

## The Voter THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MENDOCINO COUNTY Empowering voters, defending democracy

December 2024 Jary Stavely and Dorine Real, Editors

December

meeting

Sunday

December 15

3:00 to 5:00

Mendocino

Community

Center

Rest, Recuperate, Then Join the Mendocino County League in Defending Democracy: Engaged Community = Strong Democracy

"Democracy was never meant to be easy, and the work of

The Election Is Done -What Now?

December meeting ...

by Cindy Plank On Sunday, December 15 at 3 pm, members and friends are invited to meet in

person at the Community Center of Mendocino, 998 School Street in Mendocino; or to join online with this link. From 3 to 4 pm we will share ideas and suggestions on how we can strengthen democracy.

Then, from 4 to 5, we'll party! Nibbles, sparkling cider, chat with new and longtime friends. "We the People": a community that works toward the benefit of all is the bedrock of how democracy grows stronger, more resilient, and benefits everyone.

Most things are possible. Please invite friends and neighbors. The room where we'll meet is the first room on the right when you enter from the north parking lot. "At its very core, democracy is about one thing: community. A community made up of people from every walk of life and possessing every sort of

opinion, but who still agree that it's better to find common cause and coexist

than it is to fracture into factions and fall apart.

A Glimpse Ahead building and maintaining these communities is a 365-day job. It requires foregoing online arguments in favor of What is required of us as citizens? As honest to goodness human connections made in grocery defenders of democracy? As promoters stores, town meetings, rec centers, churches, and of the general welfare? And how can neighborhood pubs. It requires grace toward those who do our League be a tool of collective not think like we do and humility from ourselves when we action to fulfill these responsibilities? don't have all the facts. ...

Finding answers to these questions is what the League calls "Program Planning," and we do it every February. It's not too early to start

thinking about what you want to do in home. League and what you want the League to do in our community.

discourse is the only thing that's going to strengthen the thing that ever has strengthened the democracy we call

President's message ... Getting Ready on Two Levels

by Charlene McAllister As our California League has said, "Please take time to rest. Take care of yourself. Feel

the things you need to feel. We remain here,

together in community, holding each other up in this moment and as we move forward to defend our democracy and fight for the rights and safety of the people who live here. We have always bent the long moral arc toward justice; and we will dust ourselves off and keep going. For today, though, rest. Know that we see you and appreciate you and are

but membership changes are coming. Those of you who have traditionally joined

at the end of the year won't see a change until next September, but in 2025

everyone will be renewing their League membership at the National level. We are hoping to make the change as seamless as possible. Many will be able to join at a "pay what you can" level, with a minimum of \$20. Hoping to answer all your questions next month. As we end the year, we hope you will join us at the Mendocino Community Center on December 15, where we will say thanks to all of you, especially those who did so much for the election.

Happy Holidays!

December 8

December 9

holding space for everyone."

More details will come in the January *Voter*,

Calendar The Election is Done 3-5 PM Community Center.of Mendocino Getting Ready GRI post-election series meeting LCP Update Review 5 PM Fort Bragg City Hall Local News City Council honors Bernie Norvell **GRI Election Series** December 10 6 PM Zoom Final Election Results LWVMC board meeting\* California League Updates December 13 5-7 PM Fort Bragg Veterans' Bldg. Publish the Equal Rights Amendment Calfire/JDSF Restoration Economy meeting Dec 15 3 PM Community Center of Mendocino or Zoom Festive LWVMC member meeting \* Members are welcome at board meetings The public is welcome at these events. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

More from LWVUS Continue **LWVMC** Information Links Click these entries to jump to the articles. LCP Update Review by Jary Stavely In an announcement for its November 21 LCP Update meeting, GRI Vision

Workgroup leader Peter McNamee listed 12 separate studies now underway in

foreseeable future conditions and needs. One of them, which had not yet been a focus in the bi-monthly meetings, is the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan (DRP), being carried out by the county Water Agency with the help of the consulting firm EKI Environment & Water. At that 11/21 meeting, Water Agency

update process. On a more hopeful note, a recent marine aquaculture trivia night at Tall Guy's in Fort Bragg successfully engaged the public and brought in useful

According to ESA project engineer Louis White, who participated in the meeting with two of his colleagues, Point Arena is finalizing its SLR Vulnerability Update,

submission. Point Arena Planning Director Marie Jones joined the meeting in the middle, and reported that its harbor, like others in the county, is highly vulnerable to SLR, and that needed upgrades to its pier are already underway. She is also the major planning consultant for Fort Bragg, and told attendees that the city has applied to be a state designated Pro-Housing City, a move which would remove parking and use permit reviews for multi-family and apartment-complex projects. Two new such projects are in the works on 2.6 and 3 acre parcels located near the

Noyo River Bridge. Marie's third planning hat is as a member of the county Planning Commission, which she said will be considering a proposal to allow more "hip camping" (similar to AirBnB but for camping), something she

Peter asked the presenters on hand how the various studies underway will be coordinated, to which Sarah replied that, in most cases, once they are finalized, they will be shared and then incorporated into the final documents. Some complicated

issues, such as the DTSC-required cleanup of the mill pond on the Noyo Headlands, in which several agencies are involved, are discussed in real time online conferencing. Co-ordination can also be assisted by the fact that some officials also sit on multiple panels involved, such as Fort Bragg Public Works Director John Smith being part of the County Task Force working on the drought

resiliency plan. Several participants suggested that citizens who wish to

participate in the SLR Vulnerability studies may do so by submitting photos of extreme weather inundation events, in the same way the Coastal Commission has invited photos for its King Tide documentation project. Sarah suggested that ESA and the government agencies co-ordinate on a site for such submissions, to be

internet service provider, mcn.org) by the school system to the coastal city. The sale was discussed at a school board meeting on November 14, and at a city

council meeting on November 25. The topic of whether the school system should continue to operate the business has come up repeatedly at MUSD board meetings during the past several years. According to a report by KZYX news director Elise Cox, the acquisition of MCN would be part of the city's long term plan to provide

The same radio news feature mentioned above also has details on a study for new

Caltrans, something which he had been seeking since deciding not to run for reelection early this year. Although he was due to be replaced by Fort Bragg mayor

December meetings, unless Governor Newsom's office grants Gjerde's request for an emergency, one-month-early appointment of his successor, who was elected

Bernie Norvell in January, his 4th District chair may remain vacant during

In a related development, Fort Bragg is holding a reception honoring Norvell before his last city council meeting, December 9; the public is invited to Town

More details regarding Gjerde's resignation letter may be found in MendoVoice,

"robust, reliable, and redundant municipal broadband" to its residents and businesses. Approximately 70% of the ISP's customers are said to be located

within the city. The purchase price is reported to be \$500K.

Hospital Negotiations Conclude

after receiving comments from the Coastal Commission about its initial

Mendocino County which will support the plan by defining current and

staffer Amber Fisette presented an overview of the plan process to 30 online participants.

In February of 2024 the county received a grant from the state Department of Water Resources to support its Drought Task Force and to develop a Drought Resilience Plan (DRP) which would outline the drought risks and list interim/ long-term solutions. So far, two phases of the process—data collection and vulnerability assessment—have been completed, and two remain—developing both short-term response and long-term mitigation strategies, and then writing the actual plan which would become part of the county's General Plan and several others. The timeline Amber shared projects a presentation to the Board of Supervisors in May of 2025. The studies undertaken show that 42 "state small water systems ... show high physical and/or social vulnerability to drought," along with domestic wells throughout the county, to greater and lesser extents. Future engagement opportunities include County General Government Standing Committee (GGSC) meetings in January and March, a University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) workshop in February, and the Supervisors' meeting in May. More background and a sign-up for updates may be found on the county's DRP website, and Amber herself (fisettea@mendocinocounty.org) will answer emailed questions. She also promised to look for a higher-resolution map Sarah McCormick, Economic Development Manager for the city of Fort Bragg, then gave an informal report on the status of the city's Noyo Harbor LCP Update. Fort Bragg (like the county and Point Arena) has hired Environmental Science Associates (ESA) to help with the Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Study covering the harbor and the Noyo headlands; the Existing Conditions piece of the study is

As a way of facilitating public engagement in the LCP Update process, Peter announced that the GRI Vision Workgroup would try to put together a list of all issues that should be included, to share at the next bi-monthly meeting. Ideas for the list may be shared with him at pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net. County Planning Director Julia Krog was unable to participate this time due to illness, but is expected at the next one, January 16. A recording of the November meeting can be found on the GRI website at the bottom of the Mendocino Vision page. Local News and action opportunities Jackson State Forest Update Severe weather caused the cancellation of the November 21 meeting on Restoration Ecology which was to be held by CalFire to provide public input for its new Forest Management Plan for Jackson Demonstration State Forest. In an announcement about the cancellation, the Mendocino Trail Stewards suggested that its supporters "email CalFire and ask them to reschedule the meeting so the public can provide in-person input on this important topic. Send your email to JDSF@fire.ca.gov, and ask that the in-person Fort Bragg meeting on Restoration Ecology be rescheduled, as a separate meeting, in addition to the December 13th meeting on Restoration Economy. Be sure to put "Restoration Ecology Meeting" in the subject line." Calfire's press release about the matter is online. Sale of Mendocino Community Network The governing boards of the City of Fort Bragg and the Mendocino Unified School District are considering the sale of MCN (the acronym for the local

## Veterans Monument in Point Arena Approved Manchester resident and League member Gary Levenson-Palmer has announced that a proposal to build a veterans monument on the grounds of the Point Arena lighthouse is underway. According to the organizers' website, "Several years ago, a group of local veterans and their supporters came together with an inspirational idea, to create a monument to honor the men and women of the armed forces and

of tomorrow.

P.O. Box 1017, Fort Bragg, CA 95437.

the auxiliary services of the United States of America. At present, there is no ... site on either the Mendocino or Sonoma coasts that recognizes the selfless service to this nation of our veterans. "After many years of organizing, planning and working with world renowned stone masons to create a concept design and securing a location, we are ready to start the process of building this beautiful monument. The monument will be located on the grounds of the historic Point Arena Light House, which was built by the U.S. Lighthouse service and later managed by the Coast Guard, a branch of the armed services, making it a perfect spot." The project has been approved to go forward by the Mendocino Coastal Administrator, so funding is being sought. The project website gives a sweeping visual of the design concept. Latino Coalition Scholarships The Latino Coalition gave out \$15,000 in college scholarships to local students this year; now they are fundraising for 2025. See their update below:

The Latino Coalition, established in 2015, meets on the first Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm, sometimes in person, sometimes on Zoom. Anyone interested in our mission is welcome to join us. Email latcomendo@gmail.com for meeting agendas and locations. **GRI Election Series** As *Voter* readers may know, the Grassroots Institute has been holding a series of

meetings about the November election. Although there is no recording of the

subsequent meetings are available. The October 27 meeting discussed local

George Reinhardt and Jade Tippett. Former environmental lobbyist/coastal commission chair Donne Brownsey led the November 10 meeting, while

Mendocino Community Center, also on Zoom The password is gri, and the

As background to the post-election workshops, organizer Jim Tarbell shared a number of articles focussed on concern about the future of democracy under the

10 Ways to Be Prepared and Grounded Now That Trump Has Won, by Daniel

How to Fortify Against the Trump Agenda While There's Still Time, by Nicole

Shouting Racial Slurs, Neo-Nazi Marchers Shock Ohio's Capital by Michael

Congress Is About to Gift Trump Sweeping Powers to Crush His Political

My Rage Against Trump Supporters Is Killing Me, by Sarena Neyman

new administration. His list follows for interested *Voter* readers:

Why I'm Worried About Our Military, by Chuck Hagel

October 13 event which featured League President Charlene McAllister, videos of

issues, with remarks by former Fort Bragg City Council member Jessica Morsell-Haye, Healthcare District Board Chair Paul Garza, and Noyo Headlands activists

Mendocino lawyer Steve Antler spoke at the one on November 24. Recordings of both meetings are on the GRI website (scroll down). Peter McNamee will present an analysis of the November voting at the December 8 meeting, from 3 to 5 at the

Please make your tax-deductible check out to Project Sanctuary (our fiscal sponsor, tax ID #94-2477782) and write Latino Scholarship in the memo line. Mail it to Latino Coalition,

Thank you from all of us in the Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast.

The mission of the Latino Coalition: to empower our community through education, social justice and cultural appreciation. La misión de La Coalición Latina: empoderar a nuestra comunidad a través de educación, justicia social y reconocimiento cultural.

 Trump's Demand to Skirt Senate Confirmations Poses Early Test of a Radical Second Term, by Charlie Savage Final Election Results Mendocino Coast Healthcare District: Lynn Finley and Paul Katzeff Fort Bragg City Council: Lindy Peters and Scott Hockett Fort Bragg Unified School District Trustee: Kathy Babcock and Sage Statham Mendocino Unified School District Trustee: Michael Schaeffer Ukiah City Council: Heather Criss and Douglas Crane Ukiah Unified School District Trustee: John Bailey

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no 21%

The state League has published its annual Democracy Works newsletter. The 12 page document is online with messages from President Chris Carson and outgoing

Members of the California League Criminal Justice Reform Committee have been concerned about the passage of HR 9495 in the House of Representatives last month. The bill, if it becomes law, would give the U.S. Treasury Department unprecedented power to revoke the non-profit status of organizations deemed to be supporting terrorists. Many non-profits, such as Common Cause, regard the measure as likely to be used as a political weapon against humanitarian groups

Executive Director Stephanie Doute, a review of the past year's legislative

no 18.5%

yes 68%

yes 62%

yes 42%

yes 79%

California League Newsletter Available

advocacy, a summary of voter engagement efforts, and more.

Threat to Non-Profits Advances

California League Updates

yes 81.5%

failed, needing 2/3 majority

failed, needing 2/3 majority

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## LWVUS President's Concerns for the Future In a recent blog post, new League president Dianna Wynn has promised to continue to stand up and speak out for women and voting rights. She points out that "Advocating for gender and racial equity is not partisan. Calling out attacks on democracy is not partisan. After all, our mission is to 'defend democracy.' We cannot live up to our mission if we are unwilling to speak up and speak out." Legal Victories and Challenges

More from LWVUS

Continue To put the mantle of your protection Around the bodies of The young and defenseless Continue To take the hand of the despised And diseased and walk proudly with them In the high street Some might see you and Be encouraged to do likewise Continue To plant a public kiss of concern

**LWV Mission Statement** The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, strives to increase understanding

Links

Noyo Food Forest: https://noyofoodforest.networkforgood.com/events/78311-2024-dinner-in-the-grove-

CalFire meeting: https://34c031f8-c9fd-4018-8c5a-4159cdff6b0d-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/

calfire-website/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/demostration-forests/jackson/11212024jdsf-

MCN/Fort Bragg news: https://www.kzyx.org/2024-11-27/fort-bragg-municipal-broadband-20241127 Priscilla Hunter: https://mendovoice.com/2024/11/priscilla-hunter-pomo-tribal-leader-and-environmentalactivist-dies-at-77/ Gjerde: https://mendovoice.com/2024/11/4th-district-supervisor-dan-gjerde-resigns/; https://www.advocatenews.com/2024/11/14/fourth-district-supervisor-dan-gjerde-resigns-from-county-board-of-supervisors/ K0RGbQIJdfX104HZpeWt3ZKI3s1JG0MDd7Vzkz088xdxgPfcw6L3x2GOYHhyqGf-0yRIWw.0Vr-8p

2024/11/10/trump-nonprofit-tax-exempt-political-enemies/; https://theintercept.com/2024/11/14/trumpagenda-organize-protest-movement/; https://www.counterpunch.org/2024/11/18/my-rage-against-trump-

supporters-is-killing-me/; Shouting Racial Slurs, Neo-Nazi Marchers Shock Ohio's Capital; https:// www.nytimes.com/2024/11/12/us/politics/trump-republicans-senate.html Election results: https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorder-elections/ current-election-results Planning: https://www.ekiconsult.com/); https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/water-agency/ drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan; https://www.grassroots-institute.org/vision; LWVC: https://lwvc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/LWVC Newsletter FallWinter2024v5.pdf; https:// www.commondreams.org/news/hr-9495-passed ERA: https://default.salsalabs.org/T1b1bd859-947b-42ef-b6bf-015e97c9b4f5/34be5bff-59c8-45dfbf3a-672b9216f0c7; LWVUS: https://www.lwv.org/league-management/advocacy-litigation/2024-2025-federal-judiciary-studyprocess-committee-and [sic]; https://www.lwv.org/blog/reflecting-election-we-will-speak-and-speak-out; https://default.salsalabs.org/Ta917558b-52c8-4d6f-89a7-f2d25a7e2da1/34be5bff-59c8-45dfbf3a-672b9216f0c7 (purges); https://default.salsalabs.org/T8d945bdc-678e-403a-aea7ea3e3bafe923/34be5bff-59c8-45df-bf3a-672b9216f0c7 (election assistance); https://

"At the end of the day, building community through civil democracy that all of us call home—because it's the only Excerpt from a Nonprofit VOTE blog entry by Travis Morin, November 26, 2024

In this issue ...

## showing levels of well vulnerability in the county. being assembled, and the Risk Assessment will come next. She reported disappointment that red tape at the state level has prevented getting the necessary permits for a study of the feasibility of raising urchins and abalone in the harbor in time to start this fall. A full year had been planned for the study, which was a major reason a Sea Grant scientist had been assigned to work with the whole

survey information.

personally opposes.

made public soon.

treatment of the city's wastewater effluent; continued funding of the city's wellregarded Crisis Response Unit; and the recently renegotiated agreement between Adventist Health and the Mendocino Coast Health Care District. **Indigenous Activist Remembered** Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians leader Priscilla Hunter passed away on November 16. Best known lately on the coast for her efforts on behalf of indigenous co-management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest, she had a long history of working to preserve Pomo cultural and environmental heritage up and down the Highway 101 corridor. An article on the Mendocino Voice contains several photos, and gives a fuller account of her life story. Supervisor Gjerde Resigns Early In November Dan Gjerde announced his nearly immediate resignation from the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors, in order to accept a position with

back in the March primary.

Hall at 5 pm for the event.

the Advocate-News, and elsewhere.

and what an impressive group! They are studying to become aerospace engineers, chemists, nurses, doctors, photographers, welders, auto mechanics and psychologists! Twelve of the fifteen have left Fort Bragg to begin their studies at San Jose State, UC Davis, San Francisco State, Butte College, UC Santa Barbara, St. Mary's, the Universal Technical Institute, UC Santa Cruz and the University of of Florida. Another student is studying locally at Mendocino 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 71 scholarships since 2018, and, with your help, we'll provide local coastal high school seniors with scholarships in May of 2025! Dear latino Coalition,

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my education, you have provided me

with much more than a mere

financial award. I have the

feeling that someone, a group of

people believe in my ability to

achievy what iset out to do, This thank you note reminded all of us at LatCo that these awards are meaningful and nade a positive impact on our achieve what iset out Todo of at least believe in he enough To give me a chance, the little 2024 scholarship recipients. Voice in the back of my head teeding me excuses is beginning to excuse of the tangibility of a scenarist one tangibility of a scenarist money money many mar could have very deal yone to other Posonal expenses. Contributions to this cause — of any size - are welcomed and appreciated. Please ioin other generous members of our community as we help launch our leaders

LatCo awarded fifteen high school seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship in May.

an grateful for what you are do

Willits City Council: Tom Allman, Gerry Gonzales, and Matthew Alaniz

Willits Unified School District Trustee: April Lamprich and David Lilker

Willits area County School Board Trustee: Michelle Hutchins

Willits area Mendocino College Trustee: Jay Epstein

S—Albion-Little River Fire District special tax yes 57%

Complete details are on the Elections Department website.

meeting ID is 880 2778 4572.

Enemies, by Noah Hurowitz

Hunter

Winning Candidates

Measure Outcomes

T—Fort Bragg sales tax

W—Ukiah TOT increase

X—Point Arena sales tax

LWVUS News

U—Fort Bragg TOT increase

V—Ukiah Valley Fire District parcel tax

Coastal Races

**Inland Races** 

supporting aid to those suffering in the Middle East, as well as any others which a politically-motivated administration may want to punish. The measure is the subject of one of the articles listed in the GRI Elections article [above], and is also discussed in a Common Dreams article by Julia Conley. Publish the Equal Rights Amendment by Jessica Jones Capparell, LWVUS Director of Government Affairs The 2024 election results were not friendly to women's equality, and our future

status in the country is at stake. While reproductive rights were affirmed in seven

The ERA will update the US Constitution to enshrine equal rights under the law regardless of sex, protecting the people against discriminatory federal and state laws. It will be a vital tool to combat discrimination, prevent the rollback of equal rights, and pave the way for legislative progress. The amendment is ready to be added to the Constitution and is awaiting publication. Join our call to President Biden to instruct the US Archivist to certify and publish the ERA as the 28th

We know that many people are feeling afraid and uncertain. We have seen the devastating consequences of not having our equal rights protected, and we are bracing for the onslaught of harm women, girls, and the LGBTQIA+ community could face with the continued attacks on our most basic rights. But the League was founded out of the fight for the 19th Amendment, and we carry that legacy

Too much is at stake. We cannot take a single liberty for granted, we cannot leave a single tool for our protection on the table, and we will not stop fighting until

With just months left in office, we are fervently urging President Biden to publish the ERA, and we cannot do it without your help. Please take one minute to urge the President to ensure publication of the ERA now. And then share with three friends to do the same! We must use our collective power to demand the rights we

At the LWVUS 2024 Convention, delegates voted to proceed with a study on the federal judiciary. The study will be completed on a fast-track timeline in time for

details, including a timeline and a link to the recording of a November 20 kickoff

October saw pro-voter wins in Alabama (related to both voter purges and election

action to protect voters in Georgia and Virginia from removal from election rolls; the LWV of Florida filed to extend voter registration in the wake of hurricanes Helene and Milton; and LWV of Wisconsin urged the state's District Attorney to

assistance), Georgia, Indiana, and Texas; the League and partners took legal

• Urge Congress to address the climate crisis and protect our youth. Ask Congress to decrease the influence of dark money with the

• Demand that Congress support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights

This poem by Maya Angelou carries a wish for you from an anonymous reader:

a position to be announced at the LWVUS 2025 Council in June 2025. Full

states, if the federal government passes restrictive laws, these hard-fought protections will become obsolete. This is just one example of why we need the

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) now.

into our fight for publication of the 28th.

deserve for the future we desire.

everyone person's equal rights are guaranteed.

Study of the Federal Judiciary

webinar, are on the League management site.

investigate threatening anti-voter texts.

DISCLOSE Act.

Advancement Act.

Into a world which needed you

My wish for you Is that you continue

Continue

Continue

Readers can participate in the U.S. League's advocacy:

Support the expansion of voting rights.

Ongoing Advocacy

Amendment.

To be who and how you are To astonish a mean world With your acts of kindness Continue To allow humor to lighten the burden Of your tender heart Continue In a society dark with cruelty To let the people hear the grandeur Of God in the peals of your laughter Continue To let your eloquence Elevate the people to heights They had only imagined Continue To remind the people that Each is as good as the other And that no one is beneath Nor above you Continue To remember your own young years

And look with favor upon the lost

And the least and the lonely

On the cheek of the sick And the aged and infirm And count that as a

Continue

Continue

Continue

Continue To float

Natural action to be expected

To let gratitude be the pillow Upon which you kneel to Say your nightly prayer And let faith be the bridge You build to overcome evil

Which comes to enlarge your range

Happily in the sea of infinite substance

Which set aside riches for you

Before you had a name

territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations.

Our website: lwvmendo.org

And welcome good

To ignore no vision

And increase your spirit

To dare to love deeply And risk everything For the good thing

Continue And by doing so You and your work Will be able to continue Eternally 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

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By mail: P.O. Box 1128, Fort Bragg CA 95437

happening. We acknowledge that the land where we live and work is un-ceded territory of indigenous peoples since time began. We are surrounded by the traditional, ancestral

encourages informed and active participation in government, of major public policy issues, and influences public policy

December meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668704998? pwd=QVIraHVmaXBSSkljamNERGNMWW5qdz09

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noyo-food-forest-benefit

Veterans' monument: https://norcalcoastvetsmonument.org/index.html GRI meetings: https://zoom.us/clips/share/ R0lIszjSdy (10/27); https://www.grassroots-institute.org/courses/elections2024; https://us02web. zoom.us/j/88027784572 password gri Readings from GRI: https://wagingnonviolence.org/2024/11/10-things-to-do-if-trump-wins/; https:// www.nytimes.com/2024/11/15/opinion/trump-military-politics.html; https://theintercept.com/

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