



**EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

## **ELECTION SEASON IS HERE!**

Are you prepared to vote? Have you verified your voter registration at <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>? Have you signed up to track your ballot at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status/wheres-my-ballot?>

Return your ballot in one of three ways:

1. By the **US Postal Service mail** - postage is prepaid. It must be postmarked by November 3<sup>rd</sup> and received by November 20<sup>th</sup> (in California) for your vote to be counted. We recommend you vote as early as possible after receiving your ballot. **Be sure to sign the outside of the envelope.**



2. Use one of the **34 Ballot Drop Boxes** that are located throughout the county and will be open from Oct. 6 until Election Day, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 pm. Ballot **Drop Box locations can be found here:** <https://tinyurl.com/y45ol4mo>.



3. Take your ballot to any of the **47 in-person Vote Centers** to drop it off or request a replacement for a spoiled ballot. The Vote Centers will be open Sat. Oct 31, Sun., November 1, and Mon. November 2 from 10 am-6 pm and Tuesday, November 3 from 7 am-8 pm. **Vote Center locations can be found here:** <https://tinyurl.com/y5wd2ykv>.

If you have not received your ballot by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**, contact the **elections office at 805-654-2664** to request a 2nd ballot - or go into the elections office to get a 2nd ballot.

The LWV Ventura County recommends you **return your ballot by Oct 20** (two weeks before Election Day) to be sure it is postmarked and received by the Elections Office by Election Day (although mailed ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day - November 3<sup>rd</sup> - will be counted as long as they are received before November 20 (17 days after Election Day). Returning your ballot early also allows the Elections Office to “stage” the ballots for counting – open the envelopes, unfold the ballots, and verify signatures.

Because of voting from home, it will take longer to count all the ballots. Furthermore, if ballots are mailed by 8:00pm election night, they will be counted if they are received by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **ELECTION RESOURCES**

### **CANDIDATE FORUMS**

Please see the list of future candidate forums and view videos of past forums on our webpage

<https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county/candidate-forums>. See the menu on the left, third item down.



### **PROS AND CONS**

The following link is to the League of Women Voters of California Pros and Cons of the California propositions of the 2020 ballot November 3rd. Please feel free to share with you friends, family, colleagues, and organizations. For best results, copy and paste the link in your browser.

<https://cavotes.org/sites/default/files/November%202020%20Pros%20%26%20Cons.pdf>

### **CALIFORNIA VOTER GUIDE**

View the California Voter Guide here:

<https://vig.cdn.sos.ca.gov/2020/general/pdf/complete-vig.pdf>

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### **VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE**

See all LWV California positions here:

<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations>.

Visit Voter's Edge for in-depth information about what is on your ballot at <https://votersedge.org/ca>



**Proposition 15:** Schools & Communities First or Taxes on Commercial Property- This change property tax laws for large corporations and industries who currently only provide 10% of the property tax income that goes to our schools and local communities. Residential and rental properties are nearly all exempt from this change as is agriculture and small businesses valued at less than \$3 million. We say YES on Prop 15.

**Proposition 16:** Allows Public Agencies to Consider Diversity -- This will allow affirmative action programs by public colleges, universities, and agencies to include race, sex, color, ethnicity, country of origin in decision-making. We say vote YES.

**Proposition 17:** Allows people who have finished serving their prison terms the right to register and vote. We say vote YES.

**Proposition 20:** Changes some crime laws so that some “petty theft” or misdemeanor crimes would be punished as “felonies” or more serious crimes. The League says vote NO.

**Proposition 25:** Gets rid of bail and allows a law passed in 2018 to take effect. The 2018 law allows courts to determine if people with more serious crimes should be released while awaiting trial. We say vote YES.

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



For excellent videos 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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## **THE SUPREME COURT CONFIRMATION PROCESS**

The LWV will not be commenting on the nominee. The U.S. League opposes a rushed Supreme Court confirmation process. The appointment of a Supreme Court Justice is a serious undertaking that requires extensive and transparent vetting. This is a lifetime appointment and is too important to rush. We support waiting until after the election thereby upholding the rules the Senate adopted in 2016. It is imperative for our Senate to respect the desires of their constituency, and not dishonor the rules they adopted emphatically four years ago. For democracy to survive we must demand transparency and truth from our elected officials. We must shore up trust in our system by honoring the principles of transparency, truth, and consistency. See the entire statement here: [https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/lwv-opposes-rushed-supreme-court-confirmation-process#utm\\_source=League%20Update&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=092420](https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/lwv-opposes-rushed-supreme-court-confirmation-process#utm_source=League%20Update&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=092420)

## A BIG THANK YOU!

This past month teams of postcard writers coordinated by Kathy Morgan and Kay Armstrong wrote and mailed **2,500 postcards** to Get-Out-The-Vote in Ventura County. The postcards went to new voters and those less likely to vote. It was a heroic effort in a short period of time. Kudos to Kathy and Kay and all her team members who made this happen.



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## GOVERNOR SIGNS LANDMARK LEGISLATION ADVANCING RACIAL JUSTICE IN CALIFORNIA

The Racial Justice Act, joint-authored by Assemblymembers Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles), Robert Rivas (D-Hollister), and Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles), is the first law of its kind in California that prohibits the state from using:

- Explicit bias against a defendant based on race, ethnicity, or national origin
- Statistical disparities in charging, sentencing, and conviction
- Bias at trial and in jury selection

AB 2542 was sponsored by American Friends Service Committee, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Californians United for a Responsible Budget, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, the **League of Women Voters of California**, NextGen, and United Domestic Workers, AFSCME, Local 3930.

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## COMING EVENTS

**Presidential Debates** – The first Presidential Debate was September 29<sup>th</sup>. We hope you watched it. The Vice-Presidential Debate will be **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**. The second Presidential Debate will be **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. The final Presidential Debate will be **Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.



BOARD MEETING

**Board Meeting** – Board meetings are 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.

## Two Training Events from the US League:

- **Thursday, October 1st, at 3 pm ET** for a Direct Voter Contact training! As we all know, contacting voters directly is the most effective way to get

out the vote in our communities. This direct voter contact training will outline how to build your direct voter contact muscle to ensure that we are equipped to do everything we can to ensure people turn out for the election. Click here to register and feel free to forward this email to any interested League members!

- **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3 pm ET** for our [General Election GOTV Best Practices](#) webinar. We know that during these unprecedented times now more than ever, educating voters on how they can participate in upcoming elections will pose unique challenges. [Click here to register today!](#)

**Meet the Members (MTM)** is virtual using Zoom. We have expanded our invitations to several additional communities to include all our members. You are welcome to attend all or whichever meeting is convenient for you.

- **MTM – Ventura dark this month** due to LWVVC Forum. Meetings are normally the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of the month, 6:30pm. Please contact Pat Butler ([pbutler10@msn.com](mailto:pbutler10@msn.com)) for a Zoom invitation.
- MTM – Oxnard/Camarillo/Port Hueneme/Simi Valley/Thousand Oaks and points East will be on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** of the month at 5:30pm via Zoom. Please contact Kay Armstrong ([kayaarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:kayaarmstrong@gmail.com)) for a Zoom invitation.
- MTM – Ojai/Fillmore/Somis/and so forth will be **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**. Please contact Jane Spiller ([janemspiller@gmail.com](mailto:janemspiller@gmail.com)) for a Zoom invitation.



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## **WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS**

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

Sandy Diaz – Oxnard, Dawn Gray – Simi Valley, Karen & Doug Kirk – Ventura, Carol Leish – Ventura, Barbara Mather – Ventura, Judy Nelson – Ojai, Gladys Ochangco – Camarillo, Jan & Douglas Reaver – Oxnard, Cynthia Speakman – Oak Park. and Maria Teran – Ventura.



**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 using the below information.

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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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## **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...**

**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>

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