



## From LWVUS: League Condemns Gun Violence

PORTLAND, WASHINGTON – The League of Women Voters of Maine and the League of Women Voters of the United States issued this statement following the acts of violence and active shooter situation in Lewiston.

“The League is heartbroken for our friends and neighbors in the Lewiston area and grieves for their losses. We must stop these tragedies from happening. Something must change, and it’s within our power to do so. For now, we are taking a moment to process and grieve for the Maine families affected by this preventable act of violence.

“The League condemns gun violence. Mass shootings have become all too common in America. These latest events rock Maine to its core and signify that common sense gun laws are necessary to prevent further tragedies.

“The Maine legislature will meet in January 2024. The League of Women Voters has held the position since 1990 that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League will support legislation written to limit gun violence and better support Mainers in a mental health crisis.

“The League of Women Voters of Maine supports common sense gun legislation, like strong background checks, gun safety education, and annual license renewal. Going forward in the next half of the 131st legislature, we will support the ongoing work around this issue and offer positions on existing and forthcoming legislation. Legislators must work to enact policy changes to protect Mainers.

“Mainers are strong and resilient, and we will use our power to protect our communities.”



Photo Courtesy of Merton and Muir Landscaping

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## LWVNOC Holiday Gathering Tuesday, 12/5/23

Date: Tuesday Dec. 5 inside and outside on their patio at Les Amis Mediterranean Restaurant

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm-ish

RSVP: no later than Tuesday, 11/28/23 to: [lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org)



Location: Les Amis is a Mediterranean restaurant at 128 W Wilshire Ave, Fullerton (downtown).

Food: Hors d'oeuvres to be displayed on indoor bar (Note, no tray passed selections):

Fried cauliflower (house specialty)

Hummus or baba ghanouje (smoked eggplant dip) with chips

Potato balls

Falafel

House salad

Kafta beef kabobs

Chicken kabobs

Ticket Price : \$38.32 per person, \$35.00 per member (\$3.32 price reduction due to a subsidy from our League chapter – Thank you, LWVNOC !), includes the location, refillable non-alcoholic drinks and hot / cold hors d'oeuvres

Alcoholic drinks: paid by attendees

Registration due by Tuesday, November 28

Make reservations via email: [lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org)

Note: Everyone would be welcome to stay for dinner

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# Advocacy

by Richard Larsen

Advocacy **Take Action** Items are typically requests for you to send petitions to our various Legislators both California and US. To **Take Action**, you click on the **Take Action** or similar request, and the next screen will have a form to fill out that typically contains your name, address, and email. This information is used solely to identify your Legislator and provide your email address to the Legislator for his/her response to you, which they typically do. The form also contains a written petition and an additional box/block so you can write your own if you wish.

There were several Advocacy items to take action on in October, both from LWVC and Common Cause that were distributed to our Advocacy group.. These are summarized here;

1. At the end of September we received the LWVC Highlights which contained six Take Action Items for October. They were;
  - **NEW!** Stop voter discrimination and support the *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act!*
  - Urge Congress to expand the right to vote!
  - Demand bipartisan cooperation on voting rights!
  - Tell your senators to enshrine sex-based equality by affirming the Equal Rights Amendment as part of our Constitution!
  - Urge Congress to address the climate crisis and protect our youth!
  - Reduce the influence of dark money by promoting the DISCLOSE Act!
2. On October 11 we received a request from LWVUS to again address the climate crisis to protect our youth.
3. On October 13 we received a request from Common Cause to ask Michigan lawmakers to be the next state to join the **National Popular Vote** to fix our broken Electoral College.
4. Then on October 20 we received an Action Alert from LWVC calling on Californians to urge federal representatives to support funding for climate-smart agriculture and conservation technical assistance in the 2023 Farm Bill. A request for advocacy action was also sent out on October 25 to the California State Board of Education on school redistricting at the request of our ILO President Susan Guilford.
5. "The League of Women Voters of Orange County, an InterLeague Organization, a coalition of Leagues within Orange County, opposes the petition of the Orange County Board of Education to take over the functions of the Orange County Committee on School District Organization, whose duties include setting new district boundaries every 10 years." Members and friends are invited to also submit their comments to the California State Board of Education. [here](#)

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# Lunch with League

## Museum as Text: From Classroom to Gallery



Grace Yoo, Georgette Collard, Jodie Balma, Elvia Rubalcava,  
Sheri Meinburg, Joey Fenwick, and Molly McClanahan

FMC Executive Director Elvia Rubalcava and her students joined us to share what they've been doing at the Fullerton Museum Center. The partnership between the Fullerton College Museum Studies Department and the Fullerton Museum Center has been transformational for these students and allowed the FMC to expand their exhibits. Special thanks to Fullerton College Art Gallery Director Carol Henke who wasn't able to attend because of scheduling conflicts. Grace Yoo, Sheri Meinburg, Joey Fenwick, and Georgette Collard all did great sharing the personal journey as students and FMC interns.

Click here for more information about the Fullerton Museum Center: [Fullerton Museum Center](#)



# What About the Observer Corps?

## ? ARE YOU ?

- \* **A good listener?** Able to summarize and “interpret” proceedings in a fair way?
- \* **Interested in local government and/or issues being discussed?**
- \* **Able to serve as an “ambassador” for the organization**  
(e.g. talking about the League with other attendees at a meeting)?
- \* **Discrete and courteous?**
- \* **Able to not pursue a personal or partisan agenda while serving as a League observer?**  
[From “Observing Your Government in Action” – LWVUS]

For the investment of a few hours a month, you can learn how decisions are really made and feel more engaged with the local political process. If you’re interested in providing needed feedback to the League about what’s happening at a city, school district, or county level agency by becoming a member of our Observer Corps, OR if you have questions about the Observer Corps, contact Karen Bender:

[karen.bender063@gmail.com](mailto:karen.bender063@gmail.com)

## LWVNOC Current Officers and Directors

### Officers

President	Kristina Fruneaux
Vice-President	Deborah Vagts
Secretary	Bey-Ling Sha
Treasurer	Karen Bender

### Special Events

Jennifer Trafford

### Nominating Comm.

Jan Urban  
Pearl Mann  
Marcy Fry  
Karen Bender

### Directors

Action/Advocacy	Richard Larsen
Lunch w/ League	Betty Hammond
	Jennifer Trafford
Co-Membership	Marcy Fry
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Co-Voter Service	Linda Lockwood
	Jan Urban
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	Jodi Balma
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	Maggie Lee

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Read with League	Patricia Larsen
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### Observer Corps

Director	Vacant
Fullerton	Eileen Moore

## 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
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- 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:**

League of Women Voters of North Orange County (LWVNOC)  
PO Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834

