

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF MONTEREY COUNTY "THE VOTER" NEWSLETTER

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## Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 "Tarpy Flats Project: Pros and Cons"

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County will present a free talk explaining the pros and cons of the proposed **Tarpy Flats Project** at an in-person "Lunch and Learn" Meeting on Wednesday, September 10th (details below).

The 119 acre Tarpy Flats (on Olmstead Road, located across Highway 68 from Monterey Regional Airport) includes a **proposed high density development project in Monterey County**. It would be located on seven acres, with 375 townhomes on the eastern side of Olmsted and 350 units in three-story multi-family housing on the western side. **Of the 350 multi-family houses, 145 would be affordable.** The project is included in the **County's Housing Element** (<http://bit.ly/4oUh2PB>).



Our guest speakers will be **Dr. Andrew Hawryluk, Chair/President of the Olmsted Road - Highway 68 Conservation Consortium** (<https://savetarpyflats.org>), and **Michael DeLapa, President and Laura Davis, Vice President of Landwatch Monterey**.  
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### In Person Lunch & Learn, Wednesday, September 10th

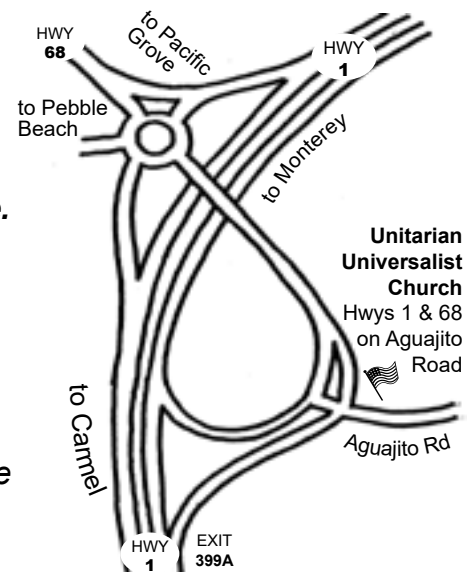
at the **Unitarian Universalist Church** <http://uucmp.org> 490 Aguajito Road / Carmel CA 93923

11:30 am **Doors Open & Registration Begins**  
12 noon **Lunch** (optional) / 12:30 to 1:30 **Presentation**

Optional lunch is \$25 per person: grilled salmon, rice, Greek salad, hummus, pita bread, and baklava dessert  
by **Chef Faris Nimry, International Cuisine of Pacific Grove**.

**Reservations for lunch are required**  
and can be made through **Monday, September 8th**.  
(Bev Bean: phone 236-1611 or e-mail [beverlygb@gmail.com](mailto:beverlygb@gmail.com))  
Pay at the door for lunch; meeting/presentation is **FREE**.

**Reminder to Members:** Reservations are a commitment to the caterer with a minimum number of attendees, and cannot be cancelled by the League after Sunday, September 7th.



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The Olmsted Road—Highway 68 Conservation Consortium is a non-profit corporation in California, formed in March 2024, to address conservation issues



in the vicinity of **Scenic Route 68**



**Corridor Improvement Project.** It aims to improve traffic flow and safety for both motorists and wildlife (<https://publicinput.com>).



**Guest Speaker Dr. Andrew Hawryluk** received his undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Hawryluk served variously as **Ultratech's Senior VP,**

**Chief Technology Officer, Technical Advisory Board Chair, and Patent Portfolio Manager** before retiring.



**Guest Speaker Michael DeLapa** was the leading founder of LandWatch in 1997 with goals to promote land conservation, sustainable, climate-friendly land use and conservation, as well as housing equity.

He served on the **LandWatch Board of Directors** 1997-2009 and has served as **Executive Director** since 2016.



**Guest Speaker Laura Davis** served on the **LandWatch Monterey County Board** from 2017-2019. Prior to her role as **Santa Clara University Assistant General Counsel,** Laura worked at **Wilson Sonsini**

**Goodrich & Rosati** as a **Conflicts Attorney.** She now teaches advanced writing at **Santa Clara University School of Law.**

**Janet Brennan**

## ★★★ **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: PROPOSITION 50** ★★★

**The League of Women Voters of California** (LWVC) was a strong supporter of **Proposition 11**, which put in place independent redistricting in our state, a gold standard for fair and equal redistricting at the time of each census in accordance with the **US Constitution.**



**Response Act**, on California's November 4th ballot, LWVC opposed its passage, too.



**Now that Proposition 50 is on the ballot, LWVC takes no position on the proposition.** If you see the name of the League, in any form, on materials that take a position on the ballot measure, they are unauthorized. You can find the full statement from LWVC at <https://lwvc.org/prop50/>.



**The League of Women Voters of Texas** strongly opposed that state's redistricting efforts and, to date, lost the battle. Prior to the passage of legislation that put **Proposition 50, the Election Rigging**

Each of us as voters needs to make an informed choice in November. These are difficult times for an organization whose mission is **"Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy."** Your membership in our nonpartisan organization directly supports that mission and is very sincerely appreciated.  
**Tama Olver**

# ★★★ NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE ★★★ SUMMER MEETING REPORTS & CALENDAR ★★★



**June 12th:** Laurie Eavey, Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, **Communities for Sustainable Monterey County** presented research on a "vacancy tax" on second

and may require cities and counties to approve, housing development projects (including mixed-use projects) that meet certain affordability criteria but do not comply with the local General Plan or zoning, under specific circumstances.



homes, to help finance local services (<https://sustainablemontereycounty.org>).

**July 10th:** Discussed subject outline and proposed speaker for September Lunch & Learn on "Housing" (now updated to "Tarp Flats Project" presentation per description on page 1).



**Upcoming Zoom Meetings: September 11th, October 9th, November 13th** (Thursdays at 12 noon)

New and current members as well as non-members are all welcome to join us, no prior experience required!

**August 8th:** Discussed **Builder's Remedy Report**, and **Housing Element Status report**. The "builder's remedy" refers to a provision of state law that allows developers to propose,

Current members will automatically be sent a meeting link. Interested newcomers can contact me to be added to the list. **Janet Brennan**

## SIGN UP FOR "ACTION ALERTS" FROM LWVCA

**D**o you regularly explore the **League of Women Voters of California's website** ([lwvc.org](http://lwvc.org))? Here is a place where you can **take action** on issues you care about in one of the most effective ways to make your voice heard: contacting your representatives. Our



And it's easy to keep up to date by receiving automatic alerts by subscribing to Action Alerts via "TAKE ACTION WITH THE LEAGUE" It only takes a minute to ensure you're receiving League Action Alerts — a quick way to guarantee your participation in our democracy.

Our elected officials have been appointed to represent our community's interests and values, and by sharing our thoughts and concerns, we can help shape policy and hold our politicians accountable.

On the LWVCA "**Action Alerts**" site you can directly find your representatives and urge them to support or oppose upcoming legislation that impacts you, your community, and our State's citizens.

For example the latest Action Alerts were regarding **Support to SB 42** (curbing the Influence of "Big Money" on elections), and urging Assemblymembers to **Vote YES on SJR 1** (to rescind all of California's prior calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention) the move of which was sponsored by the LWVCA. **Sign up to Action Alerts today:** go to <https://lwvc.org/contact-your-representative/>.

**Regina Doyle**



# ★ NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY: ★ SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025

After their work in 2024 to help over 820,000 Americans ensure their readiness to take part in the last presidential election, the **National Voter Registration Day** team shifted gears to focus on getting every eligible American registered and **#VoteReady** for the thousands of state and local races happening up and down the ballot in 2025.



Citing over 100,000 races at state and municipal levels across 45 states, **National Voter Registration Day Campaign Director Chyann Sapp** says they have spent the year dispelling the myth of the "voting off-year."

If you can't find an in-person event, register to vote online or in person through these options:

**Online:** Register online via the **California Secretary of State's official website** at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>

**Elections Office:** You can register in person at the **Monterey County Elections Office**, 1441 Schilling Place - North Building Salinas, CA 93901

**Conditional Voter Registration:** Even if you miss the **October 20, 2025 registration deadline for the November 4 election**, California's conditional voter registration allows you to register and vote at the County Elections Office up to and including Election Day.

<https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

## VOTER REGISTRATION AT "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT"

On August 5th at the **National Night Out** event in Pacific Grove, LWVMC partnered with **Monterey County Elections** to staff a table. League members **Sharon Miller**, **Tama Oliver**, and **Christina Lund** engaged with people attending the event to promote voter registration and encourage volunteers for the County to work at the polls. If helping people register and vote is your "cup of tea," please look for future opportunities in the Voter or your email in-box when elections come around.

**Tama Oliver**



## VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The **Voter Service Committee** met in July to decide priorities for the coming year (*we naively believed it would be a leisurely off-election year*). We need to: **1. Register voters for National Voter Registration Day, September 16th**, **2. Sponsor a Video Contest** (see page 5) for high school students to promote voting (similar to last year's Art Poster Contest), **3. Organize documentation and instructions** for running forums, **4. Gear up VOTE411** by recruiting and training volunteers before the June 2026 primary.



However, the sudden advent of a **November 4th Special Election** means additional organization of **"Team up for Democracy"** poll work and possibly **"Pros & Cons"** presentations as top priorities. A call for poll workers will be going out to League members by email. We also have **"Vote"** signs for members to put in prominent places, and **Easy Voters Guides** to distribute in late September. All are welcome to join us in this vital work!

**Arlene Guest**



# LWVCA BIENNIAL CONVENTION SAN FRANCISCO, MAY 2025



*Below is a condensed version of the experiences of our League's Delegates.*

*For their complete reports, go to [lwvmryco.org](http://lwvmryco.org)*

**M**arianne Gawain reported that Convention isn't only League business, it's an opportunity to hear LWVMC staff and leadership talks, participate in workshops, and mingle informally. For her, a dramatic highlight was a talk by **Cathy Darling Allen, Shasta County**



**Clerk/Registrar of Voters**, which Marianne characterizes as *"truly a profile in courage."* Allen was thrust into the maelstrom surrounding **voting machines** and the **legitimacy of vote counts in Shasta County**. Shasta Supervisors ignored his input and adopted a hand-count system requiring recruitment of 1,300 workers and a budget of \$1.6 million. Allen remains unflappable, dedicated to calmly communicating with Shasta County residents, whatever their views, and to ensuring a fair, complete, efficient vote tally with the tools she has been given.

Marianne also found a workshop on **Youth Engagement** was also inspiring, and said three Leagues shared information about helping HS students understand **elections, voting** and the importance of **citizen engagement**. She said *"... it was challenging to gain access to schools but they ultimately met with appreciation. The dedication of just a few League members brought these projects to fruition."*

**Dennis Mar** reported: ... *"a subdued atmosphere,"*

as it was the first pre-COVID in-person Convention and that it was so quiet—literally. No proposed resolutions from the floor, no amendments offered to any motion, the 2023-25 program and areas of emphasis are substantially the same. He got a feeling that they were confronting the same issues of the last few years, and that the goals remain the same, and the League soldiers on.

Dennis paid extra attention to discussions on **fundraising** and **voter service**. He said *"... one speaker said philanthropic organizations are increasingly **results oriented** about fundraising. I thought about the Easy Voter Guide and how we hand them out, but how can we measure their effectiveness? Will we run into this question if we look for donors to defray Easy Voter Guide printing expenses?"*

Dennis found the most thought-provoking session was on **Felon Voting Rights Restoration**, an aspect of social justice. The speaker noted "... the importance of the formerly incarcerated to have their voting rights restored. Although convicted of crimes, these people still care about their families, neighborhoods, quality of educational opportunities for their children, and other social needs, and want to vote on these issues as much as anyone else. Also, voting is a positive social good that they can participate in." **Marianne Gawain** and **Dennis Mar**

## STUDENT VIDEO CONTEST: FOSTERING DEMOCRACY



Inspired by the **LWVCA Convention's Youth Engagement workshop** to encourage students to engage in democracy, LWVMC will sponsor a **video contest for high school students**. Our first **Zoom meeting** will be on **Tuesday, October 14th, 4pm**. The Committee will assist with outreach to educators and students, and brainstorm ways to publicise and show student videos that encourage registration and promote voting.

For a Zoom meeting invitation, contact **Marianne Gawain**

## LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW WITH ASSEMBLY MEMBER ROBERT RIVAS



**T**he final Legislative Interview for 2024-25 in which our chapter participated was way back on February 21st.\* We interviewed the Honorable **Robert Rivas** who is both **Speaker of the Assembly** and **Monterey District 29 Assembly Member**. The **Santa Cruz County** and **San Jose/Santa Clara League chapters** partnered with us in the interview. Our members **Sharon Miller**, **Tama Olver**, and **Lorraine Yglesias** participated.



delivery of help to address local needs (such as flooding of the **Pajaro Valley** where the Assembly has been able to fully fund repairs to the levee system). On the legal front, he is working with **Attorney General Rob Bonta** to **protect California's resources from the Trump Administration**.

Regarding what can be done to **protect the civil rights of California residents**, Speaker Rivas noted that \$25 million was quickly allocated to fund work by the state Attorney General to combat federal action threatening those rights as well as important benefits, such as MediCal.

Speaker Rivas outlined a myriad of challenges he faces, ranging from **constituents' concerns about the economy** to the **prevalence of misinformation currently affecting politics**. As Speaker, he focuses on processes that allow the Assembly to function well and ensure that allocated funds are spent as planned. He further noted that the call to action for the California Assembly is clear: address issues most important to voters, such as recovery from recent Southern California wildfires.

When asked what we could do to help, Speaker Rivas spoke with some passion about the need for activism. He said, *"The situation we face is serious and everyone can help by speaking out, being as visible as possible, and sharing accurate information. This is not an SNL skit. THIS IS REAL. There is an attempt to destroy."*

**Tama Olver**

Rivas' personal legislative priorities are **housing**, **affordable health care**, **climate change**, and

*\*(Apologies from the The Voter Editor for not having enough space to print this article earlier!)*

## CONSEQUENCES OF ROUNDING UP FARMWORKERS



**I**n mid-August, **Assembly Member Rivas** and **California Farm Bureau President Shannon Douglas** wrote an editorial for the *New York Times*: **"Wilted Lettuce. Rotten Strawberries. Here's What Happens When You Round Up Farmworkers,"** (<http://bit.ly/3UWhNdp>)

They pointed out that *"... farms and ranches support hundreds of thousands of American jobs in food processing, packing, transportation, logistics, equipment supply and more. In 2023 alone, California's farmers and farmworkers*

*generated some \$22 billion in agricultural exports.*

**Bottom line, it isn't easy for farmers and ranchers to replace farmworkers if they're deported or don't show up.**



*These positions require experience, endurance and specialized knowledge; as anyone who has worked on a farm will tell you, farm work is not unskilled labor."*

Exactly!

**Sharon Miller**



*Prior to the California Legislature and Governor placing Proposition 50 on the ballot, LWV California opposed mid-cycle redistricting in support of California's Constitution and "gold standard," independent, redistricting process. Our chapter sent the below letter with our support for LWVC's position. Now that Proposition 50 will be on the ballot November 4, LWVC does not take a position on the Proposition, leaving the decision to California voters.*



August 1, 2025

**Senator John Laird**  
**Assembly Member Dawn Addis**  
**Governor Gavin Newsom**

Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Senator Laird, Assembly Member Addis and Governor Newsom:

In response to reports that Governor Newsom is advocating for redistricting of California electoral maps in 2026, the Board of Directors of **the League of Women Voters of Monterey County strongly urges that the Governor and legislature refrain from temptation to politicize the redistricting process.**

Californians have fought hard to end the days of shady, backroom election map deals. In 2008, we passed **Proposition 11** to create the **Citizens Redistricting Commission**, an independent body that puts people over politics when drawing district lines. That system works, is considered the national gold standard, and belongs to the voters, not to the Governor or any political party.

The League of Women Voters of Monterey County was a proponent of Proposition 11 and continues to advocate for fair redistricting throughout California.

**Redistricting in California belongs to the voters, not to any individual or political party.** No immediate political gain could be worth the cost of eroding trust in the fairness of our electoral maps. We strongly urge elected officials to support both the letter of the law and the spirit of Proposition 11.

Sincerely,  
**Tama Oliver**, Co-President  
League of Women Voters of Monterey County

## JOIN THE DEFEND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE

**O**ur League has formed a relatively new committee to organize and support activities related to the League's mission of **Defending Democracy**. Our mission is to:

- ★ **Engage more members** in activities and actions that hold government accountable to support and defend the Constitution.
- ★ **Ensure that our League chapter and name** are more present and visible in the community where discussion defending nonpartisan democracy is relevant
- ★ **Connect with current and potential members** at local events that defend democracy, and help grow League membership and engagement
- ★ **Develop relevant communication messages and materials** to affect the above goals

### Volunteer Opportunities

This is a relatively new committee. We welcome LWVMC members who have a passion for our purpose and help shape what we do. Current opportunities are to help:

- ★ **Table at events**
- ★ **Develop advocacy messages and materials**
- ★ **Monitor action opportunities** for communicating with other interest groups and the public.



Tama Olver

## LWVCA SAYS URGE "YES" VOTE ON SJR 1

**T**he LWVCA, is the sponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution 1** (SJR 1, Weiner), and has called on all California League members to **contact**



**our Assemblymembers to support the bill.** SJR 1 will rescind all of California's prior calls for an **Article V Constitutional Convention**. The League states that *"In today's political climate, where extremist forces are 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 books, each one an open invitation to dismantle the Constitution. SJR 1 is our chance to close that door before it's too late."*

The League further says that *"Democracy is under attack. President Trump is endangering Californians by targeting communities with ICE raids, snatching people off the street, rolling back environmental protections that keep our air and water safe, threatening reproductive rights, decimating access to healthcare, and working to suppress votes. Senate Joint Resolution 1 is necessary to protect our most fundamental rights to safety, health, family, and democracy itself."*

**League of Women Voters of California**

(<https://lwvc.org/urge-your-assemblymember-vote-yes-sjr-1/>)

## WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?: JOIN A COMMITTEE!

### Defending Democracy

Tama Olver

### Government/Observer Corps

Sharon Miller

### Legislative Interviews

Tama Olver

### Luncheon Logistics

Beverly Bean

### Natural Resources

Janet Brennan

*Select a topic, contact the Chair, or just drop in on a meeting!*



### Membership Recruiting & Onboarding

Pam Bonsper

### Social Policy

Beverly Kreps & Sharon Miller

### Voter Services & Vote 411

Arlene Guest

### Website

Debby Majors-Degnan



## PROTECT COMMUNITIES: DRAW EQUITABLE MID-CYCLE MAPS

On August 26th, **Celina Stewart**, CEO of the League of Women Voters, and **Dianna Wynn**, President of the League of Women Voters, announced **"No Harm to Our Communities: Mapping Guidance for Elected Leaders,"** providing guidance on drawing mid-cycle maps that protect historically disenfranchised communities.



Texas approves new maps, the League remains steadfast that any redistricting process must include people's voices. The League will continue doing our part to educate and equip voters for the road ahead in the impacted states.

"The League is holding true to our longstanding values. We will always remain nonpartisan in the fight to preserve our democracy, which requires diverse perspectives and is made stronger by including everyone."

"The League opposes mid-cycle redistricting because it can easily be used to disenfranchise

***"Make no mistake: If a state harms our communities, the League of Women Voters will use the full power of our grassroots network to fight back in court and at the ballot box."***

voters based on race or party affiliation. Today, we face uncharted territory as an unpopular, authoritarian President exploits racial division and seeks to silence voters in a shameless bid for power. While we oppose mid-cycle redistricting, it's happening now in states across the country. As

We will always defend voters, protect communities, and safeguard the integrity of our democracy."

([www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-governors-protect-communities-draw-equitable-mid-cycle-maps](http://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-governors-protect-communities-draw-equitable-mid-cycle-maps))

## CIVIC ENGAGEMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

In June, LWVMC President **Tama Olver** received a card from students in the **Monterey County Elections Civic Engagement Internship Program**.

Our guest speaker **Dr. Daisy Martin**, **Founding Director** of "The History and Civics Project" (UC Santa Cruz), described civic engagement as "... the act of working to improve the quality of life in a community," and that it can "...involve political and non-political activities, such as volunteering, voting, or participating in public meetings."

From the heartfelt *Thank You* the students crafted for Tama, we think they gained a deeper appreciation of democracy and expect they will be lifelong voters.  
**Regina Doyle**





## LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: LORRAINE YGLESIAS



It's my pleasure to introduce you to **Lorraine Yglesias**, a new member of the League of Women Voters Monterey County.

Before joining our chapter, Lorraine's experience with the League was largely by reputation and knowledge of the active role it plays in political engagement.

Lorraine moved to the Monterey Peninsula in 1995 from Los Angeles with her husband **James**. She has background in **marketing and communications** and after staying home for a few years to raise their son and daughter, stepped into the not-for-profit world with the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**.



In August 2024 after twenty years as their **Director of Multicultural and Inclusive Marketing**, she decided to "rewire" vs "retire". She currently lives in **Carmel Valley Ranch** with James and fur child Jasper. The human kids have moved on to Los Angeles and San Francisco, happily in the same time zone. On down time, she like to play golf, birdwatch, and take walks.

Lorraine describes herself as an overly enthusiastic participant in life who also recognizes the need for moderation and pacing so that we always show up as our best selves. She currently serves on local community organization boards that focus on



conservation, equity, economic prosperity and advancement for communities most often at risk. She serves on the Boards of the **Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women** ([www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/social-services/commission-on-the-status-of-women](http://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/social-services/commission-on-the-status-of-women)) and the **Commission of the Monterey County Community Action Partnership** (<https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/departments-i-z/social-services/community-action-partnership/community-action-commission#cap>).



Knowledge, curiosity and kindness are some of her guiding values as well as creating welcoming spaces for people. *"There is nothing more heartwarming than feeling genuinely welcomed; and this is key to advocacy and engagement for change in our political and economic landscapes."*

Shortly after joining our chapter, she volunteered to participate in the **2025 Legislative Interviews** and took an active role taking notes and drafting the report.

When I asked what motivated her to step up so much, she said: *"Knowledge and curiosity. If there is an opportunity to expand my horizons, I take it. AND seeing the name of someone I knew from other work in political activism."*



As League members, it helps to be reminded that our willingness to step up has an impact on others who are looking for ways to make a difference.

**Tama Olver**



## "NO KINGS" RALLY AND 4TH OF JULY PARADE

On Saturday, June 14th, the **Window on the Bay Park, Monterey** filled with one of the largest local groups of people concerned about usurpation of the US Constitution with the "No Kings" theme. The **Monterey Peninsula Herald** estimated that five to six thousand marchers chanted and carried banners and flags. The streets around the park were filled with people arriving carrying chairs, tables and posters.

A large variety of local sponsors had information tables with handouts, petitions and sign-up sheets. Our League was there to carry messages on **Defending Democracy**, supporting facts and taking action. Most of all we encouraged people to **register and vote** as well as to sign up for further information about the League.

The wind snapped many flags and banners while singers revised old pop and folk songs. Warm sunshine encouraged friends to talk and make the most of the afternoon.

"No Kings" refers to serious concern about citizens rights being overtaken by the government. Many think the long held traditions of the US Constitution need to be upheld in light of current disagreements about its application.

Our League also spent a June afternoon at the **Pacific Grove street market**. We handed out booklets on the US Constitution, answered questions about the League, asked voters to join, and also encouraged registering and voting in the upcoming midterm elections. Several shoppers talked about complications in registering but said they would work on it.



We were pleased that a dozen shoppers stopped checking tomatoes and turned their attention to us. One woman went through the constitution booklet commenting on how the heart of the constitution wasn't being followed properly. She definitely had opinions on the amendments. We are all hoping that some of the interested folks will come to our September Lunch and Learn sessions, but even if they don't, at least we spread the word that the League is trying to help all our neighbors learn about the importance of civic action and education.

### Monterey City 4th of July Parade

Our League celebrated a beautiful 4th of July by marching in the Monterey Parade. Several of us wore suffragette costumes or held **"Votes for Women"** banners.



An original goal of the League was to help first time women voters understand how to register and vote, and also support other women in taking on the responsibility of citizenship. After many years of petitioning, marching, fundraising, organizing and a bit of pushing and standing in the rain with placards too, American women finally had their chance to be full citizens.

Celebrating the Fourth doesn't just mean a hot dog and a beer. It's not just music in the park. It also means spending time thinking of all the people who came before us and persevered.

We also remember and appreciate the husbands, fathers, brothers and other men who supported the Votes for Women movement (and also those who are now members of the League)!

**Tama Olver**



## HOW TO JOIN OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP

*Any person age 16 or older may be a member of the League of Women Voters Monterey County*

### ☞ There are no set yearly dues ☞

Suggested level is \$75, minimum is \$20 (suggested for students).

### ☞ Everyone is an individual member ☞

There are no household memberships, e.g., two members sharing one mailing address. For household members, if each pays \$50 as an individual, the total will be similar to the former household rate.

### ☞ How to pay dues for beginning or ☞ renewing members:

#### By credit card and e-mail

Create or access your existing account on the national LWV database:

1. Go to **www.LWVmryco.org**
2. On the left-side menu, click on **\*\*NEW\*\* JOIN/RENEW/PROFILE**
3. Follow the prompts. You will receive access directions in a message sent to your e-mail.

#### With check by US Mail

Write a check payable to: LWVUS  
Mail it to: LWVMC, PO Box 1995,  
Monterey, CA 93942-1995

#### Questions?

Contact **Dennis Mar** at: [LWVmryco@gmail.com](mailto:LWVmryco@gmail.com)  
or [DennisRMar3@yahoo.com](mailto:DennisRMar3@yahoo.com)

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

### ☞ Welcome to Our New Members! ☞

Kathleen Armstrong  
Shirley Barrett-Sheridan  
Lori Black Ogene  
Don Bonsper  
Lynn Burgess  
Martha Dunn  
Elizabeth Hall  
Anne Hansen  
Sarah (Sally) Jewett Brocato  
Pamela McClure-Roman  
Alexanne Mills  
Chris Nenoff  
Lucas Nenoff  
Debi Nobriga  
Tina Rau  
Branham Rendlen  
Tami Sojka  
Megan Whilden  
Judy Wills  
Judy Yriarte

### ☞ Send Member Updates to ☞ **Janet Brennan**

[brennan\\_janet@comcast.net](mailto:brennan_janet@comcast.net)

If you have friends or family who might benefit from joining our League, bring them along to an **In-Person Lunch & Learn presentation** (*non-members are always welcome*), or invite them to attend a **virtual Zoom meeting** with you.

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### ☞ Florence Curlee Scholarships ☞

are available to pay **membership fees**.

Contact: **Janet Brennan**, [Brennan\\_Janet@comcast.net](mailto:Brennan_Janet@comcast.net)

*Membership dues & contributions to LWVMryCo are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund.*

**Donations to League of Women Voters of California Local Impact Fund (LWVCLIF) (formerly LWVC Education Fund) are tax deductible with donations payable to LWVCEF.**

# HAVE YOU MISSED A GENERAL MEETING?

Find them all online at [tinyurl.com/LWVMCVideos](http://tinyurl.com/LWVMCVideos)



**"First 100 Days"**  
Kate Daniels,  
Monterey County Supervisor  
(4/9/25)



**"Big Sur Land Trust:  
Projects and Progress"**  
Jeanette Tuitele-Lewis,  
President/CEO BSLT  
(1/8/25)



**"Roadmap to Civilian Oversight of  
County Sheriff's Department"**  
"Mike" Gennaco, former Chief Civil  
Rights, US Attorney's Office (3/12/25)



**"Ranked Choice Voting"**  
Arash Sayadi & Steve Chessin  
(4/10/24)



**"Civic Engagement"**  
Dr. Daisy Martin, Founding  
Director, History & Civics Project,  
UC Santa Cruz (2/12/25)



**"Our Polarized Politics"**  
Steven W. Hughes, PhD  
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**★ LWVMryCo Calendar 2025 ★**



**SEPTEMBER**

**LWVMC**  
**Board Meeting**  
**held in person**  
**on August 25th**

**LWVMC In-Person General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 10th, 12 noon**  
**"Tarpy Flats Project Pros & Cons"**  
contact: **Janet Brennan**  
*(see front page for details)*

**Natural Resources Zoom Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 11th, 11:30am**  
contact: **Janet Brennan**  
*(see page 3 for details)*

**OCTOBER**

**LWVMC**  
**Board Zoom Meeting**  
**Monday, October 6th 11:30am**  
contact: **Dennis Mar**

**LWVMC In-Person General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 8th, 12 noon**  
**"Deeper Dive Into Due Process"**  
contacts: **Beverly Kreps,**  
**Sandy Hoag, Dennis Mar**

**Natural Resources Zoom Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 9th, 11:30am**  
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