

**EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

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and more....

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**CANDIDATE FORUMS ARE COMING!**



The Voter Services Committee has begun setting up candidate forums. The June 7<sup>th</sup> election is right around the corner. Ballots will be mailed out beginning Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

All forums start at **7:00 PM** and last from 1 to 2 hours depending on the number of candidates. Here’s the schedule as of this time:

- Monday, April 11 Assembly **District 38** - Santa Barbara/Western Ventura County. Candidates: Steve Bennett (incumbent), Daniel Wilson, Cole Brocato.
- Thursday, April 14 Assembly **District 42** - Eastern Ventura County and western LA County - Jacqui Irwin (incumbent), Ted Nordblum, Lori Mills.
- Tuesday, April 19 Ventura County **District Attorney** - Erik Nasarenko(incumbent), and John Barrick.
- Thursday, April 28 Ventura **County Clerk/Recorder** - Michelle Ascencion, Bruce Boyer, Jeff Hargleroad (no incumbent).

- Tuesday, May 3 Supervisor **2nd District** - Camarillo/Thousand Oaks. Jeff Gorell, Claudia Bill-De La Pena, Tim McCarthy.
- Thursday, May 5 Supervisor **4th District** - (Moorpark/Simi Valley) –Ed Abele, Bernardo Perez, Janice Parvin, Dean Kunicki.
- Tuesday, May 10 Ventura County **Sheriff** - Bill Ayub (incumbent) and Jim Fryhoff.
- Thursday, May 12 Ventura County **Treasurer** – Sue Horgan and Ron Speakman (no incumbent).



**NOTE:** For Congressional and State Assembly, the list above may not be final. The Secretary of State has until March 31 to release the final, qualified candidate list. The League is still working to schedule forums for:

- Measures A & B
- Congressional **District 24** - Santa Barbara and much of Ventura & Ojai. Candidates: Salud Carbajal (incumbent), Jeff Frankenfield, Michele Weslander Quaid, Brad Allen.
- Congressional **District 26** - Ventura County. Candidates: Julia Brownley (incumbent), Dave Goodman, Fadde Mikhail, Matt Jacobs, Peter Austin, Paul Taylor

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## VC PLAN FOR VOTER’S CHOICE ACT APPROVED



It’s official! The recently submitted Voters Choice Act (“VCA”) Election Administration Plan (“EAP”) received full approval by the California Secretary of State’s Office.

**Here’s what this means to you.** The VCA model of elections, adopted by the California Legislature in 2016, allows **all registered voters to receive a mail ballot** approximately 29 days before Election Day, which they can fill out at their convenience and return via US Mail with no postage necessary, or place in one of **38 specially designated ballot drop boxes** located throughout the county. There will also be **Vote Centers throughout the county** – ten sites open for 11 days and an additional 41 open for four days – where people can vote in person or drop off a completed mail ballot.

# REDISTRICTING UPDATE

The legal deadline for cities to adopt new redistricting maps is April 17, 2022. Primary elections in June will continue using the old maps. November 8<sup>th</sup> will be the first election using the new maps. You can view your city’s maps on their website after April 17<sup>th</sup>. Here’s how to find them. You may need to search for “redistricting”.

- Camarillo - [Welcome to Camarillo, CA](#)
- Fillmore - [Fillmore, CA | Home \(fillmoreca.com\)](#)
- Ojai - [City of Ojai Redistricting Process | City of Ojai \(ca.gov\)](#)
- Oxnard - [City Of Oxnard — City of Oxnard Site](#)
- Moorpark - [City Council Districts Map \(moorparkca.gov\)](#)
- Port Hueneme - [Port Hueneme, CA - Official Website | Official Website \(port-hueneme.ca.us\)](#)
- Santa Paula - [Santa Paula, CA | Official Website \(spcity.org\)](#)
- Simi Valley - [City of Simi Valley, CA | Home](#)
- Thousand Oaks - [Thousand Oaks, CA | Home \(toaks.org\)](#)
- Ventura - [Ventura, CA | Official Website](#)

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## YARD SIGNS

Yard signs are here! Some of you may have signs from the past elections. It’s time to dust them off and put them in the yard. For those needing signs, please email [Pat Butler](#). Please specify how many signs you would like. We want to encourage all our neighbors to get the facts and vote.



Side A



Side B

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## COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



Sammy Roth, writer for the LA Times, has written two articles on climate bills that have been introduced in California. The first article lists 30 climate change bills. The second deals with another 25 about building clean energy quickly. It's an amazing summary and a

fascinating read. Please use these lists to follow the bills you want to support or oppose.

Here are the links :

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/newsletter/2022-02-24/care-about-climate-and-the-environment-watch-these-bills-in-california-boiling-point>, and

<https://www.latimes.com/environment/newsletter/2022-03-31/california-lawmakers-want-to-build-more-clean-energy-and-faster-boiling-point>

We are continually looking for opportunities to advance climate policy at all levels of government, especially the local level. If you see an opportunity to increase climate awareness or an issue that is worthy of support, please send it to the climate committee. Better yet, join us at our climate change committee meeting held every **4th Thursday of the month at 3pm**. Contact [Wayne Morgan](#).

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Are you interested in lending your talents and experience to LWVVC? We're looking for you! The **Nominating Committee** has been contacting members to discover interest in serving on our League's Board of Directors or other various committees for the coming program year. **We have open Officer seats.** Anyone with interest in working more directly with the Board or helping with a specific committee should contact the Nominations Committee Chairperson, [Cheryl Collart](#).

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The **Racial and Social Justice Committee** continues to refine the SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis. The Racial and Social Justice committee meets on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 4:00pm**. Please contact [Kay Armstrong](#).

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#### **Civics Education/Media Team**

Julie Henszey spoke to us about voting "yes" on propositions A & B.

[Ventura County Save Agriculture and Fresh Water for Everybody \(vcsafe.org\)](#)

[Social Media Tool Kit | League of Women Voters \(lww.org\)](#)



The **Bylaws Committee** will meet in April for a quick review and update of our bylaws. If you want to know about the inner workings of the League, this is the place for you. Anyone interested in serving on the Bylaws Committee, please contact [Pat Butler](#).

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The **Voter Services Committee** recently concluded the seven-week series "Lunch and Learn with the League" in which we interviewed our County Wide Elected Officials. Although we are asked to vote for them every four years, most of us know little about what they do.

You may view these interviews here: [Lunch with the League 2022 series - YouTube](#). They include Dan Goodwin, County Assessor; Bill Ayub, County Sheriff; Erik Nasarenko, District Attorney; Mark Lunn, County Clerk/Recorder/Elections; Steven Hintz, County Treasurer/Tax Collector; Jeff Burgh, Auditor-Controller; and Linda Parks, County Supervisor. We learned about the roles and responsibilities of their positions and how extensive their jobs are. Thank you to all who helped make the series a success and to all who attended.

To participate in forum preparations, please contact [Kathy Morgan](#). Co-Chairs Voter Services Kathy Morgan and Pat Essick

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### **Voter Registration Training - the Basics:**

Carmen Hurd, Chair of Voter Registration Committee, and Betsy Patterson, President, conducted two online voter registration training classes this past month. Emphasis was on training volunteers in the East County to help Willie Lubka with his community event

voter registration drives.

If you are interested in helping with voter registration, here are some opportunities. We will be getting ready to register high school students in the next 2 months. Please let us know if you want to help.

The **Voter Registration Committee** is **looking for volunteers** for several Spring 2022 events with more to come next month:

| Date      | Time     | Location                      | Event                           | Activity            | Contact   |
|-----------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 4/12/2022 | 9a - 2p  | Moorpark College              | Diversity in Culture            | Tabling, voting reg | Wille Lubka: <a href="mailto:lubka@buen-vecino.org">lubka@buen-vecino.org</a>       |
| 4/14/2022 | 9a - 12p | Plaza Park, Ventura           | AIDS Walk Ventura County        | Tabling, voting reg | Karen Savitt: <a href="mailto:ksavitt@aol.com">ksavitt@aol.com</a>                  |
| 4/23/2022 | 10a - 5p | Oxnard Performing Arts Center | Social Justice Arts & Film Fest | Tabling, voting reg | Kay Armstrong: <a href="mailto:kayaarmstrong@gmail.com">kayaarmstrong@gmail.com</a> |
| 4/30/2022 | all day  | Simi Valley                   | Simi Valley Street Fair         | Tabling, voting reg | Wille Lubka: <a href="mailto:lubka@buen-vecino.org">lubka@buen-vecino.org</a>       |

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## MEET the MEMBERS (MTM)

Not just for new members – **everyone is welcome including guests**. Join us for an informal conversation about all things LWVVC. Interested in becoming more involved in our mission of "Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy."? Come, learn about what we're doing and how you can help.



You don't have to be a League member to join. Come for five minutes, the whole hour or anywhere in between. We hope to see you there! **You are welcome to attend either or both MTM meetings.** Please register with the host in advance.

There are two opportunities to attend:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday @ 6:30pm**, 364 S. California Street, Ventura, CA 93001. *We'll buy the bread.* You buy your refreshment. Please RSVP to [Matty Park](#).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @ 5:30pm**, hosted on Zoom. Please RSVP to [Kay Armstrong](#).

If you would like to have an in-person Meet the Members in your area, please let us know.

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# EARTH DAY EVENTS



Lots of things are happening around the County in celebration of Earth Day. Here are a few, below. For more information, please contact [Wayne Morgan](#).

| Date      | Time              | City          | Location   | Title   | Registration                           |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|--|---|--|
| 4/9/2022  | 9 am-1 pm         | Thousand Oaks | TO Comm Center, 2525 Moorpark Rd   | Sustainable Lifestyles  |  |
| 4/17/2022 | 12 pm-2 pm        | Ventura       | Patagonia, 235 W Santa Clara St/   | Center for Regenerative Ag Grant-funded front yard fruit tree planting, healthy soils |  |
| 4/19/2022 | 4 pm-8 pm         | Santa Barbara | UCSB Library, Pacific View Room, 8th floor   | The Business of Less: The Role of Companies and Households on a Planet in Peril       | <a href="#"><u>Register</u></a>        |
| 4/20/2022 | 5 pm-8 pm         | Santa Barbara | Cabrillo Pavilion, 1118 E Cabrillo Blvd  | Ventech presents: Is Recycling a Lie? The New Paradigm for a Circular Econ            | <a href="#"><u>Get your ticket</u></a> |
| 4/21/2022 | 10 AM             | Zoom          | Nature Conservancy CA  | 2nd Annual Virtual Earth Day Summit   | <a href="#"><u>Register here</u></a>   |
| 4/21/2022 | 3 pm-7 pm         | Ojai          | Ojai Comm Farmers' Market, 414 E Ojai Ave  | Crafts, music, speakers   |  |
| 4/22/2022 | 11 am -2 pm       | Ventura       | Pacific View Mall (inside)   | Energy Alliance: EV display, activities, games  |  |
| 4/22/2022 | 12 pm -1 pm       | Ventura       | Govt/ Center   | Water-efficient landscaping, stormwater capture, composting, EV                       |  |
| 4/22/2022 | 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm | Santa Barbara | UCSB Arts & Lectures   | Justice for All Series: Space Enabled Earth Justice                                   | <a href="#"><u>Register here</u></a>   |
| 4/23/2022 | 2 pm - 6 pm       | Ojai          | Cafe Boku, 987 W Ojai Avd  | EV display, Ojai Electric Bikes   |  |
| 4/24/2022 | 3 pm - 4:30 pm    | Thousand Oaks | California Museum of Art Thousand Oaks - The Oaks, 350 W/ Hillcrest Dr/, 2nd level, TO 91360 | Echoes of the Earth: Poetry in Honor of Earth Day                                     | <a href="#"><u>Register here</u></a>   |

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & COMING EVENTS

**Note:** This list *does not include* forums, voter registration, or Earth Day events listed above.


**April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Meet the Members** at the Aloha Steakhouse, 364 S. California Street, Ventura, CA 93001, (first Wednesday of the month) hosted by [Matty Park](#). *We'll buy the bread.* You buy your refreshments. **Members and guests are welcome.**

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm – Women’s Film Series** supports Breast Cancer research and hosted by Sarah Reines. Register here: <https://facebook.com/events/s/lunafest-agoura-hills/677187683448942/>

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am – Combined Civics Education Committee & and Media Team** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Hosted by [Betsy Patterson](#).

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm - Board Meeting: Members and guest are welcome.** To join us, please email [Betsy Patterson](#) for the Zoom invitation.



 **April 17<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm – Meet the Members on Zoom** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month) hosted by [Kay Armstrong](#). **Members and guests are welcome.**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00pm – LWVVC Race and Social Justice** (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month) hosted by [Kay Armstrong](#).



**April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day.**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:00pm – Criminal Justice Committee** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month hosted by [Kay Armstrong](#).

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm – Climate Change Committee** meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. Contact: [Wayne Morgan](#).

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## WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

**NEW MEMBERS:** We warmly welcome our newest member: Pat Belt of Ventura.

Correction: Last month Randall Edwards' name was mistakenly spelled incorrectly. Apologies.

**RENEWING MEMBERS:** Many thanks and gratitude to our members who have renewed their membership and to those who have made an additional contribution toward the expenses of operating the LWVVC.



**VOLUNTEERS:** To all those who have noted your areas of interest on your membership forms, thank you for volunteering to help fulfill our mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy. Our committee chairs will contact you in the coming months as various League activities get underway.

**To join or renew** your support/membership, please send a check to P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006. You can find our membership form and online payment option [here](#). Your support is critical!

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## VENTURA COUNTY INFORMATION

For all relevant news about Ventura County, go to:

<https://www.ventura.org/>. Find out how to view Board of Supervisors agendas, documents, broadcasts, and videos. Connect with County services.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOMED

Tax deductible donations may be made to:

- General Fund
- Scholarship Fund
- Ann Gist Voter Education Fund
- Ann Gist Scholarship Fund

Please send checks to LWVVC, P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006, or donate online [here](#). If you wish to donate in remembrance of someone, please include their name and a few lines about their life. Specify General Fund or Scholarship Fund. Thank you.

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**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT  
WITH A LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP**  
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[Join or Renew Form | MyLO \(lwv.org\)](https://my.lwv.org)

[Donate | MyLO \(lwv.org\)](https://my.lwv.org)

**The dues rates for 2022-2023 are:**

Individual Membership \$75.00                      Student Membership \$25.00  
Family Membership \$125.00                      Associate Membership \$25.00

Please make your check payable to LWVVC and send it to  
P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006 or,

<https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county/join-league-or-renew-here>

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**RAISE AWARENESS of the LEAGUE**

We will be resuming in-person activities in the not-too-distant future. Be prepared with your own League t-shirt. Wear a **LWVVC Shirt** to all our public functions. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL. Donation of \$20.00 or more requested. For shirts, please contact [Karen Savitt](#).



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**Making Democracy Work...**

*Please join us!*

**Membership Form Available online:**

<https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county/join-league-or-renew-here>

**Mailing Address:** LWVVC, P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006

**Email:** [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org)

**Website:** <https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county>

**FaceBook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/LWVVenturaCo>

**Instagram account:** <https://www.instagram.com/lwvofventura>

**You Tube channel:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBq3tLlyClmnwvB8CbITH5Q/videos>

**Voter's Edge:** <https://votersedge.org/ca> to find candidate funding and proposition information

The League of Women Voters of Ventura County is a 501 (c) 3 organization.

**All contributions are tax deductible.**

To contribute, please go to <https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county/donate>

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