



## Immigration: Why It Matters from LWVUS

All people should receive fair treatment under the law, and the US must encourage immigrant participation in our democracy.

### What We're Doing

#### Legal Advocacy

We support federal immigration laws that provide efficient, expeditious systems for immigrants to enter the United States.

Congress must take immediate action to pass common-sense, fair immigration policies that end the crisis at our border, stop the separation of families, and provide a path to citizenship.

#### Supporting a Path to Citizenship

Diverse voices enhance our democracy. The League believes that a path to citizenship, or provisions for unauthorized immigrants already living in the US to earn legal status, will strengthen our nation.

We have lobbied both the [House](#) and [Senate](#) for a path to citizenship. We've also lobbied to support the DREAM Act, critical legislation enabling immigrant youth to become fully productive members of American society.

#### Helping New Americans Become Active Participants in Our Democracy

Voter education and voter registration are the foundation of the League's work. The strongest democracy is one in which the voices of all participants are heard. As such, the League is committed to helping new citizens become active in American political life. We do this by providing civic education and registering tens of thousands of new voters at naturalization ceremonies in communities nationwide.

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# Advocacy

 by Richard Larsen

The primary functions of LWVNOC Advocacy are to support LWV action items requested by LWVC and LWVUS and to also report any other potential action areas. Actions requested by other non-profits must be cleared by our League's President prior to taking any action. These primary actions are petitions to our State and Federal Legislators which are distributed to advocacy-interested LWVNOC members for action (Submitting the petitions). In the month of March the following action items have been received and distributed to those interested in advocacy for action.

Feb 29- LWVUS. The Senate Must Pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. To our Senators.

Mar 1-Common Cause. The Senate Must Pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. To our Senators [the more petitions the better].

Mar 1-LWVUS. Happy Women's History Month with a list of actions to promote women's equality. To Senate and Congress.

Mar 8-LWVUS. Honoring International Women's Day, Demand Equality Now. To Congress.

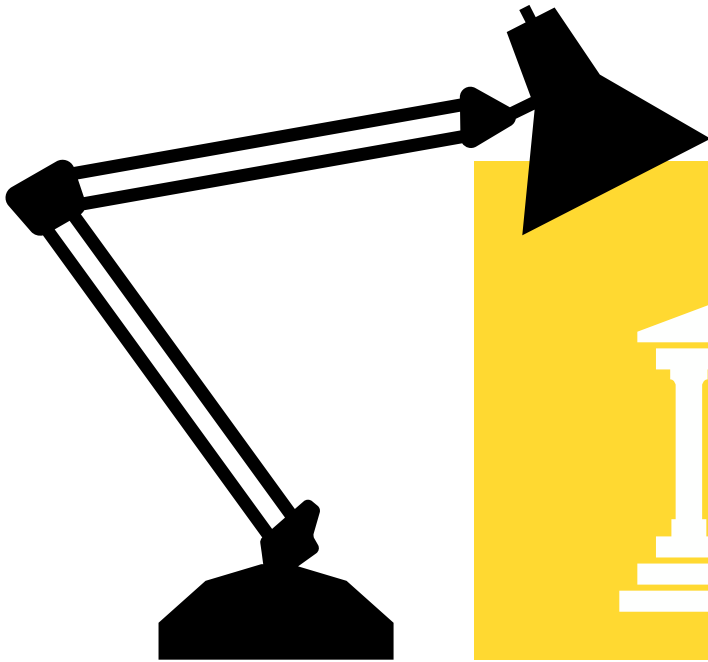
Mar 13-Common Cause. Tell Speaker Johnson: take REAL action for voting rights. To Congress.

Mar 21-Common Cause. Petition: Protect Vote By Mail, FIRE Louis DeJoy to protect from political meddling.  
To President Biden.

Anyone who did not receive these action notifications but would like to please contact Richard Larsen LWVNOC Advocacy Director [rkajdane5@gmail.com](mailto:rkajdane5@gmail.com). Other types of activities also come up throughout the year to participate in. We are typically asked to interview our California Legislators and Senators sometime in December-February and report to either LWVUS or LWVC.



Date and Time	Event	Details
Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30 pm	Read with League	On Zoom. Our book is <b>Democracy Awakening</b> by Heather Cox Richardson. The reviewer is Barbara Dunsheath



## Observer Corps Update by Karen Bender, [karen.bender063@gmail.com](mailto:karen.bender063@gmail.com)

**“What is the Observer Corps?”** you ask. The Observer Corps is a group of dedicated League members who are exercising our right, guaranteed by the Sunshine Laws, in this case, the Brown Act, to observe local public agency proceedings.

### **“Why would you want to observe a local agency proceeding?”**

1. That’s how we learn what’s going on with our local government.
2. We want to know that our local agencies (city councils, school boards, and county Boards) are complying with the provisions of the Brown Act.
3. We want to know whether the actions of an agency might prompt comment or action by the League or one of our local League committees.

We are currently focused on the Fullerton City council, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, and the Orange County Board of Supervisors. We will add additional agencies as we add observers.

Our local League Observer Corps, with the help of Webmaster Ed Smith, is getting ready to launch a new feature on our MyLO website. You will be able to read a report about the proceedings of a particular agency meeting, letting you know whether the agency is in compliance with the Brown Act and whether the observer feels action by the League is warranted.

Observers benefit by becoming more knowledgeable about our governing agencies. Thus, the experience is educational/engaging/enraging, and occasionally amusing.

You’re welcome to join us. Indeed, we’d love to expand our reach.



## LWVNOC Current Officers and Directors

### **Officers**

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

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	Marcy Fry
	Karen Bender

### **Directors**

Action/Advocacy	Richard Larsen
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League Mail Box	Karen Bender
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Facebook	Jodi Balma
	Kristina Fruneaux
	Betty Hammond

### **Observer Corps**

Director	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
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  - Renewal
  - Donation to LWVC Education Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - New Member
  - New Member
  - New Member
- (Must be separate check made out to LWVCEF)

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- Check enclosed (payable to LWVNOC)
- Credit card

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

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| Read with League        | Education         | Climate Change | Affordable Housing/<br>Homelessness     |
| Observers               | Action & Advocacy | Voter Services | Help with Technology/<br>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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