

The Voter THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF MENDOCINO COUNTY

Empowering voters, defending democracy June 2025 Jary Stavely and Dorine Real, Editors

Important Reminder: Annual Meeting: June 8th

League members, please attend our in-person annual meeting at 11AM, next Sunday, June 8, at the Caspar

Community Center. This is the only official business meeting of the year, and our first social gathering in several months. Fifteen dues-paying members are needed to put our officers, directors, committee chairs, budget, bylaws, and program in place for the 2025–26 fiscal year. Delicious soup from the Westport Hotel plus hot beverages will be provided, augmented by celebrated potluck contributions from the rest of us. Helpers are welcome for set-up, starting at 10:30, and for cleanup afterwards. Please call our message phone, 707-937-4952 for further information. Be there, or be square (and left out of the fun)! We'll eat together ...

Please bring a dish to share. Soup will be provided. **LWVMC** Calendar **Annual Meeting** Sunday, June 8

June 3-4 (Wed-Thur) 9 AM County Courthouse / Zoom Public input on County budget June 4 (Wednesday) 6 PM Round Valley Library 11:00 AM "Low Intensity Camping" ordinance public meeting June 7 (Saturday) 11-3 Noyo Center Marine Field Station Caspar Community Noyo Harbor Blue Economy Open House Center 2:00-8:30 Mendocino High School June 7 (Saturday)

Career Technical Education Spring Showcase June 8 (Sunday) 11 AM Caspar Community Center LWVMC Annual Meeting 4 PM Fort Bragg city budget workshop 6 PM "Low Intensity Camping" ordinance public meeting "Low Intensity Camping" ordinance public meeting County Courthouse Adoption of Mendocino County budget Zoom 3 PM GRI LCP update session

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To our volunteers, members, and partners—thank you. Your commitment fuels our mission and inspires hope. Together, we can build a stronger democracy where every voice is heard. And a shout out to Jess, Sydney, Dorine, and Pat for their dedication and passion for creating positive change in our community. The civic engagement project you are working on is truly inspiring. Thank you for

What to Cut? At its May 20 general meeting, the Mendocino League discussed (on Zoom) the conditions state and local authorities are facing as they craft budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Unlike the federal government, state, county, and city

and stock market volatility/uncertainty. The federal government provides about 1/3 of the funds for the state budget, a large part of which (\$112B) goes to MediCal (federally known as MedicAid), seriously threatened in the Trump administration's proposed budget. Since the state already provides 40% of MediCal funding, there would be no way to make up for massive federal reductions. In addition to the decline in state revenues, there has been an unexpected \$7B rise in MediCal costs. Other details in the current state budget proposal include preservation of funding for children and firefighting, a fast-track for the infamous delta tunnel water project, a suspension of CEQA rules for housing projects, cuts to state employment, and a reduction in state university funding of 3% (formerly to be 8%).

Peter traced the development of the Mendocino County budget from January of this year. Initially county CEO Marcie Antle found a potential fiscal year '25-'26 deficit of \$23M. By April 30, that had been reduced to \$2.2M through county workforce reductions (adjusting its 'structural deficit') and other means, although the Supervisors voted to increase spending on county roads by \$1M, and allocated an additional \$178K to county fire districts. They may erase the remaining deficit with 'one-time' funds, leaving future deficits to address. The public will have a

chance for input at the budget hearings to be held during the Board of

Supervisors' meetings on June 3–4, and the final budget will be adopted on

June 24.

He then outlined the "dynamics" of the county budget process, listing important factors which county officials must deal with. These include Prop. 13 and the county's dependence on state sales tax revenue; public sector unions' desire to protect its members, and the need to attract good workers; inflation; and the restrictions that come with state and federal funds which specify exactly how they are to be spent. Currently, federal funds account for 14%, and state funds 29%, of county expenditures, with the remaining 57% coming through local taxes and fee collections. Because of the remaining unknowns as to Federal, State and local revenues and costs; the Board will need to make further budget amendments during the upcoming fiscal year. Fort Bragg City Manager Isaac Whippy gave Jary some details about the city's upcoming fiscal year budget. He was upbeat that the passage of Measures T & U last November ensured \$1.2M for the city's coffers, and that it currently has a \$6M contingency reserve. Cuts to federal funding could seriously affect housing

with a repaying of Windy Hollow Rd. which depends on federal funding. Officials there are considering a sales tax (Measure X), which would generate an additional Willits faces several challenges, including several delayed audits, unresolved personnel issues, and declining sales tax revenue, according to newly named mayor Tom Allman. All of which leaves a very murky understanding of where their finances are. The meeting was recorded on youtube. It begins with an explanation of how the governor and legislature do their work—negotiating and approving an overall budget, and following up with 'budget bill juniors' and 'trailers.' Followup discussion included the effect of the U.S.' lower credit rating on budgets, how to set priorities in these times, and the state of the county road system.

On May 15 the GRI Vision Workgroup held the latest of its bi-monthly Zoom reports on the Local Coastal Program Updates being held in the county. Brandon Quintana, of the Coastal Commission's regional staff, led off the program by giving an overview of his organization's land use planning responsibilities—the protection of coastal resources, and planning for new development—and the kinds of coastal resources it regulates. The three main components of Implementation Plans in LCPs are the local governments' zoning ordinances, its zoning district maps, and its lists of implementing actions. He emphasized the Commission's role working alongside local governments, and listed the three ways the public can

making beaches disappear. It has successfully lobbied the legislature to protect beaches in Ventura County and elsewhere. She mentioned Seaside Beach, north of Fort Bragg, as a problem area worth protecting, and hopes Surfrider can be helpful to local residents who have similar concerns. She shared an action alert about threats to the Coastal Commission, and her email (msackett@surfrider.org). Julia Krog said that the Sea Level Rise Resilience Study consultant had just completed its draft of Existing Conditions, and that, after review, she expects to hold a public stakeholders meeting about it in July. Progress is continuing in the various studies in the broader CCC grant: EMC Associates have made

Water requirements have been compiled for the Groundwater Study, and her staff

Fort Bragg's Sarah McCormick announced that the Novo

The Zoom meeting also included a discussion of how a

planning; and Caltrans' seeking input on fire resiliency. The recording can be viewed at the bottom of the GRI

long-standing Caspar community group can provide input

to the LCP Updates; a clarification of how housing is, and is not, part of the process; Point Arena's pier renovation; a brief update on Fort Bragg's "collaborative" headlands

is reviewing that consultant's recommendations, as well; the Traffic and

Ocean Collective will present the consultant's Existing **NOYO HARBOR BLUE ECONOMY** Conditions for Sea Level Rise Resiliency findings at an Open House at the Novo Center for Marine Science Field Station on June 7, from 11–3. [See accompanying poster this is the Noyo Harbor portion of the same study 11AM-3PM mentioned in the county report above.] The event will give NOYO CENTER MARINE FIELD STATION opportunities for the public to contribute feedback on strategies that will protect our harbor, strengthen our economy, and build resilience against sea level rise. Find more information on the Collective's website.

Biological Resources studies are still underway.

Mendocino Vision Workgroup page. The next meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 3 PM. Federal Funding for Food

> The Mendocino County League Board has endorsed the following open letter from George Reinhardt and Sharon Bowers. We would like to have more

> information about food needs throughout the county. Please send responses to

Our local food security is being threatened. We need to step up support for the local institutions that educate, grow and help distribute local food. Devastated by

monthly. We have decided we are going to also send a check to The Mendo Food

federal cuts, our local Food Bank and the county-wide Mendo Food

Network need our help. My wife and I support the Fort Bragg Food Bank

League Secretary and Mendocino High School senior Annabell Guinan was recently awarded the Violet Richardson Soroptimist Award, which came with a certificate of recognition from Congressman Jared Huffman. The coastal Environmental Coalition also gave her one of their scholarships. She plans to attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall League member Frej Barti, also a senior at M.H.S., received a scholarship from the Mendocino Coast Chamber of Commerce, and has acquired his California State Seal of Civic Engagement. He has been accepted by both Stanford and Chapman Universities.

The Mendocino College Foundation has given four \$1000 scholarships in honor of Jane Person, with funds raised by the Mendocino County League. The recipients are Lillian Chaney, for studying child psychology, Shalynn Bradley, for nursing and allied health, Derrick Romine, for agriculture and a sustainable environment, and Jacqueline Valencia, for kinesiology/physical therapy. County Schools Superintendent NIcole Glentzer

information sheet presenting updated information on its responsibilities, its board members, and the options to be considered in light of the 2030 deadline for seismic safety. It urges the public to consult its home page regularly, in order to be aware of current developments, regular meetings, and public outreach events which are likely to be scheduled.

> WY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Landline Service Still under Discussion On May 16, KZYX published a report on landline rule changes again being considered by the California Public Utilities Commission. Audio and text of Elise Cox' report are online. As discussed at Assemblyman Chris Rogers' Town Hall in late April, the legislature is also considering changing how legacy phone service

above) will be discussed at the Annual Meeting June 8. The

assistants Ira and Franklin, and a display of themes which the

photos show team member Jess Green with outreach

project is attempting to explore.

general sessions, and participate in workshops and other events at a flat-fee registration rate of \$30 per person. Protection of Mail-In Ballots The LWVC has filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit that threatens to disenfranchise hundreds of thousands of voters by blocking the counting of mailed ballots received after Election Day. Rep. Darrell Issa's controversial suit challenges California's vote-by-mail system and risks undermining fair access to the ballot for voters statewide. Read the full press release to learn more about the LWVC's bold action to intervene in this suit to protect voting rights.

all, LWV proudly remains nonpartisan — because the preservation of democracy

LWV of Florida filed to intervene as plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging harsh restrictions to the state's ballot initiative process. A coalition of voting rights groups in Louisiana sued the state over a new law that violates Louisianans' freedom to vote. Nonprofit, nonpartisan organizations in Maine filed suit after being stripped of AmeriCorps funding which LWV of Maine would have used to

Parliamentarian and weakened the filibuster rule by expanding the application of the Congressional Review Act in a vote intended to undo California's electric vehicle mandate. This action could have ramifications for other bills the Senate is

tired, or you're in your own head, or other people have let you down one too many

times...): On dragging your feet (forward)." It's a personal reflection from someone trying to do what the League's Civic Engagement Project team has

considering. US League CEO Celina Stewart's response is online.

Several readers have offered suggestions for thought-provoking reading. Michael Waldman has published "The Lasting Effects of Voter Suppression" under the Brennan Center's *The Briefing* heading. He writes that new voter suppression laws have done just that. "Our newest research shows, even more significantly, that eligible voters turned away from casting a ballot once are much less likely to try again in later elections." The full article is online. On a more positive note, Garrett Bucks has written on The White Pages, an article entitled, "Building community is a joy (except when you don't want to, or you're

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https://www.mendocinochcd.gov

Landline rules: https://www.kzyx.org/2025-05-16/cpuc-nears-decision-on-landline-rules MCN: https://www.advocate-news.com/2025/05/29/fort-bragg-finalizes-purchase-of-mcn-to-expand-public-LWVC Convention: https://lwvc.org/convention; https://lwvc.org/conv25-schedule-registration/ Mail-in ballots: https://lwvc.org/press-release-lwvc-protect-mailed-ballots/ Medicaid: https://default.salsalabs.org/Tc0be4a0e-7d3e-4c6a-9865-699bfe667372/34be5bff-59c8-45df-

being drivers for civic responsibility. Charlene McAllister, LWVMC President Local governments ask ...

officials are required to approve balanced budgets, something of a challenge this year, given the drastic funding cuts proposed by national officials. Dorine Real, Peter McNamee, Jary Stavely, and Charlene McAllister took turns presenting information they had gathered about the California, Mendocino County, Ukiah, Fort Bragg, Willits, and Point Arena budgets. Dorine kicked off the meeting with an overview of the state budget situation. The May Revise shows a \$12B deficit, partly due to a \$16B decline in state revenue, which Governor Newsom blames on the threatened tariffs, a decline in tourism,

initiatives currently in place under Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) such as the First Time Homebuyers program, and senior housing like the one currently proposed for Hazelwood St., and would also reduce funds for code enforcement, business assistance loans, and the purchase of electric vehicles. He anticipates that the city may need to raise its water/sewer rates to fund capital improvements. A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 11, and the city council is scheduled to adopt the final version at its last June meeting. Charlene reported that Ukiah also seems not to be overly concerned about its budget, and that it is proceeding with an annexation plan that would transfer some property from county to city jurisdiction, thereby possibly affecting county revenues. Point Arena's two year budget does not come up this year, but it faces difficulty \$85K.

Initiative (BEVRI). This includes opportunities to ontribute feedback on strategies that will profes Find more information on our website; https:// ncytoceancollective.org/sir-resilience/ Blue Leemonry A local response to cuts in

enjoyed talking with Derrick at the Foundation award event.

Caspar Community Garden Voter readers seeking a chance to grow their own food may wish to follow up on this announcement from the Caspar Community Center: The Caspar community garden has a bed available. Beds are about 4' x 25'. There is a shed and community tools for use, several water spigots for hand watering, and water to each bed if you want to set up drip irrigation. The garden is located behind the Caspar Community Center and playground. Garden bed rent is \$25 a year. If interested, email Rochelle (relkan@mcn.org).

May newsletter: "Have you heard about AB942? People who have installed solar prior to April, 2023 were assured through a contract with the state of CA that they would receive credit on the solar they provide to the utilities for 20 years. Many solar owners financed their installation of solar based on this contract. AB942 would break that contract and only offer just 10 years of credit for power. That cuts the return on investment for the solar installation expense. If the property is sold, solar credits are lost and the solar owner must pay for the increased debt incurred based on 20 year return. Find out more information on this website." Followup on Chris Rogers Town Hall Elise Cox at KZYX has provided a transcript of the April 27 Town Hall with Assemblymember Rogers [see May Voter]. It was posted on Google Docs, where it follows a list of the topics he discussed in response to questions. High School Students Show Their Stuff from the Mendocino Announce List: "Join us in celebrating the creative talents and hands-on learning of Mendocino High School students at the 7th Annual Career Technical Education Spring innovation, and dedication in career and technical pathways."

> actively seeking to undermine democracy, California's open calls for a convention offer a direct pathway to chaos. California has seven open calls on the bookseach one an open invitation to dismantle the Constitution. SJR-1 is our chance to close that door before it's too late. Tell your state Senator to vote YES on SJR-1. State League Convention The California League office has issued a final call to the 70th State Convention of the League of Women Voters of California. And there is room for more delegates from Mendocino County. Attendance is via Zoom only this year, and your registration could be paid for by the League. Please contact Charlene McAllister or Cindy Plank, if you would like to be a delegate. Details from the lwvc office follow: When: Saturday, June 21– Sunday, June 22, 2025. The general sessions on those days begin at 9:00 AM and are scheduled to end at 4:00 PM. Workshops and special events are scheduled from Tuesday, June 17 through Friday, June 20, Where: Virtual teleconference meetings, using Zoom. Who: Attendance at Convention is open to everyone; we encourage all members to attend and are eager for the public to come learn about the League. We ask

that you extend invitations to your friends and contacts.

conv25-schedule-registration/ to register and view the schedule.

the state who are making democracy work!

Why: LWVC meets every other year to conduct business as outlined by the bylaws. See below for specifics. But just as important, the purpose of

Read about the schedule, workshops, special activities, and more on our site: https://lwvc.org/convention. This site is updated as plans take shape, so please check this site frequently. Registration is now open! Please visit https://lwvc.org/

Registration rate for delegates is \$75 per person. This gives you participation and voting access during the general sessions and access to workshops and other events throughout the week. Nonvoting attendees are welcome to observe the

Convention is to inspire and empower Californians to increase their active and informed participation in civic life. Come meet passionate people from across

it in 2026. SB 42 doesn't impose public financing—it gives voters the power to

It restores trust by reducing the stranglehold of wealthy special interests on our

Ms. Hutchinson also asked League members to support legislation against efforts

A Constitutional Convention—an "Article V Convention"—can be called for by a state for any reason. BUT, even a convention called for a specific purpose could

 Public financing amplifies the voices of small donors and everyday voters. It lowers barriers to running for office, helping build a more diverse and

The League has fought for decades to curb big money's grip on politics and restore equity, transparency, and accountability. SB 42 is our next crucial step and it needs your voice. We can't afford to wait. Help us return power to voters,

where it belongs. Tell your Senator to Vote YES on SB 42 now.

Constitutional Convention

to rewrite the U.S. Constitution:

Effect on Elections The League has published a 2024 *Election Impact Report*, which details some impressive accomplishments: 30+ million voter contacts; 9.38+ million voters protected through litigation; 9.19 million users provided with election info via VOTE411.org; and much more. California Vehicle Emission Waiver Last week, the US Senate majority officially obstructed the ruling of the Senate

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 territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations. Contact LWVMC By mail: P.O. Box 1128, Fort Bragg CA 95437

Unite and Rise: https://default.salsalabs.org/T102bf77c-2056-4d0a-808f-74f0547f58f1/34be5bff-59c8-45df-

Coast Healthcare District Information On May 12, the Mendocino Coast Health Care District published a new Engaging for Democracy The League's Civic Engagement team has begun interacting with the public at the Wednesday Fort Bragg farmers market. Their project (which is mentioned in the President's Message

Low Intensity Camping Ordinance Meetings The Mendocino County Department of Planning & Building Services has scheduled a series of 5 stakeholder meetings around the county "to discuss an ordinance amendment to allow Low Intensity Camping (LIC), and its impact on local communities, real estate, and tourism. The intent of the meetings is to provide a brief outline of the amendment process and to solicit input from community stakeholders. Meetings are in-person events with one virtual option provided during the June 18 meeting only." The first two meetings have been held in Fort Bragg on May 21, and in Boonville on May 28. The three remaining meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 6pm: Covelo — June 4 at the Round Valley Library, 23925 Howard St. Willits — June 11 at the Mendocino County Museum, 400 E. Commercial St. Ukiah — June 18 at the Mendocino County Administration Center, 501 Low Gap Rd, Conference Room C, with virtual participation via Zoom, (Webinar ID: 831 7441 6078) MCN Changes Hands The sale of the Mendocino Community Network by the Mendocino Unified School District to the city of Fort Bragg has been finalized. Details may be found in an article published by the Advocate-News on May 29. Solar Panels Rule Changes Our sister organization Climate Action Mendocino is concerned about legislation which would change the rules for how those who have solar panels will be compensated for the energy they produce. The following is an excerpt from their

Showcase, happening Saturday, June 7 from 2 to 8:30 PM at Mendocino High School, located at 10700 Ford Street in Mendocino. Explore student work and live demonstrations from our Culinary, Woodshop, Art, Horticulture, Electronics, and Media programs. It's an afternoon/evening that highlights our students' skills, Exhibits will be held in the Matheson Performing Arts Center, the Tech Center, the Culinary Room, Woodshop, and Garden. Food and refreshments will be available, and all donations and proceeds from the event directly support classroom supplies and student learning opportunities in each CTE program. For more information, please contact Mendocino High School at (707)937-5871, or email Marshall Brown at gm@kakx.fm. California League Updates **Election Financing** Interim state League Executive Director Helen Hutchinson recently joined leaders of other civic organizations to promote the kickoff of a campaign to get the Legislature to pass SB 42, the California Clean Money Act. Her message follows: Big money in politics is drowning out voters, and Californians have had enough. An overwhelming majority say wealthy donors and special interests have too much power over our elected officials. And they're right. Mega-donors and corporate-funded independent expenditures are dominating our elections, sidelining everyday voters and eroding trust in government. That's why the League of Women Voters of California is sponsoring SB 42 (Umberg). SB 42 is a bold step to take back our democracy. It lifts California's outdated ban on public financing of campaigns—but only if the Legislature passes it and voters approve

choose it.

representative democracy.

political system.

LWVUS News Action Items • Tell Congress Not to Gut Medicaid Tell Your Senators to Oppose the SAVE Act Unite & Rise To defend our democracy in the face of the current constitutional crisis, LWV launched Unite and Rise 8.5. Unite and Rise will mobilize 8.5 million people to take a stand against dangerous actions like the unlawful arrest of Newark's mayor and the creation of an anti-voter task force by the US Attorney. Through it

Litigating for Our Rights

is not a partisan issue.

embarked on. Julie Beckstrand, of Vote Early Day summarized her organization's point of view on this year's election in an email bulletin seeking citizen partners: "You might be asking yourself, 'What's the point of voting in 2025?' The presidential election is over, and the midterm elections will not occur until 2026. This is one of those 'off years' you hear about, right? Wrong. In our American democracy, there are no off years. Every year brings new opportunities for us to share our voices and make decisions about the future we want to create. Here are the top 6 reasons to tune in, get involved, and cast your ballot in 2025:" Send an email to us (voter@mcn.org) to see her list. What are your top reasons for voting?

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

By email: voter@mcn.org Message phone: (707) 937-4952

Links

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, strives to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy

Solar: https://solarrights.org/blog/2025/05/02/dont-break-the-solar-contract Town hall: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kFI0TIezci5LaNHxsc6vPvI4AwBK435p_EIH_W3X2oc/ edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.6ja6feyrwvcc Public financing: https://secure.everyaction.com/ZIk6gBv1p0Sa-o1n5oiZeA2 Constitutional Convention: https://click.everyaction.com/k/107983283/546470467/220754084

SAVE Act: https://default.salsalabs.org/Td1173b13-f478-4646-bb2b-1be54a0b98c8/34be5bff-59c8-45df-

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Please invite your friends and neighbors. Looking Back, Looking Ahead Dear Members and Friends, As we reflect on the League's mission to empower voters and defend democracy, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible work we have done—and the work that lies ahead. This past year, we continued to amplify the voices of voters through education, advocacy, and nonpartisan engagement. From hosting candidate forums and voter registration drives to monitoring local elections, your dedication made a real impact in our community. We are living in a time when the health of our democracy cannot be taken for granted. That's why our work is more vital than ever. As we look ahead to the upcoming year, I urge all of us to stay informed, engaged, and united. Let us continue to advocate for accessible, transparent, and equitable elections—and to hold our leaders accountable at every level of government.

June 24 (Tuesday) 9 AM July 17 (Sunday) The public is welcome at these events.

Fort Bragg Town Hall County Museum, Willits

June 11 (Wednesday) June 11 (Wednesday) June 18 (Wednesday) 6 PM County Courthouse

LCP Updates Continue

have input into its work—signing up to be on notice lists, speaking or writing on specific topics covered in its monthly meetings, and reaching out to staff. The regional office telephone number is (707) 826-8950 and its general email is northcoast@coastal.ca.gov The Commission has a public data portal where you can type in a CDP or LCP number and find related information. LCP maps, by county, are also online. Mandy Sackett then presented information about the Surfrider Foundation, which seeks to "protect ocean, waves, and beaches for all people." Her organization is especially concerned about shoreline armoring, a process which has a history of recommendations for the Archeological & Visual Resources Study; the Proof of

Network. These two important institutions work closely together. Yet, I feel, it remains important to support our Fort Bragg Food Bank directly. I have received a number of communications regarding the threats to our local food security and these two important pillars. The urgent need for action now is what I hope to convey. The deliberate chaos and climate of fear slamming our nation and the world from Trump's Greed House must not overwhelm us. I'd like us to think about the old tradition that says, "I like giving with warm hands." When my brother shared with me his father-in-law's philosophy, I was deeply moved. This captures the notion that I am trying to elicit. Our community needs help now. We who can must give, and give generously. Local food and our local food system need energetic support, and we of the North Coast have the where-with-all to provide it. Please join me in supporting the Fort Bragg Food Bankand the Mendo Food Network. Scholarships in the News

with special meaning for us

voter@mcn.org.

Of Local Interest

may be let go.

spin out of control. There are no rules to limit what can be proposed or changed, giving powerful special interests free rein to rewrite the Constitution behind closed doors. Former Chief Justice Warren Burger warned: "There is no way to effectively limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convention." Senate Joint Resolution 1 (Wiener), sponsored by the League of Women Voters of California, would rescind all of California's prior calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention. In today's political climate, where extremist forces are

develop civic education in rural counties. In a victory for North Carolina voters, a federal court ordered the state's Board of Elections to certify the results of the 2024 election of Supreme Court Seat 6, avoiding the disenfranchisement of 65,000+ voters. The US District Court in New Hampshire approved a consent agreement protecting voters from deceptive or intimidating AI.

Further Reading

Land Acknowledgement

Local budgeting: https://youtu.be/NX5e9jjJ6X0 CCC data: https://www.coastal.ca.gov/PDP; https://www.coastal.ca.gov/maps/lcp/ Surfriders' alert: https://win.newmode.net/surfriderfoundation/protectcaliforniascoast Noyo Ocean Collective: https://noyooceancollective.org/slr-resilience/ LCP update: https://www.grassroots-institute.org/vision Food Bank: https://www.fortbraggfoodbank.org Food Network: https://www.mendofood.org Healthcare District: https://www.mendocinochcd.gov/files/56e54ea35/District+Information+5.12.2025.pdf;

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suppression Senate procedure: https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/us-senate-sidestepping-rules-opensdangerous-door-attacks-checks-and Building community: https://thewhitepages.net/p/building-community-is-a-joy-except "Off Year" voting: www.VoteEarlyDay.org

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