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President's Message by Pearl Mann, LWVNOC President

I am saddened by the tragic loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg. What a champion of civil rights, women's rights and justice for all! She was the star of one of my fondest memories. In 1998, at the US Supreme Court where a group of California Women Lawyers were sworn in to practice, I recall Justice Ginsberg smiling at us the entire time despite the formal, somber nature of the ceremony. A few years earlier, she had given the keynote address at our Annual Dinner in San Francisco. I feel certain the books about her life that LWVNOC donated to several local public libraries a few years ago when I was Speaker Director are hot ticket items these days.

Meanwhile, as LWVNOC members, we do our best to assist voters and make democracy work. Recently I received a message from a member asking when Lunch with League would resume. Unfortunately, we have no idea when we will be able to reschedule lunches, but our Speaker Committee under the leadership of Marilyn Buchi is working on scheduling speakers for us via Zoom.

At our August Board Meeting via Zoom, the officers and board of directors welcomed Mary Hanson, our new Local League Coach. She lives in San Diego and served as an officer with their League, as well as with LWVC. We look forward to working with her.

The schedule of LWVNOC virtual candidate forums is on our website (www.lwvnoc.org will get you there) and was also published in the Fullerton Observer. Our Voter Service team completed the OLLI Pros and Cons webinar which will be available to the public on YouTube. Also on our website is a tab for information about the Election Video Contest for students. Our heartfelt thanks to Voter Service directors, Deborah Vagts and Patti Chikahisa and their team, for such a stunning achievement within the constraints of these unusual times.

Mail ballots will be mailed shortly. Vote early and make sure your vote gets counted. Deposit your ballots at safe ballot boxes or at a Vote Center as US mail may not be speedy with the removal of many sorting machines. Check our website for a message from Neal Kelley, and look up the location of a safe ballot box or Vote Center near you where you can safely deposit your ballot.

Our special thanks to Ed Smith for keeping us up to date with posting on our website. It is our lifeline. Also, a big thank you to Jim Hill, our creative editor of The Voter. Both are very patient.

I do miss seeing everyone in person. Please keep safe and well.



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Water is Related to Everything

from the League of Women Voters of California

This is the second installment of an eight-part series on water resources in California.

by Dr. Grace Peng, Chair LWVC Energy Team



Water is related to everything -- energy, health, environmental justice, agriculture, recreation, and so much more.

Water is California. From the Pacific coast to the Sierra snowpack and all the valleys, deserts and estuaries in between, water (or the lack of it) defines the California landscape. Furthermore, who has it – and who doesn't – defines our opportunities. Everything in the California mythos is related to water.

The tectonic forces that cause our earthquakes also create the mountain ranges that squeeze water out of the sky. Offshore air masses over the Pacific Ocean create mountains in the sky (Pacific High) that modulate our normal annual spring flood and summer drought cycle. Complicating things, although multi-year droughts have always beset California, they are increasingly more common and severe due to climate change.

Agriculture has thrived because our predictable annual summer drought allowed farmers to engineer exactly when and how much water to apply to their fields.

The movie and aerospace industries located here for reliably dry weather. Semiconductor factories replaced fruit orchards in Silicon Valley due to the prodigious amounts of water required to produce both crops and semiconductors. For example, it takes [12 liters of water to produce a single California almond](#). It takes over 2,000 gallons of water to fabricate one 30 cm wafer used in making integrated circuits.

Even our famous traffic is made up of the [embedded water fueling our cars](#), both gas and electric. While cars produce the lion's share of our smog, water diversion from some areas, such as the Owens Valley, creates dust that travels long distances and contributes significantly to air pollution.

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Water

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The California population and economy would not be so large if we had not engineered [artificial watersheds](#) that move water from hundreds – sometimes thousands of miles away. Every spring, we move water from the wetter northern part of the state to the drier south. This has upset the delicate ecological balance from the mountains to the sea.

Enlarging our watershed is an insurance program against local drought, but also pits us against a larger group of water users. For instance, Denver and Southern California are both outside of the Colorado River Basin, but rely on inter-basin water transfers from the same headwaters.

These water projects have allowed us to build an agricultural juggernaut that must be watered, even when the rivers and aqueducts run dry. When surface water is not available, we turn to time travel in the form of groundwater.

At first, it was just a short jaunt of a few months between the spring snowmelt and flood waters that soaked into the ground. As farm acreage grew, farmers (who can afford it) followed the water table ever lower by drilling deeper wells until they were pumping up an unsustainable amount of fossilized groundwater, deposited thousands or even hundreds of thousands of years ago.

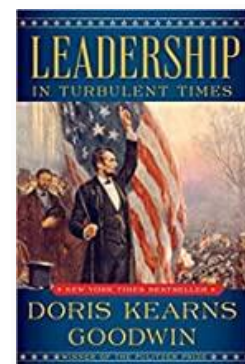
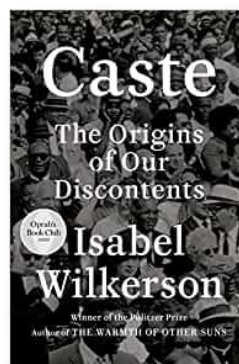
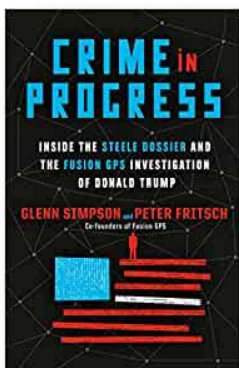
Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds, we are admonished. Those are hollow words to the ~1% of Californians whose wells have run dry or to the 2% that don't have access to clean water or the many more who cannot afford to pay their water bills.

Read with League

by Lucina Moses and Cheryl Zimmerman

Read with League met via a Zoom meeting hosted by Jan Wagner (Thank You Jan!) and had a thought-provoking discussion of **Talking to Strangers** by Malcolm Gladwell. Frann Shermet reviewed the book and led the discussion. (Thank You Frann!) Our October book is **Crime in Progress** by Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritsch. Karen Bender will be the reviewer. The meeting will be on October 13th at 1 pm via Zoom. If you wish to participate in the meeting via Zoom, please send your email to Jan Wagner at janwagner@me.com no later than October 9th so she has time to build her email list to send out invitations to the meeting. To RSVP please call Lucina Moses at (775)762-7656 or email to lucinalea@mac.com, or call Cheryl Zimmerman at (714) 348-6765 or email to cbzimmerman@fullerton.edu. Please contact Lucina or Cheryl if you have questions.

Future Meetings: In November we will read **Caste** by Isabel Wilkerson. Kristine Dennehy will be the reviewer. In January we will read **Leadership In Turbulent Times** by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Lois Smith will be the reviewer. We will finalize the schedule for our books for February through April at the October/ November meetings.



#KnowYourBallotOC Student Video Contest

The League of Women Voters of North Orange County and "A Slice of Orange" podcast are sponsoring a #KnowYourBallotOC Student Video Contest to encourage students to learn how to research their ballot and share that information with their friends, family, and voters.

With over \$300 million being spent on ads supporting and opposing the twelve statewide measures, it's more important than ever for voters to be informed and know how to find unbiased, non-partisan information that isn't paid for by big monied interests. The League of Women Voters is committed to voter education, and this video contest encourages students to educate themselves and to get to #KnowYourBallotOC.

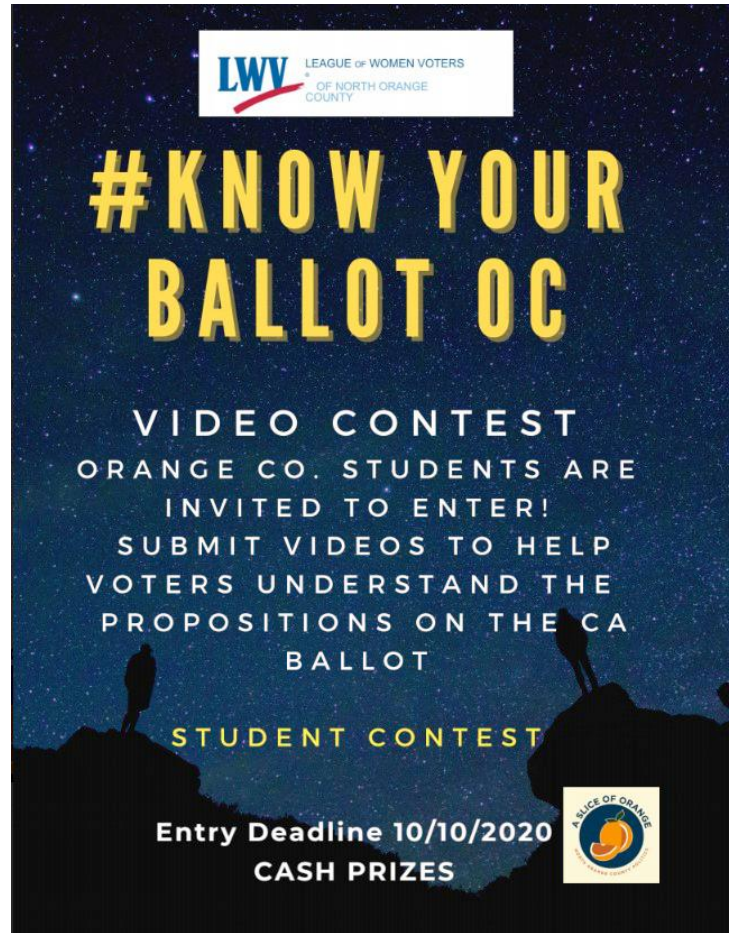
Donations to support this contest can be sent to the LWVNOC Education Fund, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834. Please share this opportunity and encourage students to enter.

Any California student (12-years old and older) may enter to educate and inform voters about the ballot for the general election in November 2020. Contestants will create a short video Public Service Announcement from one of the following three categories:

- A. Choose one of the 12 ballot measures (Propositions 14-25) to research and explain the Pro's and Con's of one of the propositions with factual, unbiased information.
- B. Choose a local city or county ballot measure to research and explain the Pro's and Con's with factual, unbiased information. La Habra, Fullerton, and Cypress all have local ballot measures.
- C. Encourage registered voters of all ages to vote after being informed with the League of Women Voters website Voter's Edge.

Entry Forms must be submitted by Saturday, October 10, 2020. Fourteen winners will be chosen and awarded with \$100 prize and the winning videos will be featured on social media channels.

[Click here to enter the contest.](#)



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Who Can Enter?

- The contest is open to any team of students or individual students 12 and over and currently enrolled in a public or private high school and college, or homeschooled in California.
- While several students may work together on the project, it must be submitted by only one of the participants (the "Project Leader"). Any monetary prizes will be awarded to the Project Leader only. Participants can choose to divide the prize into their own terms if they wish. The Sponsor is not responsible for allocating prize money among individual participants.

RULES!

- There is no entry fee.
- Contestants must fill out an online entry form.
- **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10TH, 2020 BY 11:59 PM PDT**
- Contestants under 18 must have the permission of a parent or legal guardian to enter the Contest. At the time of entry, Contestants under the age of 18 must have their parent/guardian read the guidelines and check the appropriate box on the Google Form.
- Contestants must also have the permission of any individual (or, if the individual is under 18, their parent/legal guardian) who is identifiable in the video to submit the individual's likeness, persona, or voice to the Contest. At the time of entry, Contestants must complete an Actor Release Form for each person who is identifiable in the video by having them read the guidelines and check the appropriate box on the Google Form.
- Video submissions become the exclusive property of the Sponsor.
- Sponsor reserves the right to verify the eligibility of any Contestant. The videos may appear on the state and local chapter League of Women Voters websites, YouTube channels, and social media pages and maybe otherwise published, displayed, reproduced, or replicated by the Sponsor.

Entry Form - please use your phone camera and scan the QR code, and it will take you to the entry form. Thanks!



Time and Place	Event	The Deets (details)
Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 12:00 on YouTube	Pros & Cons of the November ballot propositions	<p>We are presenting Pros & Cons for the initiatives on the November Ballot online this year</p> <p>You can watch the Pros & Cons Initiatives presentation on the November Ballot live on Tuesday, Oct 6 at noon, or you can watch the recorded presentation anytime after the live presentation at this link: https://youtu.be/F-KD8KLoKSw</p> <p>You may email your questions in advance to dvagts@gmail.com by Saturday Oct 3. On the subject line of your email, please enter "OLLI Pros and Cons".</p>
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1:00 on Zoom	Read with League	We are discussing Crime in Progress by Glenn Simpson and Peter Fritsch. Our reviewer is Karen Bender.
Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1:00 on Zoom	Read with League	We are discussing Caste by Isabel Wilkerson. Our reviewer is Kristine Dennehy.



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**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY
 Membership Form 2020 - 2021**

Name(s) of Member(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ E-mail _____

Individual member \$65.00 Renewal ___ New member ___ \$ _____

Additional household member \$32.50 Renewal ___ New member ___ \$ _____

Student member Free Renewal ___ New member ___ \$ _____

Additional donation to League (To cover our operating expenses, etc.):
 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 other \$ _____

Donation to Educational Fund (Separate tax-deductible donation):
 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 other \$ _____

Total enclosed (Make checks payable to LWVNOC.) Thank you. \$ _____

How can you serve the League? How can the League serve you?

Please complete this member survey. Circle your choices or fill in the blanks.

Our areas of emphasis this year are: **Voting Issues, Civic Engagement, Education, and Housing and Homelessness.**

I am interested in working on: _____

I would also be willing to work on special events and other League projects. Yes No

I have special skills (for example: graphic art, computers): _____

I am currently: Working ___ Retired ___ My job/profession: _____

I prefer to attend League events: During the day In the evening Weekdays Weekends

Suggestion for an activity or speaker: _____

I am not able to participate in League events but wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation. Comments: _____

Please send this completed form with your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834

For Treasurer's Use Only: Check # _____ Amount \$ _____ Date: _____



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