

## **EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

# WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!



Are you interested in getting involved in the League? The Nominating Committee is looking for people who might want to bring their talents and experiences to LWVVC. We have openings for the Vice President, a Communications Director, a Program Director, an Advocacy Chair, an Observer Corps Chair, a State and National Action Chair, plus other opportunities too. If you or

someone you know would enjoy being part of our team, please contact me.

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## FROM LWVUS: NATIONAL REDISTRICTING CAMPAIGN



The National Redistricting Campaign involves all levels of League in all 50 states and in Washington DC. A webinar, presented on September 4th, covers the strategy and concepts of the campaign. Available Here: <u>LWVUS webinar on the</u> <u>National Redistricting Campaign</u>. (Approximately 20 minutes.)

As you all know, California already has an independent citizens redistricting commission, the result of Prop 11 that passed in 2008. The National Redistricting Campaign will not touch the California law. Other states used the California model to create their own commissions. LWV California will be able to provide advice on how Leagues can present and argue for independent commissions in their states.

California's part in it all will be mostly focused on advocating for the federal legislation, the For the People Act (HR 1) and the Voting Rights Advancement Act (HR 4), both of which contain provisions governing redistricting (among voting rights related items). LWVUS was instrumental in drafting and advocating for these bills.



The full details on what we in California do haven't been released yet, but it will involve CA Leagues contacting the Congress people that represent their districts to urge them to vote for these bills, to get the US Senate to hold committee hearings on them, and to pass them.

LWV California is supporting bills in the California legislature that establish rules/criteria for county and city governments to use in local redistricting (AB 849) and establish independent citizens commission in large counties and cities (SB 139). You've seen Action Alerts on these bills.

<u>Contact your Representatives today and tell them that our democracy needs a fully</u> <u>restored Voting Rights Act.</u> Our Representatives, Julia Brownley and Salud Carbajal, are co-sponsors of H.R. 4. Please be sure to thank them for supporting this important bill!

For more LWVUS Action Alerts, go to <u>https://www.lwv.org/</u> and click on "Take Action" in the upper right corner. For LWVC, go to <u>https://lwvc.org/</u>, read its homepage, and click its "Take Action" button.

(position open), State and National Action info@lwvventuracounty.org

## WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

**NEW MEMBERS:** We warmly welcome our new members. In the past few months our new members include: Carolyn McGovern-Bowen - Santa Rosa Valley, Karen Flock – Ventura, Kim Marra Stephenson – Camarillo, Grace Stephenson – Camarillo, Carol Smith – Ojai, Cathy Estill – Ojai, Robin Munson – Oxnard, Diana Cooley – Oxnard, Susan Flam – Ventura, Lisa Davis – Ventura, Debra Kessler – Oxnard, Steven Kessler –



Oxnard, Sarah White – Ojai, Rose Klapman – Oxnard, Sarah Reines - Westlake Village

**RENEWING MEMBERS:** Many thanks and gratitude to all our members who have renewed their membership so far and also to those who have contributed extra to the expenses of maintaining the LWVVC.

**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 leaders will contact you in the coming month or so as many League activities begin in September.

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.

#### *Pat Butler, Membership Director Pbutler10@msn.com 714-318-0111*

**All Members:** 



August: Renewal Packets Sent Out...Keep an eye out & renew right away!

#### September:

- Moorpark "Fiesta to Celebrate New Voting Districts," Sept 7, 12:00 4:00 pm, Poindexter Park, 500 Poindexter Ave, Moorpark; LWVVC registering voters; (Colleen Graven)
- **2020 Complete Count Committee,** Sept. 12, 10:00 am noon, 855 Partridge Drive, Ventura, Cottonwood Room
- **AAUW-SV**, "Encouraging Others to Vote, Using your voice for Change," Sept 22, 1:00 PM, Simi Valley Library Community Room, 2969 Tapo Canyon Rd, Simi Valley, 93063, Christy Smith, (AD 38).
- Voter Registration at Hueneme HS, Tues., Sept 24, 8am-3 pm, Carmen Hurd (cgsh22@yahoo.com) or Sign-up Genius
- Voter Registration in Conejo Valley USD, weeks of Sep 23-Oct 4, 2 tables on each campus one day 10 am-1 pm during 2 weeks

**October: Save the Date!! October 5<sup>th</sup>**, Fall Brunch Meeting to welcome new menbers and learn about exciting new programs and projects for the 2019-2020 year. More information to follow.

#### November:

• "Channel Your Network," Nov 15, 8:00 am breakfast, 9 am Pod Talk with Erika



D. Beck, Pres., CSUCI, and Mike Powers, CEO, Ventura County, Grand Salon, CSUCI, \$35/person, reg by Nov 6 at <u>https://www.csuci.edu/cyn/registration</u> (BP, CL, JS, MP, PE)

 Moderator Training, Nov 16, 10 am -12 noon, lunch to follow, LWV Santa Barbara, Vijaya Jammalamadaka, Pres, <u>vjinsb@gmail.com</u>

## **MEET THE MEMBERS**

Get to know the members in your area. Join us for a casual gettogether. Talk over League activities. Catch up with friends.

- Ventura 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30; Aloha Steakhouse, 364 S. California Street - Pat Butler
- Oxnard/Pt Hueneme 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed @ 5:30; Yolanda's, 1601 South Victoria Ave. – Kay Armstrong
- Ojai 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 5:30; Ojai Safe, 217 E. Marilija Street Jane Spiller (Location Varies Monthly)
- Camarillo 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs @ 6:00; Yolanda's, 86 E. Daily Drive Tina Secrease (New Place! New Time!)

## JUST THE BEGINNING: VOTING AS A RIGHT & A FIGHT

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## View Video Here

Watch this promotional video for Beth Pitton-August's documentary film about 100 years of women's political power. The promo, released on International Women's Day, is a short introduction to the story of the League of Women Voters and allies (LWVVC is a proud supporter of the project).



## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. The League encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.