



LWV The Voter

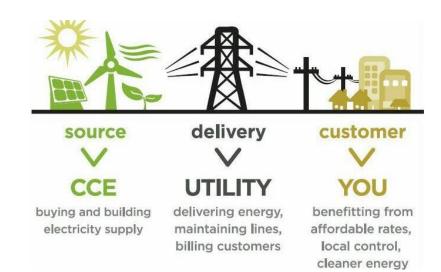


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Greening the Grid by Jim Hill

At our January Lunch with League, the topic of the speaker, Prof. Kathleen Treseder, was "What we can do about Climate Change: Local Action in OC." What we learned was that residents of nine cities and 63 counties in California are now buying their electricity from 50% to 100% green sources. Less of their electricity comes from burning fossil fuels, and they are paying lower rates than conventional sources have required.



City officials here in the OC

are investigating the pros and cons of switching from conventional sources such as Southern California Edison to the cleaner mix of power provided by Community Choice Energy (CCE). Edison would still be paid for the use of its delivery system, but the electrons sparking across their grid would no longer contribute as much to global warming. Coming substantially from solar panels and wind mills, the power would be far greener, and it would cost less.

Irvine has been the lead city in an effort to form a consortium of cities across the county that would undertake the switch together. There are challenges, such as substantial start-up expenses, which can be daunting for some cities, but CCE systems have performed successfully elsewhere in the state since 2002.

With the nasty realities of global warming becoming increasingly apparent with each passing year, interest in finding ways to cut the size of our carbon footprint is getting urgent. Just take a look at the epic fires, floods, storms, and droughts around the world. One thing about global warming that is abundantly clear: the expense of doing something about it is not going to be as expensive as ignoring it.

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2019 What a year! by Virginia Kase, CEO of LWVUS

There's never been a more important or motivating time to be part of the League of Women Voters, and 2019 was filled with great moments for our democracy. Here are a few of my favorite highlights from the year:

- 1. 2019 kicked off strong, with the U.S. House of Representatives passing **H.R.1**, **the For the People Act**, in January. This sweeping democracy reform bill would make elections fairer and put power back in the hands of the American people. But we still need the U.S. Senate to follow the House and pass this important piece of legislation. Take action by contacting your Senators to demand a hearing on the For the People Act.
- 2. The League celebrated **Women's History Month** with a reception on Capitol Hill for the female members of Congress—honoring the record number of women serving in the House and Senate this year. We were proud to hear from many female representatives, so many of whom got their start in politics through the League.
- 3. The Supreme Court's ruling that the **citizenship question cannot proceed in the 2020 Census** was a major win for protecting democracy. Now it is vital that we double our efforts to ensure the most complete possible census count, with a focus on hard-to-count communities. Help us get ready for Census Day (April 1, 2020) by pledging to be counted and educate your community about the importance of the 2020 Census.
- 4. Over the summer we relaunched **VOTE411.org**, the League's "onestop-shop" online voter resource that has supported millions of voters with nonpartisan

- election information. This year we revamped the site to provide even more voters with localized information about primary and general elections, polling locations, voter ID requirements, and much more.
- 5. Another high point for me in 2019 was the launch of **She Is Me**, a digital campaign created for our 100th anniversary, to celebrate the League's century of work through the <u>real-life</u>, inter-generational stories of our supporters and activists. You can follow the campaign hashtag #SheIsMeLWV on social media to learn more and read about the work of real League leaders.
 - 6.Once again serving as the largest onthe-ground partner of **National Voter Registration Day**, holding more than 500 voter registration events, and registering thousands of new voters during a so-called "off-election year".
- 7.The **first hearing on D.C. statehood** in more than a quarter-century. The introduction of H.R. 51 is a historic opportunity to ensure that DC residents are no longer disenfranchised. Take action by signing our petition to support DC statehood today!
- 8. In October, I had the honor of **testifying before Congress** on voting rights and elections. It is the duty of government to protect the rights of voters and to encourage participation in our political system, not create barriers that prevent participation. Watch the testimony here.

See What a Year! on the next page.

What a Year! continued from previous page

9. Launching the **People Powered Fair Maps** TM program, our landmark nationwide redistricting initiative was a major highlight of 2019. For decades, redistricting has been a focus area of the League and a critical component of our Campaign for Making Democracy Work ®. This fall we launched People Powered Fair Maps TM in partnership with all 50 state Leagues and the District of Columbia to ensure millions of voters from coast to coast take back the power of our democracy.

10. Last but certainly not least, to close out 2019, in December the U.S. House overwhelmingly passed H.R. 4, the **Voting Rights Advancement Act**, by a bipartisan vote. The VRAA is needed to ensure that preclearance can go back into effect so that all eligible Americans are able to vote on Election Day. As the VRAA advances to the Senate, we look forward to working with Senators to ensure full passage of this vital legislation.

FACTORY

This work wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our committed League members, volunteers, and engagers. Your support has helped launch many important moments for our organization and our democracy—and 2020 is only going to be bigger, better, and stronger.

2020 will bring the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the League's centennial celebration, and quite possibly, the most consequential presidential election of our lifetimes. With primary elections just around the corner, we're fast-tracking our voter registration program to register hundreds of thousands of new voters by Election Day 2020. Our litigation and mission impact teams are hard at work, standing ready to fight back when the rights of voters are threatened by cynical or even illegal voter suppression efforts. And we're training volunteers nationwide to roll out a visibility and education strategy to make sure everyone understands what's at stake next year.

Thank you for standing with the League to protect the rights of voters—and ensure our elections remain free, fair, and accessible. Thank you so much for everything you do to empower voters and defend democracy all year long. We're excited to see all we accomplish together in 2020.

Read with League: Happening this Month by Lucina Moses

February 11th – The Mirage Factory; Illusion, Imagination and Invention of Los Angeles by Gary Krist (Crown, May2019) 416pp. Reviewed by Satya Khouri, hosted by Deborah Vagts at the Cypress Library, co-hosted by Mary Fuhrman At the heart of Los Angeles' meteoric rise were three flawed visionaries: William Mulholland, an immigrant ditch-digger turned self-taught engineer, who designed the massive aqueduct that would make urban life here possible. D.W. Griffith, who transformed the motion picture from a vaudeville-house novelty into a cornerstone of American culture and gave L.A. its signature industry. And Aimee Semple McPherson, a charismatic evangelist who founded a religion and cemented the city's identity as a center for spiritual exploration. All three would pay a steep price to realize these dreams, yet when the dust settled, the mirage that was LA remained. Spanning the years from 1900 to 1930, **The Mirage Factory** is the enthralling tale of an improbable city and the people who willed it into existence by pushing the limits of human engineering and imagination.

The books chosen for the April through August meetings and other information on the meetings will be posted on the website. For further information contact Lucina Moses 775 762 7656 or lucinalea@mac.com.

OC Registrar of Voters and our new Vote Centers

by Wanda Shaffer, ILO

Pay attention; this is different.

It has been my great pleasure to represent ILO at Registrar Neal Kelley's Community Election Working Group (CEW). Neal formed this group in 2010, and we have had twenty-five meetings. Below is the news from our latest, held on January 27.

By February 9, you should receive your "Voter Information Guide" in the mail. Your printed mail address will show your <u>closest</u> Ballot Drop Box and Vote Center. The Guide will have a double insert map showing <u>all</u> **110 Drop Boxes** and <u>all</u> **188 Vote Centers** in the county! You are free to **use any** of those also. How easy this can be!

The 110 Ballot Drop Boxes: Each box will have two attendees working together. They will pick up ballots inside the box every other day at first, later on, every day. The visits will be at random times. The workers will have cleansing supplies for removing graffiti. Trials have shown graffiti can be easily taken care of. Also, the box survived tests of trucks slamming into them, and "only the truck showed damage." Each box is secured in cement and is equipped with a tested fire suppression device inside. *Note that NO political action is allowed within 100 feet of the box. Each box has a phone number to call for assistance or concerns.

The Vote Centers: If you prefer to vote in person or if you have any concerns or questions about your voting, you can go to ANY OC Vote Center. There you can vote in person, or drop off your ballot, find translators, get a replacement ballot and more. Each Center will have trained, full-time, hired, cordial workers to help you. 38 VOTE Centers will be open for 10 full days, including Saturday and Sunday and Election Day. ALL 188 Vote Centers will be open the weekend before Election Day and for longer hours. All this info can be found in your "Voter Information Guide" insert. Be sure to save it.

The Registrar's hope is that ninety percent of the time, "the voter will be voting in less than 5 minutes." Each Vote Center will have upwards of 4-5 electronic check-in stations, staffed with trained workers. Every Vote Center is equipped with accessible ballot marking devices for voters with accessibility needs to vote independently.

Want to work the polls? Additional workers are still needed. It is hoped that there will be approximately 2,000 poll workers, with about 7 at each poll site. Numerous shifts and opportunities are available. The poll workers will no longer be trained in a short session or with online training. All poll workers will be hired and paid for a 3 or 4 day training session. Applicants will be interviewed, screened, and security checked. Some workers will then be paid for working the 11-day Vote Centers; others will be paid for working the long weekend before March 3, Election Day. Openings begin Feb. 4. More information is found at: ocvote.com/jobs

WHAT A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR THE VOTERS!

IT'S SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND EFFICIENT.

TAKE YOUR POSTAGE FREE, MAIL-IN BALLOT TO ANY POST OFFICE OR TO ANY OF THE 110 DROP BOXES ALL OVER OC.

OR

VOTE AT ANY OF THE 188 STAFFED VOTE CENTERS ANY IO DAYS BEFORE MARCH 3



Lunch With League

by Marge Imbler

Join us for lunch on Thursday, February 27th for good conversation, good food, and 2 excellent speakers: Rusty Kennedy, chair of the Fullerton Homeless Planning Committee, and Alison Lehmann Edwards, CEO of the Orange County Human Relations Committee. As always we will be meeting at the Coyote Hills Country Club, 1440 E Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton,



92831. Come early at 11:00 a.m. for conversation and coffee. Our lunch and program will start at 11:30. The cost is \$22.00, payable with cash, check, or credit card.

Our speakers will bring a background of expertise in the area of homelessness and human relations in Orange County. Rusty Kennedy currently serves as a non-profit executive coach, mediator, facilitator and strategic planner. In 2017 he retired as the founding CEO of the non-profit OC Human Relations Commission, established in 1991.

Mr. Kennedy has received numerous awards and honors, including being selected as a delegate to the White House Conference on Hate Crime and appointed to the California Attorney General's Hate Crime Commission.

Kennedy's community service includes serving as the founding co-chair of the OC Sheriff's Community Advisory Committee, the President of the California Association of Human Relations Organizations, and delegate to the UN World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa.

He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Bridges at Kramer Multi-Service Homeless Shelter, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Crittenton Services for Children, St. Jude Hospital Community Benefits Committee, Board of Directors of the OC Congregation Community Organization, and as a no-profit CEO coach for the Fieldstone Foundation and The Non-Profit Partnership of Long Beach.

Mr. Kennedy was raised in Fullerton attending Golden Hill Elementary, Wilshire Junior High, and Fullerton High School. He graduated from the University of Redlands in 1974 with a BA in Sociology and subsequently studied management, leadership, mediation and strategic planning. He married Anita Varela in 1985, has 4 children, and 2 grandchildren.

Alison Lehmann Edwards, CEO of the OC Human Relations Committee, has been involved with the organization since 1998. She served as program director for the BRIDGES program and then Deputy Director of the organization before coming CEO in late 2017.

Alison earned her BA degree in Ethnic Studies and American Studies from the University of Colorado at Boulder and earned her Masters of Arts in Cultural Studies from Claremont Graduate University. The fundamental framework of OC Human Relations' Community Building, Mediation, and BRIDGES programs are empowerment strategies rooted in grass roots organizing, diverse leadership development, and creative conflict resolutions.

Reservations: Email us at <u>lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org</u> prior to 10:00AM on Tuesday, February 25th. You may also call us at 714-254-7440.

Guidelines:

- 1. Coyote Hills requires our reservation count by 10:00AM on Tuesday before the luncheon.
- 2. No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after the above date.
- 3. A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.

Observer Corps Update

Bringing transparency to local government in Orange County

by Stephanie Oddo Chair, Observer Corps Orange Coast League

Way down here in the "Orange Coast" we have launched an ambitious program to get Observers in as many government bodies as possible. We do this by building teams of 2-3 people where it is only required that 1 team member be a League member. We ask our volunteers to reach out to neighbors and friends and invite them to our trainings, social events and public meetings.

We currently have City Observer teams in San Clemente, Lake Forest, Newport Beach, Dana Point (Jan), Mission Viejo (Jan), and Irvine. At the County level, we have teams at the OC Board of Education (March), Commission on Campaign Finance and Ethics, Commission to End Homelessness, and Housing Finance Trust.

You will feel immediately closer to your community when you start learning about what is the latest in your city. Orange Coast invites all members in North and Central leagues to participate. We have offered to administer the program. That means we will train members, invite your members to socials (2 times a year), use our reporting system, send an introductory letter to the public body you are observing, provide observer pins, and send final meeting reports to the public body.

Coast can provide the following services for COCA and NOC Observers . . .

- 1. Utilizing website for reporting
- 2. Letter of introduction to the agency/Letter of Introduction to start reporting (if already observing)
- 3. Editing of submitted report
- 4. Publishing Edited Report on Web Site
- 5. Emailing Edited Report to Agency
- 6. Invite to join our observers at city meetings to train.
- 7. Invite to join our observers at County meetings
- 8. Mentoring our observers at County meetings
- 9. Provide red buttons

Our next training is February 10 at 10:00 am in Santa Ana at 1300 Grand, 3rd floor. Please RSVP to Stephanie Oddo at stephoddo@gmail.com. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to a great year of working with all our Observers!

Information for Voters

For information on upcoming elections, one of the best resources is the office of the California Secretary of State. Click on the link below to access that resource.

https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/presidential-primary-election-march-3-2020/

Web Tips from Ed Smith

Our new website, **MyLO**, which stands for My League Online, has been active now for nearly three months and seems to be working well. Your comments and suggestions about it have been helpful and appreciated, but now I need your help!

I am sure we can all agree that it is important to have a backup, especially when dealing with technology in our digital world. We need a backup for our webmaster – me. I have prepared some written details to the board such as passwords and info about our internet host, but I feel it is important we also have someone who is able to take over the periodic management of the website should I not be available. While I am not now planning an extended absence, such as a trip to Mars or some other exotic place, one never knows when an unexpected absence may occur. Therefore, if you are willing to be shown how to maintain the website, please let me know at edlosmith@roadrunner.com. If you have basic computer skills, such as using email and internet browsing, you will find maintaining the website very straight-forward and satisfying. Thanks for your consideration, and I look forward to showing you the details of **MyLO**.

LWVNOC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date and Time	Event	Details
Tuesday, February 11 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	At Cypress Library, located at 5331 Orange Avenue in Cypress. Co-hosted by Deborah Vagts and Mary Fuhrman. Reviewed by Satya Khouri. Our book is The Mirage Factory: Illusions, Imagination, and the Invention of Los Angeles by Gary Krist. For more information call Lucina Moses and (714) 762-7656.
Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 pm	Tea with Alice and Me, starring Zoe Nicholson	At the Fullerton College Campus Theater. See ad on page 3.
Wednesday, February 19 at 10:00 am	Board Meeting	At North Orange County ROP, located at 385 Muller Street in Anaheim. All are welcome.
Thursday, February 27 at 11:00 am	Lunch with League	At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 E. Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Our speaker will be Alison Edwards, CEO of the Orange Human Relations Commission. To make reservations, please email Lois Smith at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org

Books for Local Libraries

by Cheryl Zimmerman

Read with League is still collecting funds and finalizing plans to honor Penny Brown, who was our much beloved leader. If you'd like to contribute to Penny's book fund, send your check to



LWVNOC, <u>P.O. Box 3073</u>, <u>Fullerton</u>, <u>CA 92834</u>. Make it out to LWVNOC with a note in the memo area that it is a tribute in honor of Penny Brown.



YES on proposition

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We support <u>Proposition 13, Bonds for Schools and Colleges</u>, on the March 3 ballot.

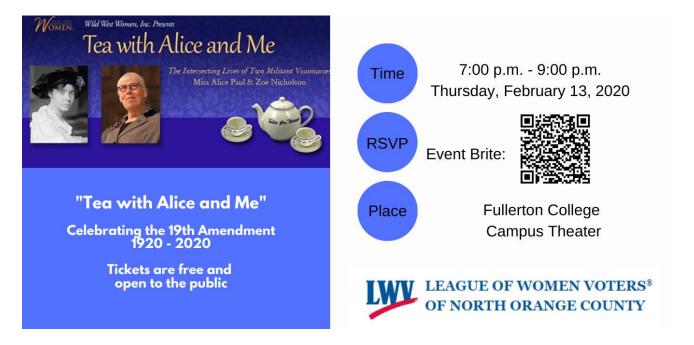
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Dear LWVNOC Members and Friends of the League,

The League of Women Voters of North Orange County request your presence at the 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration we are co-sponsoring with Fullerton College on Thursday, February 13, 2020. Come see a one-woman performance of "Tea with Alice and Me," presenting the intersecting lives of two militant visionaries: Miss Alice Paul and Zoe Nicholson at 7:00 PM in the Fullerton Theatre Arts Building 1300 located on the Fullerton College Campus.

This event is free. A campus map is on the next page. Parking is free on levels 3 and 4 of the indicated parking structure. The Theatre Arts building can accommodate 500 people, so please invite family and friends! You can register with Event Brite as indicated on the flyer below. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely, Pearl Mann, President and Satya Khouri, Vice President



Tea with Alice and Me is a full length one woman performance that takes the audience to women's tearooms ~ Seneca, Selfridges, The National Women's Party, Women's Bookstores. Of course it is really about a cup of revolution served up in nonviolent direct action. From 1775 through today, Zoe takes you on her militant, revolutionary, feminist call to action. Hundreds of pictures and personal stories transport you to each time and place she describes.

Tickets are free and the community is welcome. Donations are encouraged to help our housing and food insecure students through Pathways of Hope and collection boxes will be available at the event for food donations.

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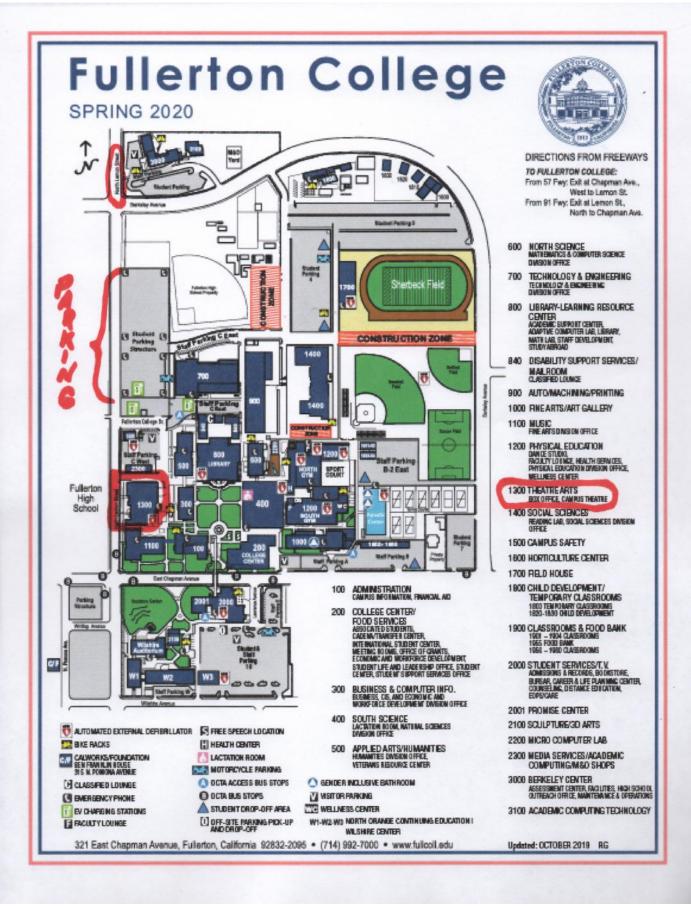
7:00 - 8:20 p.m. Tea with Alice and Me

8:20 - 8:40 p.m.Q&A

8:40-9:30 p.m. Book Signing with Zoe Nicholson (books available to purchase)

RSVP for tickets at Event Brite:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tea-with-alice-and-me-zoe-nicholson-tickets-82665784587?aff=ebdssbeac



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