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## Wednesday, January 12, 2022 "Affordable Housing: Now and its Future"

Three panelists will address affordable housing issues in Monterey County. **Heather Adamson, Director of Planning at AMBAG**, will describe the **Regional Housing Allocation Needs** process which allocates state mandated housing allocations



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to local cities and counties. **Michael DeLapa**, founder and **Executive Director of LandWatch Monterey County**, will address the challenges of providing affordable housing throughout Monterey County. **Esther**

**Malkin**, founder and **Director of the Monterey County Renters United (MCRU)**, will address rental issues related to homelessness.



**Ms Adamson** has overseen the AMBAG Planning Division since 2012 with nearly 25 years of experience in land use, housing, and transportation planning. Prior to coming to AMBAG, Heather spent nearly 15 years working at the **San Diego Association of Governments** on a variety of transportation and regional planning projects. Heather has a **BA in Urban Studies and Planning** from the **University of California, San Diego**, a **Master's Degree in Public Administration** from **San Diego State University** and is a member of the **American Institute of Certified Planners** and **Association of Environmental Planners**.

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### How to Attend Our Virtual Meetings

The free **January LWVMryCo General Meeting** and presentation described above will use the **Zoom Web Conferencing** platform and **Zoom Chat** for Questions & Answers. **11:45 am Zoom Check-In / 12 noon Meeting Begins.**

**All current LWVMryCo members** will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting via [LWVMryCo] on the **Monday before the meeting** (e.g., on **Monday, January 10** for this month) with instructions on how to join the meeting.

**Not a member?** Non-members can send a message to [LWVMryCo@gmail.com](mailto:LWVMryCo@gmail.com) requesting an invitation to receive the link and instructions. **You can also join by phone:** numbers for audio-only will be provided along with meeting numbers and codes.

**Having trouble getting into the meeting after trying the link and instructions?**

Call **Tama Olver (831) 869-2748**

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**Mr. DeLapa** is an **independent consultant** who specializes in organizational strategy and interim executive roles. His recent assignments include interim **Executive Director of the California Ocean Science Trust**; **Consulting Vice President of Marketing and Strategy for FotoNotes**; interim **Chief Operating Officer of New Leaf Paper**; interim **Vice President of Marketing for the Cleantech Group**; and **Business Consultant to Mal Warwick Associates/Donordigital and Frans Lanting Studios**.

DeLapa received his **Master of Business Administration** degree and **Public Management** credential from the **Stanford Graduate School of Business** and its **Public Management Program**. He also holds **Master of Science** and **Bachelor of Science** degrees in **Biology** from **Stanford University**.



**Ms Malkin** has directed her lifelong career in **corporate sales, marketing, training and public relations** to shine a spotlight on social issues. Malkin is a first generation Cuban American, fluent in Spanish, daughter of a Korean War veteran and granddaughter of Holocaust survivors.

Malkin consulted with local jurisdictions on the creation and implementation of **COVID Emergency Renter Assistance Programs**. She continues to advocate for such programs to be made permanent as a critical tool in preventing homelessness. She is on the **Board of Directors** of the non-profit **Housing Resource Center of Monterey County** as well as a board member of the California Democratic Renters Council representing the Central Coast region. She has a **BA in Business & Marketing** from **Florida State University**.  
**Janet Brennan**

## ★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JANUARY 2022 ★

**T**he New Year gives us a welcome opportunity to take stock of our achievements and even more importantly, to ponder our aspirations. This is true in our personal lives and for organizations such as The League as well. Though the League operates on fiscal year that begins July 1, we start our annual planning process early in the calendar year as we prepare for our **February Program Planning** meeting.



At this annual meeting the LWVMC Board and membership decide which policy areas our local League will emphasize in the next year. These recommendations are brought before the entire membership for a vote at the annual membership meeting, usually held in May. Additionally, in alternating years our program planning meeting considers what issues we would like the **National League** (even years) and **State League** (odd years) to emphasize. These recommendations



flow into the deliberations held at the National and State conventions.

Our current areas of emphasis, approved in May 2021, are **countywide water issues, affordable housing, and criminal justice reform** at the local level. We have also undertaken to **relate climate change to our local positions in all areas where it is relevant**. Should we retain these areas of emphasis or is it time to tackle something different?

Please join us on the morning of **Monday, February 7**, to discuss proposed areas of emphasis for 2022-23. We would like to see (and hear) much broader participation at this meeting—it's a great opportunity for our well-informed and wonderfully opinionated members to share their thoughts!



As in life, so in League work—we do not entirely set our own agenda. This is especially true with respect to voter service.



gear up for the **November 2022** election when Californians will choose state legislators, members of Congress and a governor.

This year we had to respond on short notice to voters needs with regard to the Gubernatorial recall election. We are also expending many, many hours as observers of the decennial redistricting process. Next fall we will

**A New Year's toast of thanks to our wonderful members for a successful 2021!** Whatever your plans and resolutions for 2022, I hope you'll include League participation on the list.  
**Marianne Gawain**

## ★ ★ ★ UPDATE ON REDISTRICTING IN ACTION ★ ★ ★

**W**hile many League members have taken time off LWV for the holidays, the **Redistricting Committee** has attended meetings by Zoom for many Monterey County entities. None of us realized how much time and how many meetings would be involved in the effort to find agreeable district boundaries.

While some districts have made only minor changes to district lines, others have had contentious talks about what is fair, what is the least disruptive and what best follows the numerous guidelines set by the state of California.



data. They led discussions, presented current maps and made some suggestions for necessary adjustments. Aerial maps and census blocks also took some guidance to decipher. Interested citizens from the communities affected have also given their input.

At the end of the redistricting process, the LWV committee hopes to commend those entities who have communicated regularly and clearly with the public, listened to community feedback and taken a fair-minded leadership role.

Thanks to **Howard Fosler, Marianne Gawain, Arlene Guest, Bev Kreps, Dennis Mar, Sharon Miller, Konny Murray, Tama Olver, George Riley** and student member, **Juliet Oliver**, who have participated in meetings and written observations. In addition, we had monthly committee meetings to share ideas and plan strategies. **Arlene Guest** has provided much needed technical help in understanding line changes and analyzing computer data.

**State and county maps should have been finalized in December, but schools, cities and other local agencies will continue into 2022.**

Most of the districts have hired professional help in analyzing population totals and other demographic

The League always has the interests of the voter and participation in government as our concern. ***This has been a strenuous but crucial task as current district boundaries will influence civic life for the next decade.***

**Bev Kreps**

**Redistricting Meeting  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022**

**★ Thanks for all your hard work,  
but it's not quite over yet! ★**

Please contact either of us to let us know if you can attend or not.

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## LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: MIBS MCCARTHY



**M**ibs McCarthy first started attending LWVMC luncheons in the mid-1990's, accompanied by the late **Darby Worth**, the woman she calls her *"friend and mentor."* When she moved to **Carmel Valley** in 2005, Mibs says, *"I wanted to be an activist like Darby. She started introducing me to people and taking me places. One of those places was the League's luncheons. I admired that the League was all about educating people on issues, and I think I joined around 2007."*



Named Mary Elizabeth at birth, she's been known as Mibs since she was a young child. Mibs grew up in **San Francisco** and **Oakland** and went to **UC Berkeley**. *"I have a bachelor's degree in biology and a teaching credential. I didn't really want to be a teacher, but I worked to put my first husband through his PhD and had a child."* After the marriage broke up, she went to **graduate school in journalism** at the **University of Missouri**, but says she never really used that degree.

Mibs met her second husband, **Joe McCarthy**, in Missouri. *"We lived there for 18 years,"* she recalls. *"We owned the tennis club there and I'm still an avid tennis player."* But living in Missouri was never Mibs' dream. She and Joe moved to California in 1989, when he decided to go to law school in San Francisco. Mibs returned to teaching middle school science in Oakland. *"I had great ambitions, but felt I was mostly classroom managing,"* she recalls. *"I took the kids on field trips to the **Exploratorium**, the **Academy of Sciences** in San Francisco and the **Yosemite Institute**, which were all a treat."*



Mibs says she knew at the age of 18 that she wanted to retire in Carmel Valley. So after Joe graduated from law school, she switched to a teaching job in **San Jose** and they bought their

first house in **Prunedale**. Shortly after that, she taught in **Salinas** for another three years before retiring and going to work for Joe, handling the office management for his practice, which specializes in construction law.

Since moving to this area, Mibs has been very active in a number of organizations. She's a longtime member of the **Unitarian Universalist**



**Church of the Monterey Peninsula**, where she serves as **Chair of the Social Justice Committee**, is starting a new **Environmental Justice Committee**, sings in the choir and served on the **Board of Directors**. She is a **former President of the Carmel Valley Association** and now serves as its **Treasurer**. She's also on the **Board of the Monterey County ACLU**. She joined the ACLU while working on **marriage equality** for the UU Church. And thanks to Darby Worth, Mibs met **George Riley** and learned about local water issues, and she's now **Treasurer of Public Water Now**. In addition, she's an alternate on the **Democratic Central Committee**.

When she has time to relax from all her commitments, Mibs says she plays tennis and pickle ball. *"I'm very lucky to have the life I have,"* she says. *"I live on the side of beautiful **Garland Park** and I have so many good friends."* One particularly memorable event last July 1st was Mibs' 80th birthday celebration. *"Sixteen friends came with me to Mendocino to celebrate, from as far away as Georgia, Utah, Oregon and Mexico."*



When asked what goals she would like to see our League chapter work on going forward, Mibs mentioned *"climate change and public water, for sure. But I'm also very concerned about affordable housing around here, so the people who work here can afford to live here."*

Over all, Mibs McCarthy agrees that our League does a great job of educating people about and promoting the issues vital to our community.

Nancy Baker Jacobs

## "CHANGING VALUES FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY"

**F**orty-five people, including elected officials and decision-makers, Zoomed in to our November 10 General Meeting panel on *"Changing Values for Community Safety."* Pacific Grove Police Chief Cathy Madalone, Marina Police Chief Tina Nieto, and Monterey County DA Jeannine Pacioni responded candidly to tough questions about law enforcement posed by Dennis Mar, based on submissions solicited from LWV members and the wider community.

Among the numerous topics covered were transparency and trust, collaboration with social agencies, qualified immunity, "bad apples", cooperation among law enforcement entities, bail reform, social justice, and drones. Our panelists were grateful for having an opportunity to interact with our engaged community, and several who attendees said how much they had learned



## LWVMC WEBSITE COORDINATOR WANTED

Update website calendar, post official letters (provided by President), videos of monthly General Meetings (produced by our Videographer), and monthly newsletter (published by our Newsletter Editor). About two hours a month.

On-the-job guidance provided.

Bob Evans, LWVMryCo@gmail.com

and now felt more comfortable contacting these law enforcement officials on their own.

This informative session is now at [lwvmryco.org](http://lwvmryco.org) under "Luncheon Videos" (due to COVID we have suspended in-person lunches and speakers until further notice).

The League hopes to continue this conversation in the future with a panel of other Monterey County stake-holders. Contact me with suggestions for another Criminal Justice Reform topic and panelists.

Sharon Miller

## ★★ WHY I JOINED THE LEAGUE: YORK STUDENT MEMBERS CLASS OF 2022 ★★

*"I believe it is our ethical responsibility to look after our brothers and sisters with whom we share the world. Likewise, I decided to join this redistricting effort and the League of Women Voters to help promote equity for marginalized communities."*

Kurrun Sethi



*"When I volunteered for the League over the summer, I felt great satisfaction and a new sense of empowerment about my place in the political system. It is a joy to be an official member of the League and am proud of and grateful for my classmates who have joined with me."*

Juliet Oliver



*"As someone hoping to avoid extreme political conflict, it is one of my interests to maintain the civility and proper function of the government by preserving an honest voting system. The York Redistricting Project and League of Women Voters not only helps me address this life-long goal, but allows a forum to do so together with like-minded peers."* Heather Galinato





## Join the League of Women Voters of Monterey County



### FREE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Students may join LWVMRYCO  
via website without paying membership fees.

### New Members Wanted!

Any person age 16 or older,  
may be a member of the League.

Use the form below or contact:

LWVMC Membership Director

Mail to LWVMryCo PO Box 1995

Monterey, CA 93942

Checks payable to LWVMC or  
online with credit card or PayPal

### Membership Levels

- ☐ \$250+ **Carrie Chapman Catt**
- ☐ \$200 **Sojourner Truth**
- ☐ \$150 **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**
- ☐ \$100 **Susan B. Anthony**
- ☐ \$ 95 **Household (2 persons, 1 address)**
- ☐ \$ 65 **Single membership**
- ☐ \$ 0 **Student (16-24 years, enrolled in  
a diploma or degree program)**

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### Florence Curlee Scholarships

are available to pay **household or single  
membership fees**. Contact:

**Janet Brennan**, [Brennan\\_Janet@comcast.net](mailto:Brennan_Janet@comcast.net)

Membership dues & contributions to LWVMryCo  
are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the  
Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund.

**However, donations to the League  
of Women Voters of California  
Education Fund (LWVCEF)  
are tax deductible.**

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### Welcome New Members

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### Welcome New Student Members

**Frances Cardinale**

**Annie Barclay Lin**

**Juliet Oliver**

**Hannah Stackpole**

### Thank You to Our Generous Donors

#### LWVMC General Fund

**Marjorie Atkinson \$65**

**Mi Ra Park \$35**

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## VOTER SERVICE DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR SALINAS VALLEY!



Our League is fully committed to **diversity,  
equity, and inclusion** in principle and in  
practice. We need **stronger outreach to  
Salinas Valley voters** to engage individuals,  
communities and policy makers in fostering  
justice and a more perfect democracy.

**A part-time but crucial job:**

organize candidate and Pro & Con forums,  
encourage voters to register, participate in  
elections, and vote! Mentoring provided.

Contact: **Bob Evans** or **Marianne Gawain**,  
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# LWV CALIFORNIA ADOPT MISSION/VISION/VALUES STATEMENT OF LWVUS

The LWVC and many local Leagues already informally use the Mission in communications so it is familiar:

## **Empowering Voters! Defending Democracy!**

(<https://lwvc.org/about-lwvc/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-principles-vision>). It makes sense for our League to align our statement with that of our national organization. It is a pithy explanation of our 100 year old organization, and we hope to update our Mission Statement in this New year accordingly.



What's NEW at  
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## **Find Us on Facebook**

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On any page on the LWV Monterey County website, scroll down to the bottom and click on the Facebook logo and the next thing you will see is our League's Facebook page.

**Bob Evans**



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**LWVMryCo Calendar 2022**



★ **JANUARY** ★

★ **FEBRUARY** ★

**NOTE: All meetings are held online via Zoom unless otherwise specified**

**LWVMC Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 3rd January, 11:30am**  
Board Members will be  
sent link/instructions  
contact: Marianne Gawain,  
[CaliforniaWag@gmail.com](mailto:CaliforniaWag@gmail.com)

**Redistricting Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 5th January, 12 noon**  
contact: Bev Kreps or Sharon McClane

**LWVMC General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 12th January, 12 noon**  
**"Affordable Housing:  
Now and its Future"**  
(see front page for details)  
contact: Janet Brennan

**Natural Resources Committee**  
**Thursday, 13th January, 12 noon**  
contact: George Riley

**LWVMC Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 7th February, 11:30am**  
followed immediately by  
**Program Planning Meeting**  
Board Members will be  
sent link/instructions  
contact: Marianne Gawain

**LWVMC General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 9th February, 12 noon**  
**"How Monterey County Benefits from  
Infrastructure Bills"**  
**TOPIC & SPEAKERS TO BE CONFIRMED**  
Contact: Janet Brennan

**Natural Resources Committee Meeting**  
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