



**EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW OFFICERS & BOARD

Please welcome our new Officers and Directors for the League of Women Voters of Ventura County. They were elected by unanimous consent at the Annual Meeting held virtually May 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, the bylaws were approved as amended, the fiscal budget was approved as proposed. Thank you for your participation.

### Officers:



Betsy Patterson  
President



Teresa Camarillo  
Vice President



Judy Murphy  
Secretary



Karen Savitt  
Treasurer

### Directors:

Kay Armstrong, Pat Butler, Barbara Doyle, Pat Essick, Carol Lindberg, Matty Park, Marianne Ramos, Jane Spiller, and Trudy Wolfe

### Next Year's Nominating Committee:

Cheryl Collart (Chair), Matty Park, Doris Simmelink, and Pat Butler

**Appointed Committee Chairs** – Please contact them directly to volunteer or contact [info@lwvventura.org](mailto:info@lwvventura.org).

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| • 2020 Census                | Carol Lindberg & Matty Park |
| • Budget                     | Cheryl Collart              |
| • Bylaws                     | Pat Butler                  |
| • Centennial Celebration     | Cheryl Collart              |
| • Civil Discourse            | Sharon Bushman              |
| • Climate Change             | Wayne Morgan                |
| • Criminal Justice Reform    | Betsy Patterson             |
| • Diversity/Equity/Inclusion | Laura Hernandez             |

- HOA Elections
- Housing & Homelessness
- Membership/Meet the Members
- Scholarship
- Voter Registration
- Voter Services/Candidate Forums
- Voter's Edge

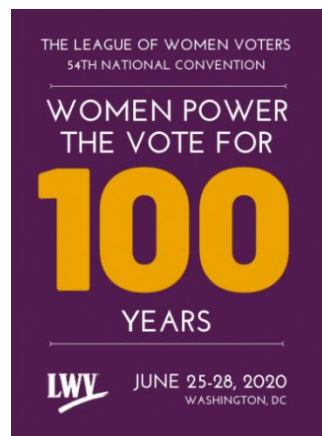
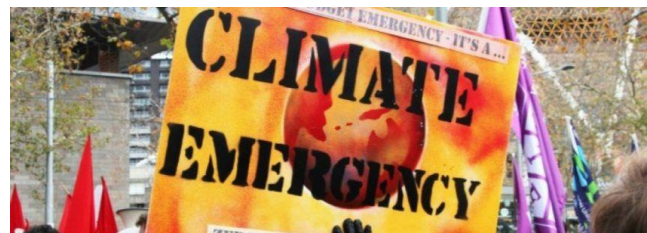
Judy Murphy  
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 Pat Butler  
 Kay Armstrong  
 Carmen Hurd  
 Pat Essick & David Maron  
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## COMING EVENTS

### Our Climate Emergency During the Pandemic: A Virtual Community Forum

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm – 6:00pm. The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara is hosting a community forum focused on climate change advocacy during the pandemic and the inter-generational activism that continues to build local momentum. Register to join here: <https://www.cecsb.org/event/our-climate-emergency-during-the-pandemic-a-virtual-community-forum>. Want to be on the LWVVC Climate Change Committee? Contact Wayne Morgan [waynemorgan1@yahoo.com](mailto:waynemorgan1@yahoo.com) or 818-326-0988.



### Virtual LWVUS National Convention 2020

“Women Power the Vote for 100 Years”. Thursday, **June 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** - We invite our League members to save these dates and plan to join fellow League leaders for our biennial national convention. Here’s the link for more information <https://my.lwv.org/california/oakland/event/virtual-lwvus-national-convention-2020>. The link to register is <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/convention-2020-registration>. The registration fee is \$50.00. Delegate’s fees

are paid the League.

We will be allowed 3 voting delegates. **Members interested in being a delegate, please contact Betsy Patterson [bpatter123@gmail.com](mailto:bpatter123@gmail.com).**

We hope to be able to have many more members attend the caucuses and workshops. That is where you will be inspired to join the exciting actions of the League.

**Board Meeting** - Until further notice, board meetings will be held by **video conference** on the **second Thursday of the month** at **4:00pm**. If you wish to join us, please email Betsy Patterson at [bpatter123@gmail.com](mailto:bpatter123@gmail.com) to be invited to the meeting on Zoom.



BOARD MEETING

**Meet the Members (MTM)** is resuming using Zoom. Your host will send an invitation soon. Look for it in your inbox.

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## **ACTION -SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST**

It's official! The Schools and Communities First (SCF) initiative has qualified for the November ballot.

Opposition will be well funded. Scare tactics are anticipated. To combat this, we are being asked **to make social media posts** and to **write letters to the editor** (LTE) in support of SCF. Here are the key talking points:



- The state of California, along with local governments and school districts, is facing a budget crisis of historic proportions. Communities are faced with the prospect of devastating cuts to essential workers, local services, and schools. Now more than ever, those essential workers, critical local services, and schools deserve our support. The Schools & Communities First initiative does just that.
- The Schools & Communities First initiative will be key to California's recovery and reinvestment strategy, and the investments generated by this initiative represent vital resources that will go towards how California rebuilds after this crisis. The initiative will generate \$12 billion every year for local governments and schools by closing corporate tax loopholes benefitting a fraction of those at the top, not nickel and diming Californians.
- Schools & Communities First protects homeowners and renters, small businesses, and agriculture from any changes. We cannot afford corporate tax loopholes at the expense of essential workers, critical local services, and schools.
- According to a University of Southern California study, 78% of the new revenue would come from only 6% of commercial and industrial properties – illustrating that a fraction of top corporations has overwhelmingly benefited from the current system.

Letter to the Editor Ventura County Star: [letters@vcstar.com](mailto:letters@vcstar.com).

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## **WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS**

**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.



**DONATIONS:** A shout-out and appreciation go to Melanie Ashen for her generous contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

**VOLUNTEERS:** To all those who have noted your areas of interest on your Volunteer Surveys, 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. Your support is critical! For questions or information, contact us using the below information.

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## **UPDATE - VOTE BY MAIL FOR ALL CA VOTERS**

**Thank you** to those who wrote letters to our elected officials to press for Vote by Mail. California Governor Gavin Newsom signed an executive order May 8<sup>th</sup> to ensure every registered voter in the state is automatically mailed a ballot for the November presidential election. The executive order does not replace in-person voting. The state is still working to have an appropriate number of physical sites for people to vote as well.

California is the **first state in the nation** to automatically send voters their ballots ahead of the general election in response to the coronavirus.

If you are interested in learning more about the mechanics of the November election, including Vote by Mail and what in-person voting may look like, email Betsy Patterson at [bpatter123@gmail.com](mailto:bpatter123@gmail.com). We are planning to have a committee discussion on Zoom in the next 1-2 weeks about our questions and then a Zoom meeting with the Ventura County Elections Office staff with or without Mark Lunn, the Registrar, to learn what the plans are and how we can help get the word out. We will also be exploring ways to contact voters to get out the vote and educate them about Vote by Mail.

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## RAISE AWARENESS OF THE LEAGUE

Coming soon! **LWV Face Mask**. Encourage people to VOTE. Three-layer washable t-shirt material. Text: "Use Your Voice... VOTE!" Reserve yours now. Donation \$10.00 each.



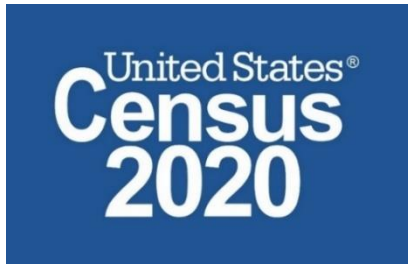
Wear a **LWVVC shirt** to all our public functions. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL. Donation of \$20.00 or more requested.

For masks or shirts please contact [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org).

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## YOU COUNT! I COUNT! WE ALL COUNT!

If you haven't responded to the U.S. Census 2020, please do so today at (<https://2020census.gov>). Click here <https://my2020census.gov/app/intro/state> to complete census questionnaire **without** your code.



If you are interested in volunteering in a phone bank to help get people to respond to the census, email us at [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org).

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### IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN GOLDSTEIN

Lillian was League president 2000-01. She was known as a delightful League Lady ....always fashionable with her ready smile, and recognizable as she regularly attended public meetings to show that the League was watching local government in action. Our warm regards go out to her family and friends.

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# THE LEAGUE CONTINUES TO WORK DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS!

The Leagues of the United States and California have not stopped working during this crisis. They have been busy communicating on social media.

Follow them on **Facebook**:

<https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvoters/> or @LWVUS

and

<https://www.facebook.com/LWVofCA/> or @LWVofCA

and

our local league: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVVC/> or @LWVVenturaCo

Follow them on **Twitter**:

- @LWV
- @LWVC
- @LwvVentura

Follow local our League on **Instagram**:

- lwvofventura

**Websites:**

- LWVUS: <https://www.lwv.org>
- LWVC: <https://lwvc.org>
- LWVVC: <https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county>



As Congress works to address the COVID-19 health crisis, it is **CRITICAL** they include provisions to safeguard the right to vote in the upcoming November election. Contact Congress today and ask them to:

- Ensure funding and legislation to safeguard elections is included in the next stimulus bill.
- Adopt a National Vote-By-Mail Act, working for mail-in ballot options for all states before the November election, including removal of problematic restrictions and assurance of a paper trail for all.

This would encourage voting, assure recounts are feasible with paper ballots, and avoid polling places where health could be compromised.

You can do your part by calling on your Senators and Representatives to end voting discrimination in this county by repairing and modernizing the Voting Rights Act. See <https://www.lwv.org/blog/take-action-repair-voting-rights-act>

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## OUR CHANGING WORLD

We've all been made aware of the **CDC's recommendations** for stemming to spread of COVID19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/>). We recommend you check for any updates frequently.

For updates on **Ventura County Coronavirus** information, you can go to <https://www.vcemergency.com/>. There is a breakdown of cases by city.

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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 agenda, documents, broadcasts, and videos. Connect with County services.

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**Making Democracy Work...**

**Contact us for detailed information.**

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**Please join us!**

**Membership Form Available online:**

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

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

Find Candidate funding and Proposition information on: <https://votersedge.org/ca>

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