

The Voter THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

Empowering voters, defending democracy May 2025 Jary Stavely and Dorine Real, Editors

6:00 pm

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to join

May 1 (Thursday)

May Day Protests

Latco birthday party

May 10 (Sat.) 5 - 8

May 20 (Tuesday)

June 8 (Sunday)

Save the date ...

June 17-20

Fire Safety Open House

May 2 (Friday)

May 3 (Saturday)

by Jary Stavely and Peter McNamee

State and Local Budgeting Zoom from home facing.

In these times of uncertainty over federal funding, local governments face tough decisions preparing budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Please join the

Tuesday May 20

Mendocino County League of Women Voters at our next general meeting, May 20 at 6pm on Zoom, as we discuss the budget issues facing our local governments. Dorine Real, Peter McNamee, Jary Stavely, and Charlene McAllister will present details about budget decisions which the state, the county, and our four cities are Mendocino County cities and county government rely heavily on Federal and State funding to balance their budgets. But this year, Congress proposes cutting core domestic spending on social services, youth & education, national parks, and Medicaid, in order to offset increased costs for Trump administration initiatives. At the same time, the Trump administration has imposed tariffs on imports, triggering an economic downturn and depressing California's tax revenue collections. As part of a series of listening sessions, Mendocino County officials met with coastal residents on April 15 in Fort Bragg to receive public input on priorities the Board of Supervisors should adopt in their budget considerations.

On April 24, the Supes approved a voluntary separation incentive program (VSIP) to cut county personnel costs, redirected discretionary county funds, and implemented a host of budget tightening measures, to reduce the estimated fiscal year 25/26 budget shortfall of \$17M to \$2.6M. But until more is known about the extent of pending Federal and State funding reductions, the true extent of local government budget deficits will not be clear. Next month the Governor will submit a new revised budget to the legislature with updated revenue and expenditure projections. Because of anticipated increases in health care program costs, expenditures and tax losses related to the LA wildfires,

and cuts to Federal funds the state normally receives, budget experts are predicting more bad news for state and local government finances. Similarly, Congress is debating the Federal budget and has signaled big reductions to domestic spending, impacting state and local governments nationwide.

the public can exercise its responsibility to engage with elected officials in

Questions and discussion will be encouraged at this informational meeting, so that important decisions which affect us all. This session could give participants an enhanced ability to help make democracy work. A link for participating on Zoom is in the accompanying sidebar.

In this issue ... Calendar 5:00 - 6:30 Main @ Town Hall, FB State and Local Budgeting League Annual Meeting Federal Judiciary Study Larry Spring Museum **Hands Off Protests** Legislator Holds Town Hall **Upcoming Events** Local League Leader Speaks Out Local News Items California League Updates

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12:15 - 12:45 Alex Thomas Plaza, Ukiah 5 - 7 pm 9 - 2 Elk Community Center

May 7 (Wednesday) 11 - 2 Mendocino College, Ukiah Health and Wellness Fair Engel & Volkers office, Mendocino Children's Art Show & Sale 6 pm Zoom **LWVMC Information** Member meeting: State and Local Budgeting Links 11 am Caspar Community Center Click these entries to jump to the

LWVMC Annual Meeting Zoom **League board meetings** are Pre-convention workshops and events always open to the public. League Zoom June 21-22 (Saturday/Sunday) members and other interested folks LWVC Convention are cordially invited to tune in and learn how the board operates. The The public is welcome at these LWVMC and community next one will be held on May 13 at 6 events. Please invite your friends and neighbors. pm on Zoom.

> future programs and activities in a convivial atmosphere. For the business part of the meeting, the contents of the Annual Meeting packet (sent separately) will be helpful—you may want to download it on your phone or tablet to bring along, or print a paper copy to have at hand. A copy of the packet will also be found online. The nominating committee has found some new faces and duties for officers, directors, and committee chairs. This will be a great opportunity to be In League in person. Members are invited to bring a salad, appetizer, or dessert to share. Coffee, tea, and soup will be provided, the latter courtesy of the Westport Hotel. The Annual

The Annual Meeting of the Mendocino County League of Women Voters will be held at the Caspar Community Center on Sunday, June 8th at 11am. All members and friends are cordially invited to congregate in person, to enjoy lunch, to elect officers and directors, to approve the next fiscal year's budget, and to consider

Meeting will be a good opportunity to meet and mingle with new and old League friends. Be sure to come to Caspar to take care of business, and help guide the League in 2025–26. Please RSVP to voter@mcn.org, so that we can plan for the number of hungry people we will be serving!

League's Annual Meeting: June 8th

Mendocino League works on Federal Judiciary Study On April 1, the Mendocino County League held a Zoom meeting to complete its input to the U.S. League's Federal Judiciary Study. The results of the nationwide effort will be compiled, and reviewed by the LWVUS in June, resulting in a national position which, when published, could be the basis for the League to support or oppose proposals like the following, endorsed by the People for the American Way:

"The Tenure Establishment and Retirement Modernization (TERM) Act,

introduced by Rep. Hank Johnson (GA-04), would, a) establish 18-year terms for Supreme Court justices, after which justices assume senior status; b) require that a

On April 5, a crowd estimated at more than 1500 people turned out along North Main St. in Fort Bragg, as part of a nationwide protest against many actions of the Trump administration. The "Hands Off" event was organized by Indivisible, and

interviewed in a video clip published by Mendocino TV, in which she is flanked by board members Pat Dunbar and Jary Stavely. An article in the Mendocino

Indivisible Mendocino has since sponsored weekly Saturday protests in front of

the Guest House in Fort Bragg, which are expected to continue. On May 1 Indivisible Ukiah will rally at Alex Thomas plaza, from 12:15–12:45, and

Indivisible Mendocino will gather in Fort Bragg from 5–6:30.

endorsed by the U.S. League. Local President Charlene McAllister was

new justice be appointed every two years, in the first and third years following a presidential election; and c) ensure continuity by having senior justices fill in if the number of active justices drops below nine. The TERM Act maintains constitutional life tenure by allowing justices to retain their judicial office in a senior capacity – a system already used for lower federal courts and upheld by the Supreme Court itself. Senior justices would keep their judicial offices and salary, but they would have lighter and different duties (such as serving on circuit court panels or, as noted above, filling in on the Supreme Court when there are fewer than nine active justices). Under this reform, Justice Clarence Thomas, the longest-serving current justice, would be the first to assume senior status once a new justice is appointed." Once the position is finalized, we will publish it in the *Voter*, and share the recording of our meeting. Hands Off Protests

Legislator Holds Town Hall for Mendocino Coast residents

Voice covered the protests across the county.

Assembly member Chris Rogers at Caspar town hall event. Photo, KZYX More than 100 people attended a Town Hall with recently elected Assemblymember Chris Rogers on April 27 at the Caspar Community Center. The Grassroots Institute and the Mendocino League of Women Voters sponsored the event, at which audience members posed questions on 4 x 6 file cards for the elected official. League President Charlene McAllister introduced Mr. Rogers. After giving a brief recap of his career as an elected official, and his first four

up and added chairs for the public.

It was recorded ...

Town Hall.

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Join the party to

Ballet Folklorica

dancers will

demonstrate

their talent

celebrate 10 years of

"Ask Cristal and Luz"

Bring your questions about city government or the FBUSD school board

to these community

leaders

Sydney Grange and Jess Green will represent the Mendocino County League at a Health & Wellness Fair being held at Mendocino College on

May 7 (Details on the flyer)

RAFFLE/POP-UPBOUTIQUE/SNACKS FOR SALE

DJ KB

spin the

Support to start

MEGOCIOS WEST

and grow your

business

CRAFTS FOR KIDS

the Latino Coalition!

Voter readers may view the Zoom recording

KZYX news director Elise Cox covered the

months in the legislature, he responded to a wide range of questions for over an hour and a half. Pat Dunbar posed the questions, which were gathered from the audience by Cindy Plank and Morning Nichols, and organized with the help of Paula Cohen. Peter McNamee (who largely organized the event) operated the sound system, while Donne Brownsey, Sandy Turner, and other GRI members set

The Assemblymember serves on the State Assembly

Committee, the Communications & Conveyance

Budget Subcommittee that reviews and approves Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy, and Transportation legislation;

he also serves on the State Assembly Utilities and Energy

Committee, the Transportation Committee, and the Water,

La Coalición Latina

birthday.

will celebrate its tenth

Parks and Wildlife Committee. Assembly District #2, It's also available, in full, on the KZYX News which he represents, has more tribal nations than any other podcast; in the continental U.S. His remarks covered a broad range or you can download the MP3. of topics, from Governor Newsom's initial budget and its upcoming May Revise, to his personal connection to a Dreamer who cannot return to the only home he has ever known in the USA. He demonstrated intimate knowledge about problems of fire insurance, healthcare, hospital retrofits (he supports legislation allowing different rules for small, single story structures like the one in Fort Bragg, as opposed to multistory urban ones), broadband, fishing, housing, the CPUC, school lunch programs, climate resiliency, and California's Carbon Cap & Trade program. **Upcoming Events**

> First Friday 5:00 ~ 7:00

Larry Spring Museum

Spring Commons

225 East Redwood

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Blue Zones

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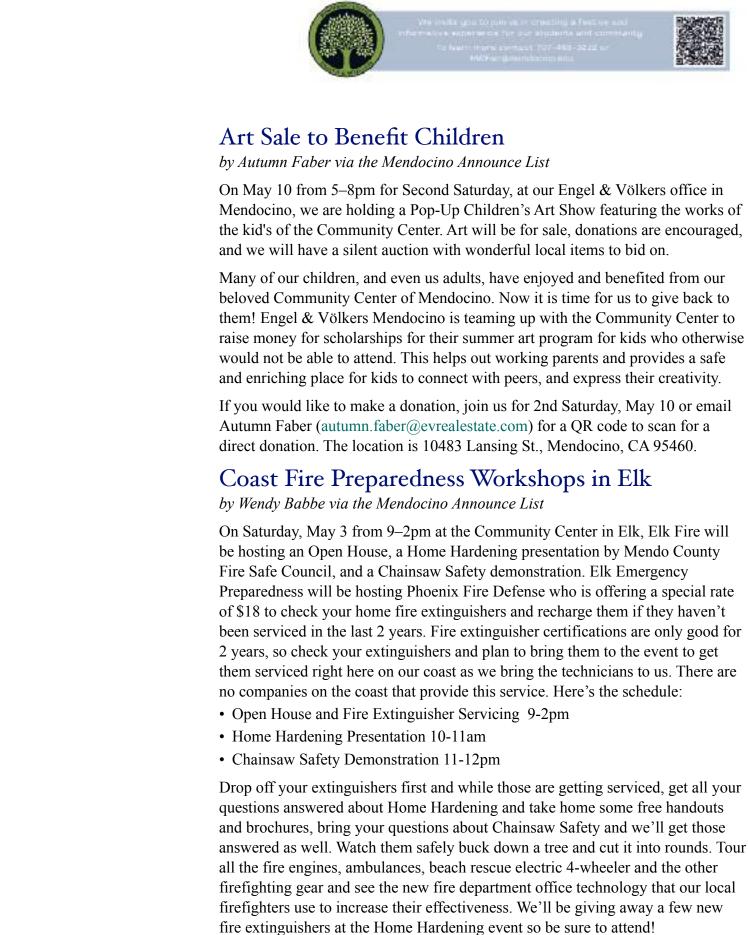
Backyard at the

Fort Bragg

Know Your Rights Info tie-dye bags rom Miranda Ramos oject H.E.R.E. Latino Outdoors Headlands earn Celebrate Environmental about all our LatCo Remediation the best scholarship local trails Education winners on the MillSite Clean-up

MENDOCINO COLLEGE HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR Creating a strong, healthy campus community

> MAY 7, 2025 11:00AM - 2:00PM MENDOCINO COLLEGE, POMO PLAZA UKIAH CAMPUS



Local League Leader Speaks Out

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Local News

On April 17 Mendocino League President Charlene McAllister spoke on KZYX concerning the implications of the SAVE Act currently under consideration in

Corporations & Democracy. To listen to her remarks, go the KZYX archives, and

Washington. She was interviewed by Steve Scalmanini on the program

scroll down to April 17, 7 pm. The segment begins 3:50 into the recording.

Last month she also submitted an op-ed to county newspapers concerning the status of "Many Americans expected change and some upheaval when Donald Trump began his second term as president. Each new president will of course attempt to shape the country into his or her vision of what it should be, and candidate Trump was very clear about his intentions to do things differently. Change is what the voters wanted and change was the reason he was voted back into the White House. "We at the League of Women Voters respect the voters' decision in 2024. However, as an organization whose mission is the preservation of our democratic system, we believe that many of the new administration's aggressive actions are indeed threats to the democracy we cherish. While many of the changes Mr. Trump wants could have been done through the legislative process, respecting the system of checks and balances, instead the administration has chosen to unilaterally begin dismantling our governmental institutions and norms through executive orders. This shock-and-awe approach has been quick, but ignores the rule of law. This leaves only the judicial system between our democracy and an "The recent executive order "Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections" especially hits home for the League of Women Voters. 'Let's keep it real: this order is not about protecting elections; it is about making it harder for voters — particularly women voters — to participate in them,' said Celina Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of the League of Women Voters of the United States. 'This executive order is an assault on our republic and a dangerous attempt

to silence American voters. The President continues to overstep his authority and brazenly disregard settled law in this country. To be very clear — the League of

an announcement from the City of Fort

The City of Fort Bragg is officially gearing up to break ground on its transformative Municipal Broadband Utility Project, a bold initiative that will bring fast, reliable, and affordable

fiber internet to every home and business within city limits. As early construction activities begin, residents will notice temporary paint markings on streets identifying underground

utilities.

"LWV Mendocino County will do all we can right here in our community to defend democracy and to ensure that voting rights are protected. As a show of strength and solidarity we will join the Hands Off! Protest being organized by

Women Voters is prepared to fight back and defend our democracy.'

Indivisible for April 5 in Fort Bragg, Ukiah, and Pt. Arena. "

Landline Telephone Service Threatened?

According to a message from The Utility Reform Network (TURN), new

in Caspar, Assemblymember Chris Rogers said that he would be voting in committee on the proposal, AB470, on April 30. At that time, he said he was against it, based on what he knew then. TURN's call to action is online.

Drought Resilience Plan Reaching Final Stages

than normal water years, the plan identifies long-term mitigation actions to

actions that would be triggered either Countywide or regionally (coastal and inland) at moderate and severe stages of drought." The draft plan is available

GRI Launches New Projects

More information may be found on the GRI website.

Engineers press release is available online.

Coastal Commission:

Inland County Water Development

online.

prepare for future droughts. The DRP also outlines a range of emergency response

In April the Grassroots Institute announced the formation of a new workgroup and

alternating Saturdays at the Mendocino College Coast Campus and also on Zoom.

a new college-level course. The Pro-Democracy Work Group was formed to promote democratic institutions at the local level. It meets on alternating Sundays from 3-5 via Zoom. Email Jess Green (jessgreen444@outlook.com) for details. The class is entitled People Power Over Money Power, and is being held on

On April 11, officials from Mendocino County Inland Water and Power

Commission, the Lytton Rancheria of California, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers gathered to sign what is referred to as a feasibility cost sharing

risk in the Russian River watershed. Among the possibilities to be studied is raising the height of the Coyote Valley Dam, which impounds water in Lake Mendocino. Such improvements may be crucial in reaching the "two basin

New Noyo Headlands Zoning Approved

agreement, which will investigate ways to increase water supply and reduce flood

solution" for the proposed removal of dams on the upper Eel River. The Corps of

A press release from the City of Fort Bragg summarizes an April decision by the

The California Coastal Commission has unanimously approved the City of Fort Bragg's Local Coastal Program (LCP) amendment, rezoning approximately one-

A draft of the Mendocino County Drought Resilience Plan has been released, and after public comment has been processed, will be considered by the Board of Supervisors at its May 20 meeting. As discussed at a previous GRI LCP Update Review meeting, "the Drought Resilience Plan finds that 84% of domestic wells and 93% of state small water systems are at high risk of being impacted by water shortages and droughts, underscoring the importance of preparing for drought in Mendocino County," according to a county press release. "For normal and wetter

legislation could allow AT&T to abandon certain landlines, despite the state utility commission's recent turndown of their request to do so. At his recent Town Hall

Broadband Service to Expand

third of the former Georgia-Pacific Mill Site. This important action formalizes existing land uses on the Coastal Trail property and land held by the Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians, while also supporting both current and future development of the Noyo Center for Marine Science. "This is a significant milestone in advancing our shared vision for the Headlands," said Fort Bragg City Manager Isaac Whippy. "The Coastal Commission's approval not only strengthens our partnerships but also reaffirms the City's deep commitment to public access, environmental stewardship, and honoring the enduring Tribal connection to these lands. I want to sincerely thank our dedicated City staff, the City Council, and Marie Jones for their leadership and persistence—this achievement is a direct result of their collective effort and unwavering commitment. "The rezoning of Area C establishes updated land use designations—Parks and Recreation, Public Facilities, and Residential—to better reflect current community uses and support long-term goals for coastal conservation, cultural recognition, and science education. While much work remains on the remainder of the Mill Site, this step lays the groundwork for continued collaboration and meaningful community progress." Logging Proposed for JDSF The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) is concerned that a new

> timber harvest plan has been proposed for the Jackson Demonstration State Forest, in spite of the recent agreement not to proceed with new ones until a new

Forest Management Plan incorporating community concerns and tribal co-

The 70th State Convention of the LWVC will be held on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22, 2025. The general sessions on those days begin at 9 am and are scheduled to end at 4 pm. Workshops and special events are scheduled from

Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20, on Zoom. Attendance at Convention is

public to come learn about the League. We ask that you extend invitations to your

participation in civic life. Come meet passionate people from across the state who

activities, and more on our site. This site is updated as plans take shape, so please check it frequently. Registration is now open! Please visit the registration page to register and view the schedule. The registration rate for delegates is \$75 per person, while nonvoting attendees may observe the general sessions, and

participate in workshops and other events at a flat-fee registration rate of \$30 per

citizenship requirements on voters, but Deputy Director Dora Rose debunked the author's false claims of voter fraud: "The bottom line here is that California's elections are already secure. We've got signature comparison. We've got ID

verification during registration. We've got real time voter roll maintenance. We've got serious criminal consequences for people who do break the law. The idea that voter fraud is a widespread problem has been debunked time and again by courts, by studies, by academics, and by elections officials across the country. AB 25, in fact, mirrors a national coordinated campaign led by the Trump Administration to restrict voting rights under the false flag of election integrity. Americans have fought long and hard to overcome our sordid history of voter suppression. We cannot go backwards, and we should not - we must not - build policy on a bed of

Dora Rose is the introductory speaker in a one-and-a-half hour long video about Strategies to Promote Engagement & Representation to increase participation in democracy. This event featured a panel of distinguished experts in research and

participation, especially addressing the persistent participation gap among youth and voters of color as compared to the older, non-Hispanic white population in California. Our panelists proposed actionable solutions that can be implemented

highlighted during the webinar is AB 868 (Carrillo). With historically low primary election turnout in our state, this bill, co-sponsored by the LWVC, would ensure that county contests are included on the General Election (November) ballot and would also allow for the primary election to be skipped when only two candidates file, preventing unnecessary elections. The LWVC is co-sponsoring this important legislation alongside Common Cause California, Initiate Justice, Initiate Justice

The LWVC filed a motion to intervene against an alarming lawsuit filed by Rep.

disenfranchise voters by seeking to block the counting of mail ballots received

At a time when inclusion and democracy are under attack by efforts to dismantle DEI and LGBTQIA protections under the Trump administration, we need to stand with the communities that make our democracy stronger. We're hosting Drag for

Democracy - Virtual Bingo Extravaganza, a joyful one-hour virtual bingo celebrating the power of an inclusive democracy where every voice matters. While Drag for Democracy is loads of fun, it is also a serious statement. Across

the country, we're seeing attempts to roll back hard-won protections for

LGBTQIA people, gut diversity initiatives in our schools and workplaces, and silence the very voices that keep our communities vibrant and our democracy thriving. While it may seem like bingo is an odd way to celebrate democracy, it is in fact a beautiful way to elevate voices and send a clear message: we will not let anyone erase our right to be who we are, and we will not back down on our fight for justice and belonging. Drag for Democracy takes place on Mother's Day weekend, Saturday, May 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Whether you're celebrating with moms, chosen family, or carving out a little me time, this is the perfect way to lift your spirits and show your support, so grab your bingo cards, pour your

Darrell Issa. Our Intervention demonstrates that this lawsuit threatens to

after Election Day. Read more about the lawsuit and our response.

community engagement who delved into the ongoing challenges of voter

at both the local and state levels to address this issue. One key solution

open to everyone; we encourage all members to attend and are eager for the

friends and contacts. LWVC meets every other year to conduct business as outlined by the bylaws. But just as important, the purpose of Convention is to

are making democracy work! Read about the schedule, workshops, special

inspire and empower Californians to increase their active and informed

Opposition to Assembly Bill 25 (DeMaio)

California's Voter Participation Gap

Action, and Inland Empire United.

Mail-in Ballots

Bingo Fundraiser

The proposed legislation would have imposed strict voter ID and proof of

leadership is officially adopted. EPIC's alert can be found online.

California League Updates

June Convention

favorite beverage, and get ready to cheer, laugh, and maybe even win some fabulous prizes. Get your tickets now, only \$35. U.S. League declares a Constitutional Crisis On April 17, Celina Stewart, CEO of the League of Women Voters, and Dianna Wynn, president of the League of Women Voters, released the following statement: "It has now been 87 days since the start of the Trump administration. From the

> unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, limited access to comprehensive healthcare, attacks on the LGBTQIA+ community, and more. In an incredible victory in January, President Biden released a White House statement affirming that the ERA is the 28th Amendment to the US Constitution and the law of the land. This is largely thanks to advocacy by the League, our partners, and people like you. The Equal Rights Amendment is fully ratified and has been affirmed by a US President. The federal government must uphold the Constitution and recognize our 28th Amendment now. Voices like yours got us this far in the fight. Add your name to the petition to demand that the government recognize the ERA as the 28th Amendment. Equality and democracy depend on it. The SAVE Act In April, the US House passed the SAVE Act, dangerous anti-voter legislation that would create more barriers to voter registration for more people. Following the

House vote, we issued a statement strongly opposing this legislation and calling on the Senate to protect American voters by rejecting this bill. With Congress in recess and many senators back in their home districts, now is the perfect time to reach out and urge them to vote no on the SAVE Act. Use our action alert to send your senator a message now. I encourage you to check out our congressional recess guide for templates and tools to turn up the heat on your members of

The Wisconsin League joined other civil liberties organizations to issue a

statement of concern after the arrest of Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Hannah Dugan by federal agents at the courthouse. In part the statement declares, "The

Newshour the next day. On a side note, coastal resident Notty Bumbo posted on the Mendocino Announce List the next week, "Sales of the U.S. Constitution have skyrocketed, prompting publishers to scramble to print more copies to keep up with demand. By mid-April, combined sales of the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, and the Federalist Papers hit 162,000 copies — nearly triple last year's numbers and the highest since tracking began in 2004. This spike isn't just patriotic nostalgia; it's a direct response to the constitutional crisis sparked by Trump's overreach. Americans are racing to brush up on the rulebook he's so

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is an amendment to the US Constitution that protects the equality of rights under the law regardless of sex. The ERA has met all ratification requirements and been recognized by the executive branch, yet has not been published in the Constitution. The federal government's failure to acknowledge this duly ratified amendment prevents true equality and threatens the integrity of our democracy. The ERA will give the courts greater power to fight sex-based discrimination, protect against the rollback of rights, and pave the way for progress towards sex and gender equality. It is a vital tool in the fights against

territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations. Contact LWVMC By mail: P.O. Box 1128, Fort Bragg CA 95437 By email: voter@mcn.org Message phone: (707) 937-4952 Our website: lwvmendo.org Our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LWVMendo1

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

voluntarily-resign-in-wake-of-budget-shortfalls/ Protests: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHgUmkUEC8w; Rogers event: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ town-hall;

recording) epic.salsalabs.org/jdsf-logging/index.html (JDSF) 105184300/537622848/-1021947810?rlkey=dk2jj6xwofjmntz32n226bdxs LWVC: https://www.eventcreate.com/e/dragfordemocracy

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flagrant disregard for congressional authority and governmental checks and balances to defying Supreme Court orders to bring Kilmar Abrego Garcia back home, one thing is abundantly clear: our country is in a constitutional crisis. We the people must fight back. That is why the League of Women Voters is launching a powerful new initiative, Unite and Rise 8.5. "Unite and Rise 8.5 will engage and mobilize 8.5 million voters between now and November 2026 to protect and preserve our democratic institutions. The foundational principles that have sustained our democracy — checks and balances, the rule of law, free and fair elections — are under direct and sustained threat. In this extraordinary moment, we cannot proceed with business as usual. All Americans — no matter who you voted for in 2024 — need to come together, stand united, and fight back to save our democracy. We cannot afford to fail the generations to come. "Starting May 1, the League will launch the Unite and Rise 8.5 initiative, which aims to mobilize 8.5 million voters using the power of voter engagement as a cornerstone of our democracy. Unite and Rise 8.5 will showcase the many ways voters can drive change, including through advocacy, mobilization, civic education, and engagement. The initiative is part of LWV's Women Defend Democracy campaign." David Brooks and Jonathan Capehart discussed the statement on the PBS

willingly ignoring."

ERA

Congress.

Land Acknowledgement

Arrest of Wisconsin Judge

LWVUS News

manner of Judge Dugan's arrest is unacceptable. The arrest of a sitting judge in the middle of a courthouse, creating headlines and fueling questions, raises serious concerns about the overreach of the President's administration and the threat our democracy faces. Judges must be free to uphold justice without concern of retaliation or intimidation. That is why we have checks and balances and separation of powers. Our courts must remain places where all people, including immigrants, feel safe to seek justice." The full statement may be found online. Anti-Voter Executive Order Blocked On April 24, a federal court judge issued a ruling in League of Women Voters et. al. v. Trump et. al., temporarily blocking the US Election Assistance Commission (EAC) from implementing a provision in the President's executive order adding a requirement to show a passport or similar document proving citizenship when registering to vote via the federal form. While the case proceeds, this injunction preserves the status quo where would-be-voters already affirm under penalty of perjury that they are US citizens on the federal form. The League's complete response is here. [See also Charlene's comments]

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-

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

telling and reconciliation efforts; and to remind ourselves that colonization is still

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lulac-v-executive-office-president;(EO ruling)

Crisis: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/brooks-and-capehart-on-trumps-faceoff-with-the-courts LWVUS: https://www.lwv.org/take-action/add-your-name-demand-equal-rights(ERA): https:// Tc7166f63-2a53-4d31-b5d8-db8974342708/34be5bff-59c8-45df-bf3a-672b9216f0c7 (Recess Guide); https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/joint-statement-wisconsin-voting-rights-and-civil-libertiesorganizations-arrest-judge (judge arrest); https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2025-04/2025-04-24-Opinion.pdf, https://www.lwv.org/legal-center/league-women-voters-education-fund-v-trump-now-

NQl; https://www.kzyx.org/2025-04-27/caspar-community-center-packed-for-assemblymember-rogersdepartments/water-agency/drought-water-conservation/drought-resilience-plan (drought plan); https:// bf3a-672b9216f0c7, https://default.salsalabs.org/Tf02c26e7-da13-4817-9963-090f5dcc155b/

County budget: https://mendovoice.com/2025/04/mendocino-county-offering-employees-up-to-25000-tomK 9GukVLuvLCOWPxkSVye 1Jxj5zp679BdOixyEo50pbIiVwpMQwsTn-9cwjA5J.Xuvslyyw4fsnT McAllister: https://jukebox.kzyx.org/ (scroll down to April 17, 7 pm. The segment begins 3:50 into the Local news: https://www.city.fortbragg.com/home/showpublisheddocument/6603/638809075479830000 (broadband); https://www.turn.org/savelandlines (landlines); https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/ LWVC convention: https://lwvc.org/convention; https://lwvc.org/conv25-schedule-registration/ CA voting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0zhd97seYU; https://click.everyaction.com/k/