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September meeting ...

Meet and Greet *Your* Public Officials

... in person!

At a traditional Meet and Greet, League members Irene Malone, Lee Tepper, and Charlene McAllister chat with Healthcare District director John Redding.

Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall, District Attorney David Eyster, Clerk/Recorder Katrina Bartolomie, plus Supervisors Mo Mulheren and John Haschak are among those planning to attend the return of the League's annual Meet & Greet Your Public Officials reception on Friday, September 16 from 5 to 7 PM at the Caspar Community Center. The invitation list includes officials and leaders from Mendocino County offices in Ukiah, Mendocino College, the City of Fort Bragg, the Mendocino Coast Health Care District, the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District, coastal school, water and fire districts, and more. This event will provide opportunities to interact with our public representatives, as well as with candidates seeking election this November.

Caspar Community Center

5:00 to 7:00

Friday, September 16

We have had great success with a format of having no program, no ceremony, and no speeches. Instead, a friendly atmosphere is provided where public officials and community members have time and space to visit and become acquainted. This is not a political event or a candidate forum, so the League therefore asks that no campaign materials be brought to the reception. To ensure fresh air and adequate spacing for participants, this will be an outdoor event this year.

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Our League is proud of the reputation developed for the tasty treats offered at this event. Members who can help in providing them (finger food is best) should please bring them in by 4:45 to allow sufficient time for setup. If you have questions, contact Jane Person at 964-6351 before September 9, or email them to janeperson@hotmail.com. Meet & Greet Your Public Officials is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there, and please bring a friend.

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September 5 (Monday) noon Main St., Fort Bragg
Labor Day Parade

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September 20 (Tuesday)
National Voter Registration Day

September 21 (Wednesday) 2:00 MendocinoTV.com
Interview with MCHCD candidates

October 11 (Tuesday) 6:00-8:30 Town Hall
FB City Council candidate forum

October 14 (Friday) 6:00-8:00 Zoom
Local tax measures forum

October 18 (Tuesday) 6:00 Zoom
Pros and Cons

The public is welcome at these LWVMC events. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

President's message ...

Defending Democracy

by Dorine Real

We are hearing every day that the coming election is all about democracy. A much-discussed Ipsos poll of over 8,000 demographically balanced respondents has revealed that two thirds of the respondents perceive "a serious threat to our democracy," but more than 40% agreed that "having a strong leader for America is more important than having a democracy." The ideal of democracy is not dead, but it is certainly in trouble. However poorly it may have been embodied, and despite manipulation by the privileged few, the ideal of democracy has bound Americans together as a people. Now that bond is fraying.

I was discussing this problem with a friend today, and she remarked that although she has a high-school understanding of how American government works, she has a hazy understanding of what democracy itself really is. She's not alone -- I've recently been searching for definitions of democracy, and I've found that different authoritative sources define it differently. One definition that strikes me as useful is this from the Foundation for American Democracy:

Democracy involves the right of the *people* freely to determine their own destiny. The exercise of this right requires a system that guarantees:

- freedom of expression, belief and association,
- free and competitive elections,
- respect for the inalienable rights of individuals and minorities,
- free communications media, and
- the rule of law.

This definition sums up the principles that underpin our governing institutions. The League has been working to support these principles for a hundred years.

But is any form of government enough to make a society democratic? Our daily interactions need to be guided by "democratic values." A list of such values might include equal dignity and equal rights to life, liberty, justice, and political participation; mutual respect; civil peace; and the use of dialogue to resolve differences and to find solutions to shared problems. Your list might be a little different, and reflection and discussion might create yet another list. But this discussion is worth having, because if we don't share such values, not only are our institutions at risk, but our daily lives will be subject to constant and growing incursion, and our ability to work together for the common good will be compromised.

If we are really defenders of democracy, we must defend the everyday practice of democratic values. Let's articulate them, promote them, and practice them.

August meeting

Sea Level Rise

by Jary Stavely

Sixty-four people joined an Aug. 23 zoom meeting concerning sea level rise (SLR) in Mendocino County, presented by California Coastal Commission Chair Donne Brownsey. The Mendocino County League of Women Voters and the Grass Roots Institute assisted her in planning the event, which was co-hosted by the Mendocino Land Trust, the Mendocino Climate Action Advisory Committee, the Noyo Center for Marine Science, Climate Action Mendocino, the Jughandle Creek Nature Center, and Mendocino County Youth for Climate.

The Local Coastal Plan (LCP) for an area lays the ground rules for development and protection of the strip of land which is subject to the oversight of the Coastal Commission (known as the Coastal Zone). It specifies how a community or, in our case, a whole county, will comply with the provisions of the California Coastal Act of 1976. Mendocino County's LCP has not been updated since 1993, well before the inevitable effects of sea level rise were being studied or even considered by the planners. The Coastal Commission is making a concerted effort for all LCP's to be rewritten so that action can take place while there is time.

Donne (speaking as a local resident, not as a scientific expert) listed some areas in Mendocino County likely to be affected by flooding, erosion and wave uprush as the sea level rises: the mouth of the García River near Pt. Arena, the mouth of the Navarro River, Albion Flat and the bridge over it, the beach parking lot at Van Damme State Park, Big River beach, the berm between millpond 8 and Soldier Bay in the middle of the Noyo Headlands, Glass Beach, Lake Cleone and the road to Laguna Point parking in MacKerricher State Park, Seaside Beach and Hwy.1 alongside it, Westport-Union Landing State Beach (already partially unusable). The piers and marinas at Noyo, Albion, and Point Arena are sure to be affected as well. Another, less apparent, effect of the rising ocean level will be salt water intrusion into the fresh water aquifer and points of collection, such as Madsen Hole on the Noyo River where the city of Fort Bragg takes much of its water.

The Coastal Commission projects an average rise in sea level of 3.5 ft. by 2050. Some areas along the California coast, such as Humboldt Bay to the north, and Imperial Beach south of San Diego, already experience periodic flooding during storm surges and king tides. The city of La Jolla currently has three flood days per year, but should expect to have 50 by 2035. Making plans and then acting on them takes a long time. A recent relocation of Hwy.1 in Sonoma Co. took 20 years to implement—from the first identification of the problem, through the environmental studies, to the execution and completion of the construction contracts. That is why the Coastal Commission wants planning for SLR to take place as soon as possible. Especially, said Donne, because money to do the planning is available right now.

Audience Comments from the Sea Level Rise Program

(and when in the program the comments were made)

Ted Williams (01:10:44):

Federal data is on current rate of rise, not future rate. Apples and oranges.

Marie Jones. (01:14:37):

The County is currently updating the zoning code for the non Coastal Zone areas of the County. I encourage everyone to reach out to County Staff and supervisors to ensure that climate change is considered in the new inland zoning ordinance. This is happening now.

Mary Rose Kaczorowski. (01:33:27):

Here is some good info:
US EPA: epa.gov/arc-x/adaptation-actions-water-management-and-ecosystem-protection#tab-4
NASA Tools: sealevel.nasa.gov/climate-tools. The most recent sea level rise scenarios and supporting information from the 2022 Task Force report titled "Global and Regional Sea Level Rise Scenarios for the United States: Updated Mean Projections and Extreme Water Level Probabilities Along U.S. Coastlines" are provided in this tool. This tool delivers the sea level scenarios that have been updated using information from the IPCC 6th Assessment Report. Unlike the IPCC, the focus of the report and this tool is the coastal extent of the United States.

Charlene McAllister. (01:38:38):

I live above Van Damme and have seen erosion on property over the past years due to the higher tides. Erosion happens.

Jade Tippett. (01:49:35):

Interesting tool! Check out Humboldt Bay. sealevel.nasa.gov/flooding-days-projection/

She emphasized the importance of having local plans which take the differences of different areas into account. Half Moon Bay, whose infrastructure is entirely east of Hwy. 1 needs to plan differently than Pacifica, just to the north, or the beach towns of Orange County, who have development right next to the ocean. During the question and answer part of the meeting, Norbert Dall pointed out that SLR for Crescent City was projected to be far less than the 3.5 ft. average which the Commission is publicizing. His point highlighted the difference which having individual LCP's can make. [Mr. Dall ultimately proposed that the Commission fund a NOAA monitoring device for Noyo Harbor to supplement the only one in the county at Pt. Arena, thereby getting more accurate data for local planning, a suggestion Donne approved of, although she could not implement on the spot.]

The presentation included a review of specialized vocabulary for making plans—vulnerability, adaptation, resiliency, and viability; and a summary of the major expected consequences of SLR, both direct (mentioned above in relation to Mendocino County) and indirect, such as effects on wildlife or on what land will become publicly accessible as the mean high tide line changes. After Donne finished her prepared remarks, several members of the zoom audience asked pertinent questions and gave useful remarks, such as Jennifer Kreger [see June, 2020 *Voter*]. She summarized her contribution to the discussion this way in the chat:

"We on the Mendocino Coast have a small, spread-out population. This means we are unlikely to be high-priority for big grants for things like rebuilding Highway One in all its low places, all its crumbly-cliff places, and on all 25 of its bridges. So the chances are high that the land masses between each two bridges will experience periods, (and likely long periods) of isolation—times when supply trucks, garbage trucks, ambulances, *etc.* cannot reach all our neighborhoods, so we feel like we are on "Islands." Therefore a local grassroots project is getting going in which we organize each "Island" to work toward long-term self-sufficiency, and we identify and map alternate routes for going from one Island to another when one cannot use Highway One. The project is called Hubs & Routes. It just became a project of SocialGood Fund. To all who find yourselves working on our LCP: please take a look at hubsandroutes.net, just to check and see if any of our maps can save you time."

Much more can be learned from listening to the whole program on our League's YouTube channel.

Election Choices Coming Up

Coastal Races

Seats for several councils and boards will be contested in the November 8 election. For the **Fort Bragg City Council,** 9 candidates will be vying for three four-year terms, while two have filed for the remaining two years in the position Will Lee vacated after the 2020 election. Incumbent Tess Albin-Smith (running as a write-in candidate), Planning Commissioner Michelle Roberts, incumbent Marcia Rafanan, retired contractor Richard Mohr, retired psychologist Scott Taubold, medical screener Mary Rose Kaczorowski, realtor Richard García, teacher Jason Godeke, and psychotherapist Blanca Peña are competing for the long term seats, while computer repair expert Alberto Aldaco and incumbent Lindy Peters seek the short one. The League plans to hold a forum for these candidates on October 11.

The Mendocino Coast **Health Care District** has 5 candidates for 3 full term seats; they are incumbent John Redding, retired teacher advocate Susan Savage, retired social worker Lee Finney, educator/retired EMT Jade Tippett, and physician Dawnmarie Risley-Childs. As the only short term candidate, Paul Katzeff will be appointed to fill out that term. Mendocino TV will host an online forum with all 6 candidates on September 21 at 2 PM, which will be posted for free viewing on its website (Mendocinotv.com). The **Albion/Little River Fire** Prevention District has 2 seats available for 3 candidates—incumbents Pam Linstedt and Steve Acker, plus mechanic/firefighter Dan Gates. The League is planning to hold candidate forums for these races in October—details available in next month's *Voter*.

Inland Races

In **Ukiah**, 5 candidates have filed for 3 available city council positions; they are incumbent Jim Brown, incumbent Juan Orozco, incumbent Mari Rodin, mediator Susan Sher and analyst/educator Thao Phi. For the **Brooktrails** Community Services District, retiree Joanne Cavallari joins incumbents Tony Orth, Ed Horrick, and Richard Williams in the race for 3 seats. The **Hopland** Fire District ballot will feature 3 candidates (David Roderick, Jim Mastin, and Bruce Jensen) for 2 positions, as will the **Redwood Valley/Calpella** Fire District—new candidates Shannon Johnson, Stephanie Dunken, and Tony Howard. Redwood Valley voters will also have to choose among incumbents Bree Klotter and Ken Todd, plus challenger Cassie Taaning for their Water Board. Farmer John March and mechanic Ronnie Odneal join incumbent Karen Riordan on the ballot for two seats on the **Potter Valley** Community Services District. Three seats on the **Round Valley** Unified School District board are being sought by cattle rancher Peter Bauer, data technician Douglas Hutt, and incumbents Cynthia O'Ferrall and Amanda Britton.

California Measures

Seven measures will be on the State ballot. They will be discussed at an LVVMC "Pros and Cons" meeting via Zoom on October 18.

#1 would provide a state constitutional right to reproductive freedom, including the right to an abortion.

#26 would legalize sports betting at American Indian gaming casinos and licensed racetracks in California.

#27 would legalize mobile sports betting (via digital devices) and would dedicate revenue to the California Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Support Account and the Tribal Economic Development Account.

#28 would require funding for K-12 art and music education.

#29 would enact staffing requirements, reporting requirements, ownership disclosure, and closing requirements for chronic dialysis clinics.

#30 would increase the tax on personal income above $2 million by 1.75%, and dedicate revenue to zero-emission vehicle projects and wildfire prevention programs.

#31 would uphold the ban on flavored tobacco sales.

County Measures

The Countywide sales tax measures will be discussed at a forum on October 14 at Fort Bragg Town Hall.

Measure O (county-wide) would continue extra support for library services with a 0.25% sales tax.

Measure P (county-wide) would support fire protection and prevention with a 0.25% use and sales tax.

Measure N (Hopland Fire Protection District only) would enact a new parcel tax for its Fire Department, replacing the one currently in force.

The League expects to hold its traditional Pros & Cons meeting on October 18 to closely examine all the ballot propositions. More information will be available in next month's *Voter*.

New public art ...

Pomo Artists "Share Who We Are"

The recently renovated bathroom building near the Ford House in Mendocino is now open to the public, where the completed tile art project by contemporary Pomo artists Bonnie Lockhart, Meyo Marrufo, and Eric Wilder is displayed. An article on the MendoParks website describes how the project began:

In 2013, MendoParks began a lengthy planning process with California State Parks to fund the remodel of the only public restroom in the village of Mendocino, the Ford House restrooms at the Mendocino Headlands State Park. The goal of the remodel was to add ADA-accessible facilities and increase the number of facilities at the restroom. With support of local architect Debra Lennox, a design for the restrooms was created to complement the historic Ford House Visitor Center and Museum, as well as the aesthetic of Mendocino. The project features space for an original tile art mural as part of the restroom interior, in the quintessential artistic spirit of Mendocino.

In 2019 the remodel plans were approved with significant funding donated from MendoParks and, in 2020, MendoParks and the Mendocino Art Center began collaborating with contemporary Pomo artists for the design of the interior tile art. Lockhart, Wilder, and Marrufo conceptualized themes celebrating the lifeways of Coastal Pomo people and began a truly collaborative art project with each artist painting different themes and sections of the murals:

"As Native Americans, we need more venues to share our story and for us, it is often through our artwork. Through our art, we show the community that we are still here. We are basketweavers, but we are more than basketweavers. As Native people, we have merged our traditional culture with contemporary art. This project allowed for three different artists from three different Pomo regions to honor the cultural landscape and lifeways of the Coastal Pomo people. Through the creation of six unique murals incorporating land, sea, plants, and animals. The murals were created to share who we are and what we are, instead of having a disconnect of where we are. We hope this project increases the inclusion and recognition of the individuality of the Native American people of Mendocino County."

MendoParks has made an interview with the artists discussing the project available at their website.

Local government

Health Care Districts

We elect them, but why?

The California legislature created healthcare districts in 1946 with the mandate to improve healthcare in their communities. Elected at large, district directors are the elected officials whose sole mission is to promote the health and welfare of the residents of the communities served by the district. Health Care Districts had their origins in the aftermath of World Word II. American soldiers returned from the war in need of extensive medical treatment and often hospitalization. California was in the grip of an acute hospital bed shortage. Significant portions of the state had no access to necessary healthcare services.

The Legislature responded to this hospital shortage by enacting the Local Hospital District Act. In 1994, they were renamed as "health care districts" reflecting that health care is increasingly being provided outside of the hospital setting. The Health Care District Act law authorized communities to form Special Districts to construct and operate hospitals and other health care facilities to meet local needs. Communities were authorized to impose property tax assessments, with voter approval, to help subsidize community hospital and health care services. The first Healthcare Districts were formed in 1946 and 1947. (The Association of California Healthcare Districts was originally organized in 1951 to foster the success of the Healthcare Districts by providing Trustee education and being an effective legislative advocate.)

As of 2019, there were 79 Healthcare Districts. Forty-two of those 79 Districts operated 47 hospitals within their District boundaries. Fifteen Healthcare Districts had either leased or sold their Hospital facilities to for-profit or not-for-profit Health Systems but still provided health related services to the people within their District boundaries; 37 of the original districts no longer operate hospitals, according to a 2017 report.

Some HCDs are attracting attention due to competition for scarce property tax dollars and are therefore vulnerable to criticism if LAFCo (Local Area Formation Commission), grand jury, or others conclude they are not serving the public interest. LAFCo is responsible for doing a municipal service review of districts every 5 years, and the last one on MCHCD was in 2014.

Many of the hospitals owned and operated by the Health Care Districts are considered rural by the State of California. This represents almost 50% of the rural hospitals in the State. They are the chief source of inpatient, outpatient and emergency care to California's rural residents and employees in the agriculture, fishing, mining and timber industries. They provide a substantial portion of healthcare related services to the underserved regions of the state, which includes minority populations, the under-insured and the uninsured. Some districts are "community-based health districts" and do not run hospitals.

In recent fiscal years, a significant majority of the District hospitals experienced financial losses ranging from a $100,000 to over $10,000,000.00. During the past six years, five Healthcare Districts have filed for public entity bankruptcy reorganization ("Chapter 9") and two hospitals have actually ceased to operate.

Districts had, and still have the power "to do any and all things that are necessary for, and to the advantage of" any type of health promoting service or health care facility. Specifically, districts can support the following: health care facilities, including substance abuse and mental health programs; outpatient service and free clinics, programs for seniors, including transportation; nurse training; physician recruitment; ambulance services; health education programs and a variety of wellness and rehabilitation activities. In short, the law allows for anything that is "necessary for the maintenance of good physical and mental health in the communities served by the districts."

Mendocino Coast Health Care District was formed in the early 1970's in order to build the hospital. Prior to that there were two hospitals operating in Fort Bragg (and four others in Willits and Ukiah). The Board of Directors is elected by the voters in the district. Healthcare Districts must submit annual financial reports to the California State Controller and obey all state laws governing public records, record keeping, elections, and public access to documents. The district covers the same areas as the two coastal school districts – from Westport to Elk. Currently, MCHCD, with voter approval, has leased the hospital to Adventist Health. Information about the lease is available through the MCHCD website.

Mendocino College

Student Emergency Fund

This appeal from the Mendocino College Foundation was forwarded to the Voter *by Barb Rice.*

The Fall 2022 semester is underway at Mendocino College, and students are getting back on track with education and career prep after an unpredictable few years. With inflation making prices for food, gas, books and living expenses higher, we know that some students will be struggling to make ends meet. The Student Emergency Fund is one way we can help them to worry less and study more. Eligible students are able to receive up to $500 in a one-time emergency grant to stay on track.

Thanks to a generous matching gift from Redwood Credit Union, donors to the Mendocino College Student Emergency Fundraiser campaign can double their donation. With our generous community's help, the Foundation hopes to turn $12,000 into $24,000 in emergency aid for students in Ukiah, Lakeport, Willits and Fort Bragg. In a recent survey, three out of five students reported at least one basic needs insecurity such as food or housing. We know from hearing directly from students that sometimes one relatively small crisis—a broken down car, an unexpected medical bill, a change in housing circumstances—can derail the best laid plans. And with the cost of everything going up, students have less wiggle room to address these setbacks, so minor things can become major ones.

Any contribution made to this campaign will be matched dollar for dollar by Redwood Credit Union. Your donation could mean the difference between a student dropping out or continuing on their path toward their certificate or degree. Visit foundation.mendocino.edu/donate and choose Student Emergency Fund. Thank you for your support. Any questions can be directed to Julie McGovern, Foundation Executive Director, at 707-468-3164 or jmcgovern@mendocino.edu.

A Different Approach to the

Affordable Housing Crisis

Elizabeth Swenson of HAT has shared an article describing how authorities in Sedona, Arizona. are attempting to address the housing crisis in that tourist town by giving vacation rental owners supplemental payments on top of monthly rent from low-income workers. The $3000 to $10,000 payments from the city's Rent Local Program would make up, at least in part, for what could have been earned in the short-term rental market.

Elizabeth writes, "I would think of this as a county program, as the city of Fort Bragg has very few short term rentals, but [there are] 400-500 on [the] coast outside [the] city. They don't have money either but if they actually collected what they should from short term rentals they would have a lot more money that could be used. I am not sure this is good idea, but interesting to consider, as it maintains some housing which should be the county's responsibility."

California League calls for action

Racial Justice Act for All

from California League President Carol Moon Goldberg

Two years ago, you helped us pass the Racial Justice Act to combat discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or national origin in criminal sentences and convictions. Now we need your help to extend the Racial Justice Act to ensure that it protects all Californians. The Racial Justice Act was the first step toward eliminating racism in our criminal justice system, but it does not go far enough. Right now, people with criminal convictions from before January 1, 2021, are not covered. The new **Racial Justice Act for All** will extend the Racial Justice Act protections to those who have already been harmed by unjust convictions and sentences. We need your help to pass this bill and ensure equal access to the law for everyone. We know all too well that racism and discrimination are nothing new. **Those with prior, racially biased convictions and sentences deserve equal justice under the law and have waited long enough for relief.** We cannot let anyone suffer a moment longer from unfair treatment by the courts. The Racial Justice Act for All is up for crucial final votes—tell your state Senator and Assemblymember to vote YES on the Racial Justice Act for All.

Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Women's Inequality Day

U.S. League calls for restoration and protection of our rights

from the National Office

"August 26, otherwise known as Women's Equality Day, marks the anniversary of the certification of the 19th amendment, which granted *some* women the right to vote. Yet in 2022, women have fewer rights than they've had in decades. This year, we're acknowledging Women's **In**equality Day, uniting to demand that lawmakers restore and protect our rights by:

- Passing voting rights legislation;
- Adding the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution; and
- Restoring reproductive rights to women and those who can become pregnant."

The League partnered with allies across the equal rights space to create a video and a Washington Post ad with the same message.

League Supports Democracy

Recruiting Poll Workers and Registering Voters

from the National League Office

"National Poll Worker Recruitment Day was last Tuesday and again League members showed up! Thank you to everyone who joined us to spread the word. With your help, nearly 3000 people have signed up to help run fair and equitable elections in their communities. Thank YOU for your dedication to supporting voters and election officials. I encourage you to continue recruiting poll workers in your networks with our link, and find creative safe ways to support your election workers." [*Last month the Voter gave an incorrect phone number for readers interested in volunteering on election day on the Mendocino Coast. Those interested in heeding the League's call to support democracy on November 8 should contact Jane Person at 964-6351.*]

If you're inspired to register voters and want support, such as help finding a partner or a good location, talk to Jane (964-6351) or Pat (937-4952).

"Additionally, we are less than one month away from National Voter Registration Day on September 20. Over 450 Leagues have already signed on as official partners to help voters nationwide. … You can learn more about the campaign, and how to sign up at nationalvoterregistrationday.org/. This is our wheelhouse, and every member and League can make a difference."

Help Wanted

The Mendocino County League is looking for some members and friends to help in our work. These are opportunities to support democracy while polishing your skills (or developing new ones) and interacting with fellow members.

- Upreach: Keep an eye on communications from the State and U.S. Leagues, pass on action alerts and watch for actions we might do as a group
- Action: Watch for local developments that need a response; work with upreach and issue groups to plan and coordinate actions. Actions can be anything from letter writing to educational presentations to marching.
- Electronic media maven: Zoom meetings, recordings, website, social media
- Secretary-in-training: Work with Secretary to take minutes, tend the records — and eventually to take on the Secretary job (which has legal responsibilities)
- Additional *Voter* co-editor: Could do all or any of writing, reporting/interviewing, photography, copyediting/proofreading, layout, design

Please contact Dorine at 367-2741 to learn more about any of these volunteer opportunities.

Land Acknowledgement

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-telling and reconciliation efforts; and to remind ourselves that colonization is still 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 territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations.

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By email: voter@mcn.org

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
through education and advocacy.

Links

Sea level rise program: https://youtu.be/qxVRn95K2JY.

Pomo public mural: mendoparks.org/pomo

Affordable housing: https://www.azfamily.com/2022/08/12/sedona-tackles-affordable-housing-by-offering-incentives-short-term-rental-owners/

Coast Hospital lease: mchealth.specialdistrict.org/the-affiliation-with-adventist-health

Student Emergency Fund: foundation.mendocino.edu/donate

Racial Justice Act for All: secure.everyaction.com/Xnz4nsPfckuPIB22eZETTQ2

Women's Inequality Day: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4Ku4_K1GPo&t=2s

Pollworkers: powerthepolls.org/LWV

National Voter Registration Day: nationalvoterregistrationday.org/