



President's Message by Kristina Fruneaux

Welcome to our Fall Season! September is the month when we really get back full swing to our activities, beginning with our annual fundraiser and silent auction Kickoff Event. If you have not RSVP'd yet, you'll want to get your reservations in now. We always have a wonderful speaker, great auction items, and lots of fun. Feel free to invite friends, too! More details about this event can be found in this month's issue of *The Voter*, including information about who our speaker is, and how to RSVP. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

On Aug. 23, many members met for our yearly Strategic Planning meeting. This year, we are looking forward to building up our Observer Corps, which will ideally dovetail with our Focus Committees to keep our members and the public apprised of what is happening at the local level. It was also agreed that our newest committee, chaired by our Fabulous Ameena Qazi, will focus on social justice issues; we will start building systems to maximize effectiveness by first doing a deep-dive focus on the City of Fullerton, and gradually extending to our other cities as our systems are put into place (learning by doing!). We will also be watching the Placentia-Yorba Linda School District carefully.

I encourage all of our members to learn more about how to join in and participate in AT LEAST one area that interests you. Would you like to learn more about being an Observer at city council or school district meetings? Would you like to join our very active Climate Committee? Or what about learning more about working with Ameena on our Justice for All Committee (we still need to finalize the committee name, and suggestions are welcome). Maybe your passion is Voting Rights and Voter Services? Our Voter Services Committee has been completely restructured, and is now as volunteer friendly as we could possibly ask for. This coming year is going to be all about preparing for the very busy, super-important 2024 Election Season. So exciting!

If joining a committee isn't an option for you right now, for whatever reason, rest assured that you can still have a positive influence on issues that matter by signing up for League Calls to Action. Our fantastic Advocacy Chair, Richard Larsen, does a splendid job of keeping us updated on the latest issues, and sending out Calls to Action on items that either State or National League is paying close attention to.

In closing, I want to say once again how proud I am to be a League Member, and how much I appreciate every single one of our members in our North Orange County League. We are comprised of individuals who care deeply about our country and our communities. As individuals, we stand united to create a dynamic, effective group, pooling our diverse skill sets and knowledge bases together for the common good. I am so excited to see what we can achieve together during this coming year!

Onward and upward! Here we come! See you at Kickoff... and have a beautiful September.



Kristina Fruneaux,
LWVNOC President

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Thursday, September 21st

2023 Kickoff Luncheon and Silent Auction

Coyote Hills Golf Club

1440 E Bastanchury, Fullerton 92835
10:30 AM ~ 2:00 PM \$35 per ticket
Luncheon, Silent Auction and Guest Speaker
All Members, Friends, Family and Neighbors welcomed!



Bob Page is Registrar of Voters for Orange County, California, serving more than 1.8 million registered voters.

Prior to joining Orange County, Mr. Page worked for San Bernardino County for more than 20 years in various roles, including as the Registrar of Voters from 2018 to 2022. He also previously worked as a newspaper reporter and university and non-profit fund raiser. Mr. Page grew up in Orange County and earned a BA from Dartmouth College and a MA from the University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

RESERVATION GUIDELINES:

1. Coyote Hills Golf Club requires reservations in advance.
2. Deadline for reservations is Tues, September 12th.
3. Make reservations via email: lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org
4. "A reservation made is a reservation paid".

Deadline
for reservations is
Tues, Sept. 12th
NO walk ins



Menu

LWVNOCK KICKOFF LUNCHEON
SEPT. 21, 2023 @ COYOTE HILLS GOLF CLUB
CHEF'S CHOICE BUFFET

Deadline for ticket order is
Tuesday, September 12th

Beverage Station

Iced tea, lemonade, coffee, decaf
coffee and assorted hot teas

Chef's Choice Buffet

Protein
Salad
Starch
Beans
Chef's Seasonal Vegetables
Assorted Desert Tray



Advocacy by Richard Larsen

Update on AB 1416, which calls for supporters and opponents writing Ballot Arguments for the Voter Information Pamphlet to be listed on the Ballot, but allows County Supervisors to opt out doing it for local items. A check with the Registrar of Voters of OC indicated our Board of Supervisors (BOS) has not opted out. The BOS Agendas are being reviewed to determine if the subject comes up at which time three Orange County Leagues can decide what action to take if any.

As far as reports of political radicals urging the BOS to change the voting process by eliminating mail-in voting, that seems to be happening at every OC BOS meeting and at other county BOS meetings, also. These inputs are during the public input section of the meeting and not as an agenda item. The agenda states “There will be no action taken that is not on the Agenda.” So a review of the agendas will determine if the mail-in issue comes up and needs action.

I just received notices from Common Cause California and also LWVC about a Gov. Newsom call for an “Article 5” constitutional convention. Both organizations condemn the idea. The two documents were distributed to the Advocacy list for action. Article V of the Constitution (not of the Amendments) basically allows three-fourths of the State and Federal congress to call a convention and amend the Constitution without any voting of the population. You can read the LWVC document in this issue of **The Voter**. If anyone else is interested in the Common Cause Petition or full content of Article V contact Richard Larsen.

LWVC Denounces Governor Newsom's Call for a Constitutional Convention

Sacramento, CA, August 24, 2023 — 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, and a constitutional convention is not the right approach.

“Opening a Constitutional Convention puts every right, civil liberty, and underlying value of our country at risk. There are no limits or guardrails to what can be changed during a Constitutional Convention and it opens the door to well-funded special interests buying access to change the Constitution to serve their purposes” said Chris Carson, President of the League of Women Voters of California.

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.”

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Key concerns articulated by the LWVC 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.
- **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.

The LWVC calls on the legislature to reject this dangerous path forward. “California should not take this enormous risk with the rights of every person who lives in our state. We implore 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,” added Stephanie Doute, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of California.

For further inquiries or media engagements, please contact:

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**Contact your legislators today and ask them to
reject this dangerous path forward.**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date and Time	Event	Details
Tuesday, September 12 at 1:30 pm	Read with League	On Zoom. We will be voting on which books to read from members' selections. Further details on participating will be sent out in e-mail soon.
Thursday, September 21 at 10:30 am	Kickoff Luncheon and Silent Auction	Located at Coyote Hills Golf Club, 1440 E Bastanchury Road, in Fullerton, California 92831. Speaker: Registrar of Voters, Bob Page Luncheon Price: \$35 Featured: Silent Auction offering a wide variety of wonderful items to bid on.
Thursday, October 19 at 11:00 am	Lunch with League	Located at Coyote Hills Golf Club, 1440 E Bastanchury Road, in Fullerton, California 92831. Speaker: Harriet Bouldin from the Fullerton Arboretum. Luncheon Price: \$35

CalMatters Offers a California Wildfire Dashboard

This resource is a new way to track major wildfires in the state featuring an up-to-date map that combines both state and federal information along with current and historical context of wildfires and much more.

The dashboard shows that over time, wildfires are getting bigger, more dangerous and more damaging. If this is war, humans are seemingly in retreat, with an alarming rise in lives and property lost and billions spent to combat fires.

To visit the site visit <https://cal.news/45yFTyh>



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MEMBER INFORMATION FOR 2022-2023

First Name	Last Name
Email Address	
Street Address	
City	Zip
Phone Number	Cell Number

MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS

- Individual Membership @ \$85
- Two in a household @ \$120
- Free Student Membership
- Donation to the LWVNOC \$_____
- Renewal
- Renewal
- Renewal
- Donation to LWVC Education Fund \$_____
- New Member
- New Member
- New Member

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check enclosed (payable to LWVNOC)
- Credit card

Name on Credit Card	
Billing Address	City, Zip
Credit Card Number	
Expiration Date	Security Code

Please circle areas of interest for you and/or add a special interest to you:

Read with League	Education	Climate Change	Affordable Housing/ Homelessness
Observers	Action & Advocacy	Voter Services	Help with Technology/ Communications
Special Events Planning	Fund Raising	Field Trips	

Do you have any skills or background that would support any of these areas?

Yes No

Please send this completed form to:

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