

Zoom) will be devoted to our annual program planning. We have two tasks before us: to consider the four programs the US League wants to work on over the next two years, and to come up with our local program for next year. Program planning is the grassroots process of recommending and selecting governmental advocacy agenda that we adopt to move our mission forward. local units to focus on: **Zoom from home**

issues for study and agreement in reaching a position as well as deciding which issues to prioritize for action. The local League program is the education and The US League's recommended program is entitled "The Campaign for Making Democracy Work," and lists these four components for state and Voting Rights • Improving Elections Money in Politics

 Redistricting We can also consider whether we want to ask the US League to pursue any other priorities in the coming year. We already have another topic to consider—the LWV of California Immigration Interest Group has asked California Leagues to support their request to work on immigration reform.

We must also consider what we as a local League want to spend time and energy on in the coming year. Dorine Real, who is leading the February meeting, suggests asking these questions when choosing issues: • How much time and energy do we have, given that we also want to do voter service work and build our organization? • Who is passionate enough to bring a group together around this topic? • Can we envision education, advocacy, or action we could take, or partners we could support? The program planning meeting sets our course for next year. Please plan to come for our annual allocation of priorities, even without colored sticky dots.

All events are on Tuesdays, except as noted. The format of future meetings is still being planned. February 3 (Thursday) 6:00 pm Forum on Coast Hospital Public Forum on Hospital's Future 6:00 pm February 15 Zoom Members' meeting: Program Planning March 11 (Friday) Deadline to file as candidate for June primary

Calendar

County Courthouse, Ukiah March 15 Time and location TBD Members' meeting: Criminal Justice April 12 Time and location TBD

Jared Huffman Answers Questions Members' meeting: June primary election

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President's message ... by Cindy Plank

and the myth of voter fraud What do you think—is there a difference? Center's seminal report on this issue, The Truth About Voter Fraud, found that

Rights Legislation

Voter fraud is typically described as an individual breaking the law. The Brennan

lawsuits contesting the election processes, vote counting, and certification process

Election fraud is more often described as those in power trying to manipulate the voting system with the intent to overturn the will of the voters. David Litt wrote in The Guardian, "From a moral standpoint, falsely claiming fraud is despicable. But from a political standpoint, it's historically been a win-win: in a best-case scenario you disenfranchise voters in an election that already occurred, and in a worse-case scenario you lay the groundwork for disenfranchising them next

The nonpartisan law and policy institute the Brennan Center for Justice recently described four categories of legislation that can obstruct the electoral process:

• laws to give state officials the power to change or reject election results;

most reported incidents of voter fraud are actually traceable to other sources, such as clerical errors or bad data matching practices. The report reviewed elections that had been meticulously studied for voter fraud, and found incident rates between 0.0003 percent and 0.0025 percent. On December 1, 2020, then Attorney General William Barr told the Associated Press "[W]e have not seen fraud on a scale that could have (caused) a different outcome in the election." At least 63

in the 2020 Presidential election have been filed and lost.

• legislation to give partisan state officials the power to seize control of the election administration and vote-counting processes; • laws to restrict, control, or punish the conduct of local election officials; and • measures to make it harder to vote. "Legislation enabling partisan interference in election administration is part of a broader 'election sabotage' or 'election subversion' campaign, a national push to enable partisans to distort democratic outcomes. It includes partisan reviews of

time."

vote tallies to justify overturning election results, and enacting new laws to subvert fair elections in a growing number of states. It includes attacks and pressure on state and local election officials to subvert fair election rules or election outcomes. It includes the unprecedented push in states to restrict access to voting. And finally, it includes a movement by majority parties in multiple state legislatures to entrench themselves in power through extreme gerrymandering and other discriminatory tactics — an effort that could distort our democracy for the next decade ..." In 1965, Martin Luther King warned that the work of voting rights would not end with the passage of the Voting Rights Act. "We are not so naïve as to believe

> persons who have traditionally opposed our right to vote will now desist from intimidating us. There must be a change. There will be a change. For to deny a person the right to exercise his political freedom at the polls is no less a dastardly act as to deny a Christian the right to petition God in prayer." And consider these words attributed to Joseph Stalin: "Those who vote decide nothing. Those who count the vote decide everything." It has become increasingly evident that there was a conspiracy in seven states to undermine the 2020 Presidential election by casting doubt on the certified election

results, even though, as noted above, there has consistently been no evidence of voter fraud. The record turnout of November 2020 has drawn varying responses from state legislatures. More About Voting Rights Between January 1 and September 27, 2021, 25 states enacted 62 laws with provisions that expand voting • Debbie McKay, past President of the Sonoma County League, published an article in the Sonoma Gazette entitled Is Our Democratic System Under Threat? Heather Cox Richardson wrote an opinion

access. These policies include easier access to mail-in ballots, expanded early voting periods, better access for disabled voters, and expansion of automatic voter registration. However, 19 states have passed 34 laws restricting access to voting. The restrictive laws piece about the Freedom to Vote Act and the include making mail-in ballots harder to cast and be John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. counted, reducing polling places and hours, and And National League CEO Virginia Kase increasing purges of voter rolls. In addition, some Solomón released a statement about the

laws criminalize the ordinary, lawful behavior of Senate's failure to pass national legislation on election officials. Do these restrictive laws constitute January 20: lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/ **election fraud?** One thing they do mean is that us-senate-fails-advance-voting-rights-bill. • Our January meeting discussed these issues. increasingly, as Pat Dunbar pointed out during our January 11 meeting on voting rights, one's ability to vote depends on the state where one lives. In light of the current struggle to pass national voting rights legislation in

response to the 2021 state restrictions, an article in *Politico* by Michael Waldman of the Brennan Center is very interesting. Bipartisanship sometimes prevails, as demonstrated by 98 Senate votes supporting the renewal in 2006 of the Voting Rights Act. But political parties being diametrically opposed over voting rights legislation is nothing new. "History shows that more often than not, the party that wants to protect voting rights has to do it over the objections of the other." His

article, Why Voting Rights Isn't (Usually) Bipartisan, explores national legislation from 1842 up to the present day. It's worth a read. Community Garden Tour We celebrate with partner organization Garden Friendly Communities

Volunteer co-ordinator Tina DeLucchi led a brief tour of the garden, showing off plots already established with fava beans, oats, and nitrogen-fixing ground cover. There are twenty ground level beds and six wheelchair-accessible raised beds available for individual use. So far, about half of them have been spoken for. Gardeners who take responsibility for a plot are asked to contribute 15 hours towards general garden maintenance, and pay a fee of \$25 per year. The Garden Committee accepts donations for individuals who cannot afford the fee. FBGFCC board members Jessie Yates and Cornelia Reynolds also contributed information about the project. During a question and answer session, League

> member George Reinhardt followed up a remark by Mr. Drewno about the amount of water which could be collected from the adjacent Starr Center solarpaneled roof, by suggesting that interested people propose to the Fort Bragg City Council, that as property owners, they invest in water-collecting gutters and downspouts which could provide an abundant supply of water for the garden and

Part of the event included a visit to the Garden Committee's next project, to be located on South Harbor Drive. League member Carol Czadek went along, and

"The Garden Tour continued at the South Harbor Drive location on a lot just south of the Thanksgiving Coffee business. This lot is owned by the Katzeff family, but

The FBGFCC plans a Grand Opening for its gardens to take place in the spring of

will be available to the Garden Friendly nonprofit organization to use. Thirty to forty years ago Paul Katzeff planted many varieties of apple trees on half of it. The trees produce quantities of apples that appear [every year], free and available for anyone to pick. There is also a tool shed and water plumbed to the garden area. The soil has been amended and cultivated in the past, so it seems that a new and productive vegetable garden can be successfully created. There is a plan to terrace the beds since the land slopes to the east and the beds will be laid out north - south."

the surrounding grounds as well.

provided the following information:

Redistricting and Voting Rights The Mendocino County League of Women Voters discussed the public's nationwide access to voting at a Zoom meeting held on January 11. Twenty-three people attended. Relying on information compiled by the Brennan Center for Justice, League member Pat Dunbar reviewed how 2021 redistricting and legislation in the various states are affecting voters' rights to fair representation

> job of creating fair maps in which particular groups are not unfairly included or excluded, while partisan legislatures regularly try to maximize the control of their own parties by "packing" and "cracking" their opponents to minimize the seats that they can control. Currently, the maps drawn in two states, Texas and North Carolina, are being challenged in court. The ability to legally block racially biased redistricting was greatly reduced by the Supreme Court's Shelby v. Holder decision in 2013. Following the record turnout and virtually problem-free election of November, 2020, in which many measures were added to ensure voter access in the midst of the COVID

and their ability to cast ballots. Later, Paula Cohen and Nancy Kleiber gave updates on redistricting in Mendocino County and California, respectively, and

Of the 50 United States, 20 (including California) have independent redistricting commissions. The rest have drawn, or are drawing, new districts (commonly gerrymandered) created by their legislatures—15 of these states are controlled by Republicans, 7 are controlled by Democrats, and 8 have legislatures with divided control. According the the Brennan Center, independent commissions do the best

> pandemic, states have enacted laws which move in different directions. Between January 1 and September 27, 2021, 25 states enacted 62 laws with provisions that expand voting

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registration. However, 19 states passed 34 laws restricting access to voting. Restrictive laws include making mail-in ballots harder to cast and be counted, reducing polling places and hours, and increasing purges of voter rolls. In addition, some laws criminalize the ordinary, lawful

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Val Muchowski reported on new Mendocino Community College maps.

behavior of election officials. Therefore, where a voter lives will determine the degree of access s/he has to voting in 2022. The President and most of the Democratic Party have supported two pieces of legislation which would provide This infographic on how to vote, by Brian nationwide standards for access to voting. The Freedom to Duffy, appeared in the October, 2018 Hightower Lowdown. Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act both passed the House, but have been stalled in the Senate due to filibuster rules which two Democrats and all Republicans have been unwilling to

> change. Although these bills will not advance in their current form, it is possible some parts of them may be enacted during 2022. The League has joined lawsuits against new restrictive voting laws in Florida and Tennessee. Some of the most troubling of the new laws are measures which give partisan legislatures the power to overturn or discount the election results certified by local officials who process ballots with no aim except to give accurate results. The Georgia legislature has

> The Mendocino Community College has needed to rebalance its districts since Fort Bragg and Mendocino Unified joined in the transfer of the Coast campus from the College of the Redwoods in 2017. Val Muchowski reported that the MCC Board was scheduled to approve its new district maps on February 1. A newly drawn district, encompassing Fort Bragg, is currently unrepresented, and if

> Nancy Kleiber concluded the meeting with a recap of the state Redistricting Commission's work. California's current Congressional delegation of 53 needed to be reduced to 52 due to its slower population growth relative to other states such as Texas, which gained 2 seats. There were 20,000 applicants for the 14 seats

> on the state commission, whose final composition included 5 Democrats, 5 Republicans, and 4 independents. Each congressional district is required to contain a population of 760,000, with no meaningful variation allowed. The commissioners were required to draw new lines from scratch keeping contiguity, compactness, and geographical and political (e.g., cities/counties) boundaries, and

communities of interest in mind, without diluting minority populations. She

suggested that the commission's final maps were well drawn because, as in the art of compromise, "everyone is unhappy" with the result. In her view, Hispanic voters gained representation with 6 more state assembly districts, 4 more state senate districts, and 6 more congressional districts which contain a majority of latino voters. Although Mendocino County remains in similarly shaped districts

Thursday, February 3 from 6 - 8 pm on Zoom

and representatives from

Questions for Presenters? Submit to

Sherwood Oaks Struggling

by Jary Stavely

convalescent home.

karenbowersu2@gmail.com by February 3.

55 to break even), and a severe shortage of staff. In addition, its current

administrators. However, Norman deVall, of the Healthcare District board, provided the following update from Dr. John Cottle, also associated with the

"We all relish good news where it may be found these days, so I am happy to share the following: CDPH sent a representative to Sherwood Oaks Thursday the 16th for the purpose of evaluating resident safety. They told us that it is their policy to do so for facilities lacking upper level management, in our case having no Director of Nursing or Administrator. They had nothing but praise for the job being done by our staff. I was not present at the time, being scheduled to see outpatients in our hospital clinic that day, but I did attend the Department Head

"I fully agree with the CDPH assessment, that our residents are safe and continue

U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman participated in a half hour question and answer session with the Mendocino County League on January 25. Board member Carol Czadek, who has been seeking his appearance with the League since last fall, gathered questions from local residents, and posed them to the Representative on

Citing a preponderance of local interest in the recent transfer of the Fort Bragg mill site property from Georgia-Pacific to the owners of the Skunk Train, Carol opened the session by asking which local stakeholders Huffman has been in touch with. He answered by saying that ever since he first became the north coast's

representative he has been following the city's efforts to responsibly plan multiple uses of the property, and that he is "troubled" that the sudden striking of the deal

Railway's request for a federal loan to facilitate freight hauling. He wants to make sure that the use of eminent domain in the transfer does not allow the avoidance

Carol also asked if the congressman had any authority to intervene in the Skunk Train's development of walk and bike trails along Pudding Creek, since its recent fence-building activities have interfered with wildlife corridors and local property owners' access. The response again was that he has no direct authority, other than

to oppose the rail owners' attempts to make use of federal funds. As to the problem of the sea level rising into the old mill pond area, the Representative stressed that the oversight which the California Coastal Commission can exercise derives partially from federal law, and that he will do all he can to "make sure that

Concerning federal authority over Jackson State Forest, he emphasized that, although his office has studied the matter, the state has almost complete control over timber management there. He supports the effort by local indigenous people to participate in the stewardship of the forest, and the more that land is returned to tribal control or co-management, the federal government may, in the future, be able to have more influence. He is trying to support the efforts of local state

Rep. Huffman supports the "Two Basin Solution" to the diversion of Eel River water into the Russian River watershed in Potter Valley. He feels that the needs of all stakeholders and wildlife can only be met by the elimination of the Scott Dam

with a "run of the river" continuation of water from the Eel southward. His

which he still stands by. There is financial leverage on PG&E to avoid the

feels that federal funding can be found so that local governments and water

In response to a question about corporate buy-up of affordable housing and its scarcity, the congressman suggested that he can aid local governments' efforts by

infrastructure bill in Congress, and told those interested in its development to be in touch with his Fort Bragg field representative, Jez Anderson, whose office is in

The California Statewide Direct Primary Election will be held on June 7, 2022. Voter registration forms are due by May 23, (online: registertovote.ca.gov), and vote-by-mail ballot requests must arrive at the Clerk-Recorder's office by May 31. The deadline for candidates to file papers to run is March 11. A partial list of

worked in San Francisco and Oakland, but is following

how it works out in the upcoming Alaska Senatorial

election. He expects broadband in the county to be greatly facilitated by the recent passage of the

agencies do not have to bear the full costs of the change.

convening of stakeholders several years ago has given a head start to this solution,

environmental mitigation costs of decommissioning its hydro-electric station. He

legislators Wood and McGuire to rethink how the JDSF is operated.

might undermine years of planning and weaken city and state oversight of economic development and environmental protections. Although the transfer appears to be irreversible, his concerns led him to oppose the Mendocino

Adventist Health

Mendocino Coast Clinics

According to the December 15 Miller Report, Sherwood Oaks is facing a possible shutdown due to an insufficient caseload (36 patients in a facility which requires

administrator Will Maloney was due to retire, and there is a shortage of qualified

Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation Mendocino Coast Healthcare District Board

Measure C Oversight Committee plus Supervisors Ted Williams and Dan Gjerde

the map is approved, will elect a new Trustee in November.

(all called #2), many districts in the south are completely different, and many incumbents are scrambling to decide whether to retire or to compete in different configurations. Public Forum on Hospital's Future According to an article by Chris Calder published in the Anderson Valley Advertiser, the Mendocino Coast Healthcare District board of directors met with agents of the Devenney Group on December 9 to consider how to have a new or retrofitted hospital that will meet the seismic standards required by 2030. The consultants described similar projects they have undertaken in California and Arizona, and projected that a new edifice would take 7–8 years to build, and could cost up to \$65M. During the meeting the directors considered a hospital with 6–10 beds, as opposed to the current 24. Coastal residents with concerns about the seismic retrofit, the future of the hospital in Fort Bragg, or local health care generally, will want to participate in a public forum to be held via Zoom this Thursday, February 3. The event will also be the monthly meeting of the Coast Democratic Club. Their announcement follows: Does Our Hospital Have a Future? Public Forum

before, any staff more concerned for their own health or finances have long since resigned. The ones that remain are totally committed, and are supported by the fact that their jobs provide intangible personal and spiritual benefits. "Thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement. Thank you for speaking truth to the situation at every opportunity, which is the only way to combat exaggerated rumors." For more on Sherwood Oaks: The full Miller Report, which also contains information about a change of ownership of Sherwood Oaks; Chris Calder's AVA

Jared Huffman Answers Questions

Zoom. Twenty-seven people attended online.

of proper cleanup of the mill site under CEQA rules.

meeting this morning, and made rounds afterwards.

its jurisdiction is not bypassed by something like this scheme to begin running freight rail service and to claim expanded federal pre-emption. ..." Regarding the possible change of Fort Bragg's name, he said that although he was sympathetic to the idea of not immortalizing the infamous slaveholder (whose name was chosen "on a lark"), he wasn't surprised that the special commission named to consider it was not able to agree on a recommendation. He expects that the idea will continue to be explored in the future, and that a change may eventually come.

making sure that federal funding and regulations for Section 8 vouchers are improved. He also said that American Rescue Plan funds can be used for environmental purposes, such as Representative Jared Huffman's EV charging stations, as long as local governments local contact: decide that is what they need. Although he supported Jez Anderson, field representative passage in the House of the John Lewis Voting Fort Building, 430 N. Franklin St., Fort Bragg Advancement Act and the For the People Act, he is skeptical about the ranked choice voting promoted in P.O. Box 2208, Fort Bragg, CA. 95437 HR 3863—he has been disappointed in how it has

the Fort Building (430 N. Franklin St.).

County Superintendent of Schools

• Superior Court Judges, Depts. 1,5,7,8

• Mendocino Coast Healthcare District: 4 seats

• Mendocino Coast Recreation & Parks District:: 3 seats

including DEI, Black History Month, voting rights, the green transition, housing,

Stayed One for Decades after the Civil War"

For those interested in learning more about how history has affected

our attitudes towards minorities, John Briscoe published a piece in the SF Chronicle entitled "How California Became a Slave State and

Nineteenth century French artist Jules Tavernier's painting of an Elem Pomo dance inside a Clear Lake roundhouse is part of an

Mary Callahan reports in the *Press-Democrat* on the results of the Fort Bragg commission to explore a name change for the town. Mendocino County artist Lauren Sinnott has completed a mural

project in Ukiah which attempts to chronicle a comprehensive history of our area. A diverse group of five individuals collaborated on the

Political science professors Lauren Collingwood and Sean Long published an analysis in the Washington Post showing that

California's Voting Rights Act of 2001 has significantly improved

According to a piece in the LA times, the town of Huron, California

in the Central Valley is showing how low-income communities can

cars are enthusiastically embraced in both Huron and San Pedro

residents were recruited to help them carry it out, and outside

Service Employees Union International Unit 1021, which represents County employees, has published a comprehensive report on the housing situation in Mendocino County. On the coast, HAT Mendocino Coast has done a survey of

Former Sonoma County LWV President Debbie McKay has published an essay

government. They have taken input from the public in four town hall sessions and by email and are almost ready to adopt the plan. The latest version presented to

> Thank You so much! I greatly appreciate your help This scholarship is of great assistance to me, and the amount of appreciation I have cannot be explained

From a LatCo Scholarship Recipient in May 2021, now attending Santa Rosa JC

For the last six months, Mendocino County has been developing a five-year Strategic Plan, specifying a vision for the County and priorities for County

> It was exciting to see our 2021 scholarship recipients take off to begin life after high school at UC Davis, Santa Rosa JC, Santa Barbara City College, Mendocino College, and UCLA! The Latino Coalition of the Mendocino Coast is committed to supporting yet another group of young Latinos in our coastal community who are determined to further their education after high school, whether at a community college, a university or a trade school. LatCo has provided scholarships in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and, with your help, we will provide local high school seniors with scholarships in May of 2022.

Contributions to this cause — of any size — will be welcomed and appreciated. You can join other generous members of our community as

Please make your tax-deductible check out to *Mendocino Institute* and put Latino Scholarship in the memo line. Mail it to Latino Coalition, P.O. Box 1017, Fort Bragg, CA 95437. We are grateful that the Mendocino Institute has agreed to serve as LatCo's new fiscal sponsor. Their Tax ID is 68-0484104. We thank Safe Passage Family Resource Center for managing our scholarship fund since LatCo began, and are sorry they will be closing their doors. They will be missed.

they help launch the leaders of tomorrow.

employers and employees which shows similar serious problems.

exploring the status of civility in the nation.

the Supervisors should be posted soon.

make the transition to electric cars. The piece points out that "electric

because community leaders had a vision for how they could be used,

bureaucrats are making a point of interfering as little as possible."

minority representation on city councils.

• Fort Bragg City Council: 4 seats • Ukiah City Council: 3 seats • Willits City Council: 2 seats

• 3rd District Supervisor 5th District Supervisor

County positions: • District Attorney • Sheriff-Coroner

City positions:

Special Districts:

and civility.

the many local seats to be on the June ballot follows:

exhibit currently on display at the deYoung Museum in San Francisco. According to the museum's website, "The exhibition includes more than a dozen paintings, watercolors, prints, and photographs by Jules Tavernier (1844–1889) and puts forth a new interpretation of his career masterwork and his other compositions of the Western United States by offering a multiplicity of voices and perspectives, including those of Pomo cultural leaders and curators."

project.

Thank you from all of us in the Latino Coalition. The mission of the Latino Coalition: to empower our community through education, social justice, and cultural appreciation La misión de La Coalición Latina: empoderar a nuestra comunidad a través de educación, justicia social y reconocimiento cultural

people.

You will be able to:

• raise your visibility.

• build your leadership skills,

Are You Ready to Step Up?

Doing interesting work and

• help to set the direction for the LWVMC, • expand your commitment to the League,

• share your League successes with other Leagues,

janeperson@hotmail.com or call 707 964 6351.

"For me the League is an endless learning ladder."

Having interesting dialog...

Does this sound like a group that might interest you?

An experience to remember: rewarding, challenging, satisfying...join the LWV of

• use your skills to make things happen for the League and for your community,

If this sounds like an opportunity you or someone you know might want to

might be interested in our organization at some point in the future, and to

black or white. For helping me grow in confidence and knowledge."

Our League is seeking qualified individuals for future positions as committee and board members. We are interviewing a number of people and believe that you may have the skills we seek. We would like to meet with you to determine if you

determine if there is a good match between your skills and interests and League goals. Here are some inspiring words from others who have taken the plunge:

"I'll always belong to the League — for what it does to make democracy work in our ever more complex world. For seeing the gray of issues too often viewed as

"The League trained me in consensus-building and instilled the conviction that face-to-face dialogue among those with divergent views allows communities to

pursue, please contact Jane Person, Nominating Committee Chair,

Mendocino County Board of Directors to be part of a dynamic, fun group of

Interesting and interested people

address issues constructively." "Voters' service brought me to the League. Program keeps me interested. The people are what make it fun. The League is where I have found some of my best friends. I believe I always will." The League of Women Voters of Mendocino County wishes to honor the land we are on and its native peoples. We want to offer recognition and respect; to counter the "doctrine of discovery" with the true story of the people who were already here; to support larger truthtelling and reconciliation efforts; and to remind ourselves that colonization is still happening. We acknowledge that the land where we live and work is un-ceded territory of indigenous peoples since time began. We are surrounded by the traditional, ancestral

Voting rights links: https://www.sonomacountygazette.com/sonoma-county-news/is-ourdemocratic-system-under-threat/; https://heathercoxrichardson.substack.com/p/ january-12-2022; Community Garden article with pictures: advocate-news.com/2021/12/02/south-lincolnstreet-community-garden-opens-officially/ Community Garden supporters: gfcgardensfortbragg.org/thanks.html Mendocino College trustee districts: https://mendocino.edu/sites/default/files/draft 1 b.pdf

LWV Mission Statement

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Brennan Center article: https://www.brennancenter.org/publication/truth-about-voter-fraud

Meeting ID: 707 684 0646 Passcode: Smile Dial by your location: +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) Meeting ID: 707 684 0646 Passcode: 878873 Sherwood Oaks: mendovoice.com/2021/12/sherwood-oaks-nursing-facility-faces-

File as a candidate: mendocinocounty.org/government/assessor-county-clerk-recorderelections/election-candidate-information California a slave state: sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/How-Californiabecame-a-slave-state-and-stayed-16649499.php Jules Tavernier exhibit: deyoung.famsf.org/exhibitions/jules-tavernier

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latimes.com/politics/story/2022-01-10/neglected-california-town-reinvents-itself-withelectric-cars-and-plots-a-roadmap-for-the-nation. California Voting Rights Act: msn.com/en-us/news/politics/california-s-city-councils-are-

mounting-challenges-miller-report-for-dec-14-21-column/; theava.com/archives/date/ 2021/12/page/3

Fort Bragg name change commission: santarosapressdemocrat-ca.newsmemory.com/?

getting-more-diverse-this-law-made-that-happen/ar-AASVCrm. Housing reports: seiu1021mendohousingreport.org/; https://www.hatmendocoast.org/ Civility: sonomacountygazette.com/sonoma-county-news/a-year-into-joe-biden-are-we-a-League Links

pwd=ODJQVktrdEQ3WExwWVU3MCttcHgwUT09 Mendocino County League's website: https://my.lwv.org/california/mendocino-county Mendocino County League's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/LWVMendo1 State League positions can be found at: https://lwvc.org/our-work/positions

The League's February membership meeting (Tuesday, February 15 at 6 pm via

by Jane Person and Dorine Real

Tuesday

February 15

6:00 pm

CLICK HERE

to join

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To join the LWVMC Zoom meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82319138585?

November "meeting"

by Jary Stavely More than twenty people came to the South Lincoln Street Community Garden open house held by the Fort Bragg Garden Friendly Community Committee (FBGFCC) and the Mendocino County League on November 14. After welcoming remarks by League Co-President Cindy Plank, Matt Drewno of the FBGFCC gave a brief overview of how the garden came to be developed. Grading and excavation for the ADA-compliant central pathway was provided by Gary Swanson and his crew. Mike Casey and his team did all the framing, concrete pouring and finishing for the pathway, hoop house and shed pads. Matt himself built the two raised beds provided to accommodate six community gardeners who may need special access. Chris Brian, a local digging expert, helped dig the trenches to lay irrigation, and the FBGFCC board members took care of installing

fencing and moving two 1,200-gallon water storage tanks into position. Fifteen volunteers have worked on bed preparation—League member Jessica Morton, one of those groundbreakers, confided to this observer that the soil was amazingly hard to dig up. Matt also gave special thanks to the Noyo Food Forest for its original fiscal sponsorship of the community garden project, and to the Mendocino Coast Children's Fund for its successive support.

2022. Date and time will be published in a future *Voter*. For more on the new gardens, see Michelle Blackwell's article and photos and a complete list of project supporters. January meeting

proposed a law allowing it to change the results from urban Fulton County. Local election officials have even been receiving death threats for trying to carry out their jobs. Pat ended her presentation with an exhortation about the need for citizens not only to vote but also to run for local office. (See June Election Preview, below, for filing information. — eds.) Paula Cohen then recounted the work of the Mendocino County Redistricting Commission she served on during the fall of 2021. The group held eight public input workshops, several extra meetings with the Board of Supervisors, produced at least 12 different maps to consider how to balance community interests and community desires, and took in 168 different comments from around the county. In the end the Supervisors adopted the map worked out by the Commission: mendocinocounty.org/government/board-of-supervisors/district-boundaries.

FELONS

Join Assemblymember Jim Wood, Chair, Assembly Health Committee

to be well cared for. The spirit of our staff is amazingly positive, despite full knowledge that facility closure is a possibility, though not certain. As I have said Special virtual event ...

• Fort Bragg Unified School District: 3 seats • Mendocino Unified School District: Mendocino, Albion seats (2) Further reading ... Our Communities, Our Issues Various League members have sent us items to share with *Voter* readers on themes

LWVMC needs you ...

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County strategic plan:

Hospital forum:

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State redistricting maps: wedrawthelinesca.org/final_maps Hospital article: theava.com/archives/172550#3

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Rosa Parks' Featherlite Pancakes

Among Rosa Parks' papers at the

"Featherlite Pancakes" written on

butter, a characteristic flavor with

an old envelope. It uses peanut

historical meaning in African

American cuisine.

Smithsonian is this recipe for

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