

President's Message

Dear League Members,

The League of Women Voters uses the position statements that you see in the Annual Meeting Kit every year. The League does not take a stand or position unless there is a study that has been done and a position written. Every year the members review one or two of the positions to bring them up to date and relevant to today. Thank **Molly Cate, Peggy Syvertson, Cindy Humphry, and Leslie Leach** for excellent meetings to review the Civic Engagement and Natural Resources positions and thank all members who attended and helped revise these position statements.

The Board has voted to support the History Day competition again this year while looking for student projects that match the League's mission. See Anne Hartline's article in The VOTER.

Be sure to save your seat for this year's State of the Community Luncheon, Friday, April 25!

Julie Kelly
LWVHC President

ChapterSpot and Stripe Payment System

When you go into the Stripe payment system and pay, you will see three different charges on your account when your payment is charged. One payment goes to LWVUS, one payment goes to LWVC and one payment goes to LWVHC.

This system was chosen to make less bookkeeping for all Leagues in the long term.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email: simpson2.rebecca@gmail.com or by phone: 707-498-6340.

Becky Simpson
LWVHC Membership Director

Report on Official Board Actions at the February 4, 2025 Meeting

Letter of Support for All Humboldt County Community Members:

On February 2, Board President **Julie Kelly** asked for an online vote on whether the Board should sign and add their support to a "Letter of Support for All Humboldt County Community Members" that was drafted by the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, to be presented to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on February 4. Yes votes were received from a majority of Board Members.

Byrd Lochtie spoke at the Board of Supervisors meeting, letting them know of LWVHC Board's support for this letter. The BOS voted unanimously to draft and approve a statement based on the letter with minor revisions, including adding Humboldt County's Measure K in the list of applicable policy protections in place and to issue a press release with their statement. It was moved /seconded and passed with a unanimous vote that we approve the Statement as approved by the Board of Supervisors and urge other groups to add their support. The published statement is on p. 4 of this VOTER.

Bonnie Oliver
LWVHC Secretary

Our Mission Statement...

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Elections Transparency Project to Be Honored at the LWVHC SOCL

On Friday, April 25, we will honor the Elections Transparency Project (ETP) at our annual State of the Community Luncheon at the Adorni Center in Eureka.. For the past 16 years, the nonprofit organization has provided non-partisan verification of ballots and makes these election results public.



Kevin Collins and **Wes Rishel**, board members of the ETP, recently met with League members **Byrd Lochtie**, **Debbe Hartridge**, and **Anne Wasson** to explain how and why the all-volunteer, privately funded group came to be. ETP Board President Kevin Collins said that in the early 2000s, he and others had serious concerns about new paperless voting machines that were being installed nationwide. They felt an urgency to address election accuracy after the hotly contested presidential election of 2000 that gave us “hanging chads” and required the U.S. Supreme Court to determine the result. Collins said the group believes voters have the right to an accurate vote count, as well as access to original paper ballots. However, unlimited access to ballots is not practical in terms of election security. They felt an independent ballot count was essential to transparency.

After the 2008 election, the ETP found errors in ballot counts in Humboldt County, prompting the County Registrar to decertify the original results. As a result, California’s Secretary of State decertified Diebold voting equipment throughout California.

The ETP has developed software that tallies the ballots independently of the county elections system. Trained volunteers feed original ballots into a scanner, producing a digitally signed image of each ballot with a unique number. This set of ballot images is publicly available. If the county election department’s results do not match those of the ETP, discrepancies can be identified and the county’s tabulation corrected. Advocates believe the ETP also reduces requests for expensive special elections.

Humboldt County’s advanced level of election accuracy is unique from all other California counties. Collins says the support and encouragement of county elections staff has been invaluable to ETP’s success.

The League’s recognition of election transparency is especially important as respect for elections and confidence in election integrity continues to be an issue nationwide. Accurate ballot counts guarantee honest elections and help ensure the integrity of future elections.

In addition to the ETP, the League will also honor the California Retired Teachers Association. See last month’s VOTER for more about them.

Watch our webpage <https://my.lwv.org/california/humboldt-county> for luncheon reservation information. Next month’s VOTER will include more about keynote speaker, President of the College of the Redwoods Dr. Keith Flamer.

Anne H. Wasson
LWVC SOCL Committee Member

A Statement for Our Times

In December, **Anne Hartline** presented a letter to the Human Rights Commission that outlined support for all residents of Humboldt County no matter where they were from, what language they spoke, who they loved, how they worshiped, or how they voted. This issue was triggered by the extreme polarization in our country right now and the fear in many immigrant communities. It signaled support for our Sanctuary County and the rights of all people in this country regardless of immigration status. This document was modeled after one from Sonoma County that was signed by a number of elected officials, individuals, and groups.

In January the Human Rights Commission hosted a meeting with the Sheriff, the District Attorney, two supervisors, and a representative from Centro del Pueblo. This meeting was very well attended, with over 70 people on Zoom and 20-25 people in person at the courthouse. There was much discussion about our Sanctuary County and the Sheriff's role with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and what would happen if ICE should appear in Humboldt County. The Sheriff was very clear about what he could and could not do based on state and local law if ICE made demands about people living or incarcerated in the county.

At the end of that meeting, the Human Rights Commission unanimously approved the statement that Anne had presented to them the month before and voted to recommend it to the Board of Supervisors for their support. In early February, the League board voted to support the letter.

On Feb 4, after the Sheriff reported to the Board of Supervisors about ICE and his department's contacts and involvement with the Sanctuary Ordinance, the Human Rights Commission chair, Jim Glover, presented the letter to the Board of Supervisors, asking for their support. During public comment on the agenda item, **Byrd Lochtie** indicated the League's support for the statement.

The Supervisors discussed the letter, indicated it should be called a statement and made a few changes, adding a reference to the county's Sanctuary Ordinance. At that point, the Supervisors voted unanimously to support the statement and to publicize it in a press release, asking anyone who wanted to support it to contact the Human Rights Commission to indicate that support.

This statement is printed on page 4 with the contact information at the end. If you would like to support this statement, please contact the Human Rights Commission at their toll-free message line at 707-268-2548 or email the Commission at hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us If you know individuals and/or groups that you think might be interested, please forward this article and statement to them for their signature. The League and the Human Rights Commission would be pleased to hear from as many supporters as possible. Thank you for your interest—and support!

Byrd Lochtie
LWVHC Election Service Director

Updated LWVC Water Position

This year, the United Nations World Water Day on March 25 again calls attention to one of our most precious resources. According to the UN website, "Access to water and sanitation are recognized by the United Nations as human rights – fundamental to everyone's health, dignity, and prosperity. However, billions of people are still living without safely managed water and sanitation." This information is relevant to the LWVHC because recently the LWVC Water Interest Group updated the position on California Water Resources, last updated in 1979. As a member of that group, I'm pleased to tell you that the position has been approved by the LWVC Board and will be voted on by the League members at the state convention June 17-20. If/when the position passes, local Leagues can readily support the ideal of water being a human right.

Leslie Leach
LWVHC Editor

A Statement on Behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

“We acknowledge the climate of concern within our community. Many residents have expressed deep apprehension about the hateful rhetoric and the growing divide currently evidenced across our nation—concerns that we fully share.

We seek to assure our community that we will continue to stand firmly in support of our family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, no matter where they are from, what language they speak, who they love, how they worship, or how they vote.

As local government and community leaders, we specifically and unequivocally reaffirm our commitment to supporting all residents in our community. A relationship of trust between individuals and local agencies, including law enforcement and first responders, schools, hospitals, and service organizations, is essential to carrying out the basic functions of our community and assuring that all residents feel safe and healthy, and have access to the resources necessary to help make our community a safer and healthier place for all. We will ensure transparency of all immigration enforcement action conducted within our community. We acknowledge that trust cannot be cultivated or maintained when the county cooperates with ICE.

We commit to taking all necessary steps to ensure that this trust remains intact and that county and elected officials within the County of Humboldt make every effort to safeguard justice and equity for everyone. We stand prepared to assert and defend these commitments, including through multiple layers of legal and policy protections already in place at the state and local levels:

County of Humboldt’s Sanctuary Ordinance (Measure K Ordinance 2618): We reaffirm our support for Measure K, our [Sanctuary Ordinance](#).

California Values Act (SB 54): This act prohibits state and local police from using funds or personnel to support immigration enforcement. This includes preventing police from asking about an individual’s immigration status, sharing a person’s personal information with immigration authorities, or arresting anyone only for having a deportation order or for most other immigration violations.

TRUTH Act (AB 2792): Ensures transparency and oversight regarding local law enforcement’s communication with federal immigration authorities.

TRUST Act (AB 4): Limits the circumstances under which local law enforcement can detain individuals on behalf of federal immigration authorities.

Whatever the future holds, we are resilient and ready to meet any challenges presented to our community. We, the County of Humboldt’s elected officials, remain committed to ensuring that our county is a place where all individuals are valued for their unique contributions and where every resident can live without fear.”

Community members are encouraged to contact [your district’s supervisor](#) if you have questions about laws in place to support all Humboldt County residents, including Humboldt County’s Sanctuary Ordinance.

You may also reach out to the [Humboldt County Human Rights Commission](#), whose primary purpose is to recommend actions to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors to address issues related to human rights in Humboldt County. The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission may be reached by email at hhr@co.humboldt.ca.us or by calling their toll-free voicemail line at 707-268-2548.

“Since our nation began, men and women have come here for just that freedom — freedom from the fear that lies at the heart of every unjust law, of every tyrannical exercise of power by one man over another man.”

Excerpt from “Freedom from Fear” by Stephen Vincent Benét

Membership Meeting March 20: Position Review

On Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, we will hold our final position review membership meeting for the 2024-2025 season. We'll be revisiting our **Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay** position, just reviewed and renewed in 2023. This program meeting fulfills a consensus decision made at our last Annual Meeting that we take another look to determine if this position says enough about climate change and sea level rise to give us the most flexibility and breadth in our advocacy work.

Leslie Leach is leading the committee reviewing our current position and consulting with local experts in the field.

Closer to the date, look for e-blast reminders and the Zoom link. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Zoom for this important discussion.

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director



Sunshine Week 2025

Once again, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County is gearing up for Sunshine Week, celebrated this year from March 16 – 22. Sunshine Week is an annual, nonpartisan collaboration among groups in journalism, civics, education, government, and private sectors that ‘shines a light’ on the importance of access to public information and open government.

This year we are co-sponsoring some wonderful projects that are being led by Access Humboldt. On March 20, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30, there will be a panel discussion, award presentation, and reception at the Eureka Theater called “Illuminate 2025.” This celebration is FREE for the whole community to attend.

Local media representatives will discuss how they impact residents’ ability to participate in their government to help ensure democratic institutions are preserved. After the discussion, a local media representative will receive the “ILLUMINATE” award, recognizing their lasting contribution to our community. A reception in the Eureka Theater lobby will follow.

Sponsorships are available. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase portable media toolkits for youth and young adults to learn to create news and information stories “on location” in their community. The toolkits will be available on loan at Humboldt County Library locations. To sponsor this event, send an email inquiry to info@accesshumboldt.net or call 707-443-9352.

Come on out and affirm your commitment to transparency in government and the continued thriving of our local press!

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director

We Need You at the Avenue of the Giants Marathon, Sunday, May 4

This year marks the 53rd running of the marathon. The organizers expect a big crowd, having been sold out since early January!

My husband, Lenny, was one of the founders of the race. I have staffed an aid station all 53 of those years. Over the last 20+ years, that aid station has been proudly staffed with LWVHC volunteers. It's always lots of fun, raises awareness and good will for the League, and helps the runners as well. The League will be at it again this year, and I need about ten volunteers to handle all the important tasks on that day. Our station is located at the route turnaround near Myers Flat, and we serve water, smiles, and encouragement to every runner who passes by. We arrive about 8 a.m. to set up and are through no later than 2 p.m. We can arrange to car-pool.

As an added bonus, this activity helps raise financial support for LWVHC. Each year we raise between \$300 and \$500 for our treasury. Over the years, this has brought in thousands of dollars!

This year, **Anne Hartline** has volunteered to co-chair with me. THANKS, ANNE. We hope to revive Carol Masterson's tradition of flying the League banner. It's great advertising!

If you are willing to help staff the aid station, let me know NOW, and I will contact you with the details. I really appreciate your help! Contact me by email: kay.escarda@gmail.com or by phone: (707) 442-7495 or cell (707) 672-2098.

Kay Escarda
LWVHC Member

Volunteer Opportunity

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County is seeking a member to become our next liaison to Access Humboldt (AH), our trusted local nonprofit community media center. AH offers training in video production, podcasting and more; channels dedicated to broadcasting public meetings on its cable channels and online; and is a champion of democracy, civic engagement, diversity awareness, and freedom.

The AH board of directors has a unique design that includes a set of "designated" seats, spelled out in the organization's bylaws. One of those designated seats is reserved for a member of the League. Our thanks go to **Elaine Weinreb** who has just stepped down from that position.

Right now, Access Humboldt is opening up a fresh, dynamic chapter in its 20-year history. A new Executive Director is organizing vibrant and innovative outreach programs, seeking out new funding sources and encouraging the members of the board of directors to take on more active roles in these efforts.

If this sounds like a good fit for you, please contact this writer. I serve on the LWVHC board of directors, and I am the chairperson of the Access Humboldt board too. I can personally attest that now is a thrilling time to join the Access Humboldt board.

Contact me (Molly Cate) at awestruckliving@gmail.com for more information or just to say "Yes, count me in!"

Molly Cate
LWVHC Program Director

LWV Letter to Congressional Leadership

2/14/2025

On the 105th anniversary of its founding, the League of Women Voters sent a letter to Congressional leadership regarding the organization's grave concern over the state of our nation. Specifically, the League writes to urge Congress to exercise its authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach that the Executive Branch has shown in the last few weeks. The attached letter outlines our concerns and is signed by leadership from every state League and DC affiliate in the country.

February 14, 2025

The Honorable John Thune, Majority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515
The Honorable Mike Johnson, Speaker
The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries, Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Calling on Congress to Act

Dear Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

The League of Women Voters of the United States (“the League”), along with our state affiliates in 50 states and the District of Columbia, write to express our strong concern about Congress’s abdication of its duty and authority under Article I of the US Constitution. We urge you to exercise your authority to protect the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and end the overreach by the executive branch of government, which is surely leading to harm for millions of Americans. We demand that you honor your oaths and protect your constituents.

Less than a month into his second term, President Trump has issued a series of executive orders (EOs) and directed actions that violate the law and encroach upon the authority of Congress as representatives of the American people. Of note, the Trump administration has, through wide-ranging executive actions, attempted to:

1. End birthright citizenship for all persons born in the United States;
2. Pause the distribution of federal funds already allocated to programs by Congress;
3. Dismantle federal agencies such as the US Agency for International Development (“USAID”) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (“CFPB”), which require notice to and the input of Congress before such actions can be taken;
4. Allow private citizens, who have neither been elected nor complied with the advice and consent requirement of the Senate, to access sensitive government systems; and

Attempt to reduce the federal workforce through unorthodox means that deny them due process.

These actions negatively affect American families and communities across the country.

The League is a 105-year-old nonpartisan, nonprofit membership organization whose mission is to ensure that everyone is represented in our democracy. We are a grassroots organization comprised of over one million members and supporters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the US Virgin Islands, with more than 700 local and state Leagues. The League uses advocacy, education, litigation, and organizing to achieve our mission to empower voters and defend democracy. We base our work on our policy positions developed out of multi-year studies and derived through consensus by League membership to ensure our advocacy reflects best practices and a nationwide perspective.

So far, the League has seen limited action or response from members of Congress to assert its constitutional authority under Article I to protect our system of checks and balances, the rights of Americans, or democracy itself. Congress must do its part to ensure that our great democracy is preserved and safeguarded. The outcry by Americans who are speaking out against the impact of the Executive Orders, including those who voted for

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Executive Overreach through Executive Actions

Presidents commonly use executive orders, but they must be issued lawfully within constitutional checks and balances. EOs direct executive branch agencies and staff to take or stop specific actions.^[1] To be lawful and enforceable, an executive order *must* be rooted in either the president's powers granted in the Constitution or a law passed by Congress.^[2] Further, the authority of an EO is not final; federal courts can review an order to determine whether it is a valid exercise of the president's power or violates the Constitution, federal law, or the fundamental rights of Americans.^[3]

Without question, Article I of the US Constitution vests all legislative powers in Congress.^[4] Specifically, Article I, Section 9 grants Congress the power of the purse to approve spending in the federal budget in the Appropriations Clause, which reads in relevant part, “[n]o Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law.”^[5] The Constitution delegates the task of spending funds approved by Congress to the president, which requires the chief executive to “take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.”^[6] Congress may allow the president discretion regarding *how* to implement the programs for which it appropriates money, but a president cannot decide *whether* to implement them. In other words, once Congress decides to spend money, the president cannot unilaterally substitute his judgment for that of Congress.^[7]

President Trump has issued numerous EOs that are not rooted in any presidential power granted by Congress and violate both the US Constitution and federal law. These EOs directly threaten our democracy. They include, but are by no means limited to:

“Protecting the Meaning & Value of American Citizenship”^[8]

This Executive Order attempts to end birthright citizenship for certain groups of children born in the United States. It would prohibit federal agencies from issuing documents recognizing the US citizenship of children who fall within certain categories. Yet birthright citizenship is a fundamental guarantee of the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution, which ensures that anyone born in the United States is a citizen of this country and is guaranteed equal rights and protection of the law.

“Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity”^[9]

This EO withdraws the longstanding Executive Order 11246 issued after the passage of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*, which prohibited employment discrimination by federal contractors and subcontractors. This revocation has been interpreted as undermining the protections of the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*.^[10] It is essential that all members of Congress use their bully pulpit to inform the public that the *Civil Rights Act of 1964* — and its protections against discrimination — remain in full effect.

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As outlined above, our system of constitutional checks and balances gives Congress the power of the purse, not the executive. The president has no authority to withhold funds through EOs without following the lawful process of communicating with Congress. Congress serves as a required check on the president's overreach. The above EOs all pause, freeze, block, or restrict federal funds in some way, blatantly disregarding both congressional authority and constitutional requirements.

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partment of Government Efficiency (“DOGE”), an unofficial government department, to several federal agencies in an attempt to access secure systems and data, including Treasury Department data.^[16] Unvetted DOGE employees who lack the proper security clearances can now enter the Treasury payment systems, which contain sensitive citizen and business data, prevent federal workers from entering their offices, and manipulate and stop payments to federal agencies like USAID, the CFPB, the US Department of Education, and others.^[17]

Improper Removal of Independent Inspectors General

Further, on January 25, the Trump administration summarily fired 17 inspectors general at government agencies without giving Congress the 30-day notice required by federal law.^[18] The role of the inspectors general is to be an independent check against mismanagement and abuse of power while ensuring that programs and agencies are operating efficiently and effectively. With no inspectors general, there are no internal checks regarding the actions of DOGE in federal agencies or other attempts to institute abuses to the current systems.

Congress has the power and obligation to provide oversight of federal government actions, particularly when those actions ignore the due process required for federal workers and give unelected, unvetted third parties with significant conflicts of interest access to citizens’ sensitive, private information. Congress’s constitutional duty is to provide a check on the administration’s weaponization of government against its own citizens. *All* of Congress, regardless of political affiliation, needs to stand in its authority.

Advocates and individuals who are directly harmed by the Trump administration’s actions will and are already stepping forward to file lawsuits and seek redress from the judiciary branch.^[19] Indeed, more than 68 cases have been filed in the administration’s first 26 days. But Congress *must* exercise its duty to check the executive’s serious overreach. This appropriate exercise of congressional authority will reinforce the separation of powers doctrine and set the tone for the necessary executive and legislative negotiation that is required in a democratic nation.

While federal courts have enjoined the EOs on birthright citizenship, the firing of federal workers without due process, the freezing of federal funds, and DOGE’s access to critical and sensitive Treasury Department data, action from Congress is critically missing. In its order against the Administration’s granting of access to DOGE, the court noted that granting DOGE access to Treasury payment systems exceeds the statutory authority of the Treasury Department and violates both the Take Care Clause of the US Constitution and the separation of powers doctrine.^[20] Yet shortly after this ruling, representatives of the Trump Administration are signaling that they may refuse to comply with court orders.^[21] Congress has the power of oversight but has yet to utilize its powers of checks and balances given to it by the US Constitution. This is unacceptable. Congress *must* step in.

As the representatives of every League affiliate in every US state and the District of Columbia and the League of Women Voters of the United States, the undersigned presidents of the League of Women Voters ask you to stand up for the American people. One of the founding principles of the League of Women Voters is the belief that all powers of the US government should be exercised within the constitutional framework of a balance among the three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. We strongly urge you to use your authority to uphold the rule of law, defend the Constitution, and put an end to the executive branch’s overreach, which is undoubtedly causing harm to millions of Americans. The time to act in defense of your constituents is now.

We are happy to meet or talk to further discuss our position. Please do not hesitate to contact our staff via Jessica Jones Capparell, Director of Government Affairs, at JJones@lwv.org, or Kristen Kern, Federal Policy and Advocacy Manager, at KKern@lwv.org.

Respectfully,

Leadership from LWVUS and all state and DC League affiliates

Notes of LWV Letter to Congressional Leadership

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LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday March 4 5:30 p.m. in person, Babe's Pizza and Pasta, 4015 Walnut Dr., Eureka, CA or on Zoom	Board Meeting
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88910627631?pwd=86i5L042DOBrImhiaA9mMj3oBQihil.1	
Thursday, March 20 6:00 p.m. Position Review-for details (see p. 5) only on Zoom	Membership Meeting
Tuesday, April 15 6:00 p.m. Location and Zoom link same as for March Meeting	Board Meeting
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