



LWVUS Working to Preserve the Environment

Why It Matters

The preservation of the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the earth's ecosystem is essential for the maximum protection of public health and the environment. The interrelationships of air, water, and land resources should be recognized in designing environmental safeguards. The federal government should have a major role in setting standards for environmental protection and pollution control.

What We're Doing

Since the 1960s, we have been at the forefront of efforts to protect air, land, and water resources. Our approach to environmental protection and pollution control is one of problem-solving. The League's environmental goals aim to prevent ecological degradation and to reduce and control pollutants before they go down the sewer, up the chimney or into the landfill. We support vigorous enforcement mechanisms, including sanctions for states and localities that do not comply with federal standards as well as substantial fines for noncompliance.

In 2023, we [endorsed the Children's Fundamental Rights and Climate Recovery Resolution](#), which recognizes the disproportionate impact of the climate crisis on the health, economic opportunities, and fundamental rights of children and the need for a national, science-based climate recovery plan to meet necessary emissions reduction targets and stabilize the climate system.



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Advocacy

by Richard Larsen

This month's biggest advocacy task is performing the Legislator Interviews requested by LWVC. It turns out that this series is just for the California State Senate and Legislature, not the US. Of the five basic tasks listed in last month's Voter, two have been completed. The other Local Leagues in each district have been determined and primary contacts have been made.

DISTRICTS THAT LWVNOG IS IN ALONG WITH OTHER LEAGUES CA SENATE

34	Tom Umberg	Central Orange County Area, North Orange County
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We have 10 members in this district.

37	Dave Min	SD #37 in 2024: Central Orange County Area, North Orange County, Orange Coast
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We have 65 members in this district.

30	Bob Archuleta	East San Gabriel Valley, Mt. Baldy Area, North Orange County, Whittier
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We have 8 members in this district.

32	Kelly Seyarto	Mt. Baldy Area, North Orange County, Riverside
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We have 8 members in this district.

67	Sharon Quirk-Silva	Central Orange County Area, North Orange County
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We have 6 members in this district.

59	Phillip Chen	Central Orange County Area, Mt. Baldy Area , North Orange County
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We have 86 members in this district.

STATUS

D34- Since it is just Central Orange County and North Orange County we will do.

D37- Orange Coast asks that North Orange County do it.

D30- We will inform other Leagues we have too few members to do it.

D32- We will inform other Leagues we have too few members to do it.

D67- Since it is just Central Orange County and North Orange County we will do.

D59- We have a majority of members so we will do and keep Mt Baldy informed.

Making the appointments and doing the interviews requires several volunteers. Let me add that volunteering is not a firm commitment. That is because when we make the appointments for the interviews, they are based on the legislator's availability; and if a volunteer is not available, someone else will fill the slot. That is why we need several names. If you are interested, look at the Legislative Interview Kit to see the questions to be asked and other requirements. Then contact Richard Larsen rkajdane5@gmail.com.

[Legislative Interview Kit for 2023-2024](#)

From LWVC: Our 2023 Advocacy Wrap-up

2023 marked yet another exciting and dynamic year for the League of Women Voters of California. We led many important legislative efforts, arm in arm with our statewide and community partners, commissioned two redistricting reports, participated in numerous coalitions and task forces, and supported federal climate policy efforts. A host of new districts and open seats paved the way for a historically diverse California legislature in 2023. While there have been notable improvements in representation – including a record 50 women in office up from 32 in 2022 – there continues to be a gap in representation among women, Latino/a/x and Asian Americans as compared with their share of the state’s population. Despite budget issues, the influx of new members also heralded the introduction of 2,632 bills – the highest number in over a decade. Of those, the League took positions on 77 bills, a 13 percent increase from the same period in the previous legislative session.

In this year’s Wrap-Up, you can read highlights of our hard-earned victories and a preview of some of our advocacy goals for next year. As always, detailed letters related to all the bills on which we took positions may be found in our [Bill Status Report](#).



Tributes

In the loving spirit of holiday giving, Denise Hartsough made a donation to LWVNOC honoring Gerri McNenny and her husband, Neal Hartsough. Denise specified the donation is to support the League’s action priorities.

Shirley Bloom, an active LWVNOC member for many years and a good and dear friend, passed away on November 29th. Her passion for women’s issues led her to establish scholarship funds for young women attending CSUF. She will be missed! Lois & Ed Smith

Lunch with League

- 1) Coyote Hills requires our reservation count by a certain deadline before each event; the deadline date and time are stated in each event announcement message.
- 2) No cancellations can be accepted after the deadline time.
- 3) "A reservation made is a reservation paid"--this includes late cancellations.
- 4) Cost for lunch and program is \$28.00.



WHAT'S ON YOUR MARCH 2024 BALLOT?

JODI BALMA
POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR
FULLERTON COLLEGE

THURSDAY
JANUARY 25
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
COYOTE HILLS GOLF
FULLERTON




January 25, 2024 - Jodi Balma, "What's on Your March 2024 Ballot?"

Jodi Balma started her career as a professor of political science at Fullerton College in 2000. Her goal is to help students learn how to think about politics and community problems with an emphasis on critical thinking and analysis, regardless of political party or ideology. She is actively involved in the League of Women Voters of North Orange County and frequently hosts local candidate forums throughout North Orange County each election cycle. Professor Balma launched a North Orange County focused podcast titled "A Slice of Orange: North Orange County Politics" to help her students and the community learn more about local government and elections.



Candidates Forum 45th Congressional District



SAVE THE DATE! **Jan. 20 @ 2pm**


Candidates Forum
45th Congressional District

Serving the cities of Brea, Buena Park, Cerritos, Cypress, Fountain Valley, Fullerton, Garden Grove, Los Alamitos and Rossmoor, Placentia, and Westminster.

Come meet and hear from the candidates for the March 5th Primary Election!

WHERE:
Fullerton College Student Auditorium
More details to follow!

Presented by the LWVNOC
Voter Services Committee





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			Karen Bender

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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

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- Check enclosed (payable to LWVNOC)
- Credit card

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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:

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| 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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