



**EMPOWERING VOTERS. DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

## STILL TIME TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

There is still time to cast your ballot, but you need to **do it before 8:00pm, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

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 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 or for special assistance in voting. The Vote Centers are 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>.



Do not expect election results until several days to weeks after the election.



Broadcast networks did not begin election night forecasts until the 1970's. And they are just that "forecasts", not results. The vote is only final when all the votes are counted and certified by the Secretary of State. Mailed or dropped-off ballots take longer to process than in-person ballots due to signature verification. Furthermore, if ballots are postmarked before 8:00pm election night, in California they will be counted if they are received by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

## STILL NEED INSPIRATION TO VOTE?



Check out the music video "We Need You 2020"  
Women Get Out The Vote! <https://weneedyou.vote>

About the ladies who made it:  
"Who We Are...  
We're Just Like You.

We are women who care. Women who seek to use whatever talents and energy we have to help make a positive difference in the world. We are willing to be seen. We are willing to stand up. We are willing to be counted. Our vote counts. So does yours! We need you to join us and share this message with every woman in America! If any **royalties are earned from the song, for the lifetime of the song, all proceeds will go to the League of Women Voters.**"

- Soleil Laurent, Virginia Marcs, Symone (Ximone) Stewart  
Brittany Brook, Jessenia Vargas, and Dahlia Dumont

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## **ELECTION RESOURCES**

### **VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS**

California has a Voter Bill of Rights. It's especially important to understand your rights if you are voting in person. Find out all the details here:

<https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights>.



### **CANDIDATE FORUMS**

Links to the videos of the candidate forums and ballot propositions can be found at <https://my.lwv.org/california/ventura-county/candidate-forums>.

### **PROS AND CONS**

The League of Women Voters of California publishes Pros and Cons of the propositions on the California 2020 ballot. Please share with you friends, family, colleagues, and organizations. Here is the link (and see "Vote with the League" below for LWVC recommendations):

<https://cavotes.org/ballot-measures/download-november-3-2020-pros-andcons-pdf>,

## CALIFORNIA VOTER GUIDE

View the California Voter Guide here:

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

## 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.

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## WANT MORE INFORMATION ON VOTING?



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

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

Our media team has prepared several videos pertaining to the election. Please spread the word. Share with friends and colleagues. Post on social media.

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## OBSERVERS TO WATCH BALLOT PROCESSING

Several people have expressed a desire to observe ballot processing during the election. To watch the ballots be received and processed at the Elections Office you need to sign-up so the staff knows how many are coming and when. Here is the link to do that: <https://recorder.countyofventura.org/observer-information>.

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## GET OUT THE VOTE ACTIVITIES

### You made a difference!



In Ventura County the number eligible registered voters has risen from 76% in 2016 to 89% in 2020 (that's 491,000 eligible voters).

In September and October, LWVVC volunteers distributed voting information flyers in English and Spanish to nearly **1,000 families** at Farmers Market lines, a Flu shot clinic drive throughs, and eight Food Share locations.

The League sold a total of **250 masks** urging people to vote. Thank you to Carol Lindberg and Karen Savitt for managing the ordering of the masks, the collection of funds, and the mailing and distribution of the masks. It was a big job well done! The "Vote" masks are **sold out**.

The Media Team, coordinated by Teresa Camarillo, has been busy writing, sending, and posting election pertinent information and PSA messages to all major publications, as well as social media, throughout the county on a **weekly basis**.

League members joined with many other organizations in the October 17<sup>th</sup> "**Wall of Silence**" on California Avenue in Ventura encouraging voters to vote for the health of democracy, social justice, healthcare, and more.

**The Civil Discourse Project** this semester with CSUCI communications students is a Get-Out-The-Vote-effort for college students at CSUCI. Hats off to the LWVVC team leaders, Sharon Bushman and Sharon Shou, working with the students through a virtual program, focusing on Instagram.

The League held **23 virtual forums** for offices from school boards to U.S. Congress. Many thanks to the Voter Services Team for their efforts to make this happen. Special thanks go to Pat Essick, team leader, and David Maron,

coordinator and moderator, as well as behind-the-scene assistants Cheryl Collart, Elizabeth Moore, Ruby Intner and Betsy Patterson. As mentioned last 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 newly registered, young voters who have probably never voted. An additional 8,200 new young voters were sent an email encouraging them to make a plan to vote. It was a heroic effort in a short period of time. Kudos to Kathy Morgan and Kay Armstrong and all the team members who made this happen.



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## COMING EVENTS



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.

**Meet the Members (MTM)** **Will be dark until January 2021.**

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## WE THANK OUR SUPPORTERS

**NEW MEMBERS:** We warmly welcome our newest member: Robin Munson – Oxnard and Christine Collier - Simi Valley.



**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.

## **RAISE AWARENESS OF THE LEAGUE**

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 [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>

**League of Women Voters of Ventura County**

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