



# League of Women Voters

## North County San Diego

# VOTER

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### September Meetings & Events Calendar

## September 2018

### League of Women Voters North County Annual Kickoff

**Saturday, September 15, 2018, at 2 PM**

**Carlsbad Senior Center  
799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad CA**

#### Candidate Forum Training

Wed. Sept 5. 10 AM at  
the home of Elizabeth  
Brady

#### Gun Control Interest Grp.

Thurs. Sept. 6. 10:30 AM  
at Leucadia Wastewater  
District Board Room  
(LWD) Carlsbad

#### Pro/Con Training Part I

Thurs. Sept 6. 5:30 PM  
Carlsbad Dove Library,  
Gowland Rm.

#### LWVNCS D Board Meeting

Friday, Sept 7. 10 AM  
LWD Training Room

#### Health Care Interest Group

Mon. Sept. 10. 10 AM at  
the home of Jane Dunmeyer

#### LWVNCS D Kickoff

Sat. Sept. 15. 2 PM  
Please see next column

#### LWVNCS D Book Group

Mon. Sept. 17. 1 PM at  
the home of Jan  
Gonzales

#### Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 20. 10 AM  
LWD Board Room, Carlsbad

Our League's Kickoff meetings give members the opportunity to get in touch again after their summer vacations. Our Kickoffs also have speakers who are experts on timely subjects—ones in which our League has an intense interest.

This year the outstanding speaker will be Greg Anglea. Our board member Bill Loftus wrote:

"I am pleased to tell you that our speaker will be Greg Anglea, Executive Director of North County Interfaith Services as well as Board President of the Alliance for Regional Solutions, Board Member of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, Co-Chair of the North County Live Well Leadership Team, and Immediate Past President of the North County Philanthropy Council. I have worked with Greg on a number of projects and can assure you that he has the 'big picture' for North County's homeless efforts." Bill goes on to write: "Please use this opportunity to bring a friend, family member or neighbor to get a picture of what the League of Women Voters is all about. You won't be disappointed!"

An addition, League leader and committee chairs will have displays and will talk with you and answer questions about their special interest groups, about how to take effective action and how to make an impact with Voter Service.

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**Message  
From  
President  
Anne  
Omsted**

**Please Watch  
for your  
Membership  
Renewal Letter  
and respond  
promptly!  
  
Thank You!!!**



I hope you have all had a restful summer, because now our League is going to be working hard! The November election will require a lot of effort from us. If you want to pitch in and help, we will be having candidate and issues forums; voter registration events; presenting the Pros and Cons of the state and local ballot issues to groups; staffing tables at three libraries during the last week before the election for the Registrar of Voters, and accepting mail ballots at official ballot boxes.

Elizabeth Brady is our Voter Service Chair. Send her an email to get on the right contact list for Voter Service events.

We will start the year with our traditional Kickoff meeting on Saturday, September 15 at 2:00 PM. Our speaker will be Greg Anglea, Executive Director of North County Interfaith Services, who will speak on homelessness today and what we can do to help.

We will also have sign-up tables where you can learn about all of our various service opportunities and interest groups. Refreshments will be served. Please do plan to attend.

Looking forward, in October we are planning a forum on "What does Responsible Gun Ownership Mean: Where do we go from Here?" An array of interest groups from all sides of this important topic will be invited to talk about their perspectives.

*Anne*

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Gun Safety Group	Jennifer Lonbom
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Open

## September Meetings & Events

**Pro/Con Training Part II**  
Fri. Sept. 21. 1 PM  
LWD Board Room

**Women's Issues Group**  
Mon. Sept. 24. 1 PM  
LWD Board Room

**Carlsbad Unit's Mayoral Candidates Forum**  
Mon. Sept. 24. 6:30 PM  
North Coast Calvary Chapel, 1330 Poinsettia, Carlsbad

**NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY**  
September 25, 2018

**Oceanside Unit Meeting**  
Tues. Sept. 25. 12 Noon  
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center

**Lunch with League: Affordable Housing**  
LWV San Diego  
Wed. Sept. 26. 11:30 AM  
Tom Ham's Lighthouse  
[my.lwv.org/california/san/diego](http://my.lwv.org/california/san/diego)

**San Dieguito Unit Mtg.**  
Thurs. Sept 27. 10 AM San Dieguito United Methodist Church, Encinitas.

## October - Save the Date

**Gun Control Forum "What is Responsible Gun Ownership"**

**Tues. October 2. 7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
**Dove Library Auditorium Carlsbad**

**Be sure to check our LWV Website for updates.**  
[www.lwvncsd.org](http://www.lwvncsd.org)



## Voter Service - The Time is Now!

by Elizabeth Brady, Voter Service Director

Join us in taking action this election cycle by helping the community get to know the issues and the candidates!

### PROS and CONS of the Ballot Measures

The teams are now forming for nonpartisan Pro and Con Presentations of the ballot measures. After studying the specifics of the propositions and training on how to present the propositions, you will be paired with another Leaguer to talk about the ballot measures to community groups. We already have over 20 requests for this popular service. We are known for making the issues in the propositions clear and enabling the listener to make her/his own decision on how to vote.

The two-part training is on September 6 at 5:30 PM at Carlsbad's Dove Library and September 21 at 1 PM at the Leucadia Wasterwater District Board Room at 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad, CA.

If you are interested in becoming trained as a Pro and Con presenter for this cycle, sign up! You can drop a line to Mary Thompson at [thompsmg@roadrunner.com](mailto:thompsmg@roadrunner.com) or give her a call at 760-942-2458.

### CANDIDATE FORUMS

Interested in the candidate side of elections? Join the Forum team. The League makes sure all candidates have a civil and nonpartisan setting to respond to questions from the public. If you like to take charge and want to be the face of the League you can be a moderator. If you'd like to do something more behind the scenes, there are roles for timekeepers, question runners, and question sorters. Training will be held on Sept 5 at 10 AM by Roni Seay. Please rsvp to [e.b.brady@gmail.com](mailto:e.b.brady@gmail.com) to get the address in Encinitas. You are welcome to join the training just to see if it's something you'd be interested in doing, no obligation.

These are some of the most important and gratifying things the LWV does. They are also a great deal of fun. Now's the time to come check it out!

## Homelessness Now What Do We Do?

by Bill Loftus, Social Policy Director

LWV North Coast San Diego and LWV San Diego have both adopted a formal Position on Homelessness. We now move to Action and Advocacy - the second of our League's mission statements. But where do we put our emphasis and energy? Here are some thoughts for members to consider from one list of 10 potential items.

- Decriminalization of homeless behaviors (sleeping, eating, sitting in public spaces)
- Affordable and supportive housing
- Public perception/public opinion/community awareness
- Create a Regional Community Plan
- Shelter, outreach & Basic Needs
- Decision-making by people with lived experience
- Equity & Justice
- Tiny Houses
- Additional Public Funding (HUD, State Budget)
- Ballot Measures for Funding

Not to be overlooked is support for women and children seeking relief from domestic violence who end up in shelters or on streets of Leucadia, Oceanside or Escondido.

Domestic Violence is the primary cause of homelessness for women in America. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, one in three women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Almost 40 percent of domestic violence survivors will end up homeless, be it in a shelter or on the streets.

Not unlike most counties throughout the United States, there are more shelters for animals in San Diego than there are shelters for women who are victims of domestic violence.

**THINK ABOUT IT !**

## League Letter to the Tri-City Hospital Board of Directors

League President Anne Omsted wrote to the Tri-City Hospital Board of Directors. Our League Observer at Tri-City, Jane Dunmeyer worked on the letter as well.

Board of Directors, Tri-City Hospital

Date: August 21, 2018

RE: Keeping the Current Behavioral Health Unit/  
Crisis Stabilization Unit open

Dear Chairman Dagostino and Members of the Board:

The League of Women Voters North County San Diego strongly supports the Board of Directors of Tri-City Hospital keeping open the Behavioral Health Unit with its 18 beds in-house as well as the Crisis Stabilization Unit in the Emergency Room. We understand that serious financial decisions must be made, and we do not envy the Board the difficult choices must be made. However, there is such a scarcity of psychiatric care beds in San Diego County to begin with, and Tri-City Hospital is the only public facility in coastal North County. The service provided is so valuable to the public and to those servicing the mentally ill, and cannot be replaced by another coastal North County facility at any time soon. The hardships your closure places on the mentally ill, those who have 5150s declared, their families and friends, and on the legal and care teams amount to a tremendous drain on private, city, and county allotments of time and resources.

We commend the county for exploring ways to answer the need for behavioral health care in San Diego County and applaud efforts health facilities and the community make in joining in this effort to seek and develop creative solutions for this increasing need.

The League of Women Voters strongly believes in transparency of government. We appreciate the Board's holding this meeting to give the public an opportunity to voice its thoughts and concerns about the future of the Behavioral Health and Crisis Stabilization Units and encourage you to continue to hold such meetings often in the future.

Sincerely,

Anne Omsted  
President

## Meetings & Events

- **Forum Training, 9/5/18** see page 3

- **Gun Control Interest Group 9/6/18**  
**Speaking Out For Gun Change**

Next meeting:

Thursday, September 6 at 10:30 AM at the Leucadia Wastewater District.

If you plan to attend, please contact Jennifer Lonbom at [cacpa@fastmail.com](mailto:cacpa@fastmail.com) to receive an agenda and related materials in advance.

Update:

At our last meeting, we had a sobering discussion, and learned much, about 3D guns. Jim Brown, member of the League and Veterans for Peace provided an impromptu but essential lesson on how they can be easily converted into automatic weapons, essentially machine guns, with the turn of a button. Jane Dunmeyer provided us with a written report on Preventing Gun Violence: The Role of Family Physicians, along with other information about the public health crisis caused by the proliferation of guns in our country. We talked about promoting a county wide day where everyone wears black to show their support for stemming gun trauma and gun proliferation, maybe even trying to go viral with the idea, nation wide. We dream big!

- **Pro/Con Training 9/6/18** page 3

- **LWVC Board Meeting 9/7/18** - page 1

- **Health Interest Group 9/10/18**

The Health Interest Committee will resume its meetings starting Monday, Sept 10, at 10:00 AM at Jane Dunmeyer's house. We will be discussing our previous compilation of transportation resources for seniors and disabled that we plan to distribute to appropriate centers of need. Then we will mull over what we should choose as our next topic of study....so many choices. Also bring a newspaper article or a piece of information about health that is amazing or shocking that will generate conversation. Questions or directions? Call Jane at 760-473-7931. We welcome any LWV members.

## Welcome New Members! We Look Forward to Meeting you!

Stephen Bartram - Encinitas

Tracy Carmichael - Carlsbad

Kathy Ferguson - Solana Beach

Kelly Harless

Andy Hart - Oceanside

Rachel Heald - Oceanside

Rita Joiner-Soza - Encinitas

Sally Koblinsky - Rancho Santa Fe

Chris Kohrs - San Diego

Nancy L Kohrs - San Diego

Beryl Lewis - Carlsbad

Michele McNeil - Carlsbad

LaVonne Norwood - Valley Center

Robin Schmitt - Fallbrook

Natalie Sentz - Oceanside

Ira Sharp - Del Mar

Rose Ann Sharp - Del Mar

## LWV Book Group

The League Book Group will meet at the home of Jan Gonzales on Monday, Sept. 24 at 1:00 PM. The book we'll be discussing is *Nomadland, Surviving in America in the 21st Century* by Jessica Bruder.

Regulars, please call Jan if you cannot attend. Members who are new to the group please call Jan and let her know you are coming.



## Meetings & Events, continued

### • Carlsbad Unit Meeting 9/20/18

Our September Welcome Back Unit Meeting will be held from 10 AM to Noon at the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad. Speaker: Barbara Engleson, Carlsbad City Clerk. Topic: City of Carlsbad District Elections.

### • Pro/Con Training Part II 9/21/18 - page 3

### • Women's Issues Group 9/24/18

1:00 PM in the LWD Board Room. At the September WIG meeting we will view the short film "Legalize Equality" and then develop a strategy for contacting Leagues in states which haven't ratified the ERA

### • Carlsbad Mayoral Candidates Forum

9/24/18 6:30 - 8:00 PM North Coast Calvary Chapel, 1330 Poinsettia Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92011  
Sponsored by the Carlsbad Unit

### • Oceanside Unit Meeting 9/25/18

The next meeting of our Oceanside Unit is scheduled for noon on September 25. Mary Thompson along with Diane Nygaard and Mik Kelly will be walking us through an exercise comparing our new League Position on Homelessness with the City's Plan for addressing homelessness in Oceanside. Be prepared to enter the next steps for our Unit's plan to become involved in efforts to reduce homelessness in our City. Of course there will be discussion of all things related to the Election on Nov. 6.

### • "Lunch With League" 9/26/18 at 11:30

AM at Tom Ham's Lighthouse in San Diego. This is a monthly event that we often co-sponsor with the LWV of San Diego. The subject this month is "Affordable Housing." For information and reservations go to:  
[my.lwv.org/california/san/diego](http://my.lwv.org/california/san/diego)

### • San Dieguito Unit Meeting 9/27/18

We will meet at 10 AM at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas, CA 92024  
It is time to review and then go forward with our Voter Service and other activities. Everyone is Welcome!

## Advocates Needed

By Cathy Greene, Regional Government Issues Director

League members, time to limber up your fingers and write or email your views regarding the important land use issues here in North County.

This year, land use issues in North County are front and center on our League radar because developers have submitted a number of requests for General Plan Amendments (GPA) to permit large scale housing developments in areas of our County that are designated rural or semi-rural in the County's General Plan.

The LWV and a number of environmental organizations in the County have spent the year studying these GPA requests. We have urged the Board of Supervisors to adhere to our County's well thought out General Plan. Residents of the surrounding rural areas where these proposed developments will be sited are concerned about fire risks, lack of adequate roads and access, negative impacts on habitat conservation, water issues, air quality and climate change that many more cars will bring to areas with no public transportation. The County's General Plan provides for adequate housing within its scope to meet housing needs without resorting to amendments. The argument that these rural developments will provide affordable housing, the biggest need in our County, does not hold water—these developments are not planned to provide affordable housing.

The Board of Supervisors has already approved the Valiant and Harmony Grove Village South application for a GPA over the objections of the entire San Dieguito Planning Commission, the League of Women Voters, and other groups. Several more big developments are to be considered in September and October—the Newland Sierra, the Lilac Hills Ranch, and Warner Ranch proposed developments.

If land use and preservation of land that has been zoned rural are of importance to you, please take some time as private citizens and make your voice heard by writing to the Board of Supervisors.

While the League will continue to lobby in support of adhering to the County General Plan and of protecting rural areas and open space, individual voices such as yours need to be heard on the importance of these issues.

Let me know if you need assistance in finding contact information for the Board of Supervisors.

## LWV of the United States (aka National or LWVUS)



### Message from Virginia Kase

In July, Virginia Kase started her new position as CEO of the League of Women Voters of the United States. At our Annual Meeting we met LWVUS President Chris Carson. Here is an inspiring letter Virginia Kase wrote to League Members.

“When I think about the history of this organization, I am proud to see so many women running for political office this year. And I want you to know that I am committed to our mission Today: Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy.

Part of my motivation for taking this position is to provide women with an opportunity to be heard, especially those who are often overlooked. I want young women to know that there’s no one way to achieve their aspirations. Everyone’s path is different.

You see, I did not have a traditional path to executive leadership. I was a teen mom. It took me eight years to finish my college degree, while juggling two jobs and raising my sons. I started my career as a community organizer working with gang members in Hartford, Connecticut. As an activist, I am passionate about social justice. As an American, I’ve always believed that America is great, but that we’re on a continuing journey as a country to become even better with each generation that passes. What drew me to the League was its commitment to creating that more perfect democracy and its renewed commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

At a time when division and hatred threaten the fabric of our society the League welcomes all people, regardless of background, to play a part in this great democracy. Every vote matters—and we are all equal at the ballot box.

Thanks for trusting in me. We are going to do great things together!

**Warmly, Virginia Kase, CEO, League of Women Voters of the United States”**

### How to Take Action on State Issues

If you want to know a quick and easy way to contact your California legislators about how **you** want them to vote, go to:

1. <https://lwvc.org>
2. Click on the words “TAKE ACTION” in the blue band at the top of the page,
3. Then click on “Sign Up” written red at the top of that page,
4. Fill in your request for the emails you want to receive from LWVC
5. **Be sure to check “Action Alerts”.**
6. ***You’ll feel like you’ve accomplished something worthwhile.***

While you are on the LWVC website, look around and see all the interesting issues and projects LWVC is involved with.

### How to Take Action on LWVUS - National Issues

If you want to contact your Senators or Congressperson about LWVUS issues, start by going to <https://www.lwv.org>.

1. click on “TAKE ACTION” at the top right of the page.
2. Then just click on any or all of the three priorities. Support the Automatic Voter Registration Act; Pass the Dream Act; tell Congress to pass sensible gun laws.
3. Check out other issues for action.
4. Follow the easy form letter directions or write a message in your own words

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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### LWV North County San Diego Membership Application

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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD  
Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership  
PO Box 131272  
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or Join Online at: [www.lwvncsd.org/join.html](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join.html)

#### Dues:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 First Year member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60/year renewal

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30/year 2nd member at the same address

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution

#### Additional Levels of giving

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100/year Suffragist

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200/year Activist

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300/year Advocate

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Voter Service

\_\_\_\_\_ Action and Advocacy