



President’s Message

Taken from the LWV.org Blog: A comprehensive analysis of the SAVE Act

The SAVE Act Is Headed to the Senate: A Push to Restrict Voting Access

by Jessica Jones Capparell

Congress is moving the [SAVE Act suite of bills](#), which would disenfranchise millions of eligible Americans from registering to vote. This time, they’ve added provisions that would also make it harder to cast one’s ballot. Here is what you need to know.

A renewed push for the SAVE Act

For the last several months, online supporters of the SAVE Act have partnered with President Trump, Representative Chip Roy (R-TX-21), Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), and even Elon Musk to promote the legislation through social media platforms. The focus has been on spreading mis- and disinformation about voting in our country, largely around non-citizen voting.

[Tell Your Senators to Reject the SAVE Act Suite!](#)

Claims that non-citizens participate in federal elections are [wildly overdramatized and false](#). In fact, it is already illegal for non-citizens to register to vote AND cast a ballot in state and federal elections across the country. In 2016, the Brennan Center for Justice found that across 42 jurisdictions with high immigrant populations, there were [only 30 cases of suspected noncitizens voting out of 23.5 million votes cast](#) (.0001%). An audit of Georgia voter rolls found that out of 8.2 million registered voters, there were [only 9 instances](#) where a noncitizen cast a ballot. Claims that noncitizen voting is a true threat capitalize on racism and fear to promote certain politicians' agendas.

President Trump has used mis- and disinformation about election security to promote a call to “[nationalize elections](#),” taking the power to administer our country’s elections out of the hands of the thousands of local elections officials across the country. The nationalization of federal elections would be an unconstitutional power grab unlike any we have seen in our country’s history. President Trump has also called for suppressive [voter ID](#) requirements in elections and threatened to implement the policy by Executive Order, an act that, much like his previous Order on voting, would be [challenged](#) and declared unconstitutional.

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The *SAVE America Act* or *SAVE Act 2.0*

The [SAVE Act](#) and legislation similar to it would fundamentally change how eligible Americans register to vote.

The bill will require that every eligible voter provide documentary proof of citizenship (DPOC) to register to vote, even though voters in every state are already required to affirm or verify their citizenship status when registering and voting. Every eligible voter could be unnecessarily burdened by the SAVE Act at some point when they update or change their voter registration information.

In February, members of the House and Senate introduced new legislation with similar provisions of the SAVE Act. The most popular bill, which was immediately passed by the US House, is the [SAVE America Act or SAVE Act 2.0](#). This bill still requires eligible Americans to show DPOC, and it adds two other provisions. The first is a requirement that all voters show a photo ID when they show up to the polls to vote, which would make the requirements of this bill stricter than any other voter ID law in the country, except in Ohio. The second provision requires every state to run its voter database through the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) *Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements* (SAVE) system.

By creating a "[show your papers](#)" requirement to not only register but also to cast a ballot, lawmakers seek to suppress millions of eligible Americans from voting. Acceptable documentation requires a photo, while expressly leaving out [student IDs](#) — even those issued by state-affiliated education institutions. Requiring a [photo ID to vote](#) would leave out millions of Americans who do not possess an acceptable photo ID, like a passport, tribal ID, military ID, or even a state-issued identification card or driver's license.

The League supports accurate voter rolls and secure elections. But election integrity must be pursued in ways that are transparent, lawful, and protective of constitutional and statutory rights. Further requiring states to run their databases through the [DHS SAVE system](#) (intentionally confusing, we know), a system that was never built to fulfill these requests, would disenfranchise historically marginalized communities. Naturalized citizens and immigrant communities are particularly vulnerable to database inaccuracies.

The *Make Elections Great Again (MEGA) Act*

Another piece of legislation, the *Make Elections Great Again Act*, would require documentary proof of citizenship to register to vote, mandate voter photo ID to cast a ballot, repeal universal vote by mail, direct states to conduct voter roll purges every 30 days, and more. This legislation received a hearing in the House in February, and the League [submitted testimony](#) in opposition.

What's next in Congress?

The *SAVE America Act* and the SAVE Act have both passed the House in this Congress and could come to the Senate floor at any time.

Any legislation that comes to the floor would be subject to the 60-vote filibuster threshold. Senators, President Trump, and members of the US House have been weighing in heavily regarding whether the Senate should require a "[talking filibuster](#)" or just vote to remove the 60-vote threshold altogether.

A talking filibuster would require the minority to "hold the floor" to debate the bill for as long as possible and delay a vote. At any time, if a senator is not holding the floor, the opposing side could call the question to end debate with a majority vote and then move to a vote that only requires a majority to pass the legislation. [Senator Collins](#) recently came out in support of the *SAVE America Act*, which gives the bill the required number of fifty senators to pass the bill. A talking filibuster is rare in the Senate and could use days of floor time, preventing the Senate from getting to more pressing legislation (like funding for the Department of Homeland Security) or executive nominations.

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The League does not support the removal of the filibuster in this case. We support reform when Senate rules stand in the way of protecting voters. And we support using those same rules if they are a tool to advance legislation that strengthens our democracy. The issue is never the filibuster itself.

The issue is always, *does this help or hurt the fight for voting rights?* When we ask ourselves this question about the SAVE Act and its companions, we cannot answer it in the affirmative; therefore, we do not support the removal of the filibuster to pass this legislation.

Tell the Senate to Reject the SAVE Act

We know that the pressure is increasing on Senators every day. Now is the time to make your voice heard. LWV opposes the SAVE Act in all its forms, and we oppose efforts to create barriers that block eligible citizens from fully participating in our democracy. Voting is the one time when all citizens have an equal say in our government. [Please join the League in calling on your Senators to oppose this legislation in all its forms.](#)

And now, a word from Jenny Farrell, Esq., Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of California:

NOW AVAILABLE: Civic Action Toolkit During ICE Activity and Related Blog

- With immigration enforcement activity increasing in our communities, it can create fear, confusion, and barriers to participation in civic life. Leagues can now review our [civic action toolkit](#) on the League Management Site to learn how to show up safely, lawfully, and in solidarity during ICE activity.
- LWVUS has a new [blog](#) post describing what's happening with ICE and how to respond, including Know Your Rights information. Please feel free to share this with your networks!

No Kings Mobilization

- LWVUS is joining [No Kings](#) as a national partner on Saturday, March 28. LWVNOC is excited about leaning in locally and participating in activations with partners on the ground in a nonpartisan manner. We will soon be planning together how best to participate locally. If you decide to go to the No Kings on Saturday, March 28th, please follow this advice from the LWVUS: [Protest Safety Guidance](#) and [Guidance for Leagues About Nonpartisanship and Partnerships](#).

Voter ID is a modern poll tax by Sue Guilford

The purpose of voter ID is to suppress the vote. Recently, the House passed the SAVE Act, which will require voter ID in all states. It is now in the Senate; no idea when it will come up for a vote. In California, where voters already swear upon penalty of perjury, which is a felony, that they are citizens, petitions to put a voter ID requirement on the November ballot are in circulation.

What is especially concerning about voter ID is that lots of people think it's a good idea. "I have to prove my ID to get on an airplane, cash a check, or buy a drink in a bar. Why not prove who I am when vote?"

Here's why. Getting on an airplane, cashing a check, or buying a drink are all privileges. Voting is a right of every citizen. A certified copy of your birth certificate can cost \$50, which for some is a barrier. And some will require more documents than a simple birth certificate. Think about women, many of whom change their names when they marry. What if they have been married more than once? Voter ID discriminates against the young and the poor.

The claim that we have a problem with widespread voter fraud is a lie. Even in California, and the eleven other states that don't require voter ID, the incidence of noncitizens voting is rare. It's also illegal, and anyone who votes illegally is prosecuted.

No Kings 3!

by Marguerite Milligan

The protest movement in Orange County (and the U.S.) keeps growing, and here is what is coming up next as well as where to get up to date information. Start thinking about your signs and your plans to attend one or more events now! Make your voice heard and meet some really nice people as well!

All the “No Kings 3” events in Orange County, CA on March 28, 2026 (in order by start time)

- La Habra (Imperial Hwy & Beach Blvd) 10am-12pm hosted by Indivisible La Habra
- Newport Beach (PCH & Jamboree) 10am-12pm hosted by Newport Indivisible
- Orange (Yorba Park) 10am-12pm hosted by Indivisible Orange
- Sunset Beach (PCH & Warner) 10am-12pm hosted by OC Huddle
- Yorba Linda (Imperial Hwy & Yorba Linda Blvd) 10am-12pm hosted by Indivisible NE OC
- Huntington Beach (HB Pier) 10am-1pm hosted by HB4Democracy (an Indivisible group)
- Santa Ana (Bristol & MacArthur) 10:30am-12:30pm hosted by Defenders of Democracy (an Indivisible group)
- Aliso Viejo (Aliso Creek Rd & Enterprise) 11am-1pm hosted by Aliso Viejo Resistance (an Indivisible group)
- Laguna Beach (Main Beach) 11am-1pm hosted by Laguna Beach Democratic Club
- Westminster (9193 Bolsa Ave) 11am-1pm hosted by Little Saigon Liberty Coalition
- Dana Point (PCH & Selva) 12-1:30pm hosted by SJC Indivisible & DWSOC
- Seal Beach (PCH & Main) 12-2pm (tentative) hosted by Seal Beach Indivisible
- Laguna Woods (El Toro & Paseo de Valencia) 1-3pm hosted by Indivisible Laguna Woods & LWDC
- Flagship event: Anaheim (Pearson Park) 2-5pm hosted by OC Indivisible Coalition, 50501 Orange County & WAVE

Here is a dynamic map of Orange County No Kings 3 locations:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1gUnDMMuHmr-dLMtIdT9QcwFOKQNF52Y&ll=33.676225454849856%2C-117.70779258614404&z=11>

Here are some good sources for information on the protest events in particular and the resistance movement in general:

www.nokings.org – Find the national dynamic calendar of March 28th No Kings 3 locations here. Put in your zip code and the locations near you and their details will show on the map. On this website you can also sign up to receive updates as well as access resources and view recordings of trainings. There are also a couple of cool 3-minute videos on No Kings 2 featuring actions from all around the country that is kind of exciting and inspiring.

www.mobilize.us – Here you can find in person and virtual resistance events in your area by using the filters at the top of the page. You can also sign up for the events on this page.

[www.Instagram.com/ocindivisible](https://www.instagram.com/ocindivisible) - Here you can find information on events and actions taking place specifically in Orange County. They also have a website: www.indivisibleoc.org.

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Indivisible National Weekly Zoom Meeting:

Indivisible co-founders Leah Greenberg and Ezra Levin usually hold a weekly national zoom meeting on Thursdays at noon called “What’s the Plan?” where they discuss the most recent events that have taken place, upcoming events, and answer questions. It is always recorded so you can access the recordings at any time on YouTube. You can sign up for it here: <https://indivisible.org/events/whats-the-plan-with-leah-and-ezra/> You can also access prior recordings on their YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/@indivisibleteam/videos>

Mutual Aid Opportunity

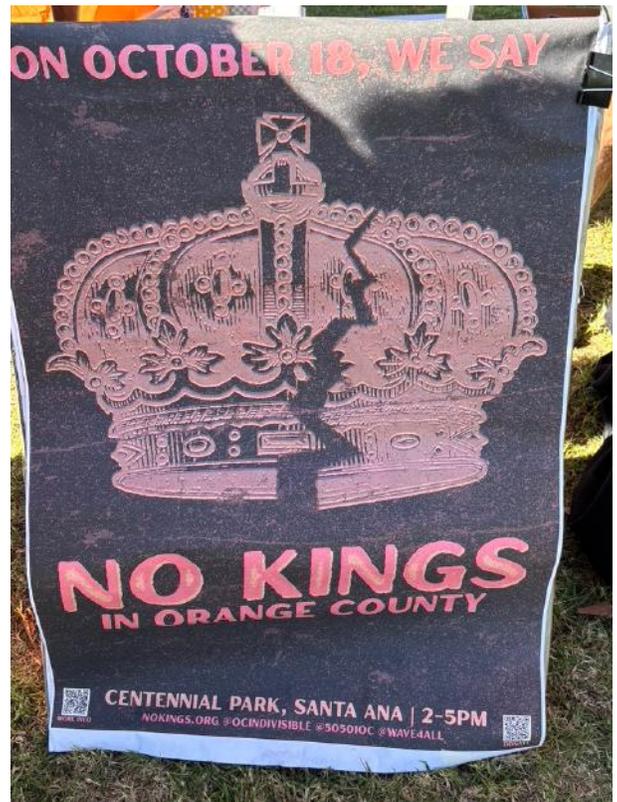
Besides the Mutual Aid drives to support vulnerable communities (with food, water, diapers, wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, other hygiene items, etc.) that are at some of the weekly protest locations (check here <https://50501oc.com/protest-calendar/> for which protests include these drives), there is a continuous drive going on at The Untold Story Bookstore located at 301 North Anaheim Blvd, Suite D, Anaheim 92805. www.untoldstorybooks.com. They are closed on Mondays and open 11:30 AM to 7:30 PM Tuesday through Saturday and 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM on Sunday and they also have a refrigerator and freezer so you can also donate perishables (milk, eggs, meat, etc.) here too.

ICE Out of OC

Indivisible OC and others are monitoring reports that ICE/DHS is setting up offices in Irvine and possibly Santa Ana in Orange County. At least one protest has already taken place at 2020 Main St in Irvine. Look for more in the future. These actions are ongoing and evolving and more information is available here: <https://drive.proton.me/urls/NND745HZJM#dRs6nYjgunYM>

Weekly Protests

There are regularly scheduled weekly protests every day of the week in Orange County. There used to be one per day but now they are doubling and tripling up on most days. “50501OC” has a dynamic protest calendar that you can see here: <https://50501oc.com/protest-calendar/> Besides protests, this calendar also lists actions like banner drops, free markets, and mutual aid collections. Just click on any event and a detailed description of the event will pop up. Very helpful!



Hope to see you there!

OC WEEKLY RECURRING PROTESTS

Want to join a rally or protest in your area?
Check out one of the weekly events around Orange County!

MON	TUSTIN • 8-10AM @ 17th & 55 Fwy (Meet at Mimi's) • Indivisible Orange BREA • 5-6:30PM @ Imperial Hwy & State College Blvd • Indivisible CA 45
TUE	ORANGE • 5-6:30PM @ Glassell & Chapman • Indivisible Orange
WED	MISSION VIEJO • 11AM-1PM @ La Paz & Marguerite • SouthOC4Democracy
THU	LAKE FOREST • 4-6PM @ El Toro & Trabuco • Indivisible Lake Forest LA HABRA • 5-6:30PM @ Imperial Hwy & S. Beach Blvd • Indivisible La Habra
FRI	VILLA PARK • 8-9:30AM @ Villa Park Rd & N Wanda Rd • Voices of Villa Park LADERA RANCH • 5-6:30PM @ Crown Valley & Antonio Pkwy • OC Indivisible Coalition
SAT	NEWPORT BEACH • 10AM-12PM @ PCH & Jamboree • Newport Indivisible SANTA ANA • 10:30AM-12:30PM @ Bristol & MacArthur • Defenders of Democracy ALISO VIEJO • 11AM-12:30PM @ Aliso Creek Rd & Enterprise • Aliso Viejo Resistance
SUN	HUNTINGTON BEACH • 1-2:30PM @ Huntington Beach City Hall • HB4Democracy & OC Huddle IRVINE • 2-4PM @ Irvine City Hall • Community Organized RALLY FOR DEMOCRACY • 2-4PM Location Varies • 5050loc & OC Indivisible Coalition

Use the code for the full protest & event calendar or visit 5050loc.com/protest-calendar for more info about what's happening around LA & OC! >>>



Then and Now

by Sharon O'Hara

One hundred six years ago, just six months before the 19thth amendment was passed, the League of Women Voters was “formed by the suffragists of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. The League began as a ‘mighty political experiment’ designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.”

League President Dianna Wynn has stated “From our nation’s founding until 1920, women were generally shunned from American politics and virtually invisible in our democracy. Laws and policies ensured that we were largely not seen and not heard. The founding of the League of Women Voters, by the very suffragists who fought for the passage of the 19th Amendment, is an important part of women’s history in this nation – and that history should never be erased.”

Coalitions and partnerships were the backbone of the suffragists coming together to work for the right to vote. Then as now, the League is forming new partnerships during this critical time of constitutional crisis.

NOW is a most critical time to once again “carry out our responsibilities as voters.” Joining partners from LULAC, Common Cause, and NAACP, the League issued a statement condemning the escalation of ICE activities.. The League has declared a “constitutional crisis” and is urging us all to take seriously the peril in which our democracy finds itself.

As we prepare for the November 3rd midterm elections, the League has added partners of women-led, “Grassroots Power Partner” organizations: **AAUW** (American Association of University Women, founded in 1881 aauw.org), the **NCJW** (National Council of Jewish Women, founded in 1893 NCJW.org), and the **YWCA_USA** (Young Women’s Christian Association founded in 1858 ywca.org). These women-led organizations are building power block by block and community by community. In the words of Celina Stewart, CEO LWVUS, “Together we can amplify the voices of those too often left out of the conversation and move our country closer to a truly representative democracy. Like the League each Grassroots Power Partner has state and local chapters ready to collaborate, engage voters, and drive civic participation.”

Perhaps you are or have been a member of one or more of these organizations. Reach out to your colleagues and let them know of the new connections with League. Encourage them to let their leadership know they support the League’s Unite and Rise 8.5 campaign to turn out the 8.5 million educated and enthusiastic voters needed for the Nov. 3rd elections.

Let’s keep in mind the extraordinary efforts women across the USA made to bring about the 19th Amendment: **The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.**

And do our part!



Advocacy by Richard Larsen

The following is the Petitions and information sent out to Advocacy members Of LWVNOC in February;

Jan 28- Hold ICE Accountable: A petition from LWVUS to tell Congress that federal immigration enforcement has gone too far.

Feb 9- The SAVE America Act- A petition to the House to oppose the SAVE America Act which will make voting more difficult for many people. The House passed the SAVE Act, and it is now up to the Senate to reject it.

Feb 19- The SAVE Act Suite of bills from LWVUS important because the House passed SAVE and they added the MEGA Act (Make Elections Great Again).

Feb 22- The SAVE Act again from LWVUS again. The more petitions, the more attention we get.

The only other item sent out was a notice from the Orange County OFFICE OF CARE COORDINATION about a meeting to address Homelessness on February 18.

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS

In addition to the aforementioned actions, our big event this month was an interview with State Senator Tom Umberg on February 9 which was a task requested by LWVC. The interview was on ZOOM since the Senator was in his Sacramento office. Attendees: Gerri McNenny, Sue Guilford, Sharon O'Hara, Richard Larsen, Senator Tom Umberg, and David Ochoa from the Senators local office.

The meeting focused on California State Senator Tom Umberg's initiatives and upcoming priorities, including his work on mental health issues, CareCourt, and a public financing mechanism for local offices. The group also discussed the League of Women Voters' role in providing voter education and their potential support for the public financing initiative. Senator Umberg expressed gratitude for the League's mission and historical contributions to voter education, highlighting his first debate in 1990 sponsored by the League.

The LWVC's primary purpose for the interview was to ask the senator two questions provided by LWVC and report back to LWVC. These questions and the Senators answers were:

#1 What major issues do you think the legislature must deal with in 2026?

Answer: The BUDGET is the main priority as it's the underpinning for all the policy work of the California Legislature.

#2 What are your personal legislative priorities?

Answer: The bill on the mental health topic of Care Court, SB42 Allowing Public Financing of Election Campaigns, and SB46 "No Kings" legislation that enforces the Constitutional two term limits for Presidents.

The senator discussed several key issues, including the budget, mental health, CareCourt, and public financing for local elections. He explained that the initiative to allow localities to use public financing for general local elections has qualified for the November ballot. At the request of Sue Guilford about SB46, the senator noted that he introduced SB46, which aims to prevent former two-term U.S. presidents from appearing on California ballots, and shared that it is currently in the Assembly. He mentioned that similar legislation is being considered in two other states. He asked if the LWV supported SB46, and I was asked to check and report back. The LWVC does not currently have a position on SB46 but are looking at it. This was reported back to his office and was told when they do we will let him know.

Of the three other legislators on our list to ask for an interview, Senator Steven Choi D37 responded but did not have an open date, Assembly members Phillip Chen D59 and Avelino Valencia D68 did not respond to requests.

Read with the League Follow-Up

by Marguerite Milligan

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the Read with the League meeting to discuss **The Movement** in February. I just wanted to follow up with some info for anyone who might be interested:

First, looking ahead, here is an interview with documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and the author of this month's LWVNOC book club selection **The Small and The Mighty** author Sharon McMahon

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JT_m2AchwI4

Second, here is some content available for streaming that addresses topics and people related to the book we just read, **The Movement**:

a. A 2004 documentary **Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed** on Shirley Chisholm's presidential run is available on [Amazon Prime](#).

b. A 2024 biopic **Shirley** starring Regina King as Shirley Chisholm is available on [Netflix](#).

c. A 2020 series **Mrs. America** is available

with a [Disney+/Hulu](#) subscription or for purchase on [Amazon Prime](#). This series follows the efforts of the leaders of the feminist movement to pass the ERA as well as those of conservative women, led by Phyllis Schlafly (played by Cate Blanchett), to fight its passage from the early 1970's to the early 1980's. I watched this when it first came out 5 or 6 years ago but watched it again this past month as I was reading "The Movement" and got SO much more out of it, particularly regarding lesser-known feminists such as Brenda Feigen, Flo Kennedy and Jill Ruckelshaus who are interviewed in the book. I found the short bios at the back of the book super helpful.

I also found some commentary on a NOW blog from when the **Mrs. America** series premiered in 2020 with some interesting insights on each episode. In particular, the final "Recap" entry takes issue with the almost full credit that the series gives to Phyllis Schlafly in fighting the ERA while never mentioning the corporate pushback directed at the legislation. The ERA would have prevented, for example, charging women higher premiums for insurance as well as the "pink tax" on products (such as razors) that are priced higher



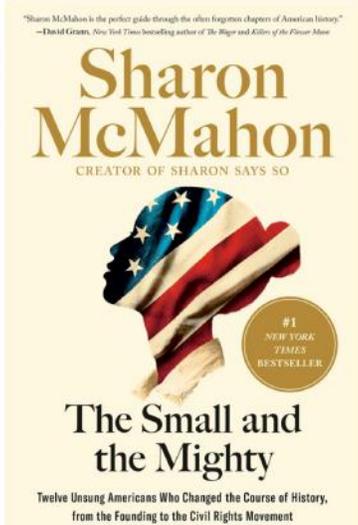
You're invited to

Read with League

**Join us on March 10, 2026 @
1:30pm**

**At Richard
Larsen & Karen
Bender's house.**

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when marketed for women (and often produced in a pink color) than those marketed for men. A handful of states, including California, have legislated to make this illegal and there is a federal bill, the "Pink Tax Repeal Act" (HR3374) that has been reintroduced into the current congress, but not yet passed.

Here are the blogs, in series order:

<https://now.org/blog/first-look-does-mrs-america-get-it-right-on-the-journey-for-the-equal-rights-amendment/>

<https://now.org/blog/second-look-in-mrs-america-the-personal-is-indeed-political-in-the-battle-for-the-equal-rights-amendment/>

<https://now.org/blog/mrs-america-highlights-need-for-intersectional-feminism-in-u-s-politics/>

<https://now.org/blog/fourth-look-mrs-america-episode-4-betty/>

<https://now.org/blog/mrs-america-tackles-marriage-and-gender-roles-in-episode-5/>

<https://now.org/blog/mrs-america-episode-6-an-unlikely-republican-feminist-hero/>

<https://now.org/blog/mrs-america-episode-7-bella/>

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<https://now.org/blog/mrs-america-episode-9-the-finale/>

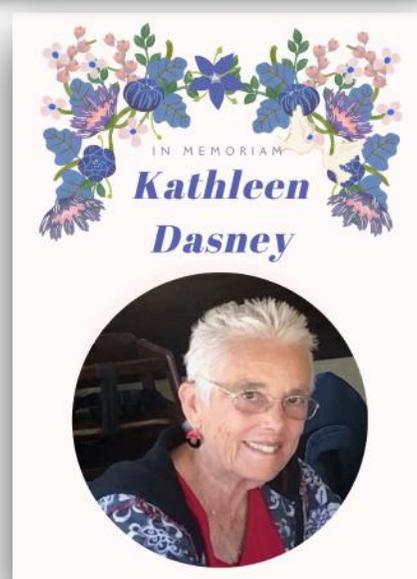
<https://now.org/blog/mrs-america-series-recap/>

Third: as I was reading **The Movement**, whose chapters were arranged more by topic than by chronology, I took notes and put them in chronological order just to help me grasp the order in which it all unfolded. You can access those notes [here](#).

The League of Women Voters of North Orange County fondly remembers Kathleen K. Dasney, a cherished member of the League. Kathleen K. Dasney died in December 2025, surrounded by family. There will be no funeral service. It was Mrs. Dasney's wish that her friends and family members visit a Catholic Church close to their own homes to request that a memorial Mass be offered there for the repose of her soul. She was a member of St. Angela Merici Roman Catholic Church in Brea.

Kathy was actively involved in the community and was a lifelong advocate for children. She belonged to many local organizations over the years, including The League of Women Voters, Fullerton Heritage, The Fullerton Museum Center, and the Fullerton Arboretum. She was a resident of Fullerton for 50 years and worked as a librarian for the City of Fullerton for 25 years. She expressed the desire to have donations made in her memory to the following organizations:

Fullerton Public Library Foundation or The Friends of the Library
353 West Commonwealth Avenue
Fullerton, CA, 92832



Observer Reports

By Sherlan Neblett, Ruth Zemke, Pamela Berg, Deborah Vagts, and Karen Bender

On **January 27**, the **Orange County Board of Supervisors** approved (4-0) a loan of \$1.28 million to support 77 affordable housing units, Lampson Apartments, in Los Alamitos. These are the first affordable housing units to be built in Los Alamitos in the last 30 years. The county and Orange County Housing Finance Trust are directly supporting eight units through Project-based vouchers; five of these eight units will serve households with mental health needs.

Sex-trafficking is increasing in Orange County, despite AB 379 making this a felony, not a misdemeanor. The age of those trafficked is dropping. Fifty percent are minors, up from 36%.

FEMA reform will be needed for Orange County to recoup hundreds of millions spent on the Airport fire and ensuing cleanup.

The **February 10** meeting witnessed a heated discussion between Board members and staff about recently developments at the Prima Deshecha landfill in Supervisor Foley's Fifth District. The landfill is now readying to utilize land on the east side of La Pata Road; before it was only the west side. Local residents are concerned that this is an expansion about which they were not informed. However, the land was purchased long ago, and the only recent change has been an increase in tonnage accepted. Ultimately, Prima Deshecha will be one of two landfills in Orange County; the County is planning to close the Brea Olinda Landfill.

At the **January 20** meeting of the **Fullerton City Council**, [Mayor Jung on ZOOM from Nicaragua] Mayor Jung used his privilege to reorganize Council seating so that Council members Zahra and Charles were seated at the outside edges of the dais group, separated from Mayor Jung's, Pro Tem Mayor Dunlap's and Council members Valencia's seats by the City Attorney Dick Jones on one side and Interim City Manager Eddie Manfro on the other.

An update was received about the Superfund Cleanup of contaminated groundwater, a 6.4-mile plume under south Fullerton and north Anaheim. Recommended is drilling seventeen extraction wells to remove the contaminated water, constructing a water treatment plant, and injection drilling to return treated water to the aquifer. Costs will be borne by those companies responsible for the contamination. No money from EPA Superfund taxes will be used.

On **February 3**, Fullerton Police Chief John Radus, delineated the differences in responsibility for local public safety enforcement vs. federal officers responsible for immigration law enforcement. Recently the police were called about a man running with a gun, and the ICE/Border Patrol was found to be searching for him.

The city council passed (4-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dunlap voting No) the first reading of an ordinance regulating E-bikes and other electric transportation devices in the city.

The **February 10th** meeting of the **Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District** drew an over-capacity crowd, some watching the meeting on a laptop computer screen set up on a table outside the School administration building. On the agenda was the first reading of a revised policy, due to "recent changes to state law, along with updated guidance from the California Department of Education and the California Attorney General's Office, expanding school district responsibilities to safeguard students and families from immigration enforcement actions that could disrupt the educational environment or impede access to public education." The new policy "reaffirms PYLUSD's commitment to maintaining safe and welcoming schools for all students, regardless of immigration status." The vote was unanimous to accept the new Board Policy.

Also on the agenda was Resolution No. 25-25 supporting law enforcement, proposed by Trustee Leandra Blades, which stated, "district staff shall not obstruct, interfere with or otherwise impede an officer or employee of an agency conducting immigration enforcement who nonetheless enters district-provided

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transportation, a nonpublic area of any district property or facility, or a nonpublic area where any district-sponsored program or activity is occurring.” Trustee Quintero put forth an amended version of Trustee Blades’ resolution, supporting local law enforcement, which passed 3-2 (Blades and Frazier, No; Buck, Anderson, and Quintero, Yes.) During the discussion, Trustee Blades said that the Red cards sometimes available at schools are “anti-ICE.” Trustee Quintero pointed out the Red cards only list 4th and 5th amendment Constitutional rights which we all have.

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Help Still Wanted by Jim Hill, Editor

I have enjoyed the pleasure and privilege of editing **The Voter** since July 2012, and after a surprisingly lengthy fourteen-year tenure, I plan to step down after the June 2026 issue. The June issue will be my last. Consequently, the search is on for a new editor. The job requires a working knowledge of your word processing program and a willingness to work a few hours during the last week or so of each month. I will be happy to share my methodology with the next editor and be available as an advisor as needed. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please email me at jandkhill@mac.com to discuss the matter.

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