



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.

March Meetings/Events

Voter Service Team Meeting
Wednesday 3/4/20 9 AM

Protection from Gun Violence
Wed. 3/11/20 6:30 PM

LWVNCSD Board Meeting
Friday 3/13/20 10 AM

**Consensus on Regional
Transportation**
Sat. 3/14/20 10 AM to 1 PM

LWV Book Group
Monday 3/16/20 1 PM

Bergman Memorial Lecture
USD Wed. 3/18/20 5:30 PM

Carlsbad Unit Meeting
Thursday 3/19/20 11:30 AM

Oceanside Unit Meeting
Tuesday 3/24/20 12 Noon

Lunch With the League
Wednesday, 3/25/20
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

San Dieguito Unit Meeting
Thursday 3/26/20 10 AM

**April: Save Saturday April 18
for a General Meeting on
Climate Change. (see p. 5)**



Be informed before you vote!
votersedge.org/ca

March 2020

Protect Your Loved Ones From Gun Violence



Gun Violence Restraining Orders Safe Gun Storage Ordinance*

Join friends & neighbors to learn about how these new tools prevent:

- Suicides
- Unintentional Child Shootings
- Domestic Violence
- School and Mass Shootings

*A limited number of free gun locks will be available.

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

6:30 -7:30 p.m.

Del Mar Hills Academy

14085 Mango Drive, Del Mar

Free Admission



lwvncsd.org email: nccpas@yahoo.com



**Message from
President
Anne Omsted**

Sincere thanks to every member who worked on Voter Service leading up to the March 3, 2020 Primary. I am pleased to report that an estimated 80 members were involved in Voter Registration training and service, Pros and Cons Research and training, Candidate Forums, and Mail Ballot Drop-Off at various local libraries with the Registrar of Voters. And many thanks to all who are diligently collecting signatures for the Schools and Community First initiative. It will definitely be on the November ballot, and a top priority for the LWVC.

The Voter Service Team will begin planning for the November 5th Presidential election in March. I anticipate a huge demand for Candidate and Issues forums, Voter Registration, Pros/Cons because of the large number of major issues on the statewide ballot, and Mail Ballot Drop-off. If you personally wish to work on any aspect of Voter Service, please email me and I will make sure you are on the contact list. If you would like to participate in training for Pros and Cons or Candidate/Issue Forums (moderator, question sorter, timer), again, just let me know, and you will be added to the contact list and notified of training.

Please check out the programs planned for our members and the public in March, April and May. Education on issues is a big part of what League does, and you are bound to learn a lot by attending one, two, or all of these programs.

Anne

February 14, 2020 Board Meeting Report

At the 2/14/20 Board Meeting, the Board:

- Accepted with regret the resignation of Norelynn Pion-Goureau from the Board
- Settled plans for General meetings in March, April and May, 2020.

- Learned that we earned \$600.00 at the Silver Party on 1/17 and the t-shirts commemorating 100 years of the LWV are selling well and have repaid about 2/3 of the initial investment.
- Accepted the revised retention policy for all LWNCS D documents.
- Chose a question on guns as our local question for Legislative Interviews.
- Was updated on the request to Carlsbad Unified School District to help educate seniors in High School about all aspects of voting.
- Was updated on planning for units to study city CDBG plans in their areas.
- Met Jane Schatt, a member who volunteered to do our press releases upon learning about Norelynn's resignation. Norelynn and Tina Schmidt have been mentoring her.
- Was reminded that Dora Rose, the LWVC Advocacy Director, will be a panelist at the 3/18/20 Bergman Lecture at USD. No cost but reservations are required.
- Celebrated the 100th Anniversary of LWV by eating cake.

LWVNCS D Officers & Directors 2019

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President	Anne Omsted
1st VP Administration	Nancy Telford
2nd VP & Advocacy	Veronica Seay
Secretary	Jennifer White
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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	Cathy Greene
Civil Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Health Interest Comm.	Jane Dunmeyer
Observer Corps	Connie Ulrich
Press Releases	Jane Schatt
Social Media	Suzanne Carneiro
Webmaster	Susan Connell
Community Safety & Gun Violence Prevention	TBD

Consensus Meeting to Update the League's Regional Transportation Position

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

•North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego

or

Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 to 8:00 pm

•Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego

Much has changed since the League's regional position on transportation was last updated in 1989-90.

In a joint effort between the San Diego League's public policy committee and representatives from the North County League our regional transportation positions have been studied for the past year:

- Assessed our current position and looked for alignment with LWV's State and National positions.
- Heard presentations by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) on their emerging view of transportation in our region for the year 2050, being proposed in their initiative San Diego Forward – *5 Big Moves*. <https://www.sdfoward.com/mobility-planning/5-big-moves>
- Considered the entwined relationship between transportation and housing and goals embodied in the County's General Plan.

The result of this joint effort is a call for consensus to consider questions that will shape our regional transportation position if accepted by the members and boards of both League.

At these 3-hour sessions, LWV panelists will brief members on the elements covered, facilitate a discussion on each question and seek consensus.

San Diego League members will also deliberate on questions that will shape their Housing and Housing & Transportation positions. North County League members will be deliberating only on the regional transportation consensus questions.

The Transportation questions include topics and goals such as:

- Use of underutilized publicly-owned land
- Prioritization of standards such as safety, adequate funding, available transit service, favorable environmental qualities.
- Coordination with land use plans.
- Role of regional planning organization.
- Comprehensive and affordable transportation system available to all San Diegans.
- Prioritize public transit over highways and road improvements.
- Should goals maximize public transit ridership or minimize costs.
- Support greenhouse gas reduction in transportation plan as outlined in climate action plan.

For more information or if you would like to carpool to this meeting on March 14th, contact Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 or thompsmg@roadrunner.com

Climate Solutions Corner for March 2020

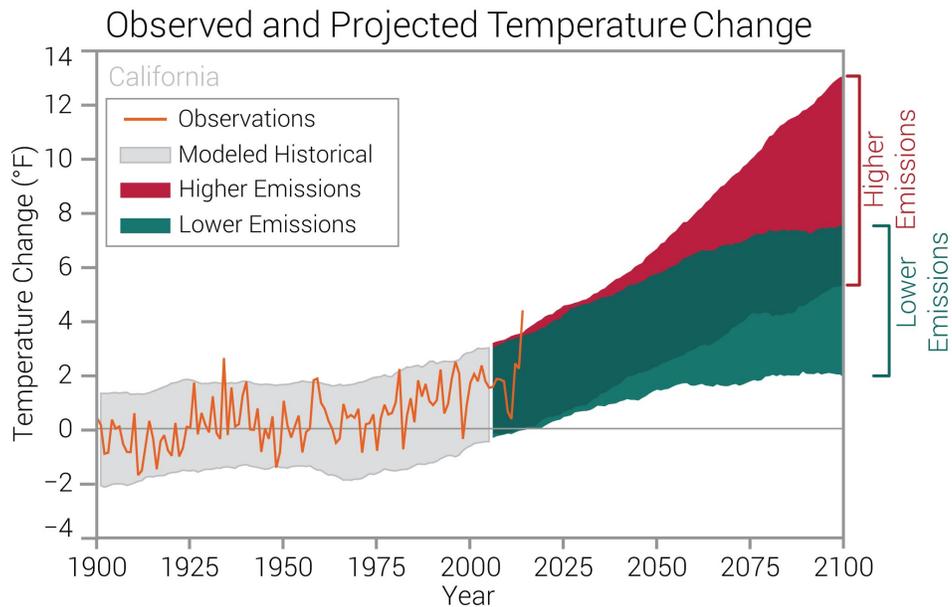
by Carol Parker, LWVNCSD Natural Resources Director

Emergency in Climate

LWVUS, as well as LWVC and many other state and local leagues have declared that we are in a climate emergency. We have heard from Greta Thunberg, who is restating scientists, that we are in a climate crisis. BP Oil just announced that it commits to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Clearly there is something that is changing about our climate. But what is the emergency?

The NCA (National Climate Assessment), a group of scientists put together by the US government, has this to say about our future: “how much the climate changes will depend primarily on global emissions of greenhouse gases... With significant reductions in emissions, global temperature increase could be limited to 3.6°F (2°C) or less compared to preindustrial temperatures. Without significant reductions, annual average global temperatures could increase by 9°F (5°C) or more by the end of this century.”

NOAA has prepared this graph of projected temperature:



The LWVC Climate Change Task Force put it best:

Heat records are being broken, glaciers are melting, and the seas are rising. We have reached a point where no matter what we do, we cannot avoid a very different climate future. We must act now to prevent truly catastrophic consequences. But what can we do? The most powerful action is our knowledgeable vote. For more info. visit - <https://lwvc.org/issues/climate-change>

April Meeting Notice - Save the Date

Let's Lower the Temperature

Larry Peranich will present a talk on EnRoads – a Climate Action Simulator on April 18, at 10 AM to Noon at the Carlsbad Senior Center.

Climate scientists have made many projections with graphs that all show how our global temperature will go up in the future. The scientists at MIT and others have made an interactive climate model where we can input our actions for change to see if they will lower the global temperature by the year 2100. In this very complex problem of climate change, let's find out what actions or policies will make the biggest impact.

Primary Forums Wrap Up

by Cathy Greene

Barbara Lorenzen and I want to thank all our volunteers who made our three forums this winter so successful. We started in January with a challenging ballot issue forum in Del Mar. Over 130 attendees listened to our four adamant but polite panelists argue the merits of Measure G; the audience was packing into the room and overflowed outside.

Our second forum was for Carlsbad City Council, District One. It also had a good attendance of around 80 people with many interesting questions for the candidates.

Friday, February 21 was the date of our last forum for this primary season. The student group MEChA at Palomar Community College asked us to moderate a forum for candidates for the 50th Congressional District. This was a challenge since most of the front running candidates did not choose to participate. But we had a very interesting forum with four of the ten candidates.

The mostly student audience were very attentive and asked some great questions. Our volunteers did a wonderful job of coping with a difficult room set up and only one microphone!

Hats off to all who gave their time and talents to making these forums possible. The League was able to help around 250 voting citizens of North County make informed decisions. Way to go!

Please Welcome New Members

Kathryn Kenning - Carlsbad

Nancy Lazerson - Carlsbad

Christine Reed - Carlsbad



Equal Rights Amendment Keeps Moving Forward

On January 29, 2020, the U.S. House passed H.J. Res. 79, the legislation removing the ratification deadline on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). This legislation is needed to remove the ambiguity around the deadline and bring it closed to taking effect. Now we focus on the Senate as legislators go home for recess. Please use our ERA Toolkit for talking points and materials to use when visiting with Senators at home. LWVUS is also partnering with select state leagues on Targeted advocacy campaigns to have their Senators cosponsor H.J. Res. 79 or S.J. Res. 6.

- LWVUS is working on expanding voter access and many other efforts to "Make Democracy Work" You will be pleased (surprised) to see what LWVUS is doing. Go to: www.lwv.org

Lunch With League

Update on the Status of Women And Girls in the U.S. and Abroad

Wed., March 25, 2020 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, San Diego

For reservations and details go to the LWV of San Diego's website: www.lwv.org/california/san-diego Then click on EVENTS.

This Is Why Homeless People Don't Go to Shelters

A closer look at the choice between remaining on the street in an encampment and going to a shelter shows that it's not an easy decision for many homeless people and some of them don't have any options at all. In many cities, there aren't enough shelter beds to accommodate the people living on the streets. They aren't living in tents by choice, but out of necessity.

Vista's newly-released *Draft Plan to Address Homelessness** makes a range of suggestions, from better outreach to hiring a full-time social worker, but it does not include temporarily housing the 120 unsheltered individuals said to be living within city boundaries. The plan proposes more than \$700,000 in additional spending, allocating up to \$200,000 to pay for no more than 10 beds for single men at "low barrier" shelters that do not turn away those struggling with addiction.



If ultimately approved by the council, those beds would not be in Vista.

The city would contract with Haven House shelter in Escondido and the La Posada shelter in Carlsbad to add capacity.

Even when there are shelter beds available, there are still plenty of logical reasons that someone may decide not to enter the system, and many policies that keep them outside of it. There are other rules that are simply non-starters for other people. In North County San Diego there are only

five shelters with a total of 164 beds for over 2,000 identified homeless.

Many of these shelter beds do not serve women with children, people with pets, or any working person who has night shifts. Under this criteria, a majority of residents are totally excluded from shelters, which are often only available for one night.

*<https://www.cityofvista.com/home/showdocument?id=21092>

San Dieguito - Encinitas Area Advances in Social Services

You probably are aware that our LWVNCSD League, represented by President Anne Omsted, was one of the many groups and individuals who advocated for a proposal to provide safe parking to homeless people who have no place to live other than in their automobiles. The Encinitas City Council approved the proposal on a 4 to 1 vote

Many are not familiar with the work of the **Community Resource Center (CRC)** in Encinitas.

CRC has some remarkable numbers for 2019.

- 2,000 + Volunteers.
- Domestic Violence: 1,538 calls answered on the 24-hour domestic violence (dv) hotline; 4,223 people received dv prevention education; 1,462 counseling session provided compassionate care.
- Housing the Homeless: 2,278 case management sessions provided financial, housing, and career resources; 273 individuals found safe housing through the intervention programs and dv shelter and transitional units.
- Food: 464 pounds of rescued food distributed through 14,225 visits; 6,409 people received food, coats and gifts during the Holiday Basket program.

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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD
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