



March 2022 VOTER Newsletter

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:



IMPACT OF RACIALIZED POLICIES ON EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE: REPORT OF A LIVED EXPERIENCE

Dr. Matais Pouncil will discuss how racialized policies and practices impact educational attainment for under-represented groups.

14 March 2022
7:00 - 8:30 PM PST

Register at:
<https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley>

Join us on Monday, March 14 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM for our next racial justice webinar. The topic for the month of March is education. Dr. Matais Pouncil will explore current and historical racialized policies and practices in education and how they operate to disable educational equity. He will also discuss how language, attitudes, and perception impact educators and student outcomes.

Dr. Matais Pouncil has nearly 25 years of professional experience at California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California systems. He has served as a Dean of Student Services, an

Associate Dean of Financial Aid Services and Student Success, a Dean of Science and Technology, Dean of Enrollment Service, EOPS Director, Assistant Director and Counselor of EOP, and TRIO coordinator. His most senior level appointment was a term as Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Currently, he is the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at a California Community College. Additionally, Dr. Pouncil has taught graduate students at the University of California and has served full-time faculty at a California State University. Dr. Pouncil earned a B.S. in Economics from Southern University, Baton Rouge, an M.Ed. in Social and Multicultural Foundations from California State University, Long Beach, and is the first African American man to earn an Ed.D. from the University of California, Irvine. He is also a graduate of the Management Development Program (MDP) at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education.

Registration Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAvf-CgrTouGdWX-xO5Q2w26x7QOEGGcNSV>

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Friends and Members of the League,

We completed the program planning with 24 actively participating members in January. There was a lot of great feedback that the Board will look into and will incorporate into our discussion in the coming months.

One of the feedback messages from our program planning meeting was, in addition to all the informative webinars, to plan more "fun" events to enhance the bonding among our members. Thanks to our well-resourced Board Member Julie Reynolds-Grabbe for arranging a Galentine/Valentine's lunch gathering on February 14. We will also resume the tradition of introducing our League's members in our Voter newsletters.

The members discussed extensively the focused goals for our next year, and we voted to add housing as one of the areas that our League will investigate and with which we will become more involved. As a result, during the February Board meeting, the Board voted to start a Housing Committee and the initial kick-off meeting was held on February 24 to set the goals for the Committee. Please visit our website (<https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/lwv-swscv-housing-committee-goal-settingscoping>) or contact our Housing Chair Liang Chao for more information about the plan and work of the Housing Committee.

In addition, the February 12 Water Seminar was well-attended and received. Dr. Felicia Marcus presented an overview of water in the world and a big picture of water in California. She discussed the need for more resilient infrastructure and a holistic approach to California's water issues. The audience learned the facts about California's water system and use and how we can be better prepared for the future. If you missed the webinar or would like to access additional information, please check it out on our website at <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/california-water>.

Moving forward, please join us on March 14 as we continue our programming on racial justice with a discussion on the impact of racialized policies on education and educational practice. More details can be found at <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/impact-racialized-policies-education-and-education-practice-report-lived-experience>.

Thank you all for your support in sustaining the League's mission and our efforts to elevate our collective voice and to advance advocacy work in our community. For more information about the LWV of Southwest Santa Clara Valley, visit our website at <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley>.

Sincerely,
Sophia Kao, President

VOTER SERVICES



PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 7, 2022:

In addition to local races, there are three major Santa Clara County-wide elections to be held on June 7, 2022. Candidates must finalize their registration by March 11 to be placed on the ballot. Our League will be working with the four other Leagues in Santa Clara County to host virtual Candidate Forums for the following offices: Santa Clara County Assessor, Santa Clara County District Attorney, and Santa Clara County Sheriff. Our Voter Services team, which will be involved in planning and/or hosting these virtual candidate forums, is still in need of more members. If interested in serving on this team, please contact Eleanor Yick at egyick@icloud.com.



REPRESENTWOMEN'S SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

[REGISTER NOW TO JOIN US VIRTUALLY ON MARCH 8, 9, AND 10 3:00-5:00 PM EST \(NOON TO 2:00PM PST\)](#)

Please join, **ANN RAVEL**, our League's Vice President for Programming, who is participating in this inaugural summit as one of the panelists. The program features panel discussions on *Fair Elections*, *Fair Access*, and *Fair Representation*.

RepresentWomen's inaugural Solutions Summit brings together experts and leaders in election administration, voting rights, and democracy reform who are working on innovative solutions that upgrade and strengthen our democracy. Women experts will discuss a range of critical issues related to fair access, fair elections, and fair representation. Experts will focus on viable, scalable, and transformative solutions to build a 21st Century Democracy that reflects today's needs and values.

[RepresentWomen](#) is a nonpartisan research and advocacy hub that is dedicated to building a 21st-century democracy with inclusive gender balance at every level of government in the United States. We study the barriers women face in politics and partner with allies to advance best practices to address those barriers so that all women can run, win, serve, and lead.

REDISTRICTING:

2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Clears One Legal Challenge Hurdle for Final Maps

SACRAMENTO, California, February 11, 2022 —Today, the 2020 California Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) announced the absence of a lawsuit challenging the new Congressional, Senate, Assembly, and Board of Equalization maps. Because maps were certified to the SOS on December 27, 2021, the deadline to file a lawsuit was February 10, 2022, at midnight. The possibility of other legal challenges remains. [Read full Press Release here.](#)

[A CalMatters' Perspective on Final Stages of California's Redistricting](#)

(Posted on February 14, 2022) An important deadline came and went so quietly that you may have missed it. February 10 was the last day to challenge [California's new election maps](#) in State Court—drawn by an independent redistricting commission using data from the 2020 Census—and no lawsuit was filed. Yet other states are being besieged with lawsuits over their new maps—raising questions about which aspects of California's redistricting process may have helped it avoid legal battles. Here are some possibilities from [CalMatters' Sameea Kamal's incisive analysis](#), which also explores whether the maps fairly represent California's diverse population:

- Transparency: Californians submitted more than 36,000 public comments about the maps. “Any political process is a valve, with pressure being applied. Some have limited valves to open, so no pressure is released. ... When you have processes that are public — allowing people to comment — they're venting,” [said Josue Franco, an assistant professor of political science at Cuyamaca College.](#)
- Bipartisanship: The commission is made up of five Democrats, five Republicans and four independents. “I think that's the story that really needs more focus in this time of hyperpartisanship ... that we can put together kind of a random group of citizens to do civic work on behalf of the entire community and get it done,” [said commissioner J. Ray Kennedy.](#)

Carol Moon Goldberg, LWVC President

Locally, there will be some changes in both the [State Assembly](#), [State Senate](#), and congressional districts of the cities that our League covers. Technically, these changes become effective once the 90 day period following the election has passed and no legal challenges have been submitted. But, in the case(s) where new boundary lines necessitate an election, the final representative will be determined by the Primary Election on June 7, 2022. See the excerpt below from the [California Citizens' Redistricting Commission on effective dates](#):

“It has been brought to our attention that there is much confusion about when the new maps go into effect. **Here's the explanation:**

Pursuant to Article 21, section 2(i) of the state Constitution, the final maps are deemed to have been “enacted” on the date of their certification to the Secretary of State (12/27/2021). The “enactment” date triggers the 90-day period for a referendum petition to be filed. In the absence of a sufficient and timely referendum petition being filed, the maps would otherwise become “effective” 90 days after enactment/certification (3/27/22). But the maps and the new district boundaries don't actually become “operative” until the 2022 primary and general elections; the new boundaries are used for those elections and the new districts don't actually “exist” until after the 2022 general election is completed.

This distinction is important for two purposes:

One, the current boundaries still apply for purposes of determining who are the constituents of the various elected officials and offices; in other words, until the 2022 general election, constituents are still represented by

the representative of their old/existing district, and not by the existing representative of the new district in which they will find themselves following the 2022 election.

Two, and perhaps more important, a special election to fill a vacancy in an existing district uses the “old” boundaries and takes place in the district as it existed when that candidate was last elected, despite the fact that this special election may take place after March 27, 2022 (when the new districts became “effective” but were not yet “operative”).

SEE THE FULL REPORT AT: <http://www.wedrawthelinesca.org/>

Eleanor Yick, VP/Dir. Voter Services

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Healthcare



WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM OUR STUDY OF OTHER COUNTRIES' HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS? What do YOU think the US should do now?

The Healthcare Committee has researched how medical care is provided in eleven other countries and written about them in the Voter over a number of months. So, it's time for a one-question quiz: How many of these eleven countries provide what Medicare For All* will cover, which is “comprehensive benefits including primary care, vision, dental, prescription drugs, mental health, long-term services and supports, reproductive health care, and more with no copays, private insurance premiums, deductibles, or other cost-sharing”?

The answer is none of those eleven countries. All of them provide most but not all the benefits and all have some cost-sharing which may include the mandatory purchase of non-profit health insurance. Most of the countries provide most services free for those with very low incomes and usually for children and the elderly. All the countries spend a smaller proportion of their GDP on healthcare and have better health outcomes than the United States.

In my opinion, we need to change to a universal health care system and to learn from other countries how to pay for this, including some cost sharing.

*Medicare for All

Source: <https://jayapal.house.gov/2021/03/17/medicare-for-all/>

By Lois Smallwood, Healthcare Committee Member

NEW HEALTHCARE TOOL KIT

What have you always wanted to know about healthcare? A national League ad hoc Committee has packed an amazing amount of material into a new Healthcare Toolkit, which has been added to our local website. Check it out! <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley>, LWV Positions, [Healthcare](#), [Toolkit Home](#)

HEALTHCARE CONCURRENCE

Our Board recently passed a proposal for Healthcare Concurrence at the Program Planning meeting. If there are enough Leagues asking for it, this grassroots proposal to increase League focus on healthcare, based on a New York Study, will be put on the LWV National Convention Agenda for discussion in June.

WHAT HAPPENED TO AB1400, CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE?

The situation was looking good, and then it wasn't. So, Ash Kalra, author of AB1400, withdrew the measure because there were not enough in favor of it. Supporters will return next year to try to get Universal Healthcare for California.

By Barbara Lea, Healthcare Director

BIG \$\$\$ PROFITS FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES

"While United Health reports \$24 Billion (with a B) in profits, **Americans faced a 200% increase in out-of-pocket costs over the last decade.** No insurer has ever made that kind of money in US history."

By Wendell Potter (Prior to his resignation in 2008, Potter was vice president of corporate communications for the health insurance company CIGNA.)

Source: https://wendellpotter.substack.com/p/while-unitedhealth-reports-24-billion?utm_source=url

Barbara Lea, Healthcare Director

Housing



On February 1, 2022, [Los Gatos Council adopted an urgency ordinance](#) to implement Senate Bill 9 and will have another 10 months to adopt the permanent ordinance with specific local objective standards. Saratoga, Campbell and Monte Sereno have also adopted similar urgency ordinances. These "urgency ordinances" are important as residents in [three other Peninsula cities](#) have already filed for property lot splits, allowed in single-family-home zoned neighborhoods after SB 9 took effect **January** 1. In the next 10 months, local residents could help shape the permanent ordinances on future lot splits or duplexes.

Every **eight** years each city is required to submit a Housing Element (HE) to plan for a sufficient number of housing units at different affordable levels by identifying HE sites. The HE for the next cycle 2023-31 is due on January 31, 2023. The submitted HE must be certified by the [California Department of Housing and Community Department](#) (HCD); otherwise, the city might be penalized. Most cities are in the process of identifying HE sites with appropriate zoning in order to submit the first draft well ahead of the due date. For more details, visit the HE site for your city.

- [Campbell 2023-31 Housing Element](#) site
- [Los Gatos 2023-31 Housing Element](#) site
- [Monte Sereno 2023-31 Housing Element](#) site
- [Saratoga 2023-31 Housing Element](#) site

The allocated housing unit numbers, from the [Regional Housing Needs Assessment](#) for the 7th Housing Element cycle, are as follows. HCD recommends 15-30% on top of the allocated amount in case some sites are not developed or not developed to the anticipated capacity.

	VERY LOW INCOME (<50% of AMI)	LOW INCOME (50-80% of AMI)	MODERATE INCOME (80-120% of AMI)	ABOVE MODERATE INCOME (>120% of AMI)	Total
Campbell	1,017	585	659	1,703	3,964
Los Gatos	523	301	311	804	1,939
Monte Sereno	51	30	31	80	192
Saratoga	556	321	341	882	2100

AMI = Area Median Income

One important requirement of this HE cycle is [Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing \(AFFH\)](#), which “seeks to combat housing discrimination, eliminate racial bias, undo historic patterns of segregation, and lift barriers that restrict access.” Specifically, “a diligent effort must be made to equitably include all community stakeholders,” “an analysis of fair housing issues, including existing segregation and inclusion trends” and “address how particular sites will replace segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns.”

Liang Chao, Housing Director

Natural Resources



SAFE WATER and RACE – LINKS

In California, one million people currently lack access to safe and affordable drinking water; the average household paid around 45 percent more per month for drinking water services in 2015 than in 2007. The problem may worsen with drought (the worst in 1200 years), ongoing groundwater pumping in parts of California (especially with increased pumping for agriculture), and COVID-19's effect on **people's** ability to pay their water bills. For some, the water contains harmful contaminants such as arsenic, nitrates, and/or 1,2,3-Trichloropropane.

Communities of color are disproportionately burdened by pollution, according to the US EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). EPA administrator Regan observed, “children miss school days because the water isn't safe.”

Latinos and Hispanics in the Central Valley are particularly affected, “partially due to historical housing discrimination ... that restricted which racial groups could live and purchase homes in the incorporated cities that contained larger and more developed water systems.” The EPA is stepping up water quality enforcement, especially in communities of color.

Sources: <https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4294>, <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/26/climate/epa-environmental-justice-regan.html>

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources-Water, Director

Racial Justice



PAST PROGRAMS

Have you seen the Racial Justice programs our local League produced this year? If not, you can go to our Website and still see them (including state League programs) now!

Racial Justice Issues Today and In the Future
Voter Suppression Tactics Attack Democracy!
Criminal Justice Reform
California Housing: Past, Present, SB 9 and the Future
California Water: Over-Promised, Over-Delivered, Solutions?

Source: <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley> Events,
View Past Events

AMAZING NEWS!

GOLDMAN SACHS TO SPEND \$1 BILLION TO HELP BLACK WOMEN

Sachs research has shown that one of the fastest ways to accelerate change and effectively begin to address the racial wealth gap is to listen to and invest in Black women.

Reducing the earnings gap for Black women has the potential to

- create 1.2-1.7 million US jobs
 - increase the annual US GDP by \$300-450 billion in current dollars
- <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-08/california-first-state-require-ethnic-studies-high-school-graduation>

Imagine Black women closing the 90% wealth gap their households face compared to white households. And Imagine Black women's wages on par with those of white women, currently 15% higher, or white men, 35% higher.

To See Complete Article: <https://www.goldmansachs.com/our-commitments/sustainability/one-million-black-women/>

THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP SIMULATION EVENT

**Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Clara County and Sunnyvale
Cupertino AAUW - March 12**

We welcome you to participate in this interactive tool that helps people understand the connections among racial equity, hunger, poverty, and wealth.

Join us on March 12, 2022, **2:00** pm to **4:00** pm Pacific Time via ZOOM for a virtual, participative immersion in another world.

We live in a country with structural inequality, and using this tool provides:

- Understanding of the quantifiable economic impact of each policy that has widened today's racial hunger, income, and wealth divides.
- Learning how federal policies created structural inequalities—property ownership and education are just two among many areas affected—and how these policies increase hunger and poverty in communities of color.

- Understanding why racial equity is so important to ending hunger and poverty in the United States.

Please register in advance for this

meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=addon&addon=1>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

MEET THE MEMBERS

Editor's Note: Starting from this issue, we will introduce one or two members of our League in this new section of Voter. The pandemic has seriously impacted our ability to connect with each other. As we try to emerge from the crisis, we will work hard to promote unity and connection among members, with the inauguration of this section being part of the effort. Enjoy!

Ann Ravel, VP of Programs



(Ann and her grandkids)

Ann came from a family of a Brazilian immigrant mother and an American father. The family moved around a lot for five years in Santiago, Chile, before moving to San Jose.

Inspired by her mother's active role at League of Women Voters, Ann started her own activism in high school and throughout college and law school. She realized that she wanted to make a difference in the community.

Ann worked as an attorney in the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office, ultimately serving as the appointed County Counsel from 1998 until 2009. She represented the County and its elected officials, provided advice on the state Political Reform Act, initiated programs in elder abuse litigation and education rights and initiated a groundbreaking lawsuit on lead paint poisoning, especially its effects on children.

President Obama took notice of her consumer protection work and appointed Ann in 2009 as Deputy Assistant Attorney General, overseeing Consumer Litigation and Torts. She was subsequently appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as the Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). President Obama asked her again to return to DC in 2013 as a Commissioner and Chair of the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

Ann is now on the Comité Científico of the Global Electoral Network and also an Expert Member of Transparencia Electoral, which observes elections and electoral processes throughout the Americas. In 2021, Ann observed elections in Mexico, Ecuador, El Salvador and Brazil and will head up a mission in Colombia in March, 2022.

Ann and her husband, Stephen, also an attorney, live in Los Gatos. They have three children who **are** all devoted to public service, three granddaughters and three grandsons.

Danice Picraux, Six Terms Treasurer from 2014 to 2020



(Danice and her husband Tom)

Danice was born in the Bronx, New York, has a BS in Biology from New York University and a Ph.D. in Government and International Relations from Claremont Graduate University. She taught Political Science at the University of New Mexico, Central New Mexico Community College, and the College of Santa Fe.

Danice has always been an activist in the political arena. Her first experience was as President of the Albuquerque Preschool Cooperative. Then she became a consumer advocate and executive director of Energy Consumers of New Mexico as well as a public interest lobbyist for the New Mexico Women's Political Caucus. She went on to serve 22 years as a New Mexico state legislator, rising through leadership to be the first woman to become the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives in New Mexico. She also served as Vice Chair of the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

As a legislator Danice was particularly active in education and healthcare. She served as chair of the New Mexico legislature's Health and Human Services Interim Committee, chair of the Excellence in Higher Education Interim Committee, and chair of the Public School Funding Formula Task Force. She attended Harvard University's Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the JFK School of Government, was a Toll Fellow of the Council of State Governments, was named Woman Politician of the Year by Emerge New Mexico and received the LWV Bernalillo County Dorothy Cline Award along with numerous other awards. She has also served on many Boards for public service organizations in New Mexico.

Danice met her husband, Tom, while they were both graduate students in Southern California. They have three daughters, all married, along with four lovely grandchildren. When she and Tom both retired in 2013, it was

natural to return to California to be near where their children were living.

Danice has always enjoyed campaigns and elections, books, classical music, and traveling around the world.

CITY NEWS & UPDATES



Los Gatos Town Council

February 19: Councilmembers extended the previously-approved housing urgency ordinance through the remainder of 2022. This allows for multi-unit developments on single-family zoned lots under Senate Bill 9 while the Town Code is being updated.

The Chamber of Commerce was awarded up to \$120,000 of the Town's American Rescue Plan Act funds to spend on their summer Promenade program. They hope to hold eight outdoor events that support downtown businesses.

Lynda Jandron, Los Gatos Town Observer

Saratoga City Council

February 2: Should you wish to learn more, simply type in Saratoga City council, choose current year, then click on pdf. Enjoy!

The Council

- Authorized the City Manager to pay \$83,445 for Mt. Eden Road Shoulder Stabilization Project.
- Approved electronic and paper filing of Fair Political Practices. Allows the city to move forward with electronic filing.
- Approved Automated License Plate Reader Policy for the use of ALPR. The cost of a seven-camera system is rented at a cost of \$20,000 per year with a report expected one year after installation. The cost breaks down to \$2,500 per camera with a \$250 per camera installation fee.
- Discussed the Secured Community Event (\$31,500) and Street Closure Grant Program (\$22,500). Programs suspended at this time because of COVID.

Ginger Good, Saratoga Observer

Monte Sereno City Council

February 1: Council discussed the clean energy issue and a proposal by the Public Utilities Commission to add a monthly fee that would show up on PG&E bills. The proposal is now on hold because of pushback from the public. Local libraries have a kit for finding energy leaks. The DIY Energy Saving Toolkits can be checked out, and then some items like infrared thermometers and a Kill-A-Watt Meter, are returned to the library.

Council discussed how in response to locally-reported crimes, one neighborhood with 90 residences is investigating setting up their own self-funded security system including block captains and cameras.

Staff has been working with EMC Planning Consultants on how to comply with State laws that increase housing densities.

February 15: Monte Sereno has four unincorporated islands within its urban service area. Council discussed annexing the islands from Santa Clara County to the City of Monte Sereno. If annexed, property taxes would go to Monte Sereno, which would then provide street maintenance and services such as policing, granting building permits, etc. Benefits and costs to both affected residents and the City of Monte Sereno should be defined and

considered. Approval by the residents is not required. Staff was instructed to begin setting up the process for making the decision to annex.

In response to complaints about energy costs, Council noted that PG&E utility bills have become so complex that no one understands them. Staff will invite a PG&E rep to make a presentation at a Council meeting to explain the bills.

Linda King, Monte Sereno Observer

Political Book Club



The next Zoom meeting of our League Political Book Club will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 8. New members welcome. Join us to discuss **Second Nature: Scenes from a World Remade**. “In Second Nature, ordinary people make desperate efforts to preserve their humanity in a world that seems increasingly alien. Their stories—obsessive, intimate, and deeply reported—point the way to **a new kind of environmental literature**, in which dramatic narrative helps us to understand our place in a reality that resembles nothing human beings have known.” Please contact Wade Ellis, wade25@sbcglobal.net, if you would like to join the group or just tune in for the meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222588472>.

BOARD BYTES

February 2, 2022



1. The League's identified goals for 2022 were formally approved by the Board.
 2. The 2022 Finance Drive has been postponed to the fall, and Gail Nishimura will continue to serve as the Chair for the Finance Drive.
 3. The League is forming a new Housing Committee chaired by Liang-Fang Chao. Members interested in housing issues are welcome to join the Committee and contact Liang for more information.
 4. This year's Nominating Committee has kicked off, chaired by Aileen Kao and joined by Eleanor Yick and Barbara Lea. The Committee is looking for one more member to join.
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LEAGUE UPDATES

SANTA CLARA COUNTY NEWS

Our League's coverage area still includes the four cities of Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga. **Three** of the supervisors on the Santa Clara County Board represent our communities. Below are links to our supervisors' most current newsletters. Members are encouraged to sign up to receive these updates, which contain important local news and activity. **But, watch for the coming changes to our local district maps as a result of redistricting that will be posted in our April Voter.**

•**District 1: Supervisor Mike Wasserman:** (Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, and portions of San Jose.) Click on this link for the latest newsletter: <http://district1.sccgov.org>

•**District 4: Supervisor Susan Ellenberg:** (Campbell, West San Jose, Santa Clara, and unincorporated parts of Burbank and Cambrian). Click on the link for the latest newsletter: <https://conta.cc/3DbaNiH>

•**District 5: Supervisor Joe Simitian:** (Palo Alto, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Mountain View, Cupertino, Saratoga (including unincorporated portions of its sphere of influence), and portions of Sunnyvale and San Jose.) Click on this link for the latest newsletter: <http://district5.sccgov.org>

LWV BAY AREA UPDATES

Bay Area League Convention will be held on Saturday, June 4. One of the main purposes of the Convention is to elect the Bay Area League officers and Board of Directors for the program years 2022-2024. Ann Draper, the chair of the Nominating Committee is interested in hearing from League members who would like to be considered for these positions. She can be contacted at adtp@comcast.net.

THE LWV BAY AREA MONITOR

When smoke from the Tubbs fire shrouded the Bay Area in the fall of 2017, Lil Milagro Henriquez choked on the poisoned air. "I couldn't breathe," recalls Henriquez, who then worked as Director of Organizing at a social justice school in East Oakland. Read the feature story

<https://bayareamonitor.org/article/empowering-youth-to-take-on-climate-change/>.

LWV CA UPDATES

On Valentine's Day, write a love letter to the League. Read <https://lwvc.org/news/love-letters-league-wearing-slurs-badge-honor>.

Upcoming Events: [List of Upcoming Events | LWVC.org](#)

LWVUS UPDATES

Visit <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom> to see the latest statements and press releases from Dr. Deborah Turner, LWV President.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV SWSCV
Wed Mar 2

Board Meeting
Virtual at 12:00 pm

LWV SWSCV
Tue Mar 8

Political Book Club
Webinar: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

LWV SWSCV
Mon Mar 14

Impact of Racialized Policies on Education
Webinar: 7:00 - 8:00 pm

DONATE

We rely on dues and donations to support our programs. Please consider making a donation to our local League of Women Voters general fund now. If you prefer to donate to our 501(c)3 tax-deductible account please, indicate that.

League of Women Voters SWSCV Donation

JOIN US

Come to a LWV-SWSCV team meeting and learn about important issues affecting you and your community. You can make a difference! **Learn More About Our Work and Programs** [on our Website!](#)

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