



League of Women Voters

North County San Diego

VOTER

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Calendar of October Meetings & Events

Community Safety & Guns Interest Group
Thurs. Oct 4, 3 PM

Healthcare Interest Group
Mon. Oct. 8,
10 AM - 12 Noon

LWVNCSD Board Meeting
Friday, Oct 12
10 AM

LWV Book Group
Monday, Oct. 15
1 PM

Carlsbad Unit Meeting
Saturday, Oct. 20
10 AM

Women's Interest Group
Monday, Oct. 22
1 PM

Oceanside Unit Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 23
12 Noon

Lunch With League
Co-Sponsored with
LWV of San Diego
Wed., October 24
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

San Dieguito Unit Meeting,
Thurs., Oct. 25
10 AM

Candidate Forums

Please see page 5 & 6 for locations and program information.

October 2018

Vote with the League!

The League of Women Voters of California Recommends

YES on Prop 1 Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond

California is experiencing a housing crisis. The state's extreme shortage of affordable housing has life and death consequences, especially for people with low incomes. Housing instability has been linked to public health crises, food insecurity, and developmental problems in children. Prop 1 will build and preserve affordable homes, including supportive housing, for veterans, working families, people with disabilities, Californians experiencing homelessness and others struggling to find a safe place to call home. It will authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds, to be used to support these affordable housing programs. It would also leverage federal dollars for construction of new housing.

YES on Prop 2 Homeless Housing Bond

A quarter of the nation's homeless reside in California—over 130,000 people. A significant percentage of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of unspent money, originally allocated through a 2004 measure to fund mental health services, to be used to address the problem. If passed, the unspent money would be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services, and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

NO on Prop 3 Water Bond

It is essential that California manage and develop water resources in ways that benefit the environment, and that the environmental focus emphasizes both conservation and use-appropriate high water quality standards. However, this bond is not the way to accomplish those goals. While the LWV supports the use of long-term debt (bond measures) to finance capital projects, this measure has a number of fatal flaws including: 1. Shifting the cost for water from end users to California taxpayers; 2. Reducing state money available for other critical state programs like education, affordable housing, and healthcare; 3. Failing to provide for adequate project oversight and financial accountability.

Vote with the League!

The League of Women Voters of California Recommends—

NO on **PROP 4** Children's Hospital Bond

While the League of Women Voters of California supports quality healthcare for all Californians, Prop 4 would use \$1.5 billion in public, general obligation bond money to support privately-owned children's hospitals, along with five children's hospitals in the University of California system. State funds should not be used to support private facilities. This principle stands even when, as is the case in this measure, the facilities serve severely ill children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. These are capital improvements that could be funded either through revenues the private hospitals generate or through capital campaigns (where, for example, a building is named after a donor.)

NO on **PROP 5** Property Tax

Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services. Prop 5 is a costly constitutional amendment that would reduce funds for schools and local services by \$1 billion per year. In exchange for that \$1 billion a year, Prop 5 would provide special tax benefits to some property owners. It does nothing to help low income seniors, or families struggling to find housing. Seniors already have the ability to keep their tax break when they downsize. Prop 5 drains California's coffers of money that is essential to schools and communities.

NO on **PROP 6** Gas Tax Repeal

California is in critical need of highway and local street repairs and maintenance, and improvements to mass transit and transportation. Prop 6 would repeal the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, amounting to a loss of \$4.7 billion in annual funding. The measure would also add a constitutional amendment requiring any fuel or diesel taxes to be approved by voters, limiting the legislature's ability to address California's serious infrastructure needs. Passage of this repeal measure would have significant negative impacts and leave our state structures vulnerable, especially during natural disasters.

YES on **PROP 10** Repeal Costa Hawkins

Multiple strategies are needed to address the significant housing shortages and inequities that exist across California. While this rent control measure offers little systemic progress, and may not result in adding new affordable housing units, it does allow local communities to respond to the housing crises in ways that are appropriate for each of them. We support providing local communities with this control.

NOTE: Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, LWVC is taking no stand on **Prop 7** (Daylight Savings Time), **Prop 8** (Dialysis), **Prop 11** (Ambulance Drivers), and **Prop 12** (Farm Animals). **Prop 9** was removed from the ballot.



**Message
From
President
Anne
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Sincere thanks to all of our members who are working on our various Voter Service projects! We have members registering people to vote, studying and presenting the Pros and Cons of state and local ballot measures and helping out at candidate and issues forums. Thirty-two of us will be working at three local libraries the last week before election day taking in mail ballots for the Registrar of Voters.

Our energetic and talented Voter Service Director, Elizabeth Brady, is going back to work full time at the end of September. Thank you, Elizabeth, for all the hours of work and dedication you have given to our League. To cover voter services requested after Elizabeth leaves us, Barbara Lorenzen has kindly stepped up to handle any forum requests that come in, and I will field any Pros and Cons requests. Anna Lillian will continue to schedule the Pros and Cons. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions, want to suggest a forum or Pros and Cons group presentation, or anything else related to Voter Service that may come up.

At our Kickoff meeting on 9/15, Greg Anglea of North County Interfaith Services spoke about our North County homeless population. One thing he mentioned will lead to action by our League. The state is releasing millions of dollars for emergency shelter to cities and councils that ask for it. One prerequisite to requesting the funds is that each city pass a Resolution regarding lack of enough Emergency Shelter. Our League will be following up on this issue and asking every North County city to pass such a resolution and apply for funds to help shelter their own population of homeless.

And finally, encourage everyone to Vote!

Anne

Board Briefs: at the 9/7/18 Board meeting the following actions were taken:

Nancy Telford was appointed First Vice President-Administration. She retains her Membership Director position.

Ratified Executive Committee decisions during the summer break to send letters to the County Board of Supervisors regarding exceptions to the General Plan, to the Tri-City Hospital Board urging them not to close their 18 bed psychiatric care unit, and to the County encouraging them to award monies for women who are homeless because of domestic violence.

Planned for the 9/15 Kickoff meeting

Agreed to hold a forum on 10/2 regarding fear of gun violence and the effects on our community. This was postponed because two major speakers had to drop out due to calendar conflicts.

The resignation of Elizabeth Brady as Voter Service Director was announced and an alternative plan of service accepted.

Endorsed the Carlsbad School Bond Measure - Prop HH.

Approved sending a letter to the Del Mar Fair Board presenting the LWVUS position on guns.

Approved a letter to the Union-Tribune Community Forum informing the public of the Board of Supervisors practice of giving multiple exceptions to the County General Plan for development in the back country. As of 9/15 the U-T declined to print the letter.

Welcome New Members

Geraldine Afshari - Encinitas
Melody Beauchamp - Carlsbad
Miriam Carr - Oceanside
Simone MacLellan - Carlsbad
Donna Manning - Coronado
Ruth Milam - Carlsbad
Polly Rose - Oceanside
Victor White - Oceanside
Terry Zack - Coronado

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LWV of North County San Diego Launches New Website!

We're excited to announce the launch of our new website! It's more than a clean new look - it's interactive! It will help you more easily engage with the League of Women Voters at the local and state levels with updates of the latest events, Action Alerts and Volunteer Sign-up Opportunities.

There is now a **Members-Only section!** There is a password protected Members-Only section full of resources to help your League membership be successful and rewarding. Here are some of the resources you'll find:

- Member Handbook
- Unit Meeting Minutes
- Observer Reports
- Program Planning
- Volunteer Sign-up
- Voter Service Resources
- Member Contact List
- By-Laws

To access the Members-Only section of the new website, we are sending members an email on Tuesday, October 2 with a one-time password and instructions on how to log in and change your password.

The new site is more dynamic making it easier to find the information you're looking for (and didn't know you were looking for) and connecting you with your League. Keep checking back for fresh postings and events.

Visit your new local League website today at lwvncsd.org!

Strategic Communications

Strategic Communications supports our League's goal of building on the Making Democracy Work® campaign so we have unified messaging with a strategic focus tied to our core mission—voting.

The Group is focusing on a different kind of voter engagement and a new way of talking to younger and more diverse voters. This is a short-term pilot program leading into the mid-terms to determine the effectiveness of using these new techniques and acquiring knowledge for long-term election planning into 2020 and beyond.

Working on the Voter Engagement pilot program are members from each Unit representing three areas—strategic planning, press, and website/social media, who are teaming up with our Voter Service representatives: Katie Wheeler, Suzanne Carneiro, Arleen von Schlieder, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, and Loann Simon.

During their first three meetings the group selected Millennials and Latinos as their target group, then identified online and offline tactics to connect with them to encourage voting by November 6. A strategic action plan with messaging specific to these segments is in the final stages for outreach to young families at childcare and neighborhood centers, the Latino community through their local churches and community centers, and the LGBTQ community at the large Oceanside center.

LWV is changing and adapting during this critical time in our democracy while keeping to the same principles and values. If we all work together in making this transformation successful, we'll remain the grassroots organization that's trusted by so many to encourage active participation in government, influence public policy through education and advocacy, and engage our community to be informed voters.

Contact Loann Simon if you want to get in on the action as a volunteer or if you can give us leads/entry into these communities! Now is the time to act!



EVENTS & MEETINGS

Community Safety and Guns

Jennifer Lonbom, Chair

The CS&G Action and Interest Group, will meet in the afternoon of Tuesday, October 4 at 3:00 PM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa, Ave., Carlsbad.

Presenting: The results are in regarding the NRA's Marketing Mantra "if You Get The Women You Get the Family"

Sneak Peek: How one governor took on illegal NRA activities and WON!

Update: On the Guns Show issue

Did you know? There is a new(ish)law that can prevent shooters. Please join us for an interesting and active discussion.

NOTE: The LWV Forum on Community Safety & Guns has been postponed because of scheduling conflicts for two speakers. Stay tuned for a new forum date after the holidays.

Healthcare Interest Committee

Jane Dunmeyer, Chair

The Healthcare Interest Committee will meet the second Monday of the month, October 8 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon, at Jane Dunmeyer's House. Come join us while we grapple with finding our mission for this year. Be on the ground floor when we discover exactly what we will be directing our energies toward making the world a healthier plane. Give Jane a call at 760-473-7931 for direction to the meeting place.

LWV of North County San Diego County Board Meeting

The board meeting will be held on Friday, October 12 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad.

Please note that ***all members are welcome to attend any League meeting.*** Whether it is a board meeting, interest group, committee, or unit meeting—we will be happy to see you! As a courtesy to the person in charge of the meeting, please let her/him know that you are planning to attend.

LWV Book Group

On Monday October 15 at 1:00 PM we will be discussing *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* by Peter Frankopan. Norelynn Pion-Goureau will be our discussion leader and Karen Vanderwerken will be our host. Please contact Karen to let her know that you are attending.



Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Nita Rodriguez & Suzanne Burkhalter, Unit Chairs

LWV Presentation of the Pros/Cons Of the Ballot Measures

Saturday, October 20, 10 AM - 12 Noon
Carlsbad Senior Center
799 Pine Street, Carlsbad 92008

Women's Issues Group

Nancy Hand, Chair

At WIG's September meeting, we viewed the "Legalize Equality" DVD and wrote postcards to some of the members of the Congressional and Senate Judiciary Committees in support of ERA. Our October Meeting is on Monday, October 22 at 1:00 PM at the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue Carlsbad. There will be a report on the latest developments nationwide on women's reproductive choices. Members also expressed interest in planning a meeting to hear about how local agencies deal with domestic violence. Interested? Please attend our meeting.

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Oceanside Unit Meeting

Bill Loftus, Unit Chair

The Oceanside Unit will be at the Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center on Tuesday, October 23 at 12 Noon. Unit members will continue their exercise to determine action in Oceanside reflecting the League's adopted Position on Homelessness. There will be a presentation of the Pros/Cons of the California ballot measures.

San Dieguito Unit Meeting

Katie Wheeler & Carol Parker, Unit Chairs

The San Dieguito Unit will meet on Thursday, October 25 at 10 AM at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena, Encinitas. There will be a presentation of the Pros/Cons of the California ballot measures.

LWV Candidate Forums

As of Sept 28, the following Candidate Forums have been Scheduled.

Tues., October 9, 9 AM, the **Rancho Santa Fe School Board** at Roger Rowe School, 5927 La Granada, Rancho Santa Fe.

Tues., Oct 16, 7 PM, **Oceanside City Council Districts 1 & 2** at St Mary's School, 515 Wisconsin, Oceanside.

Wed., October 17, 6:30 PM, **San Dieguito Union High School Board of Trustees** at Earl Warren Middle School, 155 Stevens Avenue Solana Beach.

If more LWV Candidate forums are scheduled, you will be notified.

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San Dieguito Unit	Katie Wheeler, Carol Parker
Oceanside Unit	Bill Loftus

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Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Open

Lunch with League Luncheon & Panelists

Wednesday, October 24 11:30 - 1:30 PM
Tom Ham's Lighthouse, San Diego
RSVP by October 19

Our League is co-sponsoring this event with the LWV of San Diego.

FAIR SENTENCING: A DREAM OR A POSSIBILITY? THREE PERSPECTIVES

Panelists:

Judge David Danielsen, a leading expert in CA on realignment and sentencing issues.

Rachel Solov, Assistant District Attorney, Specializing in Sex Crimes and Stalking

Public Defender Julie Gibson, Supervising Attorney, Collaborative Courts Division, Office of the Primary Public Defender.

RSVP online with a credit card: or send a check for \$35/each payable to LWVSD. Mail you check to LWVSD 7710 Balboa Ave #224A, San Diego, CA 92111.

More on LWV San Diego's website: <https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego/contact-us> or call 858-483-8696.

County News and Issues

Cathy Greene, Regional Government Issues Director

Over the summer months, our League lobbied the San Diego County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors concerning the requests for land use amendments to the County's General Plan to permit large scale and high density developments on land zoned for rural and semi-rural use. While our appeals and the appeals of many residents and community organizations seem to have fallen on deaf ears, we continue to hope that the Board of Supervisors will adhere to the County's well thought out General Plan when considering the Newland Sierra,* the Lilac Hills Ranch, and the Warner Ranch projects. Newland Sierra is to be decided at the Board of Supervisors meeting on September 26th; the last two projects have been delayed until early December. Our Leagues will continue to lobby for responsible land use decisions but it is also up to individual voices like your own to address these issues by contacting the Board of Supervisors.

The organization Safeguard Our San Diego Countryside has received final certification from the County Registrar of Voters that the SOS Countryside Initiative has qualified to be on the March 2020 ballot, the presidential primary for 2020. This organization continues to actively campaign and lobby the Board of Supervisors to bring a halt to the large developments mentioned above.

Similarly, Oceanside's Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources (SOAR), aims to halt proposed rezoning of portions of Oceanside's agricultural lands. SOAR has succeeded in placing an initiative, Measure Y, on the ballot for Oceanside voters to consider in this fall's election. This measure, if passed, would require voter approval for Oceanside General Plan changes of land use designations from open space and agricultural.

Remember that every fourth Wednesday the San Diego League hosts a Lunch with League. The topics vary but they often feature issues and speakers that are of interest to us in North County. We will send out information about this luncheon monthly to our members but you can visit the LWVSD website to learn more about it. Contact me if you want to carpool to these events.

* The San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 4-0 Wednesday, September 26 to approve the Newland Sierra project that plans to build 2,135 homes, commercial space, parks, trails and a school site in North County along Interstate 15 near Escondido and San Marcos. Supervisor Dianne Jacob was absent.

The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) Believes—

- believes that including a citizenship question is bad for the Census. Learn more at LWV.org and take action by signing the LWVUS petition.
- believes that immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet economic, business and employment needs; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises.

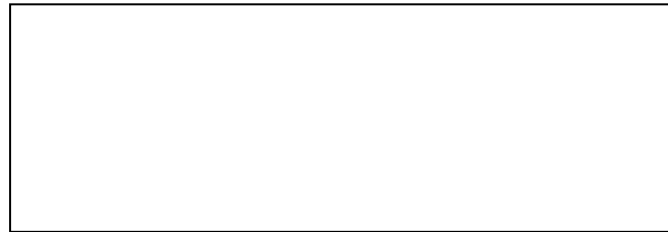
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**LWV North County San Diego
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Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership
PO Box 131272
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Dues:

____ \$30 First Year member

____ \$60/year renewal

____ \$30/year 2nd member at the same address

____ \$30/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution

Additional Levels of giving

____ \$100/year Suffragist

____ \$200/year Activist

____ \$300/year Advocate

____ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

____ Voter Service

____ Action and Advocacy