



**EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

## PLAN YOUR VOTE!

Honor the Suffragists who came before us by voting in this election and making sure your vote is counted. With the new vote-by-mail process and the potential that mail may be delayed reaching the county elections office, it is more important than ever to PLAN YOUR VOTE. Is vote-by-mail safe? An MIT Study revealed that out of the 250 million ballots mailed since 2000, the fraud rate is 0.00006% - certainly not enough to swing an election. Vote-by-mail has been used by several states and the U.S. Military for many years without issues.

### THREE THINGS TO DO PRIOR TO RECEIVING BALLOT

1. If you haven't already, register to vote: <https://registertovote.ca.gov>. Please sign up to be a permanent vote-by-mail voter. Reminder: If you have moved or changed your name, you need to re-register.
2. If you **are** registered to vote, **CHECK** your voter registration status: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/> or call (805)-654-2664.
3. Sign up to track your ballot: <https://california.ballottrax.net/voter/>

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### WAYS TO VOTE

#### USPS MAIL



#### DROP BOX



#### IN-PERSON



## TIMELINE FOR VOTING 2020

**Oct 5** - Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters in Ventura County. Each ballot has a unique identifier (bar code) tied to a specific registered voter. Multiple ballots from the same person are disallowed. Duplicate identifiers are disallowed. Only the first ballot received is counted so there can only be one vote per registered voter.



**Oct 7** - Thirty-three (33) **Ballot Drop Boxes open to receive ballots**; ballots will be collected by two Ventura County Election Division staff members every weekday; **last pickup will be on Election night at 8 pm**. For a complete list of Ballot Drop Boxes go to <https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/> on or after September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Oct 15** - If you have not received your ballot, contact the **Elections Office at 805-654-2664** to request a 2nd ballot - or go into the Election office to get a 2nd ballot.

**Oct 19** - Last day to register to vote to get your ballot mailed to you. **BUT DO NOT WAIT** until this day if you can register earlier. After this deadline eligible voters who have not registered may still vote by registering and casting a Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) ballot at the Elections Division located at 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

**Oct 20** - The LWV Ventura County recommends you **mail your ballot by Oct 20** (2 weeks before Election Day) to be sure it is postmarked and received by the Election Office by Election Day (although mailed ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day - Nov 3 - will be counted as long as they are received before Nov 20 (17 days after Election Day)).

**Oct 31, Nov 1, Nov 2** - **In-person voting from 10 am - 6 pm**  
**Nov 3 (Election Day)** - **In-person voting from 7 am - 8 pm**

Forty-seven (47) **Vote Centers** will be open across the County for in-person voting for three days before Election Day and on Election Day. Any Ventura County voter can use any Vote Center. These will serve voters who are hearing and/or vision impaired; need assistance completing their ballot; need a special language ballot; need to replace a spoiled ballot with a new ballot; want to drop

off their completed ballot instead of mailing or putting it in a Drop Box. Eligible voters who have not yet registered may vote by registering and casting a Conditional Voter Registration (CVR) ballot. You must be in line by closing time to vote. For a complete list of voting locations go to <https://recorder.countyofventura.org/elections/> on or after September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Nov 3 (Election Day)** – At 8pm vote counting begins.

By California law, the vote counting process is “air gapped” to prevent tampering with the count. The Elections Office is prohibited from counting ballots prior to the polls closing, but as mail-in-ballots arrive they will be verifying signatures and staging ballots so they can begin counting ballots immediately upon the close of polls. During this verification process they also try to reach people whose signatures do not match or are missing from the State database.

**Nov 20** - Final day that ballots postmarked by or on Nov 3 will be received and counted. It is quite possible we will not know the election results until late November.

**Dec 5** - Final day for VC Clerk-Recorder to [certify election results](#). We may not know who won the election until then. We want the processes in place to be followed and the results to be accurate.

## **WANT MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING?**



For an excellent video about what to do and what to expect, please go to our new *LWVVC YouTube Channel*:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCBq3tLlyClmnwvB8CbITH5Q](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBq3tLlyClmnwvB8CbITH5Q)

Our media team is preparing additional videos pertaining to the election. Please check back often. Spread the word. Share with friends and colleagues. Post on social media.

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## **CENSUS 2020**

The U.S. Census is in the final stage of counting people residing in the United States. Volunteers are knocking on doors to reach hard-to-count communities. These efforts are scheduled to end September 30<sup>th</sup>.

According to the Citizen’s Journal “More than 72% of Ventura County residents have participated in the Census. The County is currently ranked number one in

response rate among Southern California counties and continues to trend above the national average.”

You still can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. Go to: <https://2020census.gov>.

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## PROP 15: SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST

The LWV of California has asked that we submit Letters to the Editor in support of the Schools and Communities First proposition. The Letter to the Editor tool is here:

<https://www.yes15.org/write-to-your-local-paper>.



The letters provided have been updated, so if you sent one earlier that didn't get published, you could try again. Or write your own!

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## LWV CALIFORNIA LINKS

Links to Group Discussions and LWVC information/tools for the Elections & Candidate Forums, Evaluating Propositions, Program Planning, California Water Resources, Criminal Justice Reform, and much more are listed on the new "Members Only" site: <https://my.lwv.org/california/lwvc-members-only>. Click on the "Communications" link for a list of discussion groups. Select the ones you want to join.

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## COMING EVENTS

### Membership Renewal

Everyone's membership in the LWVVC **expired August 31<sup>st</sup>** except Lifetime Members, those who renewed membership, and those who joined us after May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. We ask that you complete the membership form you received in the mail and return it with your payment. It is a great time to make an additional contribution to the General Fund or the Scholarship Fund too. Both are tax deductible. Completing the back of the form signs you up for various volunteer activities.

### NAME CHANGE: **Movie Mondays** is now called **Race and Justice**



**Discussion** – Marquita Flemming has been hosting a virtual film discussion group focused on suggested viewings of topical films, YouTube videos, articles, and TV shows on Mondays at 4:00pm. **This group will be on hiatus until 2021** so we

can all focus on getting out the vote. For more information, please email Marquita Flemming ([marquita.flemming@gmail.com](mailto:marquita.flemming@gmail.com)).

**Board Meeting – Date Change! For September only**, the, board meeting will be held by video conference on the **first Thursday of the month** at **4:00pm**. If you wish to attend, please email Betsy Patterson at [bpatter123@gmail.com](mailto:bpatter123@gmail.com) to be invited to the meeting on Zoom.



**LWV of Ventura County Celebrates Constitution Day!** September 17<sup>th</sup>, Zoom Meeting 4:00-6:00pm. Join us for a discussion of what we’ve been doing, get-out-the vote activities, newly formed committee activities and ways to be involved. If you wish to attend, please email Betsy Patterson at [bpatter123@gmail.com](mailto:bpatter123@gmail.com) to be invited to

the meeting on Zoom.

**Meet the Members (MTM)** is virtual using Zoom. Your host will send an invitation soon. Look for it in your inbox. Please note: MTM for Camarillo, Port Hueneme, and Oxnard is moving **from** the second Wednesday **to** the third Wednesday of the month.



**National Voter Registration Day – September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Please share voting information with friends, colleagues, associates.

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**WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS**

**NEW MEMBERS:** We warmly welcome our newest members:

- Cindy Garcia (Ventura)
- Kathryn Hack (Van Nuys)
- Kate and Ian Olsen (Camarillo)
- Laura Kirn (Ventura)
- Elizabeth Zernik (Thousand Oaks)
- Debra McIntyre-Sciarrino (Westlake Village)

- Marina Zernik (Thousand Oaks)
- Patricia Chan (Oxnard)
- Carol Caudill (Simi Valley)
- Kelli Dulansky (Thousand Oaks)
- Kathleen Staples (Somis)
- Kathleen Khirallah (Port Hueneme).

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

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## INTRODUCING HARRY BURN



Harry T. Burn was a member of the Tennessee General Assembly at the time of the consideration of the 19th Amendment and Tennessee was in position to cast the decisive vote that would ratify the amendment.

Burn initially opposed passage, but then he received a letter from his mother, Phoebe "Febb" Ensminger Burn, prior to his pivotal vote encouraging him to decide in favor of the amendment and he followed his mother's advice.

In his honor we have adopted Harry Burn as our LWVVC mascot.

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## RAISE AWARENESS OF THE LEAGUE

**LWVVC Face Mask** – Stay safe *and* encourage people to VOTE. Get your mask here. 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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## OUR CHANGING WORLD

For the **CDC's recommendations** for stemming to spread of COVID19 go to <https://www.cdc.gov/>. Check for updates frequently.

What is the status of precautions in **California**? Visit the California Department of Public Health COVID-19 Information at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>, or <https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/#top>



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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### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ® OF VENTURA COUNTY

### Making Democracy Work...

**Please join us!**

**Membership Form Available online:**

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

**Contact us for detailed information.**

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

**Visit our website:** <https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county>

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

**League of Women Voters of Ventura County  
P.O. Box 6786, Ventura, CA 93006**

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