



# 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.

## October

**Community Safety & Guns**  
at Leucadia Wastewater Bldg.  
Wed. Oct. 9, 10 AM

**Board Meeting**  
Friday, Oct. 11, 10 AM

**Health Interest Committee**  
Monday, October 14, 10 AM

**Carlsbad Unit Meeting**  
Thursday, October 17, 12 Noon

**Book Group**  
Monday, October 21, 1 PM

**Oceanside Unit Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 22, 12 PM  
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**Lunch with League**  
Wed., Oct. 23 - watch for eblast

**San Dieguito Unit**  
Thursday, October 24, 10 AM

**TAKE ACTION meeting**  
Friday, October 25, 10 AM

**Encinitas Dia de los Muertos**  
Saturday, October 26

**TAKE ACTION meeting**  
Tuesday, October 29, 7 PM

## November

**Community Safety & Guns - TBD**

**Board Meeting**  
Friday, October 8, 10 AM

**SD Climate Change Forum**  
Saturday, Nov. 9, 1 - 4 PM  
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**Veterans Day - Monday, Nov. 11**

**Health Interest Committee**  
Monday, Nov. 11, 10 AM

**Book Group**  
Monday, Nov. 18, 1 PM

**Carlsbad Unit Meeting**  
Thursday, Nov. 21, 12 Noon

Oceanside Unit - TBD  
San Dieguito Unit - TBD

**Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 28**

## October & November 2019

### TAKE ACTION

#### Contact Your Elected Officials

**Friday, October 25, 10 AM - Noon**  
Leucadia Wastewater District, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad

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**Tuesday, October 29, 7 - 9 PM**  
Dove Library, Gowland Room, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad



What is the best way to reach out to your elected officials? Phone, letter, postcard, protest? Do they listen, how do they respond?

Come to one of the nonpartisan, interactive, "how to" meetings listed above. You will be given contact information for your elected officials. You'll get tips on how to be most effective when contacting them and then you'll be given time to write your own messages.

LWV is a nonpartisan organization but as an individual you can write what you wish. Elected officials in local, state or federal positions need to hear what you are thinking about their actions whether it is positive or negative. Elected officials need to hear from their constituents all year long—not just at election time.

Hope to see you on October 25 or 29. Please bring your own postcards and/or stationary and stamps.



**Message from  
President Anne  
Omsted**

Welcome to a very busy year ahead! The Kickoff meeting on 9/7 about Census 2020 was full of fascinating information about the Census. Many thanks to Nancy Telford for making the arrangements with the speakers. The most important fact to share with your family, friends and neighbors is that all of the information is totally anonymous and the more accurate the final count, the more money will flow from the federal government for local health, education, and public service needs of all kinds.

As we resume active status, won't you consider going to a unit meeting in your area? The units have vibrant meetings with an emphasis on action in your own community. Here is where you can learn about local governments, seek answers to questions about and take action on local issues and develop friendships with members. It is the most basic building block of League. Take advantage of it.

As we begin the long approach to the 2020 Presidential election, you might find it interesting to check your current voter registration status. If you go to <https://www.sdvote.com>, the San Diego County Registrar of Voters website for all things related to voting, and click on "I Want To" and then "Check My Registration" status, you can find out if you are registered and a detailed list of every federal, state, and local government election in which you are entitled to vote. And it is also possible to update your information about address changes, party registration, etc. And, of course, you can register to vote, which I am assuming no member needs to do, but you might want to share this information with family, friends or anyone you talk to who might want to register to vote.

It is necessary to do some fundraising this year to meet our budget goals. If you enjoy planning parties and social events, won't you help out and share your talents with our new fundraising committee? Give me a call at 760-753-6970 and we can get this going.

Everyone got a renewal reminder last week. Please get that done as quickly as possible. It will be a big help to us. Every year we send almost all our dues money to the state and national Leagues lobbying and staff at all levels.

*Anne*

**Board Report for 9/13/2019**

- Learned that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the League of Women Voters and the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment giving women the vote will be celebrated all year. We will be sending out regular notices of planned events in the weekly email.
- Discussed our plan to integrate all of our activities so that we present a consistent image and actions to the public.
- Discussed how to decrease storage unit costs to save money for Voter Service activities.
- Heard from member Pat Cameron with a proposal for trying to increase voting by those who want to vote, but are uncertain what to do and those worried about security issues.
- Again, discussed how to protect the privacy of our members and still allow communication between members to increase our coordination and activity.
- Received updates on plans for a Climate Change workshop on 11/9 and ongoing work with a regional committee working on Census 2020.

**LWVNCSO Officers & Directors 2019**

**Officers**

President	Anne Omsted
1st VP Administration	Nancy Telford
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Treasurer	Jennifer Lonbom

**Directors**

Membership	Rita Soza
Natural Resources	Carol Parker
Social Policy	Bill Loftus
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**Unit Chairs**

Carlsbad Unit	Nita Rodriguez
Oceanside Unit	TBD
San Dieguito Unit	Katie Wheeler

**Committee Chairs**

Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Candidate Forums	Cathy Greene
Civil Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Observer Corps	Connie Ulrich
Social Media	Suzanne Carneiro
Webmaster	Susan Connell
Community Safety & Gun Violence Prevention	TBD



**LWV<sup>®</sup>** **San Diego Climate Change Forum**

**Rancho Peñasquitos Library**  
13330 Salmon River Rd  
San Diego, CA 92129

**Saturday, Nov 9, 2019, 1:00 – 4:00pm**  
Doors open at 12:30

- Meet other League members from Southern California
- Learn what action other Leagues are taking for climate solutions
- Learn about climate related state legislation
- Learn how you can collaborate with other League members

***All League of Women Voters members welcome!***  
Hosted by LWVSD and LWVNCSD  
Please register at [bit.ly/SanDiegoForumRegistration](https://bit.ly/SanDiegoForumRegistration)

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\*As of 1/7/19 the hyperlink for this registration is not active. Either type in the address or try again in a few days.

## October & November Meetings and Events

### LWVNCS Board Meetings

Friday, October 11 at the home of Roni Seay, and Friday, Nov. 8 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad.

Members are welcome. Please let President Anne Omsted know if you are planning to attend.

### Health Interest Committee

The Health Interest Committee always meets on the Second Monday of the month from 10:00 AM - Noon: October 14 and November 11.

The meetings are at the home of Jane Dunmeyer. We are preparing for a presentation on Advanced Directives to the Encinitas AAUW in January. All League members are welcome.

### Carlsbad Unit Meetings

Carlsbad Unit - October Meeting  
Thursday, October 17, 2019;  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Leucadia Wastewater District, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad 92009

Carlsbad Unit - November Meeting  
Thursday, November 21, 2019;  
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Leucadia Wastewater District, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad 92009

### San Dieguito Unit Meetings

The October meeting of the San Dieguito Unit will be on Oct. 24, at the San Dieguito United Methodist Church in Encinitas, at 10 am. We'll be hearing back on progress developing the new "Get Out the Vote workshop" as well as feedback from the earlier member survey, and the League's participation in the Latino Book and Family Festival held at MiraCosta College in late September.

Members are encouraged to share items of interest to Leaguers from non-LWV sources.

There will be no regular S.D. Unit meeting in November, but stay tuned for information about other activities such as the Observer's luncheon in early December.

### Get Out the Vote Workshop Conducted by San Dieguito Unit Members November 5, 2019

On November 5, members of the San Dieguito Unit of the League of Women Voters will pilot a new workshop designed to empower people to vote. Participants in this pilot will be members of the MiraCosta College Business Club.

Because the San Dieguito Unit has identified changing the behavior of infrequent voters as our "Issue for Education & Advocacy" in 2019-2020, we decided to create a workshop to educate folks about the importance of voting and thus increase voter turnout in both the primary and general elections.

The workshop is designed to involve participants in exploring why people don't vote and motivate them to exercise their right to vote.

Based on input from the pilot, we plan to revise the workshop materials as needed and then offer the workshop to other audiences and invite other LWV units to use the materials.

### Need Member Contact Information??

Your Board of Directors in working on a privacy policy at the direction of the LWV of the United States. Until we have the privacy issue resolved, we will not be sending a roster of membership information to our members. This is inconvenient for some and satisfying for others.

For now, if you need more information — email Nancy Telford at [lwnnancyt@gmail.com](mailto:lwnnancyt@gmail.com).

The VOTER has permission to print any of the contact information found in this issue.



## More **October & Nov. Meetings**

### **Oceanside Unit Meeting October 22**

**New Location: North Coastal Live Well Health Center, 1701 Mission Avenue, Oceanside**

During program planning the Oceanside unit of the LWVNCSD chose to focus on homelessness and the City's revisiting a 26 year old public parks master plan. In addition, the unit could really use some new members. Acting Oceanside Unit Chair Bill Loftus has been able to negotiate a new home for their meetings beginning October 22 in the Live Well San Diego building, 1701 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, adjacent to MiraCosta's Community Learning Center.

The open-to-the public October 22 meeting from noon to 2:00 PM. will feature two speakers who share expertise on a little-talked-about group of young people who suffer homelessness. While it is rare that we hear good news/positive change regarding homelessness, two excellent programs in Oceanside are doing great work with a unique population.

After brief unit business, YMCA Director of Advocacy Engagement and Partnership Ms. Courtney Baltiyskyy will inform League members and guests about the Y's TAY Services. Transition Age Youth face tremendous barriers as they attempt to find their way into adulthood virtually on their own, for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is aging out of the foster care system. TAY Services in Oceanside offer these youth innovative, effective programming in a safe and welcoming space.

At 1:00 p.m. Education Opportunity Programs Counselor Mr. Jaymie Gonzaga will describe the RAFFY (Resources & Assistance for Former Foster Youth) that he coordinates at MiraCosta College. The program arose out of a state wide initiative designed to assist potential college students who have aged out (emancipated out) of the foster care system. In addition to specialized academic and personal counseling, the highly trained RAFFY program staff offer housing and community resources referrals, assistance with Medi-Cal applications, college registration, financial aid assistance, and more.



### **Please Welcome Our New Members**

Ana Ardon - San Marcos  
Hailey Greer - San Marcos  
Nancy Hacker - Carlsbad  
Barbara Hamilton - Oceanside  
Arcela Nunez-Alvarez - San Marcos

### **Climate Solutions Corner**

by Carol Parker, Natural Resources Director

Climate Change is one of the 5 Key Issues of LWV California for this year. The State league has declared that we are in a climate emergency and urges relevant action by state, county, and local governments. We have heard this statement from a lot of organizations, but LWVC has a Climate Change Task Force that has put together an incredible amount of information on their site. Please go to <https://lwvc.org/issues/climate-change> for information on what local leagues are doing, what you can do as an individual, and what the Climate Change Task Force is doing to address the climate crisis.

The Climate Change Task Force will be presenting a San Diego Climate Change Forum on Saturday, November 9 from 1-4pm, in the Rancho Penasquitos Library (13330 Salmon River Rd, San Diego). This forum is hosted by both LWVNCSD and LWVSD. Register at: [bit.ly/SanDiegoForumRegistration](http://bit.ly/SanDiegoForumRegistration)

The Climate Change Task Force has been very active in in the LA area and Northern California. We need more people from San Diego County to cover climate issues in our area. It is a great group to join if you want to see action in solving the climate crisis. The Task Force deals with Community Choice Energy, Smart Growth, local climate action plans, sea level rise and more. Please contact [climatechange@lwvc.org](mailto:climatechange@lwvc.org) if you want to join this group.

## League Book Group Meetings

The League Book Group will meet on Monday, October 21, at 1 PM at the home of Norelynn Pion-Goureau. We'll discuss Fascism: a Warning by Madeleine Albright. Norelynn will be the discussion leader.

The LWV Book Group will meet on November 18 at 1 PM at the home of Jane Schatt. We'll discuss The innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution by Walter Isaacson. Jane will lead the discussion.

New members are welcome but please let the hosts know if you are planning to attend.

## Recruiting Ballot Measure Team Members by Mary Thompson

Our League's preparation for the massive 2020 election season is underway with the formation of a Ballot Measure Team (aka Pro-Con Team).

In the 2018 season (primary and November Mid-term elections), the team supported nearly 30 requests for ballot measure presentations to a total audience headcount of 1400 people. We can expect at least this many requests, or more.

Two roles are needed: researchers and presenters. "Researchers" are those who enjoy studying all sides of local or county measures and preparing concise information that will be used by League presenters and may be published on the Voter's Edge website. Training for this role will be provided.

"Presenters" will "stand and deliver," armed with a solid understanding of ballot measures, a willingness to present information which may differ from a personal view, and an ease for delivering complex information to audiences in a clear, unbiased way.

The timeline could begin in January *IF* any local or county measures qualify for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot. Otherwise, training for the November ballot measures will begin in June & July, with mandatory "dry-run" practice sessions in August before presentations begin in September.

If you would like to learn more, contact Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 or by email at [thompsonmg@roadrunner.com](mailto:thompsonmg@roadrunner.com).

## Train to Teach How to Register People to Vote

The Registrar of Voters is willing to hold a training class here in North County for our League on how to teach people to register to vote. You may recall that one of our goals this year is to be able to provide expert training to individuals and groups that want to go out and register people to vote. We can't have the class until we know if we have at least 10 people who want to come. Please let me know if you are interested in such a class. It would be held the last week in October.

Thanks. Anne Omsted, 760-753-6970

## Join the Fund Raising Committee

Our League is blessed with active members, a healthy savings account, and a lot of positive work to do in pursuit of our commitment to educating the public about government and how to obtain unbiased information before voting. But we also need to do some fund raising to keep our budget balanced.

We are starting a Fund Raising Committee to try and raise money for our League and, at the same time, extend awareness of our League and its activities to the general public. We need creative people who will help work on ideas on how to do this and then help get it done. Interested? Please call Anne Omsted at: 760 -753-6970.

## Notes For Members

- Watch for weekly Eblasts on Mondays. Because there will be more November events coming up.
- Contact Observer Chair Connie Ulrich about becoming a League Observer. It is essential for a well informed League. Connie's email address is [cku2527@gmail.com](mailto:cku2527@gmail.com).
- Have a Happy Halloween and
- Happy Thanksgiving to All



**The Latino Book & Family Festival**

The festival committee reported that over 5,000 people attended the Latino Book & Family Festival on Saturday, September 28, despite rainy conditions. One of the highlights of the day was the somewhat informal, hour-long talk by actor, director, and activist Edward James Olmos.

The booth we shared with the US Census Bureau was very attractive with signage, candy, and a table for children to sit and color pictures. But most inviting were the smiling faces of volunteers Roni Seay, Anne Omsted, Nancy Telford, Marlene Suliteanu, Karen Miller, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Sara Hoff, Edith Jones and Rita Soza.

The booth was an excellent example of League’s ability to partner with other organizations dedicated to civic participation. League provided festival guests with Voter Service information. The US Census Bureau shared information about how critical it is to participate in the upcoming census. They also had job recruiters available and applications for the large number of job openings in the upcoming Census 2020.



**Please Renew Your Membership Today!!**

**A Big “Thank You” to all who have already renewed. The deadline is November 15.**

**Annual Fiscal Report  
By Jennifer Lonbom, Treasurer**

Beginning Balance 7/1/2018	
Checking	17,069.41
Savings	27,753.63
ILO Proceeds	23,477.83
PayPal	9.49
License Plate Frame Inventory	528.13
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>68,838.49</b>
Ending Balance 6/30/2019	
Checking	6,094.35
Savings	27,767.51
ILO Proceeds	22,520.71
PayPal	9.49
License Plate Frame Inventory	0
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>56,392.06</b>

Total Income	21,366.00
Total Expenses	33,832.86
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	-12,466.86

The majority of the deficit was a result of timing differences (income received in the fiscal year ended 6/30/18 and related expenses paid in the fiscal year ended 6/30/19) and a decrease in donation income. An annual increase of dues was approved by the membership at the annual meeting and the board is also seeking fundraising committee members. Additional donations will be appreciated.

The annual filings with the IRS, CA FTB and CA Attorney General’s Registry of Charitable Trusts are in process for the 2018/2019 Fiscal Year.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

**North County San Diego  
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Carlsbad CA 92013-1272**



**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: [www.lwvncsd.org/join.html](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join.html)

**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