

LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF LOS ALAMOS UPDATE

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Calendar

August 12	Rodeo Parade
August 17	Lunch with a Leader, Allan Saenz, Unitarian Church, noon
August 24	Board Meeting, Unitarian Church, noon

June Lunch with a Leader: Allan Saenz

Our August 17 Lunch with a Leader program will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall. I will send our new menu from Pig & Fig next week. Every lunch is \$13. You will be able to choose from several box lunch options, or you can bring your own lunch.

The speaker will be Allan Saenz, who is responsible for the recent renovation of our movie theater, the Reel Deal, that he transformed into a vibrant community event hub, the SALA Event Center.

Saenz is originally from Costa Rica and has been living in Los Alamos for the past 17 years. He is married and has three children. He is the founder and owner of several businesses, including Los Alamos Network, a company that provides internet services to our community via fiber optic technology and wireless (that I am currently using!).

Karyl Ann Armbruster

President's Message: Opportunities for Fun and Education

It's a parade! On August 12, a parade along Central Avenue will be a highlight of the Los Alamos County Fair and Rodeo. This year the parade theme is "Harnessing Chaos" and the Grand Marshal will be Dr. Kurt Steinhaus. The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos is registered to march in the parade; we'll have banners and sashes to share with those who join us. The sashes can be adjusted for younger folks—our future voters!—and we hope you will join us with your children. We will gather after 9 a.m. in the old Smith's parking lot, and the parade starts at 10 a.m.

Let's get together! We don't have a firm date yet, probably in late September, but we will be gathering for a social event with the general membership of the League. This will be our first purely social gathering in a few years and we're excited to plan it.

Videorecording—we are moving forward with a mix of opportunities to attend Lunch with a Leader, virtually and otherwise, and we know that not everyone can join us in person during lunch on a workday when the speaker is local. We plan to videorecord the future in-person speakers and make the recordings available on our website.

School Board Observer Corps reporting—We are lucky to have June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin as observers and reporters of the County Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings; their excellent reports are in every Update. We do not have observers for the School Board meetings, or the UNM-LA Advisory Board meetings, and invite anyone who regularly attends these meetings to write up a report that can be shared with our membership in the *Update*.

The League does hold candidate forums and prepare Voter Guides for the elections to the School Board and the UNM-LA Advisory Board. Regular reports on their meetings throughout the year would help build local knowledge of the issues they are facing. In addition to soliciting observers, we plan to reach out to School District and University leaders with opportunities to speak at Lunch with a Leader.

Felicia Orth

Join the Annual Rodeo Parade

This year during the annual Los Alamos County Rodeo Parade on August 12, the League of Women Voters will be highlighting "Future Voters" as we approach the election season. All League members and supporters are invited to participate and encouraged to bring future voters of all ages to join us.

Each future voter will receive a gift of a sash with suffragist colors and a pin to be worn in the parade. We will assemble at 9:30 a.m.; the parade begins at 10. If you would like to join the fun, please contact Ellen Mills at efmillsnm@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Ellen Mills

It's Not Too Late to Join the Pit Study

After the summer's focus on J. Robert Oppenheimer's scientific accomplishments and the legacy of the building of the first atomic bomb in Los Alamos, we will begin our LWVLA study "Should large scale pit production for nuclear weapons occur in Los Alamos?"

Our first meeting will be on Zoom, and every member is invited. When we have fixed the date and time, we will send an invitation to our LWV-LA study with a Zoom link.

Jody Benson

Observer Corps Report – County Council – Regular Session – July 11, 2023

The hybrid session was attended by Council Chair Denise Derkacs and Councilors Theresa Cull, Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, Keith Lepsch, and David Reagor. Councilor Randall Ryti was absent. Our observer report is based upon discussion during the meeting and documentation provided in the full agenda package.

Appointment of the 2023 Board of Registration

Council appointed local residents Cameron Counters [Democrat], Betty Gunther [Democrat], and Phillip Mach [Libertarian] to fill three of the five positions of the County's Board of Registration, serving for two-year terms beginning July 1, 2023.

In his application for this position, Counters noted that, "Although the Board has a limited number of responsibilities, I feel that the Board has an important role in assuring the integrity of the voting and election process for the residents of Los Alamos County."

Designation of Polling Places and County Canvassing Board for 2024 and 2025

Council passed (5–1, Councilor Reagor in opposition) a resolution designating continued use of the County's five Polling Places for elections through the end of 2025. Council also designated the Board of Registration as the County Canvassing Board, as recommended by County Clerk Naomi Maestas.

By State law, the Board of Registration is responsible for declaring the official election results for County offices. It may also be present during the audit process and notifies the appropriate officials if it discovers any defective returns or a discrepancy within the election returns.

Two vacancies remain on the Board of Registration. Additional Democrats are not eligible to apply because not more than two

Board members can be members of the same political party. However, no additional applications were received from candidates of any other political party. "Relevant to this, I think there is sort of a boycott going on, that all of the Republicans quit the Board," commented Councilor Reagor. "They said that they were not allowed to look at anything and didn't have anything to do." He said they claimed that they were not allowed to touch any of the materials. Maestas replied that the actions of the Board "are actually set out by the Secretary of State's office, so they canvass the election based off of what is submitted to them." She continued, "If they would like to access any of the materials beforehand, they're welcome to. I never received a request for anything. Their duties are outlined by the Secretary of State."

Maestas added that there is no state-mandated training but that members are given the law that prescribes what they can do. She offered to share it with Councilor Reagor who thanked her for doing so.

Local News Coverage of This Meeting

Kirsten Laskey, "Council Action Taken Tuesday July 11, 2023," *Los Alamos Daily Post*, July 13, 2023.

<https://ladailypost.com/council-action-taken-tuesday-july-11-2023/>

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Reports – County Council – Work Session – July 18, 2023

The hybrid session was attended by Council Chair Denise Derkacs, Vice Chair Theresa Cull, and Councilors Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann, and Randall Ryti. Councilor Keith Lepsch was absent. Our observer report is based upon discussion during the meeting and documentation provided in the full agenda package. Council did not take any action during this work session.

LANL Growth and Mission Support

Kelly Beierschmitt, Deputy Laboratory Director of Operations, provided an update on the recent dramatic growth of Los Alamos National Laboratory as it ramps up activities to support the nation's nuclear mission of pit production. His presentation focused on the Lab's strategy for addressing those aspects in which the community had expressed particular interest.

Projected growth of LANL budget and staff

Putting the Lab's growth spurt in perspective, Beierschmitt noted that the Lab's budget was about \$2.3 billion in 2018, with about 13,000 employees. Now, five years later, its budget has nearly doubled and the number of employees exceeds 17,000, including craft and construction workers supported by the Lab. He said, "The Lab is on track to hire 2,000 more people this year. We expect a very near equivalent for about another year and a half. We would anticipate growth stabilizing by about 2027."

Salary distribution among New Mexico counties

The total annual salary for fiscal year 2023 is \$1.76B. The majority of the salary distribution, about 42%, remains in Los Alamos County. The proportion in Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties has increased dramatically, to about 36%. The remaining 13% of the salary distribution goes to workers located in Bernalillo, Sandoval, and other counties in New Mexico. "We're seeing more and more of our staff locate in the north Albuquerque, Bernalillo, areas, in part because of the availability of housing and schools," said Beierschmitt.

LANL facilities in Santa Fe

The Lab has several facilities in Santa Fe, which have filled up. "What we've discovered is that many of our staff that live in Albuquerque commute to that location. It does help us with the retention challenge when people don't have to drive an hour and a half one way. In addition to relieving stress in offices and traffic on the Hill, it's also given us some benefit in recruiting certain people."

Offsite mini-campus

The Lab is exploring options for siting a mini-campus off the Hill, possibly in the Bernalillo or Santa Fe area. Beierschmitt listed the principal reasons why offsite locations were considered as the better choice.

- More efficient logistics and considerably lower construction costs for an offsite commercial build.
- Relief from pressure for additional space on the main campus in Los Alamos
- Relief for transportation challenges, including traffic congestion in Los Alamos.
- More accessible to a larger population base.

He said that possible capabilities for an off-site campus include low hazard, light laboratory space that doesn't involve the same types of hazards that are managed in Los Alamos, R&D office, business and support services offices, some classified office activities, and warehousing.

On the main campus in Los Alamos, Beierschmitt said that activities will focus on hazardous and specialized operations that require secure environments, more protected, isolated environments, such as the nuclear mission, stockpile security, high explosives, LANSCE (Los Alamos Neutron Science Center), and the magnet lab, among others.

The future campus(es) might be functional within three years at the earliest and probably wouldn't happen all at once. He said that "there has been some desire to collaborate with Sandia National Labs, which is also struggling with a space problem right now, as well as with federal staff." However, he noted that the mini-campus is just an idea at present. "It's not a certainty that we will do this. We do not have any approval to do this. We are partnering with the NNSA to explore the idea."

Lab leasing of Los Alamos Public School facilities

Addressing a concern expressed by some members of the community, Beierschmitt assured Council that the Lab is very unlikely to suddenly vacate all of the properties that it

currently leases from Los Alamos Public Schools and transplant people to a mini-campus. He said that the Lab will continue to need those leased properties for quite some time because the establishment and expansion of a mini-campus would be a slow process.

Mass transit alternatives

Beierschmitt emphasized that mass transit options are critical to meet the needs of the current and projected workforce and reduce the number of employee vehicles onsite and road bottlenecks. The Lab's strategy is to provide a variety of mass transit options that align with regional transportation services and plans:

- integrating with and supporting existing NMDOT Park n' Ride and vanpool programs;
- setting up new offsite park-and-ride centers, with shuttle service, such as in San Felipe, San Ildefonso, and Española. A pilot park-and-ride site is already in operation in Pojoaque.
- establishing express bussing from surrounding communities to augment other regional services, with transit centers in Los Alamos County and surrounding regions;
- providing on-site campus bussing that allows carpoolers and other mass transit users to get around on the campus without the need for a government vehicle.

The Lab is also establishing disincentives for the use of personal vehicles on the main campus, said Beierschmitt. It is holding people accountable for parking violations and setting up a system that would assign parking passes to people who commute up the Hill.

Expanded child care

The University of California is funding a \$2M remodel of offices along Trinity Drive (locally known by some as "the Chicken Coops") to convert them into a child care facility. Beierschmitt reported that an agreement to operate this new childcare center in Los Alamos has been reached with Bilingual Montessori School of White Rock, a local childcare provider that is a women- and

minority-owned small business. The facility may be operational sometime in the early fall.

The facility is intended to serve approximately 100 children, with priority given to Lab employees, especially those whose children, including infants, presently lack care. Services will be provided at market-competitive rates.

"We think it will be good for the community," Beierschmitt said. "Based on the surveys that we've done, we don't believe that it will hurt any of the other day cares presently here. There's a backlog and what we understand is that even building this will not address the entire backlog on child care here in Los Alamos County." The day-care facility is intended to have the flexibility to support shift workers.

Questions from councilors

Responding to a question from Councilor Havemann, Beierschmitt said that most of the growth in new employees would occur outside the County because of some of the housing challenges in Los Alamos. "Our new employees, especially those with children, would love to have a place here in the County and have their kids in the top schools in the State," he said. "As soon as housing becomes available, for many of those employees, they are going to move up to the County. At least that's the trend we expect."

Councilor Havemann asked about the stability of future employment numbers in the County. Beierschmitt acknowledged that he was aware of the concern that the overall staffing that come up the Hill might change once the construction peak goes away. However, he said that the total number of employees coming to work at the Lab will not change much. Eventually there will be fewer construction workers, but by then "the actual production mission will be scaling up."

In addition, he noted that the lab expects to lose 500 to 600 people a year on average, just through retirement and other things. "We'll still have to hire to replace those people," he said.

Councilor Havemann summarized his response, "So we'll still see a lot of flux, we're still going to see a lot of people selling their

houses, vacating homes or renting, pulling their kids out of school to go do construction jobs somewhere else, but then a new kind of skill set will be recruited and moving to the area. That kind of has its own ramifications to be thinking about, just because your numbers remain stable doesn't mean that things are just constant." Beierschmitt concurred with her perspective.

Councilor Havemann said, "I love that you've got an on-campus shuttle now that gets people all over the place. But what about getting people downtown during the lunch hour for lunch, or to see people, or to get services, maybe a dentist appointment, meet with an accountant, whatever?" She asked whether the difficulty in getting downtown for such errands might be an impediment to carpooling or taking a bus. Beierschmitt replied that he hadn't heard any challenges with getting into town, "but certainly we should be sensitive to that. But again, the culture is such that we've had the luxury of driving and finding parking. And that's being changed a bit by necessity right now."

Councilor Ryti sought Beierschmitt's perspective on the potential effect of the GRT manufacturing exemption on the County's overall future budget. Beierschmitt said that they have been aware of the concern, but that the federal budgeting process is unpredictable. He continued, "I have committed to partner with the County to look at the timing that's built into the assumptions and other matters, to give the County adequate information to plan accurately."

Councilor Ryti also requested an update on plans to replace Omega Bridge. Beierschmitt reported that the bridge got a major engineering assessment and service last year. "We keep buying years with that engineering evaluation service but there will come a day when we need to replace the bridge. It's pushed out but, a decade down the road, we may not be able to push it much further than that." Ryti noted that, given the twenty-year timeframe, planning for the replacement would need to start in ten years.

Councilors Cull and Hand asked about the possibility of having a dorm-style facility in Los

Alamos for students. Beierschmitt said that this option is currently being explored with a developer for a site in the County. "It would be a private facility," he said, "and we would not be using federal dollars to build it.... We don't do real estate in the community, and this would be something that would be done in the community and supported probably through some of our charitable work through our corporate parents."

Performance of the Trinity Drive Road Diet

The Trinity Road/NM 502 Diet includes the section from 39th Street to Oppenheimer Drive. In 2020, restriping of this section changed it from a four-lane road to a two-lane road with a center turn lane and bicycle lanes in both directions. Pros and cons of the diet were summarized by County Engineer Eric Ulibarri, followed by detailed traffic count and travel time data provided by Keith Wilson, Public Works Project Manager. Their conclusion was that there are no prolonged traffic issues with the road diet, even during rush hours. The benefits of the road diet—chiefly, improved safety—outweighed inconveniences it may cause at the present time.

There is a more detailed summary of this agenda item. See Kirsten Laskey's article in "Local news coverage..." below.

Assumptions for the County's Long Range Financial Projection

During the FY24 budget hearings, Council unanimously approved the County's FY24 budget and ten-year financial projections. Of note, the long-range financial projection included an assumption that Council would approve a 0.5% increase in the GRT that would take effect in 2024.

However, a proposed ordinance to increase the GRT subsequently failed to pass at the Public Hearing held by Council on June 27. (See our observer report in the May LWVLA Update.)

The purpose of including this agenda item on tonight's work session was to discuss and re-examine the assumptions in the long-range financial projection. County Manager Lynne

and Helen Perraglio, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the previous assumptions in the approved budget, outlined potential alternative assumptions, and demonstrated the alternative financial outlooks associated with each set of assumptions.

Council's general reaction was similar to what it expressed at the public hearing on June 27: that any GRT increase should be delayed until there is less uncertainty regarding the Lab's budget and hence GRT revenue from the Lab.

Local news coverage of this meeting

"Council Vice Chair Theresa Cull Recaps July 18 Meeting," Los Alamos Daily Post, July 21, 2023. <https://ladailypost.com/council-vice-chair-theresa-cull-recaps-july-18-meeting/>

Kirsten Laskey, Has Trinity Drive's Road Diet Yielded Positive Results? *Los Alamos Daily Post*, July 27, 2023. <https://ladailypost.com/has-trinity-drives-road-diet-yielded-positive-results/>

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Observer Corps Reports – County Council – Regular Session – July 25, 2023

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Council salaries increased

Following a public hearing, Council voted 5–1 (Councilor Reagor in dissent), to approve an ordinance to adjust future Councilor salaries to the maximum permitted by New Mexico state law for part-time elected or appointed County officers in a Class H county such as Los Alamos County.

Councilor salaries were last increased in 2014. The approved new annual salaries increase from \$11,022 to \$12,674 for County Councilors, and from \$13,777 to \$15,844 for County Council Chair.

"One thing that's important to highlight here," said County Manager Steve Lynne, "like any change to any elected official salaries in New Mexico, the law provides that you basically are not voting on your own salary. This [increase] would only be in effect for newly elected or newly re-elected County Councilors. So, the earliest these would be in effect would be January 1, 2025."

"If this convinces other people to run for County Council, I think it's a good thing," said Councilor Cull. Councilor Havemann concurred. "Absolutely, I share that sentiment because I think the more we can encourage civic engagement and public involvement the better."

Middle DP Road site cleanup status

Lynne announced that the DOE's cleanup contractor, N3B, feels that it has completed its cleanup work at the Middle DP Road site. This site is slated to be transferred to the County, which wants to use it for commercial or residential development. [See "LANL Legacy Cleanup Update," LWVLA *Update*, Observer Corps report for County Council Workshop Session, June 20.]

However, transfer of this parcel to the County is unlikely to happen very soon. Lynne explained that County staff would be invited to review and approve the site conditions; then it will be up to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to review and sign off that they're satisfied. Lynne warned that the approval process could take up to six months after the DOE-EM Los Alamos Office has submitted its final report to the State.

County Manager Steve Lynne to retire

Lynne announced his plans to retire next year. His planned retirement date is July 31st but, because he plans to take accrued leave before then, his last day of work would be March 1st. Although this date is not very soon,

Lynne wanted to give Council as much notice as possible. "That gives Council just over seven months to go through the recruitment process," he said. "I know that can be a little bit of a challenge and certainly I will be willing to help with that as much as possible."

"For tonight, I just want to express gratitude and say thanks, certainly to Council, everyone I work with." By the time he retires, Lynne will have been a County employee for close to 28-1/2 years. "It's just been great," he said. I'm still enjoying it and really thankful for that."

Local news coverage of this meeting

Video: Councilor Melanee Hand Recaps July 25 Meeting, *Los Alamos Daily Post*, July 27, 2023. <https://ladailypost.com/video-convenmeeting/>

Los Alamos County Staff Report, "County Manager Steve Lynne Announces Retirement Plans," *Los Alamos Daily Post*, July 25, 2023. <https://ladailypost.com/county-manager-steve-lynne-announces-retirement-plans/>

Maire O'Neill, "Steven Lynne Announces Plans To Retire As County Manager In 2024," *Daily Reporter*, July 25, 2023. <https://losalamosreporter.com/2023/07/25/steven-lynne-announces-plans-to-retire-as-county-manager-in-2024/>

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin

Tickler Report – Tentative Council Agenda Items

Tickler Report Tentative Council Agenda Items for August 2023

This is a partial list of tentative Council agenda items. All of the items are subject to change.

- Environmental Sustainability Board
 - Briefing at 8/22/23 meeting
- Taxiway F Relocation Project and West Development Area
 - Presentation at 8/22/23 meeting
- Nuisance Code Implementation Review Task Force
 - Briefing at 8/22/23 meeting
- Short-term Rental Program process
 - Presentation at 8/22/23 meeting
- Los Alamos County Health Council
 - Briefing at 8/22/23 meeting
- Greenhouse Gas Baseline and Climate Action Plan
 - Presentation at 8/22/23 meeting
- North Mesa Housing Project
 - Presentation at 8/22/23 meeting
- Regional Planning Presentation on Transportation, Housing, and NCNMD
 - Briefing at 8/22/23 meeting
- North Central Regional Transit District
 - Briefing at 8/22/23 meeting

Tickler Report – County BCC Vacancies

County BCC Vacancies as of July 31, 2023

Los Alamos County has 12 standing Boards and Commissions (BCCs). Generally, the purpose of a board is to serve in an advisory capacity to the County Council, but some have statutory responsibilities as well.

All BCCs are listed below with their current vacancies. Upcoming vacancies (in the next 6 months) are in yellow text, changes from last month have a magenta highlight.

• Art in Public Places Board	1
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Board of Public Utilities	0
◦ No terms ending soon	
• County Health Council	3
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Environmental Sustainability Board	0
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Historic Preservation Advisory Board	0
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Labor Management Relations Board	0
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Library Board	0
◦ 2 terms ending on August 31	
• Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board	0
◦ 2 terms ending on August 31	
• Parks and Recreation Board	0
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Personnel Board	1
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Planning and Zoning Commission	3
◦ No terms ending soon	
• Transportation Board	2
◦ No terms ending soon	

Interested Los Alamos County residents may submit an online application by visiting the County's Boards and Commissions webpage and selecting "apply."

https://www.losalamosnm.us/government/boards__commissions

LWVLA Board of Directors 2023-2024



The new League board after our first in-person meeting, left to right: Rebecca Chaiken, Amy Birnbaum, Jean Dewart, Akkana Peck, Barbara Calef, Felicia Orth, Addie Jacobson, Lynn Jones, Ellen Mills, Becky Shankland, Karyl Ann Armbruster, Jody Benson. Missing from photo: Bob Williams. Photo by Susanna Marshland.

Officers:

- President: Felicia Orth
- 1st Vice-President: [open]
- 2nd Vice-President: Ellen Mills
- Past President: Barbara Calef
- Secretary: Rebecca Chaiken
- Treasurer: Addie Jacobson

Directors:

- Reservations: Amy Birnbaum
- Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster
- Newsletter Editor: Robert Williams
- Publicity: Jody Benson
- Director at Large: Akkana Peck
- Director at Large: Rebecca Shankland
- Voter Services: Lynn Jones

Off-board Directors:

- Arrangements: Wendy Swanson
- Nominating Committee: [open]
- Fundraising: Ellen Mills, Leslie Wallstrom, and Tracy McFarland
- Observer Corps, County Council: June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin
- Membership: Jean Dewart
- Website/Social Media: Madhavi Garimella and Helena Whyte
- Video: Eduardo Santiago



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Mail to: LWV Los Alamos / P.O. Box 158 / Los Alamos, NM 87544

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Address: _____ Date: _____

ZIP: _____

Phone 1: _____ E-mail 1: _____

Phone 2: _____ E-mail 2: _____

Membership Categories: All checks for memberships and contributions should be payable to LWV-Los Alamos and all are tax-deductible. Let us know if you'd like a tax-deduction statement. A substantial portion of Single and Household membership dues support state and national League of Women Voters work. The additional funds from Single Sustaining or Household Sustaining memberships support Los Alamos LWV initiatives such as the Voter Guide, candidate forums, etc.

_____ Single membership: \$45.

_____ Household membership (two or more people at the same address): \$70.

_____ Single Sustaining membership: \$75.

_____ Household Sustaining membership (two or more people at the same address): \$95.

_____ Student membership: Free (must be 16 or over).

_____ Additional donation to support the Los Alamos LWV work: \$ _____

_____ **Newsletter Update** – Check here to receive it as an electronic file, saving postage and paper,

_____ **OR** Check here if you prefer to have a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to you.

_____ Check here to receive occasional friendly reminders of upcoming events by e-mail.

Ways to help the League if you wish to be an active member (check as many as apply)

Name1 Name2

_____ _____ Voter Registration at events such as the Farmers Market. Training by the County Clerk's office.

_____ _____ Organize/provide refreshments at forums when we meet in person.

_____ _____ Observer Corps: Watch Council, DPU, P&Z meetings etc. and write a short summary to publish in our newsletter. (All meetings are recorded, so you can watch them later.)

_____ _____ Write newsletter articles on a local issue or League activity.

_____ _____ Assist in developing the Voter Guide: edit, develop questions, enter data onto League database, work with news publications to get the information printed, etc.

_____ _____ Assist with Lunch with a Leader: assist in inviting leaders to give presentations; order/deliver lunches when we meet in person, help set up tables, etc.

_____ _____ Website/social media: technical assistance and content development.

_____ _____ Advocate for League positions: communicate with local, state, and federal leaders.

_____ _____ Serve on the LWV-Los Alamos Board.

_____ _____ Other: _____

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