



# THE VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF SONOMA COUNTY

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## Once More We Face a Mass Shooting in our Schools

As we all know, yet another school shooting occurred on February 14 in Florida. This event has sparked a new level of outrage and activism. It is worth reminding ourselves of the position that the League holds on Guns. This is the LWVUS position that has been adopted for all Leagues.

### The League’s Position on Gun Safety

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes 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 supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.



The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background checks, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.

The League supports a ban on “Saturday night specials,” enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.

### Background

In 1990, the LWVUS convention adopted a gun control position by concurrence. Following the Convention action, the LWVUS wrote to all members of Congress, announcing the League’s new position on gun control and urging passage of federal legislation to control the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States. In 1991, the League joined with other organizations to support legislation banning semi-automatic assault weapons. In 1992 and 1993, the League supported

Congressional passage of the Brady bill, to institute a five-day waiting period and background check for the purchase of handguns. Following enactment of the Brady bill in November 1993, the League stepped up its efforts in a successful 1994 House campaign to force inclusion of the assault weapons ban in the final conference report on omnibus crime legislation.

Addressing constitutional arguments affecting gun control, the 1994 Convention voted to amend the position on gun control based on federal court decisions limiting the meaning of the Second Amendment's "right to keep and bear arms." This section of the position was nullified by the Supreme Court decisions in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, 2008 and *McDonald v. Chicago*, 2010.

Throughout 1995-1996, opponents of the assault weapons ban and Brady bill pushed for repeal, but the League and others convinced Congress otherwise.

The 1998 Convention again amended the position with: "The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety."

In the 106th Congress (1999-2001), the LWVUS worked for gun control measures to close major loopholes in current law. Although the Senate passed legislation mandating background checks for all gun show purchases, the House derailed this and other attempts to control gun violence, including child safety locks on guns.

The LWVUS endorsed and League members joined the Mother's Day 2000 Million Mom

March that demonstrated citizens' call for common-sense gun control measures. In 2004, the League voiced strong concern over the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which would grant special protection for the gun industry by barring city, county or individual lawsuits against gun manufacturers and dismiss pending cases

The League supported legislation to extend the Assault Weapons Ban, which expired in September 2004. The LWVUS also supported language to close the Gun Show Loophole to require all dealers to run criminal background checks at gun shows. Only six states, including California, require universal background checks on all gun show sales.

### **Marches and Protests**

Following the February shootings, there are several protests planned across the country. On March 14 at 10am there is a National Student Walk Out for 17 minutes. Students are asked to sit in nonviolent protest. On March 24 there is a Washington DC "March for our Lives". A second student National Walkout Day is planned for April 20th at 10am. This is the 19th anniversary of the Columbine shootings.

The League will continue to use the LWVUS position to support legislation to improve gun safety and give voice to the urgent need for action to address this violence.

Rebecca Jones, President

# LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

Saturday, March 24, 2018,  
11:30--1:30

Wine Country Buffet in a beautiful setting  
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## Spring Lake Village/LWVSC Forum in March

### Supervisor Susan Gorin to Speak



First District County Supervisor, Susan Gorin, will be speaking at a Spring Lake Village (SLV) Local Issues Forum on March 19th, 2:30. The Sonoma Co. League cooperates with SLV in the planning and presentation of these issue forums.

League members are invited to attend at 5555 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa. The forum will be held in the Montgomery Center Auditorium Car pool because of limited parking. A few parking spaces will be held especially for League members, but park in any free space.

Supervisor Gorin, whose Oakmont home was destroyed in the fire, has been asked to speak on several post-fire issues. They include,

- the continuing and increased **homelessness in Santa Rosa**. Is enough temporary housing now available?
- the county's **public transportation** network. Can it handle the traffic increases generated by new affordable and replacement housing?
- post fire **building codes and fire prevention measures**. Will the measures be stricter than those in place pre fire?
- the county **Health Services Department**. Are their resources adequate to handle the increased number of fire-related health issues?

Come and ask questions. SLV residents welcome League members.

## President's Message



From  
Rebecca Jones  
LWVSC President

March is Women's History Month. Every year March is designated Women's History Month by Presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history. For 2018 the theme will be "Nevertheless She Persisted".

Women's History Month began as a local celebration in Santa Rosa, California. The Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women planned and executed a "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978. The organizers selected the week of March 8 to correspond with International Women's Day which was originally established in 1909. The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women's History Week celebrations the following year. In 1980, a consortium of women's groups and historians—led by the National Women's History Project—successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued the first Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to the full month of March. They persisted.

One of the many achievements of women has been the struggle for the right to vote. On March 3, 1913, 103 years ago, thousands of women gathered in Washington, D.C. to call for a constitutional amendment guaranteeing women

the right to vote. While women had been fighting hard for suffrage for over 60 years, this marked the first major national event for the movement.

The huge parade, which was spearheaded by Alice Paul and the National American Woman Suffrage Association. Riding atop a white horse, lawyer and activist Inez Milholland led over five thousand suffragettes up Pennsylvania Avenue, along with over 20 parade floats, nine bands, and four mounted brigades.



Women suffragists marching on Pennsylvania Avenue led by Mrs. Richard Coke Burleson (center on horseback); U.S. Capitol in background. (Library of Congress)

The organizers of the parade also maximized attention on the event by strategically hosting it just one day before the inauguration of President-elect Woodrow Wilson. This tactic worked. As the women marched from the U.S. Capitol toward the Treasury Building, they were met by thousands of spectators, many in town for the inauguration.

Not all spectators were kind. Some marchers were jostled, tripped, and violently attacked, while police on the parade route did little to help. By the end of the day, over 100 women had to be hospitalized for injuries. However, the

women did not give up; they finished the parade....they persisted!

Despite the parade, Wilson was able to ignore suffrage during most of his first term. However, beginning in January of 1917, suffragists picketed outside of the White House day and night. They were arrested for disrupting traffic. It was not until 1918 that Wilson finally publicly endorsed women's suffrage by the federal government. It is believed that women's roles during WWI helped Wilson see the need for suffrage. However, it would take another year before there were enough votes in Congress to support passage of the 19th Amendment, then another year for enough states to ratify the amendment.

The parade on March 3, 1913 led to major news stories, congressional hearings, and reinvigorated the suffrage movement. Historians later credited the 1913 parade for giving the suffrage movement a new wave of inspiration and purpose.

So during this month, we can thank the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women in 1978 for persisting and establishing national recognition for the achievements of women throughout history. As we can see from the following, the struggle for the right to vote has been a long, hard fought battle not only in our country but throughout the world. Persistence pays off.

- 1893 New Zealand
- 1902 Australia (except Arborgines, male and female which didn't get the right to vote until 1962)
- 1906 Finland
- 1913 Norway
- 1915 Denmark
- 1917 Canada (except Canadian First Nations, male and female which didn't get the right to vote until 1960)
- 1918 Austria, Germany, Poland, Russia
- 1919 Netherlands
- 1920 United States**

- 1928 Britain, Ireland
- 1931 Spain
- 1944 France
- 1945 Italy
- 1949 China
- 1950 India
- 1971 Switzerland
- 1994 South Africa
- 2011 Saudi Arabia

## Civil Discourse Facilitator Training



We had a very successful three hour training session on February 10 on Civil Discourse. Attendees from our League, the Marin League and several community members took part in a lively, interactive, and informative class. We learned the importance of having a skilled facilitator, note taker and an organized process to work through a defined problem. We plan on developing and utilizing these skills in future involvements in our community. Thank you to all attendees for your engaging and thoughtful participation!

## The US Census, 2018-2020 Will it be Accurate?



Every ten years the US government organizes the largest civic action of the country. Each person is counted. Designed by the constitutional framers in 1790 and now implemented by the US Customs Bureau, the US census has become a monumental task, expensive and prone to errors. Is it also politicized?

A major concern has been the count itself. **Will it be accurate?** Will more difficult-to-reach populations, including some racial minorities and the homeless, be included? If the Justice Department were to persuade the Census Bureau to ask people about their citizenship status as it proposes, many undocumented migrants as well as other minorities might not respond because of fears of identification and possible prosecution. Immigration and ICE raids nationwide have triggered fear and mistrust.

A recent letter from 19 state attorneys general as well as the governor of Colorado to the Commerce Department Secretary charged that this change to the

census questions could “risk an unconstitutional undercount.”

In a separate statement, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra indicated the state was prepared to sue if the citizenship question were included in the 2020 Census. At issue legally are the goals of the Voting Rights Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

Time to resolve the citizenship issue is short. The deadline for all census questions to be submitted to Congress is March 31.

Until the recent national budget was approved by Congress, a second concern affecting the accuracy of the count was **inadequate funding**. In 2010 the census cost, in total, \$13 billion. The Census Bureau Chief estimated that this year’s census would cost \$15.6 billion. Last May, the President had requested only \$52 million more. In February, however, an additional \$182 million became part of a continuing resolution passed by Congress. Affected by the funding shortfall anticipated were the three trial runs planned for various locations. There may only be one trial.

### Why is accuracy such a major concern?

Census results determine which states gain or lose legislative seats and how district lines are redrawn. That, in turn, affects the number of electoral college votes states have in a presidential election.

According to the New York Times (1/2/18) “ A substantial undercount would affect red and blue states alike---deeply Democratic California has nearly seven million eligible Hispanic voters, while deeply Republican Texas has nearly five million.” However, as the Times noted, “the true impact would fall on Democratic representation at all levels of government, because Latinos and other minorities are largely reliable Democratic constituencies.”

California is one state that is worried about the census missing large numbers of its residents. According to a study last month by Virginia-based Election Data Services, reported by POLITICO in mid-January, California could come “very close” to losing a congressional seat following the 2020 count, regardless of immigrant participation. Eight other states fear the same loss. Governor Jerry Brown has proposed spending more than \$40 million on the state’s own census-related outreach efforts.

Also affected by the census numbers are the hundreds of billions of federal dollars distributed annually to state and local governments. For example, low response rates from any demographic group could weaken the validity of health statistics. Public health services rely on these statistics to understand the distribution of health conditions throughout their state or county and to target certain populations for funding. According to Edward L. Hunter, the former chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “the

census will have cascading effects upon every rate, every percentage, every trend we monitor over time. It’s very unsettling for people who need to use the data.” (Emily Baumgaertner, 2/14/18, NY Times)

Concerns would be fewer if the Census Bureau had stable and experienced **leadership**. The chief operational officer is the deputy director. In mid February, Thomas Brunell’s name for this position was no longer under consideration.

Unlike the previous deputy director who had spent the majority of her career at the Census Bureau, critics charged that Brunell was unqualified and partisan. The Government Accountability office has warned that key vacancies for director and deputy director have hampered preparedness for the 2020 Census. The questions persist. **Are we prepared and will the census be accurate?**

## **Voting Information for Those Displaced by the Fires**

The following site provides extensive information on how to register and vote for those displaced by the October 2017 wild fire. Please share with anyone you know who may need this. .

<http://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CRA/News/Voters-Displaced-By-The-October-2017-Wildfires/>

# Citizen Input Needed

## Fair Electoral Districts Across the Country and Here in Santa Rosa

Well drawn electoral districts are an issue at all levels of government, national, state, and local.

Nationally the League is working to turn district maps like this one in Pennsylvania



to ones where every vote will count, like this:



Locally we also have our own concerns. In Santa Rosa, both the City Council and the Santa Rosa Unified School District are in the process of transitioning from At Large elections to District Based elections.

In August of 2017, the Santa Rosa City Council voted to voluntarily change from At Large elections to District elections. The City began their process with the first public hearing for input on the districts held on October 3rd. Then the wildfires caused the process to be put on hold.

At their meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018, the City Council voted to restart the process. A total of five public hearings will be held during February and March. For specific hearing dates go to <https://srcity.org/2593/District-Based-Elections>. Our League has been invited to give input on the City Council districts. If any League member is interested in working on this issue, please contact our League president, Rebecca Jones.

The Santa Rosa Unified School District (SRUSD) received a similar letter in 2017 alleging the At large elections for School Board seats was a violation of CVRA. The School Board also voted to voluntarily transition from At large elections to District Elections. Over the past three months, the SRUSD has held several public hearings and public outreach meetings regarding this transition with the last public hearing held Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. The SRUSD Board will adopt district election maps in the next few weeks.





## Sonoma County League Will Partner with the Library for “Together At the Table” Program on Women’s Rights

“Together at the Table” is a grant-funded program offered by the Sonoma County Library. These evening events will provide space for dialogue and reflection on specific topics of community interest. This spring the League will provide input on the topic of

### Women’s Rights

Monday, March 12, 7-8:30pm, Sebastopol Regional Library

Wednesday, April 18, 6-7:30pm, Rincon Valley Regional Library

Partners presenting at this event are:

ACLU of Northern California

League of Women Voters of Sonoma County

Sonoma County Chapter of National Organization of Women

National Women’s History Project

YWCA of Sonoma County

County of Sonoma Commission on the Status of Women

Other topics will be scheduled in 2018

For more information on the program go to the following websites:

[Sonomalibrary.org/togetheratthetable](http://sonomalibrary.org/togetheratthetable)

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/7645183-181/sonoma-county-library-program-highlights?artslide=0>



## Board Briefs

February 6, 2018

- Income of \$2750 for Sonoma County Voter Outreach contract will be reflected in March
- Program Planning review resulted in a proposal to devise an ad campaign to get critical voting information out to the public. Outreach to students at SRJC was discussed.
- A Community Outreach Team which would coordinate interactions with other organizations in the community will be formed. A more detailed plan will be discussed at the March Board meeting.
- Feedback to the LWV Bay Area on their program planning will be to retain all positions.
- More information and details were requested for the Proposition 13 reform entitled Make It Fair Campaign. LWVC is asking for help on getting signatures for the ballot initiative.
- Spring Lunch will be March 24 and may be videotaped and posted on You Tube.
- The June annual meeting is being planned.
- Voter Service committee will be visiting high schools for voter registration. There will be five venues for upcoming Sheriff debates. There will be numerous pro/con forums on ballot measures.
- Our website will soon have online renewal and new membership capability. We will be migrating to a new website platform, MyLo, coordinated through LWVC.
- Our Advocacy committee will be meeting with Catholic Charities regarding our involvement with citizenship classes.
- We are successfully tabling at more community events.
- There are seven new members this month.
- We will participate in the Library panel series in March and April.

## Advocacy Notes

The local branch of the Climate Change Lobby reported on its proposed national legislation to reduce carbon emissions over the years. The proposal has gotten much support nationally, in the California Legislature and from the Santa Rosa City Council among others. The Lobby will provide the league a summary to make available to league members.

Two members of the committee will be presenting on the league's history and the importance of voting at citizenship classes put on by Catholic Charities.

If timing is right, the committee or other parts of the League may be helping with getting information out to residents on the potential lines for the required upcoming Santa Rosa City Council districts.

Next meeting on March 14 at 10:30.

Gene Zingarelli, Advocacy Committee Chair  
[action@lwvsonoma.org](mailto:action@lwvsonoma.org)

**Welcome New Members!**

**L.J. Bell**  
**Phyllis Butland**  
**James Deport**  
**Julee Fullenwider**  
**Beth Green**  
**Sandra Lee Messer**  
**Janet Morris**  
**Janis Oatham**  
**Mary Jo Yung**

**We're so glad you're here!**

## LWVSC Calendar

### Coming Events

#### **New Members Orientation**

Wednesday, Feb 28 10:00-noon

Friday, March 2, 12:30—2:30 pm

Conference Room at the LWVSC office,  
 555 5th Street, Santa Rosa, (See page 11)

#### **SLV Forum with Supervisor Gorin**

Monday, March 19, 2018, 2:30-3:30 pm

Spring Lake Village, 5555 Montgomery  
 Drive, Santa Rosa, CA (See page 3)

#### **Lunch with the League**

Saturday, March 24, 2018, 11:30-1:30

Santa Rosa Country Club, 333 Country  
 Club Drive, Santa Rosa, CA (See page 3)

#### **Together at the Table- Women's Rights**

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Rincon Valley Regional Library

### Standing Meetings

**Board Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 10-noon.

**Advocacy Committee Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Wednesday, 10:30-noon

**Book Club:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10:30-noon.

**Voter Service Committee Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, 10-noon.

LWVSC meetings are held in the third  
 floor Conference Room at the LWVSC  
 office, 555 5th Street, Santa Rosa.

LWVSC Board meetings are open to all  
 LWVSC members, and to the public upon  
 request.

All other meetings are open to all.

Visit our [website](#) for updated calendar  
 information.

## Membership News

### We are welcoming 9 new members to the League.

On February 28 at 10 am and March 2 at 12:30 pm in Santa Rosa we will have new member orientation meetings at our office conference room. All members are welcome to come meet and greet our newest members.

### New online membership with Paypal

We're *very excited to have a new, more convenient way to join the League!*

Our website now offers the option to use a credit card to join the League. A click on the JOIN link and the viewer is given two options: credit card or the original fill out the form, print and send in with a check. There is no requirement to have a Paypal account to take advantage of this new feature. We see this as an important step in growing our membership by giving a broader audience easier access. This will also make renewing your membership easier!

We are looking for a member with advertising layout and/or graphic design experience to help us put together ads for our "Every Vote Counts" campaign this year. We do not consider this to be a major time commitment. If this is you, please contact Gayle Peterson, [membership@lwvsonoma.org](mailto:membership@lwvsonoma.org) or 707-546-5943



## An Invitation

Have you ever thought of yourself as an ambassador? You are and we need you now more than ever. You are an ambassador for the League. With mid-term elections, a Sonoma County Sheriff race, Santa Rosa city council

district elections, ballot initiatives and other important races, we need our membership to grow so that we remain a dynamic organization with enough hands to do all the volunteer work we do.

This month please take a few minutes to remember why you became a League member. Then take the last page of The Voter—the membership form – and invite someone you know to join the League. It's easier than you think.

Our Membership Chair, Gayle Peterson, always carries a membership form in her purse (let's all do this) and this last month she had two opportunities to be an ambassador. While talking with a friend about what she's been up to lately she mentioned the League. Her friend said she had been thinking about getting more involved locally. So Gayle whipped out her blank membership form and invited her friend to fill it out, which she did. Her next ambassador opportunity came when she was talking with a local store clerk about the challenging times we live in right now. Again Gayle mentioned her involvement in the League. This led to a more in depth conversation which culminated with Gayle giving the clerk a membership form and inviting her to join.

The idea of keeping a membership form (or 2) in your purse is to always be ready to invite someone to join the League. Another way to extend the invitation is to give our website where they can join the League with a credit card online at <http://www.lwvsonoma.org/join.html>.

We do important work to make our democracy strong. Start with those you know. Invite a friend, a daughter or daughter-in-law, a granddaughter (if she's 16 or older), your hair stylist, a co-worker, a store clerk, your insurance agent, a teller at your bank. There are thousand of potential members in Sonoma County. You know why the League is such a great organization. It's time to let others know too and ask them to help strengthen our democracy.

## Members Corner

### Volunteer Opportunity

Help us staff a booth at the April 21<sup>st</sup> **Earth Day on Stage** festival at Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa.

Please give us a little of your time. To sign up for a shift go to: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0945A4AE2AA3F49-april](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0945A4AE2AA3F49-april) Questions? Contact Debbie McKay: [membership@lwvsonoma.org](mailto:membership@lwvsonoma.org) or 707-546-5943

The new name - The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County - (LWVSC) does state the status of League. It was accepted by voting members at the 1978 Annual Meeting, and the newsletter was to be named The VOTER.

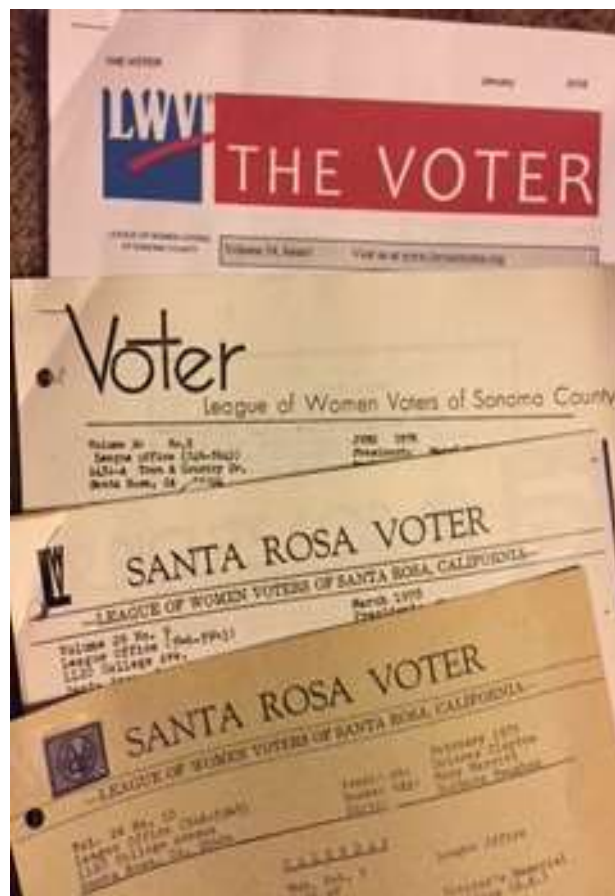
Following the meeting the president wrote in The VOTER: *“The members voted to accept the proposed 1978-79 budget and the proposed changes in the By-Laws. The League is now The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County. We may all need some practice in remembering to use the new name.”*

To this day, forty years later, we continue to “remember use this new name” as we serve Sonoma County.

## From the Office Scrapbook

As was reported in a recent article, the League of Women Voters was initially organized here in September 1951. It was named the League of Women Voters of Santa Rosa (LWVSR) and the newsletter was called The SANTA ROSA VOTER. (see newsletter illustrations below)

The LWVSR served well not only in Santa Rosa but throughout the area. In 1978, or 27 years after its beginning, it was decided the name of the LWVSR would be changed. The reason for this name-change was stated clearly in the president’s message in The SANTA ROSA VOTER when she wrote *“We’ve changed our status and our name ...”*





## On the World Wide Web

You can make a difference. Add your voice to the development of the Santa Rosa City Council districts. <http://www.ksro.com/2018/02/14/interview-progress-being-made-toward-a-final-santa-rosa-redistricting-voter-map/>

If you live in the unincorporated part of the county, your closest elected official is your supervisor. Fifth District Sonoma County Supervisor, Lynda Hopkins hosted a Municipal Advisory Council meeting. [http://www.sonomawest.com/sonoma\\_west\\_times\\_and\\_news/news/giving-unincorporated-communities-a-voice-in-county-government/article\\_affcc208-0c38-11e8-af0d-ffc389179289.html](http://www.sonomawest.com/sonoma_west_times_and_news/news/giving-unincorporated-communities-a-voice-in-county-government/article_affcc208-0c38-11e8-af0d-ffc389179289.html)

The League of Women Voters, California has taken stands on the propositions that will be on your June ballot. <https://lwvc.org/news/our-positions-june-5-2018-election-ballot-measures>

To receive Facebook updates as they happen, be sure to “Like” our LWVSC Facebook page!  
We'd be glad to be one of your friends.

## Book Club Reads

### March 15: Moderated by Sukey Robb-Wilder

*Creating A World Without Poverty - social business and future of capitalism*, Muhammad Yunus, 261 pages, 2017.

Efficiently recounts examples of microcredit and social businesses (organizations designed to help people while turning profits), including Yunus's own Grameen Bank, for which he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006. It reveals the next phase in a worldwide economic and social revolution that is underway to eliminate poverty by unleashing the productive energy of every human being. French food giant Danone's partnership to market yogurt in Bangladesh is described in detail, along with 25 other businesses that operate under the Grameen banner. Infused with entrepreneurial spirit and the excitement of a worthy challenge, this book is the opposite of pessimistic recitals of intractable poverty's horrors.

### April 19: Moderated by Karen Rust

*Shrill. Notes from a Loud Woman*, Lindy West, 264 pages, 2016.

*Shrill* is an uproarious memoir, a feminist rallying cry in a world that thinks gender politics are tedious and that women, especially feminists, can't be funny. From a painfully shy childhood in which West tried, unsuccessfully, to hide her big body and even bigger opinions; to her public war with stand-up comedians over rape jokes; to her struggle to convince herself, and then the world, that fat people have value; to her accidental activism and never-ending battle royale with Internet trolls, Lindy narrates her life with a blend of humor and pathos that manages to make a trip to the abortion clinic funny and wring tears out of a story about diarrhea.

The 2018 Reading list is online at <http://www.lwvsonoma.org/files/bookgroup2018.pdf>

**Please join us.**

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LWV of California [www.ca.lwv.org](http://www.ca.lwv.org)

LWV of the United States [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvoters>

Voter's Edge <http://votersedge.org/en/ca>

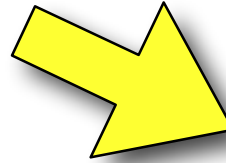
Addresses of Members Only websites are in the front of the LWVSC directory.

*Remember to sign up for email alerts and newsletters when you visit these websites.*

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Send in your comments,  
questions, and  
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Email, snail-mail, or call!

**We want to hear from you!**

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Table with 2 columns: Membership Level and Price. Includes Susan B. Anthony Individual Membership (\$65), Student/ Limited Income Individual Membership (\$40), Amelia Bloomer Household Membership (\$100), Elizabeth Cady Stanton Membership (\$100), and Carrie Chapman Catt Membership (\$200 or more).

Membership dues and donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law

Please circle any topics you are interested in knowing more about.

- Voter Registration, Candidate Forums, Transportation, Housing/Homelessness, Climate Change, Immigration, Newsletter, Website Management, Local Governance

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