



League of Women Voters North County San Diego **VOTER**

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

JUNE 2020

ALL LWVNCSD PHYSICAL MEETINGS IN JUNE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

For everyone's safety, we will conduct all business by email, phone or other electronic method of communication. If you have any questions, please call President Anne Omsted at 760-753-6970 or a Board Member.

ANNUAL MEETING June 6, 2020 at 10:00 AM

The Annual Meeting information was emailed to you on May 15, 2020. Due to the pandemic, this will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. For security reasons, an invitation with the link to the meeting will be mailed to you on Thursday, June 4th. If you would like to practice using Zoom in advance of the meeting, please contact Nancy Telford at lvvnancyt@gmail.com. She will be happy to work with you on this before Saturday, June 6.

A Quorum is required at our Annual Meeting to make the proceedings and voting at the meeting valid. **Please email your response** to lvvnancyt@gmail.com **before Thursday, June 4, 2020** so we can send you the Special Invitation link on Thursday.

In your Annual Meeting packet you will find the agenda and the three main items for consideration. We will pass a budget, agree on positions, and issues for focus in the coming year, and we will elect board members. There also will be some surprises that President Anne Omsted has initiated!

Most of the issues that need the memberships' approval are straightforward. Carol Parker and Connie Ulrich have produced a streamlined iteration of our "Program" positions which now are better organized and easier to understand.

There may be some questions about the need to raise dues in order to balance the budget. The budget will be debated after it is presented by the Budget Committee Chair Karen Vanderwerken.



**Message from
President
Anne Omsted**

As we learn how to live in our new pandemic world, it is clear that most of us are not going to be going to any large public events until a vaccine for COVID-19 is found. So, we are learning how to have successful virtual meetings. A foray into this world will be our Annual Meeting on Saturday, 6/6/2020. The Annual Meeting is when the membership confirms the Budget, the Positions, and the Issues for Emphasis for the coming year, 2020-2021. Officers are elected and Directions to the Board are given by members. This is the member’s opportunity to air suggestions, ask questions, and comment on how we as a group are doing.

Please plan to attend. Your agenda and packet are in your hands, and it is up to you to “come” to the meeting.

I hope to see you there!

Anne

May 8, 2020 Board Meeting Report

- The board reviewed the Budget Committee’s recommendations and Proposed Budget and voted to send these to the members via the Annual Meeting on 6/6/20.
- The Board voted to approve the request by the LWV of New Mexico to support a new LWVUS position on the Transfer of Federal Lands to Local Governments.
- The Board learned that the Executive Committee approved opening a Professional Zoom account with Webinar capacity so that we can hold large meetings in the future.

- The Board agreed to a webinar related to Climate Change on 6/18/20, to offer Zoom meetings to the Units, to the September Kickoff Meeting featuring Helen Hutchison of the LWVC to discuss the Schools and Communities First initiative, which will be on the November Ballot.
- The Board heard that Voter Service anticipates all services being offered through virtual meetings.

**Please Welcome our
New Members**

Annika Alford
Maureen Booth
Ashley Keller

LWVNCSD Officers & Directors 2020

Officers	
President	Anne Omsted
1st VP Administration	Nancy Telford
2nd VP & Advocacy	Veronica Seay
Secretary	Jennifer White
Treasurer	Jennifer Lonbom
Directors	
Membership	Rita Soza
Natural Resources	Carol Parker
Social Policy	Bill Loftus
VOTER Editor	Veronica Seay
Unit Chairs	
Carlsbad Unit	Nita Rodriguez
Oceanside Unit	(Chairs rotate monthly)
San Dieguito Unit	Katie Wheeler
Committee Chairs	
Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Candidate Forums	Karen Vanderwerken & Dawn Guendert
Civil Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Health Interest Comm.	Jane Dunmeyer
Observer Corps	Connie Ulrich
Press Releases	Jane Schatt
Pro/Con-Ballot Measures	Karen Sutton & Mary Thompson
Social Media	Suzanne Carneiro
Voter Registration	Blaze Newman
Webmaster	Susan Connell
Community Safety & Gun Violence Prevention	TBD

Saving Food from Waste in North County

**Zoom Webinar
Thursday, June 18, 1-2 pm**

Speakers:

Colleen Foster, Environmental Officer, City of Oceanside

**Nita Kurmins Gilson, Executive Director of Programs
and Outreach, ProduceGood**

“If food waste were a country, it would come in third after the United States and China in terms of impact on global warming.” – Washington Post, July 31, 2018

Food Waste is a huge contributing factor to Climate Change. It is also one area where California intends to be part of the solution. The state legislature passed SB 1383 which requires 75% reduction in organic waste by 2025, including 20% of currently disposed edible food must be recovered for human consumption. As of 2024, local jurisdictions may impose penalties for noncompliance on food waste generators.

While many California citizens might be unaware of SB 1383, California cities know what’s coming. Join our webinar “Saving Food from Waste in North County”, on June 18 at 1 pm. Hear from the City of Oceanside’s Environmental Officer Colleen Foster and ProduceGood’s Executive Director of Programs and Outreach Nita Kurmins Gilson on successful programs in North County.

Please register for the Zoom Webinar at the following link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_h5t3iSfuROqeQhkseRbmQw
Our Zoom plan limits our webinars to 100 participants, so please register today!



Climate Solutions Corner June 2020

by Carol Parker,
LWVNCSD Natural Resources Director

“Two-fer Solution for the Pandemic”

One of the issues of the COVID-19 pandemic in many rural areas is the viral infection hotspots in meat processing plants. As of May 8, at least 10,000 meat processing workers have been infected, and sadly at least 30 have died of COVID-19, according to the United Food and Commercial Workers Union. This is happening in chicken, pork and beef plants. While President Trump has declared meat processing plants to be essential, some plants have shut down for cleaning or due to worker shortage. Additionally, some ranchers have had to euthanize their animals since there is no place to process them. A meat shortage is already being felt in the grocery stores and fast food chains.

Perhaps a solution to this shortage could be a two-fer, (two solutions in one). We all could plan a Meatless Day or 2 a week. Eating less meat is a two-fer because it would reduce the strain on the meat production supply and it is better for the environment.

Eating less meat helps reduce Climate Change because it lowers the green-house gas emissions of the food supply chain. Raising animals for food requires growing food for feed (fertilizer, processing, transportation), processing (transportation, refrigeration, energy to run processing plants), and selling (transportation to markets or restaurants, refrigeration).

I plan Meatless Mondays and Thursdays. My new favorite is grilled portobello burgers. I also like black bean soup, lentil stew, veggie topped sweet potatoes, and fried cauliflower rice. There are probably many of you that have really good meatless meal ideas to share.

Be a part of the solution for dealing with this pandemic and the climate. Eat more plants, less meat.

June Events

LWVNCSD Annual Meeting 6/6/20

Schools and Communities First Tele-Townhall on Tuesday, June 9th, 5:30-6:30 pm (see page 7)

LWVNCSD Board Meeting 6/12/20 9:30 am

**Saving Food from Waste in
North County**
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LWV Book Group

The LWV Book Group will have a meeting via Zoom on **June 15 from 1-3**. The LWV Book Group will be reading *Where the Water Goes: Life and Death along the Colorado River* by David Owen. Anne Omsted will be the discussion leader.

On July 20 we will read *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander. This is an updated version of the book she wrote 10 years ago. A discussion leader has yet to be determined.

If you are interested in participating in either of these meetings, please contact Kathy Anderson at kathsand@sbcglobal.net to be included on the Zoom invitation list.

San Dieguito Unit

SD Unit is planning to have a virtual meeting on Thursday, **June 25 at 10 AM** via Zoom. The focus will be on our LWV Observers. Meeting details will be sent to you later in the month.

The View From Here

by Peggy Dornish, former LWVNCSD President

As I write, anti-immigration and anti-Asian sentiments are emanating from the Oval Office under the guise of protective societal measures. In response, I am excerpting from a "View" essay I wrote some years ago in order to provide both factual information and renewed insight into this persistent scape-goating. For much more, see the PBS documentary "Asian-Americans" which premiered on May 11 and is sub-titled "Prejudice and Perseverance."

"What will happen when the Pacific Railroad is built and Chinese labor is loosed on America?"

In the main, Chinese immigrant laborers built the California portion of the transcontinental railroad completed in 1869, but rather than being an achievement they could celebrate with pride, their success became the basis for a virulent anti-Chinese and Nativist movement. As white workers took the train west to claim jobs held by the Chinese, the U. S. Congress passed an unprecedented law banning the future entry of Chinese laborers and prohibiting any Chinese here from becoming a naturalized citizen. Although initially designed to keep the Chinese out, as each of the other four early Asian immigrant groups arrived—Japanese, Indian, Filipino, and Korean—this same Act in various permutations was invoked both to restrict their immigration and to deny them any possibility of citizenship. Moreover, American-born children of Chinese had to fight in the courts for decades to claim their Constitutional right to citizenship by birth.

Here are two illustrative anecdotes: A popular and widely circulated poster appeared in the San Francisco literary magazine "The Wasp" in 1881. The central image is a robed Chinese "coolie" identifiable by his pigtail. He is holding an opium pipe, and rays of light emanating from his head read "Ruin to White Labor," "Immorality," and "Filth." Completing the picture, rats are scurrying at the base of the Statue of Liberty and Chinese junks are plying New York harbor. In 1882, a Chinese couple long resident in San Francisco sued the local school board to enroll their daughter in public school. The school

—which it did—persuaded the state legislature to enact AB 268. This statute ordered the establishment of separate schools for children of "Mongolian or Chinese descent." It further ordered that "when such schools are established Chinese or Mongolian children must not be admitted to any other schools." Regrettably, there is still more. In their turn, Japanese, Indians, Filipinos, and Koreans were also deemed to be "Mongolians." The statute was not repealed until after World War II. Ironically, several decades later Asian Americans came to be perceived as "the model minority." But as we know, once again, they are not.

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League of Women Voters California Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy

LWV is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

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LWVUS Responds to Police Killing of George Floyd

5/29/2020

WASHINGTON – The League of Women Voters of the United States issued the following statement in reference to the murder of George Floyd:

"The League of Women Voters grieves the murders of George Floyd and the countless other Black lives that have been tragically taken at the hands of rogue law enforcement officers who are rarely held fully accountable for their actions.

"We also mourn those who have lost their lives or been harmed, mentally or physically, as a result of America's pervasive culture of anti-blackness. The systems of oppression that have perpetuated the myth of white supremacy in our country must be dismantled if we are ever to become the nation we pledge to be—*indivisible, with liberty and justice for all*.

"As an organization whose mission is to empower voters and defend democracy, we stand in solidarity with all Black communities. The League shall do so not only by speaking out against racism in all forms, but by doing the work required of us to be anti-racist. We are committed to listening to and amplifying Black voices, and educating ourselves and our children on the historic and ongoing systemic racism that plagues this country.

"The League acknowledges, painfully, that America is a nation founded on racism. Therefore, all who live in this country must contribute to and participate in organizations actively working to achieve full liberation and inclusive freedom. We must all advocate for anti-racist policies at every level of government.

"We join the League of Women Voters of Minnesota in calling on law enforcement officials to provide transparency during this investigation, and to seek justice for George Floyd, his family, and his community.

"Finally, we echo the call of our partners at the NAACP: we must all vote in November—the road to change lies at the ballot box."

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League of Women Voters of the United States

LWV National Convention 2020

The National League holds conventions in every even numbered year. Delegates attend to the business of voting on a budget, bylaws, positions, issues for emphasis and leaders for the upcoming biennium. Those items are very similar to our Local League's Annual Meeting.

What makes National convention so exciting are the many workshops and caucuses and networking that goes on with members from far and wide who have similar intense interests.

This is the first virtual national convention. I'm sure our delegates who participate via zoom will be inspired by new ideas for education and advocacy. It is nonetheless terribly disappointing to miss what would have been an exhilarating experience in Washington D.C. We would also have celebrated the League's 100th Anniversary.

At our program planning meeting in January our members agreed with LWVUS' recommendations that Program 2020 – 2022 continue the "Campaign for Making Democracy Work" with Leagues throughout the country working on:

- Redistricting
- Voting Rights
- Improving Elections
- Campaign Finance/Money in Politics

In addition, LWVNCSD agreed to promote the recommendations of the LWVC Climate Change Task Force to LWVUS.

Our delegates are Anne Omsted, Nancy Telford, Jennifer White, Karen Sutton, and Karen Vanderwerken. The July VOTER will include reports from each of our delegates who will convey the most important happenings and their personal impressions.

Question: Can immigrants toiling in the fields be simultaneously deemed "essential" and "illegal?"

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITIES FIRST

IT'S OFFICIAL: Schools & Communities First Qualifies for November Ballot

After garnering record-breaking 1.7 million signatures of support, Schools & Communities First continues gaining momentum

Today, the Schools & Communities First initiative officially qualified for the November ballot. This comes after the campaign had submitted a historic **1.7 million signatures of support**, an effort powered by the 300+ social justice, faith-based, education, labor and philanthropic organizations powering Schools & Communities First and the tens of thousands of volunteers, endorsers, and supporters throughout California.

This historic effort to generate \$12 billion every year for critical local services, essential workers, and schools by closing corporate tax loopholes comes at a time of unprecedented hardship throughout California. **As school districts, local governments, and the state face historic budget shortfalls, one thing is clear: Schools & Communities First will be key to California's recovery and reinvestment, and we simply can't afford corporate tax loopholes at the expense of our state's future.** With this initiative, we can invest in those local governments, essential workers like first responders and public health nurses, and schools that will be so critical to recovering from this crisis – while protecting homeowners and renters, small businesses, and agriculture. Simply put, we can't afford corporate tax loopholes at the expense of these essential services and workers.

From League of Women Voters California:

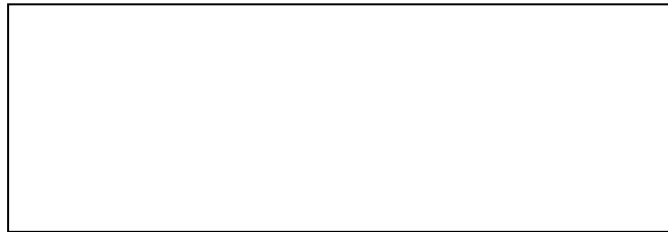
Schools and Communities First

Save the date for a Tele-Townhall on Tuesday, June 9th, 5:30-6:30 pm (Spanish) and/or Wednesday, June 10th, 5:30-6:30 pm (English). More details will be coming soon. We'll celebrate qualifying for the November 2020 ballot, and kick off our victory campaign.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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**LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application**

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Membership is open to all persons who are at least 16 years of age.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

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Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or Join Online at: lwvncsd.org

Dues:

____ \$30 First Year member

____ \$70/year renewal

____ \$50/year 2nd member at the same address

____ \$0/year Students enrolled in accredited Institution

Additional Levels of giving

____ \$100/year Suffragist

____ \$200/year Activist

____ \$300/year Advocate

____ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

____ Voter Service

____ Action and Advocacy