



The Voter

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

Empowering voters, defending democracy

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Online October 8 ...

Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures

State and local issues

Zoom from home

Tuesday October 8 6:00 pm

CLICK HERE to join

On Tuesday, October 8 at 6 pm, a coterie of League members will discuss the arguments for and against the ten state and six county measures on the November ballot. Pat Dunbar, Charlene McAllister, Dorine Real, Jary Stavely, Morning Nichols, and Jessica Morton have agreed to take turns going over the various propositions—what they are intended for, who is sponsoring or opposing them, and how much money is being spent. The public is invited, so *Voter* readers are encouraged to spread the word to all their friends and neighbors. Time for followup questions will be provided. This will be in the form of a **Zoom webinar**.

- The six county measures only apply to certain areas of the county:
- Measure S - Albion-Little River Fire Protection District: repeal former special tax of \$75/unit, and enact new special tax of \$300/unit
 - Measure T - City of Fort Bragg: Public Safety, Workforce Housing, and Essential Services Measure funded by 3/8% sales tax
 - Measure U - City of Fort Bragg: Tourist Impact Reduction/Quality of Life Measure increasing TOT by 2%
 - Measure V - Ukiah Valley Fire District: enact a \$33.50/unit annual parcel tax to fund adequate fire responsiveness
 - Measure W - City of Ukiah: increase TOT from 10 to 13%
 - Measure X - City of Point Arena: Essential Services Measure establishing 7/8% sales tax.

More ballot measure information from the California League is available online: a **Pros & Cons** summary for the statewide measures and the **Easy Voter Guide**, which includes general information on propositions. Since we are trying to give a bias-free program, the **League's recommendations**, won't be part of the presentation, other than in mentioning supporters and opponents.

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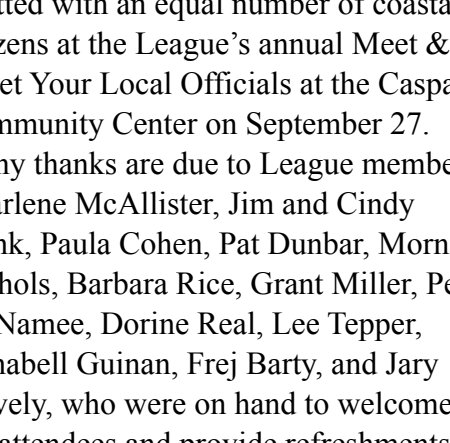
- October 2 (Wednesday) 6-7:30 pm Ft. Bragg Town Hall and Ft. Bragg City Facebook page
 - MCHCD candidate forum*
 - October 6 (Sunday) 4 pm Little Lake Grange
 - Willits 3-office candidate forum*
 - October 6 (Sunday) 4-6 pm Little River Inn
 - Measure S information session*
 - October 8 (Tuesday) 6 pm Zoom
 - Pros and Cons presentation*
 - October 9 (Wednesday) 5 pm CalTrans website
 - Last day to comment on Albion River Bridge*
 - October 9 (Wednesday) 6-8 pm Whitesboro Grange
 - Measure S information session*
 - October 13 & 27 (Sundays) 3-5 pm Mendo Community Ctr.
 - GRI election topics series*
- The public is welcome at these LWVVC events. Please invite your friends and neighbors.*

President's message ...

Our Mission at Election Time

by Charlene McAllister

As we continue to gear up for the election season, here is a reminder that our mission is Making Democracy Work by Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy. These core values inform all our advocacy and voter education efforts. The League is known for and relied upon to be a strictly non-partisan source of accurate electoral information. We don't support individual candidates or political parties, but we are political in that we take positions on legislation, and work to promote a free and fair electoral process. We act on national and state League issues, but also on what is happening at our own local level.

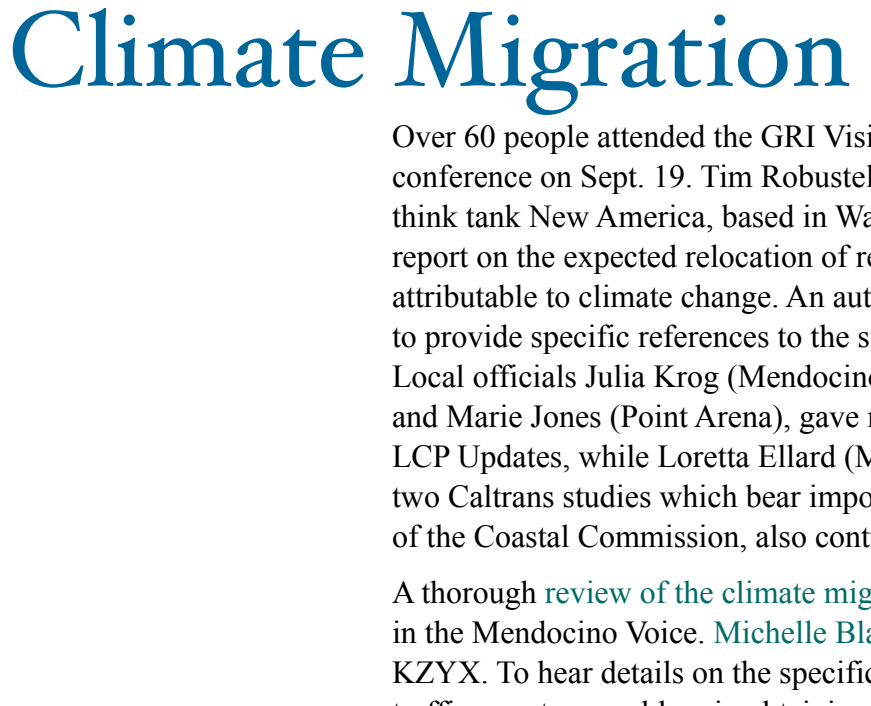


We have been very busy this election season and continue to thank our enthusiastic volunteers who help with all our election-related activities: voter registration, Pros & Cons presentations, candidate roundtables and forums, election observers, poll workers, scheduling, and behind-the-scenes roles. This is an important year to engage with and inform our communities as they prepare to vote. We have an active group of members making presentations on reliable and factual information. Look for us around the county as we engage with our community.

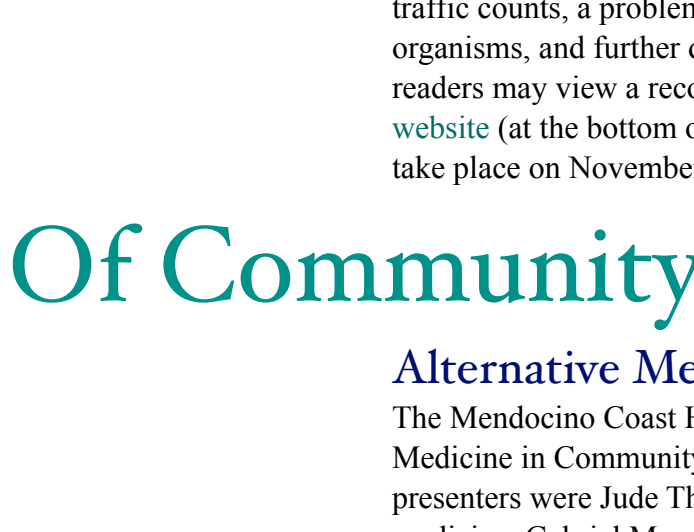
Thanks again to all who have stepped up to help in so many ways.

Our League's program year kickoff

Meet and Greet Local Officials



Twenty-six local officials and candidates chatted with an equal number of coastal citizens at the League's annual Meet & Greet Your Local Officials at the Caspar Community Center on September 27. Many thanks are due to League members Charlene McAllister, Jim and Cindy Plank, Paula Cohen, Pat Dunbar, Morning Nichols, Barbara Rice, Grant Miller, Peter McNamara, Dorine Real, Lee Pepper, Annabell Guinan, Frej Barty, and Jary Stavely, who were on hand to welcome the attendees and provide refreshments. Annual dues were collected from some members in attendance, such as Peter, who is shown getting ready to hand his in to Cindy. Photos courtesy of Morning (left) and Lee (below).



Jim Gagnon, Barbara Rice, Paul Katzeff and Don Crusier enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres

