

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MENDOCINO COUNTY September 2023

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Meet and Greet coming to Caspar again

Mendocino County Superintendent of Schools Nicole Glentzer, MCRPD board

member Dave Shpak, and FBUSD board member Mary Makela are among those planning to attend the League's annual Meet & Greet Your Public Officials reception, Friday, September 22 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 You are invited ... Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park District, coastal school, water

Meet and Greet your elected officials

Friday, September 22 5:00 to 7:00 Caspar Community Center Complimentary refreshments will be served

Please invite your neighbors

please bring a friend.

be an outdoor event again this year.

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interact with our public representatives, both elected and appointed. 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 League therefore asks that no

and fire districts, and more. This event will provide opportunities to

event or a candidate forum, so the campaign materials be brought to the reception. To ensure fresh air and adequate spacing for participants, this will 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 Jary Stavely at 964-4942 before September 9, or email them to him (jstavely@mcn.org). Meet & Greet Your Public Officials is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there, and Calendar September 4 (Monday) noon Main St., Fort Bragg

9:00 am St. Anthony's Hall

Zoom

3 pm

September 16 (Saturday) 1:30 Library Commons, Covelo **Constitutional Convention** OES public input meeting U.S. League Reports September 18 (Monday) 5:30 pm Leggett school **LWVMC Information** OES public input meeting Links September 22 (Friday) 5:00-7:00 Caspar Community Center Click these entries to jump to the Meet and Greet Your Elected Officials article. October 18 6:00 PM Pros and Cons friends and neighbors. President's message ... To All League Members and Friends

Labor Day Parade

OES public input meeting

September 13 (Wednesday)

OES public input meeting

GRI meeting on LCP update process

September 12 (Tuesday)

Zoom The public is welcome at LWVMC events. Please invite your

September 6 (Wednesday) 5:30 pm County Museum, Willits

September 13 (Wednesday) 5:30 pm Veterans' Hall, Boonville

Board of Supervisors special meeting in Mendocino

by Charlene McAllister First I want to thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your local League President. I joined the League in 1986 and have found in League a way to join together to make

a difference. There is always work to be done, and I look forward to us working together on the issues we are facing. Reading the news of school districts banning books and passing new rules regarding transgender students reminds us that we must never assume that we are immune. Observing public meetings has long been an important activity for

(Zoom; Google Meet), and it allowed us to watch those meetings from home. As that option continues, we are looking to revive the Observer Corps—in order to have eyes and ears on our school boards, city councils and the Board of Supervisors. This is just one way you can contribute to the work of League. You can help with voter registration and with outreach to youth. Consider signing up

Give me a call (707-937-4463 or 707-832-2135), or drop me an email

to be a poll worker for the primary. Have a League issue that is important to you?

Leagues. What the pandemic brought us was virtual meetings via the internet

An Important Letter to League Members

LWVMC

renew your membership:

rights movement.)

or up your game:

Cindy Plank

Meeting held in Caspar

Membership Chair

Dear Members, Congratulations! You made the "A-list"! Thank you for being a member of LWVMC, and thank you for reading this letter, which provides the opportunity to continue your

(charad@comcast.net).

P.O. Box 1128 Fort Bragg, CA 95437 But first: LWV values **students** so much that their memberships are **no cost**. This year you can march along with Susan B Anthony by joining as an individual for a mere \$60 a year. You all know Susan B Anthony. She even made it onto the \$1 coin. So let's get circulating, everyone! (Susan B. Anthony founded the National Woman Suffrage Association along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton.) or: Pick up your pens and put them to work by re-upping at the Ida B. Wells level as a household membership at \$90 per year. It's a steal. (Ida B. Wells was a suffragist, as

invaluable contributions to keeping our democracy in tip top working order. If you

well as an American investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the civil

would like to merely cut to the chase, you can send your check directly to this address to

escaped from slavery in the south to become a leading abolitionist before the American Become a Frederick Douglass Supporter for whatever amount you choose to donate. Donations to our Frederick Douglass Diversity Fund assist with our League's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion efforts. (Frederick Douglass spoke at the Seneca Falls women's rights convention in 1848, urging women not to compromise on their demand for the vote.) Finally, dear members, think about saving the change you receive from the store. General donations are greatly appreciated and no amount is ever too small. We are delighted to accept them any time of the year. We will even roll the change for you!

meetings in census tracts designated as demonstrating high-hazard exposure and social vulnerability that will offer the public an opportunity to communicate their resilience goals. The input provided will be used to help determine resilience projects for which to pursue grant funding. Discussion topics to include: Emergency Preparedness, Community Planning and Capacity Building, Infrastructure Systems, Economic Resiliency and Sustainability, Health and Social Services, Housing, and Natural Systems and Cultural Resources." Mendocino County was one of six regions to receive funding for the Prepare California Resiliency Program in 2022, and qualified due to information gathered during the 2020 census.

coastal zone; create funding for more community gardens; establish more water storage and "intertie" smaller community water systems in order to reduce fire insurance costs; improve water treatment to allow the use of more recycled water, thereby preserving potable supplies; develop ways of educating the public for lifestyle change which will enable the best use of shared resources. Several people noted the need for more housing. Supervisor Williams suggested that a big need was to find communities willing to incorporate new multifamily units within their

would enable more state funding for housing projects.

what happened on the coast is sketchy, and that the atrocities perpetrated on the indigenous population inland far outweighed whatever happened at the coast. He also questioned the self-righteousness of those who champion trying to erase the past, and who then paint those who disagree as automatically racist. By his account, the naming of the fort was a political ploy by the captain in charge, to get support both from his superiors

War.]

Change Our Name Fort Bragg has a website with info in support of its position. A recording of the debate may be found on its Facebook page. In 2021 the city named a citizens commission to study the issue. Its report and recommendations can be found online; an Advocate-News article summarized the report. Local Coastal Program Update Be informed and involved by Peter McNamee, GrassRoots Institute Mendocino Vision Working Group According to NASA, 2022 was the fifth warmest year on record, and marked the ninth year in a row of warmest years ever measured. Meanwhile, the ocean's heat content in 2022 was the highest ever recorded. Average sea levels have risen 8 inches since 1880, but jumped 3 inches in just the past 25 years. This acceleration is expected to continue in the foreseeable future,

> and NOAA predicts average sea levels to rise 10-12 inches along the U.S. coastline by 2050. At those levels, infrastructure along coastlines will be overwhelmed, increasing the frequency of devastating flooding in the same

For all these reasons and a lot more, our coastal cities and Mendocino County have embarked upon updating our Local Coastal Programs (LCP) - the strategies

On Wednesday, September 13, at 3 pm the GrassRoots Institute's Mendocino Vision Workgroup will host a public zoom session to review progress towards accomplishing the objectives established in the California Coastal Commission LCP grants for Mendocino County's coastal jurisdictions. We'll also discuss how

In order to make the zoom session as informative and useful as possible, the Institute has requested the costal cities and the County participate in the meeting and provide a brief 10 minute update on progress implementing their LCP update

An agenda is being prepared and will be emailed to you soon along with zoom

In the interim, for more information about Mendocino County's LCP update project, go to: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/departments/planning-building-

Feel free to email me at pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or

County already on the committee with whom you could share rides. This is an important group for electric power decisions, so please give it some thought."

access information, so mark your calendar and plan on attending.

wish to discuss the Institute's LCP Update public engagement effort.

manner as we've seen in Florida and Southern California recently.

and guardrails we rely upon to manage our coast zone areas.

residents can educate themselves and take effective action.

grant projects.

More information, with an email link to request applications, is online. Outdoor Dining in Mendocino Several restaurants in Mendocino want permission to continue to serve food in outdoor tents, originally permitted under a county pandemic emergency ordinance, but now disallowed due to its lifting in May. A public announcement by the operators of the Mendocino Café, Goodlife Cafe & Bakery, Trillium, and Patterson's Pub states, "This will cause folks to lose jobs, and locals opportunities to enjoy dining out, since in this community many residents do not concur with the conclusion that there is no longer a need to mitigate virus transmission, as demonstrated by the majority of [our] customers who continue to prefer outdoor dining." Those interested in this issue may attend a special Board of Supervisors meeting at St. Anthony's Hall in Mendocino on September 12 at 9 am. The Mendocino Historical Review Board is scheduled to consider the issue twice—at an in-person meeting, 4 pm on September 11 at the Mendocino Recreation Center, and virtually, at 2 pm on September 12. School Board Vacancy The Mendocino Unified School District is seeking applicants for one board seat in

the Elk (Greenwood School) Trustee area. The appointment will be in effect from September 2023, until an election in November 2024. Applicants for appointment to the Board must be at least 18 years of age, a qualified voter, and be a resident of the Elk Trustee Area. Applications are available at the Mendocino Unified School District office, 44141 Little Lake Rd, Mendocino, CA, or by clicking mendocinousd.org, and scrolling down to the announcement. Applications must be received at the District Office by 9:00 am on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

League member Johanna Brekke-Brownell and Fort Bragg Bee City President Cornelia Reynolds, both also of the Fort Bragg Garden Club, will present a class September 23 at the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens from 1 to 3 pm on starting a native plant garden. Their announcement offers the opportunity to "learn to develop a garden brimming with birds, beneficial insects, and other wildlife. Whether you are removing a lawn, starting a new bed, integrating plants

into an existing landscape or planting in containers, the basics of building a biodiverse garden environment are the same. This class will help you to start where you are. We will consider the pros and cons of different ways to remove some or all of your lawn, talk about how to plan a drought-tolerant garden, show you how and why to ensure you are not just planting a flowerbed but developing a healthy environment with native plants to support native wildlife, especially local pollinators, and birds." Registration, more information, and a nice photo of the

At its August 29 meeting, the Board of Supervisors considered a staff report

meetings, was also removed from the staff recommendation for dissolution. Its organization and bylaws are to be reviewed by the Golden Gate Bridge Initiative Team for streamlining, and Supervisor Williams promised to work with it and staff to reduce Planning Department expenses. He likened it to the MACs in terms

Supervisor Mulheren and others praised the Mendocino Climate Change Advisory Committee for its intent, but suggested that other organizations such as Climate Action Mendocino and the Grass Roots Institute have effectively advised the Board of Supervisors, and, as NGOs, can meet and act more efficiently than a

League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale Co-president Tracey Edwards issued the following statement about the resolution to LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale

ordinance that was overly broad. LWV of Cupertino-Sunnyvale filed this action to ensure unfettered access to local government in response to Cupertino's ordinance

"Under the ordinance as initially passed, citizens who belonged to community,

"Approximately one year ago, the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale filed a lawsuit against the City of Cupertino to rectify a lobbying

designating volunteers and neighborhood activists as 'lobbyists.'

charitable, or political organizations were lumped together with lobbyists from powerful corporations. The ordinance required these community members to register as lobbyists, pay a fee, and make extensive disclosures about themselves and any organization they served in order to appear before the city's council or commissions. "The former ordinance put League members who routinely informed neighbors over social media or in local newsletters at risk of being prosecuted for sharing information about what happened at council meetings, chilling their right to petition government and speak freely on political issues. "We are pleased to report that the Cupertino City Council approved an amended ordinance that now meets the needs of our community. Now, Cupertino residents are seen by our local government for who they are: not powerful lobbyists but engaged community members. Now, nonprofit organizations will not run the risk of being categorized as lobbyists just by speaking up at a City Council meeting. "In response to the League's suit, the city acted responsibly to review the impact of their initial overbroad ordinance and bring the new ordinance squarely within the bounds of the California and US Constitutions. The new ordinance can be a model for other California communities, as well as cities across the United States, for the appropriate regulation of lobbying activities that does not chill the speech

Constitutional Convention

In a letter to League supporters, LWVC Executive Director Stephanie Doute

The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) strongly opposes Governor Newsom's recent decision to seek an Article V constitutional convention. The proposal, encapsulated in SJR-7, seeks to add California to the states aiming to alter the U.S. Constitution, a move that comes without a clear structure or

guidelines. The Constitution is a living document, representing the fundamental tenets on which our democracy rests. The LWVC supports targeted and focused policy action to address gun violence and the damage it is doing to our children and our communities, but a constitutional convention is not the right approach.

Chris Carson, LWVC Board President, explains, "Opening a Constitutional Convention puts every right, civil liberty, and underlying value of our country at

Constitutional Convention and it opens the door to well-funded special interests

risk. There are no limits or guardrails to what can be changed during a

went into effect in early 2022 as intentionally discriminatory against Black voters and other voters of color. ... The complaint alleges the plans amount to unconstitutional racial gerrymanders, violating the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. The lawsuit argues the legislature intentionally diluted the votes of Black voters and other voters of color by breaking up Nashville/Davidson County into three congressional districts, while

equality has shaped American history. Let us draw inspiration from their achievements as we continue the work of building a more inclusive, fair, and

participatory democracy for all." The full article contains details about the history

understanding Links

Break out into new territory with Emma Smith DeVoe membership and donation of \$100 per year. (Emma Smith DeVoe founded the National Council of Women Voters, which merged with the National Woman Suffrage Association to become League of Women Voters.) or for those who can: Take your membership to a new level and impact. Join your voice and pocketbook with a Harriet Tubman membership and donations for \$250 per year. (Harriet Tubman Civil War. She joined Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony after the war in their quest for women's suffrage.) other magnificent opportunities:

And we are even willing to accept large checks (wink, wink).

by Jary Stavely

However, only donations to our Education Fund are tax deductible.

Thank you for remaining a member of a committed group of individuals who are working to make a difference in the future of our community and our country.

A separate donation/interest form is included in this Voter distribution for those who wish to print it out.

Community Resilience Planning

On Aug. 26, representatives from Mendocino County's Office of Emergency

Attendees raised several areas of concern, and made suggestions noted by the county representatives. In the area of emergencies: the problem of dead trees in the coastal zone, which require a special CDP (Coastal Development Permit) for

subdivision; taking care of emergency camping refugees, such as the many who came to camp along the Mendocino coast during the fire disasters several years ago; study how fire departments can disseminate information received by radio when telephone and internet services go down, as when the fiberoptic cable was severed last year; establish emergency kitchen areas with supplies and cooking

economic development and infrastructure: streamline permits for roof repair and solar installation in the coastal zone; study how to create solar farms outside the

own areas. As she had during California Sen. McGuire's zoom meeting in July, Amy Winn urged studying how to create larger water and sewer districts which

The OES officials were pleased with the meeting, and invited citizens with more input to contact them via email. Similar meetings will take place in Willits at the County Museum on September 6 at 5:30, in Boonville at the Veterans' Hall at

name. The event, organized by Change Our Name Fort Bragg, featured Phil Zwerling, of that organization, in favor of a change, and Bruce Anderson, editor and publisher of the Anderson Valley Advertiser, against. Jane Person moderated. The library itself disclaimed any advocacy or sponsorship regarding the event.

issues—the Fort, which suppressed the Indians, and Braxton Bragg, who represents a link to slavery and treason. He then laid out five myths about the

Mr. Zwerling began the discussion with a reference to the fact that the debate was taking place on land that had originally been home to indigenous people, and pointed out that the two parts of the city's name made reference to two important

• First, that Braxton Bragg did not own slaves—untrue because of his marriage to a slaveowner and his operation of the Mississippi plantation he acquired

thereby, which made him one of the richest men in the state and the owner of

slavery was a necessity, and worked well with the application of a strict master

• Third, that he was not in favor of secession—he publicly stated that "the Union

incorporation in 1889. [The fort itself was named before the Civil War, while he had notoriety in the military as the Hero of Buena Vista during the Mexican

• Fifth, that the fort was established to protect native inhabitants—belied by the signage on the Coastal Trail provided by local descendants of the indigenous

Mr. Anderson suggested that changing the name was unnecessary given that the man himself and his actions were long forgotten, and never part of the identity of the town. Bragg was never celebrated, nor even depicted by the city, and the city has never supported slavery or anti-black racism. He said the historical record of

and his subordinates, and was not intended as a

During the ensuing question and answer period,

changing the city's name could ultimately only be decided by a vote of city residents, Zwerling saying that the change would come about at some point in the future, and Anderson suggesting that a current vote would put the controversy to rest with the same name in place. The debaters and the audience were civil and thoughtful. Questions raised included what the

both debaters stated that the question of

celebration of Braxton Bragg.

population, documenting suffering they endured during the fort period.

• Second that he was not a white supremacist—he was quoted as saying that

was gone," and that the South could not restructure itself without war.

• Fourth, that the city was named before the Civil War when Bragg was still a national hero—untrue due to the fact that the city was not named until its

removal; lack of an adequate emergency egress road from the Surfwood

facilities in each "island." ["Island" is a term used by Hubs & Routes (hubsandroutes.net) to identify coastal areas which would be cut off by the destruction of some or all of the bridges along Highway 1]. In the area of

eight being held around the county from mid-August to mid-September. According to its official announcement, "the County is hosting resilience

Services (OES) met with a group of 20 coastal residents at the Caspar Community Center for a "community resilience public outreach and listening session," one of

Jeff Adair, Travis Killmer, Garrett James, and Xuyen Malella of OES conducted the meeting, which was attended by 5th District Supervisor Ted Williams and Hubs & Routes coordinators Jennifer Kreger and Rick Hemmings, among others, including several coastal Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members. To begin in the area of Emergency Preparedness, Mr. Killmer reviewed the county's website MendoReady.org, which has links to sign up for Nixle and MendoAlert emergency alerts, evacuation maps, utility outage information, road and school closure information, tips on preparing go bags and family disaster plans, hazard information, and more.

5:30 on September 13, in Covelo at the Library Commons at 1:30 on September 16, and in Leggett at the school on September 18 at 5:30. Change the City's Name? by Jary Stavely An audience estimated at 75 crowded the conference room of the Fort Bragg library on the evening of August 22 to listen to a debate on changing the city's

name which he said he could prove were false.

over the subjugated human beings.

105 black slaves.

change would cost financially, and what local left; Bruce Anderson seated, right. indigenous residents themselves would prefer.

Photo courtesy of Morning Nichols—Phil Zwerling standing,

Opportunities Sonoma Clean Power Seeks Advisors Sonoma Clean Power is recruiting volunteers for seven (7) openings on its Community Advisory Committee, and states, "This is a meaningful opportunity to provide input toward Sonoma Clean Power's innovative customer benefits, renewable energy projects, and assist with shaping clean energy goals for our community." In an email message to members of Climate Action Mendocino, Eileen Mitro advises, "The hope is to get more people from Mendocino County to represent our area in SCP decision-making. There are 2 people from Mendo

services/long-range-plans/lcp-update

Community Involvement

recommending the dissolution of 29 county boards and committees, which were not (or no longer) required by law, were not functioning, or which could be more efficiently carried out by the Planning Department. The report was prepared after direction by the Supervisors to find ways to balance future county budgets. After considerable discussion the Supervisors directed staff to proceed with most, but not all, of the proposed changes. They decided to keep all the existing Municipal Advisory Councils (MACs) as valuable conduits of information to and from the various arms of county government, with a proviso that each MAC be given the training and support needed to ensure it doesn't expend unnecessary staff time by exceeding the scope of its powers and responsibilities. The Mendocino Historical Review Board, a comparatively expensive committee due to the staff time required for its monthly

county-sponsored board. It is slated to be dissolved.

Public Access to Government

of its function vis a vis the county.

Bay Area League Defends

v. City of Cupertino:

of ordinary citizens."

writes:

California League

Don't Call a

Sister League

presenters can be found in the Gardens' calendar.

Advisory Committees

Supervisors Cut Some

Build Biodiversity Workshop

buying access to change the Constitution to serve their purposes." The uncertainty surrounding the nature of a Constitutional Convention cannot be understated. Former Chief Justice Warren Burger once expressed concerns about the ambiguity and danger, noting, "[T]here is no way to effectively limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. Congress might try to limit the Convention to one amendment or one issue, but there is no way to assure that the Convention would obey. After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda." Our key concerns include: Threat to National Stability: Advocating for a Constitutional Convention plunges the nation into an era of unparalleled tension, uncertainty, and protracted legal battles that might irreversibly alter America's trajectory. • Shift of Power from the People: An Article V Convention would elevate the voices of politicians and special interests above those of ordinary people. Such a development could result in an unprecedented opportunity for the few to reshape the core principles of the country for the many.

dilute the political power of the state's Black communities and other communities

LWV Mission Statement

 Unbridled Convention Agendas: Historical precedents caution that a Constitutional Convention might not restrict itself to its original mandate and every right that we have as Californians and Americans would be placed at risk. California should not take this enormous risk with the rights of every person who lives in our state. We urgently request the legislature and every Californian to reject SJR-7 and continue working with communities to find solutions to our challenges that do not put the very foundations of our state in peril. Tell your Legislators today that you oppose SJR-7. U.S. League Reports Voting Rights Act Anniversary "As we commemorate the 58th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, let us honor the bravery and dedication of diverse coalitions and passionate activists who worked tirelessly for its passage. Their unwavering commitment to justice and

of the legislation. Unjust Redistricting Challenged The LWV of Tennessee and others have "filed a federal lawsuit challenging portions of Tennessee's congressional and state senate redistricting plans that also disempowering the growing community of Black and brown voters in and around the Memphis area by splitting state senate district 31. The lawsuit also details a lack of transparency and diversity of thought in Tennessee's redistricting process, which ultimately led to the passage of discriminatory voting maps that

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flyer-2023.08.16.pdf Outdoor dining Mendocino: https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/ 52749/637969506487900000; https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument/ 52749/637969506487900000 Native garden class: https://www.gardenbythesea.org/calendar/build-biodiversity/?mibextid=Zxz2cZ County committees: https://mendocino.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=12243854&GUID=4190D1E8-B0E2-4D2E-9D8B-3DDF708F1260; https://mendocino.legistar.com/View.ashx? M=F&ID=12243848&GUID=7B6AEC78-A107-468B-9350-915AEB0C1A17 Cupertino lobbyist ordinance: https://lwvcs.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=604588 bill_id=202320240SJR7; https://secure.everyaction.com/brPeFk7m50aAA2JjgTRZvQ2 Voting Rights Act: https://www.lwv.org/blog/celebrating-coalition-power-activism-launched-voting-rights-

of color. If the 2021 maps are allowed to remain in place, plaintiffs argue, Black voters and other voters of color will not be able to elect their candidates of choice, as their votes will continue to be diluted due to selective redistricting." The full LWVUS press release gives more detail and a link to the complaint text. Land Acknowledgement 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 Our website: lwvmendo.org Our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LWVMendo1 of major public policy issues, and influences public policy

https://cityfortbragg.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=10425049&GUID=F8A42201-1A98-4893decision-on-fort-bragg-name-change/ Office of Emergency Services: killmert@mendocinocounty.gov

City name change: https://www.changeournamefortbragg.com; www.facebook.com/groups/fbnamechange;

Constitutional convention: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?

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 truthtelling 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 The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, strives to increase