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November 2025 Jary Stavely and Dorine Real, Editors November meeting ...

Mill Site Contamination

Tuesday

November 18

6:00 pm

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to join

November 3 (Monday)

November 3 5-7 pm

Special Election

November 10 (Monday)

November 18 (Tuesday)

November 4

Project HERE At its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18, the Mendocino County League of Women Voters will study the history and environmental condition of

the former lumber Mill Site on the headlands west of Hwy. 1 in Fort Bragg. The Zoom from home concerning: vapor, and groundwater

event will occur on Zoom at 6 pm. Steffany Aguilar, consultant for locally based Project HERE, will share a slide show which will provide information What contaminants were cleaned up and what contaminants are still present dioxins, heavy metals, and VOCs—and how they move through soil, soil future development

How cleanup actions and land-use covenants have shaped public access and What remains to be done at OU-E, the last active area of investigation How future environmental risks—sea-level rise, tsunamis, and dam stability could affect long-term site resilience How residents can stay informed and participate through California

Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) meetings, Project HERE walking tours, and community events

This presentation offers a look at the progress on, and the unanswered questions, surrounding, the cleanup of the Mill Site, one of Mendocino County's most

significant (and long-lasting) environmental challenges. Steffany is a bilingual California Professional Geologist (PG) with Farallon Consulting in Oakland, and has over nine years of experience specializing in environmental site assessments, site characterizations, remediation activities, regulatory compliance, and FEMA natural disaster response. She also actively

works to mentor and empower girls and women of color to pursue careers in science.

As reported previously in the *Voter* [Midsummer & October '25], Project HERE seeks to "provide the public with meaningful and accurate information about the condition of the Mill Site." Please plan to attend this informative session with friends and family. Questions and discussion will be encouraged. The zoom session will open at 5:30 for social time, and the presentation will begin at 6:00.

In this issue ... Calendar Mill Site Contamination **United States** What Can You Do? Pros and Cons of Proposition 50 Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse Pro-Democracy Potluck Presentation on JDSF Management Plan Local Coastal Program Update until 8:00 pm California JDSF Management Plan Cell Tower Placement

November 5 (Wednesday) 5:30 pm Zoom Topics We Follow LCP Visual/Archaeological/Cultural public workshop More Local Items 5-7 pm County Transportation Plan CA Natural Resources Agency, Sacramento California League Updates Presentation on JDSF Management Plan LWVUS News **LWVMC** Information 6 pm Zoom LWVMC member meeting: Mill Site Contamination Click these entries to jump to the 3-5 pm Zoom articles.

November 20 (Thursday) GRI coastal planning update November 22 (Saturday) Caspar CC 3-5 pm Pro-Democracy Potluck holiday party It's not too late! The public is welcome at these events. Please invite your friends and neighbors. If you didn't get a ballot or lost or spoiled it, you can still vote a "provisional ballot" at your local polling place on election day. Call the **League board meetings** are always open to the public. Mendocino County Elections Department for help.

League members and other interested folks are cordially invited to tune in and learn how the board operates. The next one will be held on November 11 at 6 pm on Zoom. President's message ... What Can You Do to protect democracy?

• Stay Informed: Educate yourself about political issues, recognize disinformation, and seek information from credible sources. Participate in Elections: Vote regularly and encourage others to do the same. Active participation is vital for a healthy democracy. • Engage in Civic Activities: Join community groups, attend public meetings, and advocate for policies that promote transparency and accountability.

ethical standards and provides balanced reporting.

Overwhelmed by all that is happening? Wondering how to make a difference, what

by Charlene McAllister

actions you can take?

• Hold Leaders Accountable: Use legal and peaceful means to challenge actions that threaten democratic principles, such as protests or petitions. Send them post • Sign Up for League Updates and League Listservs: • LWVUS Update — Twice a month • LWVC Update/Other Communications — Leaders Update after State Board meetings — 5 times a year. LWVC Newsletter-sent monthly. Action Alerts, and Easy Voter Guide are sent out as needed. • LWVC Google and Facebook Groups — The LWVC has several interest groups. including Advocacy, Communications, Voter Service, Climate Change, Criminal Justice Reform, Healthcare, Homeless, Immigration, Money in Politics, Program Planning, Redistricting, Schools, and Communities First, Unite and Rise, and Water. For details see Join an

• Support Independent Media: Promote and consume journalism that adheres to

• Promote Tolerance and Dialogue: Foster respectful conversations across

In an online presentation on October 14, the Mendocino County League examined the background, and the arguments for and against Proposition 50, the only item on the November 4 Special Election ballot. Charlene McAllister moderated, and Pat Dunbar presented a slide show prepared by the Stanislaus County League. They emphasized that the California League is neutral on what is a partisan measure, but is committed to having the voters decide its outcome. Supporters say that the proposition is only short-term, that it gives voters (rather than legislators)

control, and that it preserves the independent redistricting commission over the

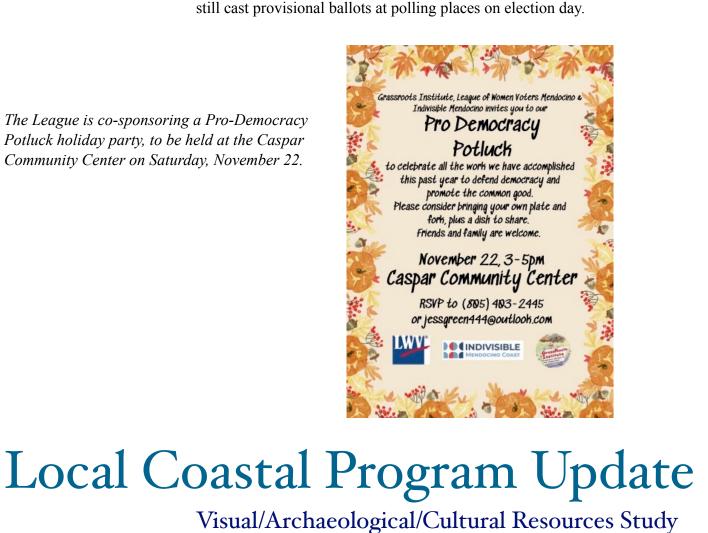
One portion of the presentation featured a slide of the proposed Congressional District 1, which includes eastern Mendocino County, superimposed on the

Proposed District #2

long term. Opponents say that it marks a return to gerrymandering, that it

current configuration of District 2, followed by a slide showing the proposed Congressional District 2, which includes the western portion of the county, also superimposed on the current district. Much of the Zoom session discussion centered on the idea that rural voters would end up being represented by urbanbased Representatives. According to Charlene, the proposed districts would present no significant changes for minority populations in the county.

weakens democracy, and that it is unnecessarily costly.



Maps show proposed District 1 (left) and proposed District 2 (right) in purple.

The program was recorded, and may be viewed on You Tube. Voters should remember that mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 4, and that recent changes in USPS procedures mean that postmarks are now made the day after

During October the Mendocino County Planning Department

Archaeological/Cultural Resources study for the LCP Update

Survey) to facilitate a fuller understanding of the public's

—Monday, November 3. Secondly, in collaboration with

study. This event will take place at 5:30 pm on Zoom.

Peter McNamee has studied the draft "Sea Level Rise, Tsunami Hazards, and Erosion Resilience Strategy for Noyo Harbor" vulnerability and risk assessment, and is organizing his thoughts for submitting public comment. He writes, "This report, when finalized, will be foundational to the City of Fort Bragg's Blue Economy Initiative and updating the City's and the County's Local Coastal Programs for marine & land use in the harbor. The report is a step towards understanding sea level rise and climate change challenges confronting Noyo Harbor. It's particularly timely, since this season's king tides are expected over the

following periods: Wednesday, November 5 through Friday, November 7; Thursday, December 4 through Saturday, December 6; and Thursday, January 1 through Sunday, January 4, 2026. The winter king tides, when coupled with major atmospheric river storm events, can bring stark evidence of how vulnerable the

harbor is to the destructive forces of flooding and wave surge."

Resilience Strategy for Noyo Harbor

consultant EMC Planning, it will be holding a community

workshop on Wednesday, November 5, regarding the whole

currently underway. First, it is soliciting public input through an

on-line survey (Mendocino County Scenic Views Questionnaire

concerns regarding coastal scenic views. The survey closes soon

made two announcements concerning the Visual and

Our current district #2 is shown in green for comparison.

readers may contact Peter (pmcnamee@sbcglobal.net) to offer their perspectives on the draft report, and what it needs. Bi-Monthly Review The GRI Mendocino Vision bi-monthly Zoom meeting regarding all three LCP Updates is scheduled for November 20, from 3–5. More details will be announced

> Local journalism is virtual and vibrant in Mendocino County. Here are links to some recent coverage of issues our local League has followed: Outdoor civil discourse: The Longest Table Comes to Mendocino County, by Elise Cox of Mendo Local: Hundreds attend Fort Bragg event, as the community responds to invitation to break bread together. No Kings Day 2 Demonstrations: Many photos were taken, and several stories were created, about the LWVendorsed rallies on October 18. Fort Bragg photos: https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCxX1z Ukiah photos: https://m.facebook.com/story.php? story fbid=pfbid0cmmfBz11dVimma21gVs7pVHpMKzr7Q4F4DiFHxmbeJe1w TPPixcs8LcKyMFFAkaal&id=100064561817528&mibextid=wwXIfr Willits photos: https://fb.watch/CRijaAZ4XR/?mibextid=wwXIfr Fort Bragg story by Mandela Linder in the Mendocino Voice: https:// mendovoice.com/2025/10/fort-bragg-no-kings-prForotest-oct-18-2025/

and busses. Boating and airplanes collectively account for about 5% of transportation activity. Walking, hiking and bicycling are popular, and are often combined with use of autos. Rail use by County residents is almost zero. This draft transportation plan is an update of previous county transportation plans, and as such, is not a comprehensive re-examination of the County's transportation needs. The intent of the MCOG transportation plan is to comply with state and federal transportation mandates and promote transportation initiatives that meet County needs. The plan is intended to "bring greater mobility and access to services for all residents...to advance the long-term societal goals" of Mendocino County and the State of California. The plan is supposed to emphasize actualizing goals, objectives and policies that bring residents greater mobility and access to services, reduce green house gas emissions, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT)

expenses, and promote economic & cultural renewal. In short, the plan is intended to leverage transportation resources to advance the societal goals of Mendocino

As part of the workshop, the conflict between the goals, objectives and policies of certain elements of the proposed plan were explored. In particular, the goals, objectives and policies in the proposed plan—intended to smartly steward

taxpayer investments in transportation initiatives (that enhance the health and well being of county residents and the environment)—are in conflict with the proposed plan's intent to support taxpayer investments in the Skunk Train's operations; even though the train is not an economically viable form of transportation in the county, harms the health of county residents, undermines California's goal of

One recommendation for improving the county transportation plan is to eliminate all references to any need for rail in Mendocino County. The following, briefly, is

Third: The Skunk train relies upon the worst-polluting, most industry-inefficient

locomotives are celebrated by the company which markets their excursion train trips as an opportunity for riders to experience rail transportation in an era when pollution and exploitation of the environment was central to America's culture. That time has ended, but its consequences and negative impacts on our health and well being will haunt us for eons. The Skunk Train's locomotives degrade air

surrounding environments. The wood used for rail track construction is saturated in hazardous chemicals (including arsenic and copper compounds) that leach into rivers and streams that are the principal water sources for people and wildlife. (See the California Air Resources Board assessments regarding short haul trains operating in California as well as the California Coastal Commission's Coastal Zone Management Act consistency assessment of the environmental threats posed by Mendocino Railway operating in the Pudding Creek and Noyo River basins.)

Fourth: The Skunk train degrades the efficiency of road-based transportation on Hwy. 1, Hwy. 20, and various local roads & streets by interrupting and stopping traffic at multiple rail crossings, increasing travel time for autos, trucks and buses,

as well as adding to atmospheric pollution from vehicle idling. These traffic

fossil fueled locomotives in the rail industry. These polluting, inefficient

quality by emitting massive amounts of greenhouse gases, and pollute surrounding land and water by leaking toxic chemicals on to rail tracks and

County and California. (See page 21 of the proposed report online.)

reducing greenhouse gases, and pollutes the environment.

my basis for embracing that recommendation:

The survey results confirm what other studies have shown: almost all of the community-to-community transportation in the county is done using auto, trucks

The principal form of "general public" input informing the plan has been a survey conducted online at the MCOG website asking people to identify transportation needs and to collect data on what types of transportation people currently use. The survey was not designed to collect a statistically representative sample of Mendocino residents, and its results should not be construed to be representative

of county residents' transportation needs or desires.

Oct 18—joining millions nationwide and around the world. This is democracy in action: power belongs to the people! Thank you to everyone who showed up, spoke out, and stood together for a future built by and for all of us. #NoKings #LWVC. Collecting Voter Data On October 20, the LWVC filed a motion in federal court to intervene in USA v. Weber, the US Department of Justice's case against the California Secretary of State, to protect the data of all California voters and prevent misuse of that data, which could harm California communities. "Californians have a right to privacy and a right to vote free from intimidation or misuse of their personal information," said Helen Hutchison, interim executive director of the League of Women Voters

of California. "This attempt by the federal government to access detailed voter data puts those rights at risk. We are standing up for every Californian to ensure that sensitive voter information stays protected and that our elections remain safe

Election Hero Day (November 3) is a nonpartisan, national celebration recognizing the work that election officials, their staff, and poll workers make to ensure a safe, secure voting experience for all eligible Americans. Founded in 2020 to honor election workers as they navigated an unprecedented and challenging election environment and successfully supported voters, the holiday sends a clear message that we support our friends and neighbors who play a vital role in preserving our democracy. They are our election heroes! Read more here. When Women Lead, Peace Follows In January 2025, the United Nations released a report highlighting the underrepresentation of women in political power. According to their research: Only 25 countries were led by a female head of state or government. Only 22.9% of cabinet ministers worldwide were female, with underrepresentation in foreign affairs and defense.

As of 2024, 113 countries worldwide had never had a woman serve as Head of

As of 2024, women made up a mere 21% of UN permanent representatives. Since 1947, just 7% of all ambassadors have been women, and 73 countries

As we celebrate UN Day and the 80th Anniversary of the United Nations, we must note that there is still the huge issue of gender inequality within an institution designed to defend human rights and promote peace, security, and sustainable development around the world. The full blog entry is online.

As we face a critical moment in US history, there are countless ways that people can defend democracy. Litigation, voter registration, volunteering at the polls, advocating to Congress—millions of us take these actions to protect and preserve our rights, including the right to vote. Among these methods of taking a stand is peaceful protest. Throughout the history of activism, peaceful protest has been one of the most sacred forms of promoting change. Look at the suffrage marches

different viewpoints to strengthen social cohesion and understanding. cards or letters. Online Discussion Group on the member portal. October meeting ... Pros & Cons of Proposition 50

Proposed District 1

they are received at the post office. Citizens who have been late to register may The League is co-sponsoring a Pro-Democracy Potluck holiday party, to be held at the Caspar Community Center on Saturday, November 22.

Community

Visual and Archaeological/Cultural Resources

5:30PM - 6:30PM

ZOOM

Join Mendocino County for a virtual community

workshop to learn about the Local Coastal Program Update. This workshop is focused on visual and archaeological/cultural resource policies.

https://mendocinocounty.zoom.us/j/89993175789

Workshop

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November

This hazard map from the report shows areas that would be impacted by the "hundredyear flood" in blue

and green—

existing

basin.

including almost all

development in the

in November by both GRI and the League. JDSF Management Plan Trail Stewards urge public to comment The Mendocino Trail Stewards have panned a new Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) draft Management Plan as "visionless." A message to their supporters begins, "A mercurial and undated, seemingly complete *Draft Forest* Management Plan for Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) has been unveiled - a scant 33 pages plus introduction. Sadly, the new plan looks less like the 'New Vision' promised by Cal Fire, and more like an old blind spot with a splash of greenwashing." They urge county residents who share their concerns to attend several upcoming public meetings about the draft management plan-Monday, November 3, from 5-7 pm at the Saturday Afternoon Clubhouse in Ukiah, and a week later (November 10) at the same time at the California Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento. Cell Tower Placement Proposed new FCC rule prompts concern The Federal Communications Commission has proposed new rules about the siting and permitting of cell towers, aiming to "supercharge the deployment, densification, and upgrading of wireless networks and, where necessary, clarify

> that state and local restrictions cannot unlawfully block 5G or soon, 6G deployment." Federal regulations preempt state and local health and safety

The city is seeking comments on the report, which can be found online. Voter

Fort Bragg story by Frank Hartzell in Mendocino Coast News: https:// mendocinocoast.news/no-kings-protest-returns-as-a-lovefest-among-thousandsnow-the-path-forward/ Fort Bragg podcast by Elise Cox of Mendo Local: https://www.mendolocal.news/ p/no-kings-protest-in-fort-bragg-on Coast Health Care District: Paul Katzeff resigns from Mendocino Coast Hospital Board, by Frank Hartzell of Mendocino Coast News. Thanksgiving Coffee co-founder Paul Katzeff has resigned from the Mendocino Coast Hospital District Board after just months into his second term, citing frustration over what he described as the board's "lack of vision" and narrow focus on the district's duties as landlord to Adventist Health, rather than improving community health. \$50 Million Hospital Modernization Deal Falls Through for Mendocino Coast District, by Elise Cox of Mendo Local. The report also includes information about seismic upgrade efforts, and other news from the October 23 MCHCD meeting County Government Reorganization: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Takes First Step Toward Separating Fiscal Offices of Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector, by Elise Cox of Mendo Local: Mendocino County's top fiscal officer, Auditor-Controller/ Treasurer-Tax Collector Chamise Cubbison, urged the Board of Supervisors to undo a 2021 ordinance that merged her office's functions, and called for both positions to once again be independently elected.

Sunflower Sea Star Sightings Bring Hope to Mendocino Coast Kelp Restoration

How to Revive California's Underwater Forests? Smash a Spiky, Hungry Foe, by Raymond Zhong of the New York Times—Cove by cove, scientists, divers and

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Advances Resolution on Potter Valley

Supervisors rejected one resolution urging PG&E to reconsider decommissioning the Potter Valley Project, favoring another that reaffirms support while calling for

Project Decommissioning, by Sydney Fishman of the Mendocino Voice:

According to its website, in September, "the City of Fort Bragg proudly

high-speed internet access and strengthening the community's digital

welcomed its newest team member, Sage Statham, as he took his Oath of Office. Sage joins the organization as the City's first Director of Broadband and Digital Infrastructure. City Manager Isaac Whippy has hired Sage to assist in launching Fort Bragg's new municipal broadband initiative, a critical step toward expanding

infrastructure. While this is Sage's first time working for the City, it's not his first experience with MCN. He began as a technician with MCN in 1997 and later served as its Manager for nearly a decade, bringing a wealth of knowledge and

Efforts, by Elise Cox of Mendo Local: a report on a presentation at the

leadership to this new role." He is also on the Fort Bragg Unified School District **Increased Fees for Immigration Services:** The September Voter reported some recent fee increases which the federal government has made for immigrants seeking asylum or other Customs & Immigration services. Here is a more complete list, courtesy of Judy Stavely: • Asylum used to be free to apply, now it's \$100 and this month it will go up to \$100 per year until the case is resolved (often taking several years or more). • The EAD is the Employment Authorization Document, which used to be free and is now \$550 per person; everyone in the family needs one, since it's essentially a type of ID card that gives a person the authorization to get a social security card—and even babies need those. You'll need to have had an asylum application filed before you can apply for EAD, so you will have already paid your asylum fee and now you get to pay much more money for Employment Authorization. • Applications for Green Cards (under Adjustment of Status) has gone from \$1,440 to \$2,940. • TPS (Temporary Protected Status—we keep hearing about people having that taken away, Haitians for example) fee has gone from \$50 to \$500.

First: Rail is not an economically viable means of point-to-point public transportation, and should not be included in a transportation plan used to prioritize taxpayer-funded transportation investments—it is a privately owned, for-profit amusement & entertainment ride, and thus should not be subsidized by taxpayers. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has ruled the Skunk Train does not provide public transportation under state law and is not a public utility operated to benefit the public interest. California courts have also agreed with the CPUC's findings. (See Mendocino Railway v. Meyer, Mendocino Superior Court) Second: Because of the economics, geology and topography of Mendocino County, rail is an inherently inefficient and ineffective means of transportation compared to autos, trucks and buses in this county. There is no economic need for fossil fuel rail service—businesses prefer the cost & time efficiency of point-topoint truck hauling to meet freight hauling needs. Residents and visitors prefer the flexibility, cost efficiency and reduced time autos, trucks and busses provide for personal point to point transportation. The public's limited taxpayer dollars should not be wasted on subsidizing a private for profit excursion train. (See 2023 report by Marie Jones Consulting re the economic viability of rail in Mendocino

County)

LWVUS News Government Shutdown The federal government has been partially shut down since October 1st as Congress has failed to agree on an annual budget. The shutdown has imminent consequences for the health and well-being of millions of Americans whose paychecks are being withheld, and food access is being threatened. More than one million federal employees are going unpaid, including approximately 730,000 working without pay and 670,000 who have been furloughed. Missing paychecks could force people to cut into their savings, rack up credit card debt, work additional jobs, and/or struggle to meet their own and their family's basic needs. If the shutdown continues into November, some states have already warned that

> benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) could be delayed. 42 million people with low incomes rely

people, infants, and children under age five with low incomes rely on WIC every

The disagreement on a budget bill has largely been about whether to extend the set-to-expire Affordable Care Act (ACA) enhanced premium tax credits to protect health insurance coverage for millions of Americans. While outside of the budget itself, if Congress doesn't extend these subsidies, an estimated 7.3 million people

could lose their ACA coverage, 4.8 million of whom could become entirely uninsured in 2026. Millions of others would have to pay more for insurance coverage, resulting in financial hardship for many. This will only extend the hurt

While Congress continues to get paid, the American people, including some of our most vulnerable community members, won't have their most basic needs met. This is simply unacceptable. We must protect the health and well-being of our neighbors. Tell Congress to put aside partisan politics, come together on a budget

Campaign Spending: On September 30, LWVUS submitted an amicus brief in the National Republican Senate Committee (NRSC) v. FEC case, urging the Supreme Court to uphold campaign spending limits. Lifting limits on coordinated party

on SNAP every month to afford food. A prolonged shutdown could also jeopardize benefits through the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). 6.7 million pregnant and postpartum

month to afford nutritious food.

that many families are already feeling.

bill, and end the shutdown now.

State or Government.

have never had a female representative.

Uniting in Peaceful Protest

Legal Updates

tragic loss of life and injuries that occurred at two historically Black universities' homecomings this weekend, and in Robeson County, North Carolina. At a large gathering in Robeson County, two people were killed and at least 13 others were

regulations with regard to wireless infrastructure. Advocates of local control and those concerned about wireless radiation exposure can comment on FCC Docket 25-276. Topics We Follow

Kelp Restoration:

Mendocino Coast KelpFest

Eel River:

More Local Items

volunteers are hauling up urchins to protect kelp.

acknowledgment of community concerns.

Fort Bragg Broadband:

• Appeal for decisions by a judge used to be \$110. It's gone up to \$900, but with this writing, that is an add-on to the original fee so now it's \$1,010. • "Cancelling of removal", which means not getting deported, was \$130. It's now either \$730 or \$1630 depending on the classification of the client. Those who want to help with these increased costs may contact Nuestra Alianza de Willits. Opinion ... County Transportation Plan by Peter McNamee [The following piece represents the author's personal opinions, and does not necessarily express the position of the League or any other organization.—eds.] I attended the Mendocino Council of Government's (MCOG) Transportation Plan workshop on October 1 in Fort Bragg. MCOG is the planning agency locally that brings together federal, state and local agencies to plan and implement transportation projects in Mendocino County. The workshop was not well attended and was brief. However, there were a few important insights that were

obstructions can be life-endangering because these roads are often the only route emergency response ambulances, police and firefighters have to quickly respond to emergencies. The transportation plan can not succeed as long as actions initiated based on one element of the plan, undermine achieving the goals, objectives and policies of the remainder of the transportation plan. I encourage everyone that shares these and other concerns about the county's transportation planning to make their concerns and suggestion known to MCOG as soon as possible. MCOG hopes to finalize its transportation plan at its December meeting. To submit comments, send emails to MCOG Staff at hortega@dbcteam.net or call 707-234-3434. California League Updates No Kings Day 2 Across California, many of our 60+ Leagues showed up at No Kings rallies on

and secure."

spending would ultimately allow more big money to drown out the voices of everyday Americans. The League is proud to support a limit as a crucial protection for fair and accountable elections. Read our press release at lwv.org/ newsroom. Voting Rights: On October 15, the League and partners showed up in support of Black voters as the US Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Louisiana v*. Callais. This significant voting rights case takes up the constitutionality of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, threatening fair and meaningful representation for communities of color in our democracy. Thank you, League members who joined us in DC, and to those who tuned in via our livestream at home. In case you missed the rally, you can check out photos on our Flickr profile. **Election Heroes Day**

> Montgomery bus boycott of the civil rights era, and Estonia's "Singing Revolution" (when protesters gathered and sang for five days and nights to protest Soviet rule). One crucial component of all these protests is that they were not performed in a vacuum. They were carried out in partnership, across people and organizations maximizing people power by uniting diverse voices to speak as one. Today, as we unite and rise against the anti-democratic actions of the current administration, we look to these peaceful protesters as teachers. It's in their spirit that we joined with partners last week to protest racial gerrymandering in front of the Supreme Court and to stand up against tyranny at the Capitol. It's in their footsteps that we'll continue to walk for the rest of our Unite and Rise 8.5 campaign. Campus Shootings The League of Women Voters is deeply concerned and saddened to learn of the

of the early 20th century that many of our founders participated in, the

Land Acknowledgement 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 territory and current homeland of many indigenous nations. Contact LWVMC

injured, including minors. During homecoming celebrations at Lincoln University one person was killed, and six others were wounded. At Howard University, five people were injured. Universities and homes are places where people expect to

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strives to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy

encourages informed and active participation in government,

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization,

have a level of safety. These senseless tragedies are one more assault on Americans' ability to feel safe and secure in our borders. We strongly condemn every instance of gun violence, especially when it invades places meant for fellowship, celebration, and learning. Our democracy depends on communities being able to gather safely, engage in dialogue, and participate fully in civic life without the threat of violence. Our elected leaders must enact solutions to protect our students and our communities, including passing comprehensive gun safety reform. The complete statement is online.