacked any for cost reductions. The CEO responded that she was working with County departments on cost cutting proposals and planned to bring them back later in November. Several of the members called for a major restructuring of County operations to capture economies and efficiencies, but the CEO said she was not equipped to develop such a solution and would need to bring in an outside consultant team to develop such a restructuring proposal.

# Tackling the problem of Medical Debt

League member Marilyn Boese has published this announcement for the community:

We have a great opportunity to use the capabilities of the Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation to make a huge local difference—and I am part of the challenge group that is reaching for a total of \$10,000 in Community Support through [www.mchfoundation.org](http://www.mchfoundation.org).

MCHFoundation has partnered with RIP Medical Debt to erase over \$2M in outstanding medical debt in our North Coast—help support this \$10,000 Campaign. You may have read a touching story in the New York Times about a young woman who died in November of uterine cancer. Her dying wish was to wipe out medical debt, something that she had seen up close and personal as she went through therapies fighting her cancer. Her life was shielded from that, but she saw what was happening to others, and founded the organization RIPMedicalDebt. This is the organization that Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation contacted about setting up a local pool, to wipe out medical debt on the North Coast.

There are 38 countries in the OECD—Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. They share data and support, and in all of the OECD countries, on four continents, there are about 500,000 medical bankruptcies a year. *All* of them are in the USA.

Every \$100 you donate relieves \$10,000 in medical debt. That is how uncollectible these debts are, yes. And if our community can together raise \$10,000 (this is 100 donations of \$100), RIP Medical Debt will direct ALL of our fundraising to our local people. Consider the impact, and thank you for reading. To participate, go to the Foundation "Give Today" site, and on the drop down menu for "Where would you like your support to go?" let go on "RIP Medical Debt."

# Food Truck Supports Cancer Resource Center

An announcement posted by Jack Bush may interest those with special care for cancer patients and survivors:

The Retro Wagon is currently fundraising for the Cancer Resource Center of Mendocino County Breast Cancer Fund. We are conducting a raffle and accepting donations through December 14, 2023. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the CRC. Raffle tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5, and 12 for \$20. Our Grand prize was generously donated by community member Vala Pecklich.

Grand prize is a remote control vehicle valued at over \$249.99.

- Specs:
  - ARRMA 1/8 Typhon 4 x 4
  - V3 Mega 550 Brushed Buggy
  - RC Truck Green
  - Transmitter, receiver, NiMH battery, and charger included.

We will also have an event, "Burgers for Boobs" on December 14, 2023. A portion of all burger sales will benefit the CRC. The raffle drawing will also be held on December 14th at the end of our business day.

Questions? Contact me at [theretrowagonfb@gmail.com](mailto:theretrowagonfb@gmail.com). Cheers, Rebecca Romero Beiber, The Retro Wagon Fort Bragg.

# Tech Education Open House

## at Mendocino High School

*Voter readers with an interest in young people may wish see the following message from the Mendocino Announce Listserv:*

Mark your calendars for the on Saturday, December 9th, Mendocino High School invites you to join the festivities at their fifth annual Career Technical Education Winter Student Showcase! Get ready for an evening filled with the magic of hands-on learning and creative expression. Explore the incredible talents of our students from Culinary, Woodshop, Art, and Horticulture programs. Marvel at the craftsmanship of hand-made products, including succulents, plant seeds, fava bean starts, cookies, printmaking art, and even candles, ceramics, clayboards, cutting boards, turned vessels, toys, and holiday custom-designed cornhole boards! Don't miss swag sales and engaging student presentations from the Electronics and Media programs. Discover the innovative projects and ideas our students have been working on throughout the semester. Indulge your taste buds with delicious food and beverages available.

Saturday, December 9th  
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Mendocino Community High School  
45220 Covelo Street, Mendocino, CA

# Community Resource Continues to Expand

Hubs and Routes is encouraging coastal residents begin or renew their acquaintance with the emergency preparedness tools which they offer. A late October press release entitled "Hubs & Routes Welcomes More Preparedness Networkers" begins:

It's been a summer of growth for Hubs & Routes, a grassroots project that provides readiness tools for the Mendocino Coast. Now winter is coming, with a chance of hard rains closing the roads, so this is a great time to sign up as a Hub with Hubs & Routes!

"Hubs" are places where skills and resources can be exchanged, free of charge, when times are tough. "Routes" are ways to get out where we need to go even when we can't use Highway One, and ways to get together with each tsunami zone. The complete announcement, which also has links to their various sites and tools (and new information about Westport), can be found on [Hubs and Routes' website](http://HubsandRoutes.org).

# Scholarship Drive Continues

*One of the League's sister organizations working to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, has published an appeal for help with its next round of scholarships. Here is what it says:*



It was exciting to see that all thirteen of our 2023 scholarship recipients took off to begin life after high school at Mendocino College, UC San Diego, Sacramento State, San Francisco State, Latino State and Los Rios Community College. The Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast is committed to supporting yet another group of young Latinos in our coastal community who are determined to further their education after high school, whether at a community college, a university, or a trade school. LatCo has provided 56 scholarships since 2018, and, with your help, we'll provide local coastal high school seniors with scholarships in May of 2024!

Contributions to this cause — of any size — are welcomed and appreciated. Please join other generous members of our community as we help launch our leaders of tomorrow. Please make your tax-deductible check out to Mendocino Institute (our fiscal sponsor, tax ID 68-0484104) and write Latino Scholarship in the memo line. Mail it to Latino Coalition, P.O. Box 1017, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

Thank you from all of us in the Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast. The Latino Coalition meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm. Anyone interested in our mission is welcome to Zoom in. Email us at [latcomendo@gmail.com](mailto:latcomendo@gmail.com) for meeting agendas and Zoom links.

# School Board Vacancy

The Fort Bragg Unified School District is seeking applications for the current vacant position on its board of trustees. An individual will be appointed to fill the vacant position through the November 2024 General Election. Interested persons must submit an application packet to the FBUSD District Office, located at 312 South Lincoln Street, Fort Bragg, California, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2023. Following a review of the submitted materials, the board will schedule interviews with selected candidates. Not all candidates will be selected for interviews. For information on eligibility and to obtain a copy of the application packet, please go to our website, or stop by the FBUSD District Office. If you have any questions concerning the role of the Board of Education, and the responsibilities of a board member, please contact Joseph Aldridge, Superintendent, at (707) 961-2850.

# Eel River

## Progress toward restoring free flow

The Eel River watershed includes most of northern Mendocino County except the coast. For background on the river's troubles, read an article from the Center for Biological Diversity or watch the movie *A River's Last Chance*. The following news comes from the government of Humboldt County:

On November 17, 2023, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) released the initial draft license surrender application and conceptual decommissioning plan for the Potter Valley Project on the Eel River. PG&E has created a website for posting documents related to this proceeding. PG&E intends to restore a free-flowing Eel River and restore fish passage to important habitat by removing the two dams associated with the Potter Valley Project, which has been a long-standing goal of Humboldt County. PG&E is soliciting comments on the initial draft application through December 22, 2023. The next version of the application will be released in June 2024 and the final application will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in January 2025.

PG&E's initial draft application includes elements of a regional proposal for achieving the following co-equal goals:

1. Improving fish migration and habitat on the Eel River with the objective of achieving naturally reproducing, self-sustaining, and harvestable native anadromous fish populations; and
2. Maintaining material and continued water diversion from the Eel River through the existing tunnel to the Russian River to support water supply reliability, fisheries, and water quality in the Russian River basin.

Friends of the Eel River offers a convenient online form for comments on the plan, but they must be made by December 22!

# California League Updates

**Redistricting**  
We won an important victory for fair local redistricting when Governor Newsom signed our sponsored bill, AB 764 (Bryan). The new law will prohibit the consideration of incumbent protection as a factor in drawing the lines, ensure that the safeguards of the Fair Maps Act extend beyond cities and counties to educational and special districts, and make the process more transparent and equitable overall. However, our victory is tempered by the Governor's veto of another sponsored bill, AB 1248, which would have required large local jurisdictions to establish independent redistricting commissions before the 2030 cycle. The Governor's veto represents a missed opportunity to fight politically motivated incumbency protection and eradicate local gerrymandering. The League is, however, in this for the long haul and will continue to advocate for independent redistricting commissions in local governments across California.

**Restoring Voting Rights**  
Following our work to restore the right to vote to people who are no longer incarcerated, the LWV continues to work with our coalition and the Secretary of State's Office to designate the Division of Parole Operations as a National Voter Registration Act agency. Doing so would make voter registration much more accessible to people who are on probation or parole and were granted voting rights through the successful passage of Prop 17 in 2020.

**Motor Voter**  
In 2021, we passed AB 796 (Berman) to improve the voter registration process at the DMV and help more of the 3 million eligible, yet unregistered Californians register and vote. This year, we began our tenure on the Secretary of State's Motor Voter Task Force, established through our advocacy, to monitor the DMV voter registration process. The 2022 Motor Voter Annual Report explains the work being done. We are currently advocating for the DMV to add a single optional question to the registration process related to race and ethnicity. Collecting this information would better identify the specific challenges to building a more inclusive democracy and greatly expand our understanding of voter turnout, voting method preferences, and potential obstacles to participation within communities of color in different parts of the state. The need for this data is further explained in this Op-Ed.

**Democracy Works**  
We are thrilled to share our annual Democracy Works newsletter! Read the full newsletter here, and learn how we have defended democracy and empowered voters.

The U.S. League issued the following statement by Shannon Augustus on the passing of former First Lady Rosalynn Carter:

## Rosalynn Carter

was the consummate public servant who dedicated much of her life to enhancing the well-being of people all around the world. As the First Lady from 1977 to 1981, Rosalynn Carter was influential in her bold approach to her work, which she described as building a "more caring society."

An advocate for human rights, democracy, and mental health, Rosalynn Carter served as the honorary chairperson of the President's Commission on Mental Health and later vice chair of the Carter Center, promoting peace and human rights worldwide. A defender of women's rights and the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), Carter engaged with the League of Women Voters on several occasions, and in 1985, when celebrating the bicentennial of the US Constitution, Carter convened a "Women and the Constitution" conference, highlighting the document's omission of women.

The League of Women Voters offers our deepest condolences to the Carter family, and we are forever grateful for Rosalynn Carter's dedication to public service. Let us pay tribute to her memory, and may each of us aspire to leave a lasting legacy."

## Readers share ...

# Further Reading

Amid all the press reports about how Black Friday affects the economy, Hannah Holzer published an op-ed about the importance to women's rights of the Black Friday of November 18, 1910.

Mary Rose Kaczorowski has recommended a report on homelessness. "Homelessness is one of those topics that leaves Americans despairing, but Houston offers hope: It demonstrates what should be obvious, that a wealthy society doesn't have to accept as inevitable throngs of people sleeping on sidewalks. Delegations from around the country now troop to Houston to seek lessons, with the mayors of Chicago, Los Angeles and Denver traipsing through this summer."

A Guest Essay by Adam Grant of the Wharton School published in the New York Times argues for a lottery to randomly select political leaders from everyday citizens, rather than a voting system that encourages candidates with exploitative personality traits. In an email message to other board members, Pat Dunbar suggests: "This is a fascinating, thought-provoking article—an idea I had never even considered." Several respondents raised serious questions about how to organize such a process. Such a procedure, called sortition, was used in ancient Athens and is currently used to select juries. It is also discussed in online articles at Harvard Politics and Vox.

## Land Acknowledgement

The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County wishes to honor the land we are on and its native peoples. We want to offer recognition and respect; to counter the "doctrine of discovery" with the true story of the people who were already here; to support larger truth-telling and reconciliation efforts; and to remind ourselves that colonization is still happening. We acknowledge that the land where we live and work is an unceded territory of indigenous peoples since time began. We are surrounded by the traditional, ancestral territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations.

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Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVMendo/>

LWV Mission Statement  
The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, strives to understand major public policy issues, and influences public policy

## Links

November meeting: <https://youtu.be/OCFeAB6BIK-o>  
Medical debt: <https://www.mchfoundation.org/give/>

Hubs and Routes: <https://hubsandroutes.net/news>  
School board vacancy: <https://sites.google.com/view/fsud/district>

Eel river dams: <https://thelocalreport.com/dams-eel-river/> (history); <https://www.amazon.com/Rivers-Last-Chance-Shane-Anderson/dp/B07L36H7Q9> (movie); <https://humboldt.gov/3460/Eel-River-and-Potter-Valley-Project> (Humboldt County); <https://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/122135> (PG&E plan); <https://www.pottervalleysurrenderproceeding.com/> (proceeding); <https://humboldt.gov/DocumentCenter/View/122122> (regional proposal); <https://eelriver.org/2023/11/17/comment-vpp-initial-plan/> (comment form)

California actions:  
Redistricting: <https://click.everaction.com/vk/72727719/436239096/956371823>; <https://click.everaction.com/k/72727720/436239097/1101939638>; <https://click.everaction.com/k/72727721/436239098/1570818384>

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Annual newsletter: <https://click.everaction.com/k/73811899/439275386/1868975538>

Black Friday: <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/opinion/holzer-2-black-friday-fight-for-womens-rights/>

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