

### *President's Message*

Dear LWVHC Members,

I begin this message with the news of **Ann Diehl's** passing. Her death has saddened not just our board, but our community. Please see the tribute to Ann on page 4 of this VOTER.

There is an aria from Gian Menotti's *The Consul* titled "Papers." **Jessica Schlachter** and I and a host of other board members should write one called "Meetings"! Of course, we have had board meetings on Zoom, but your board has been working hard, and in one week alone, I attended, as did others, four League meetings. Without Zoom, this would have been almost impossible.

In February, Jessica and I joined with Leagues from Mendocino, Marin, and Sonoma to interview Senator McGuire of Senate District 2. Because Marin is not in Assembly District 2, only three of the counties were represented at the interview of Assembly-member Jim Wood. We met to assign tasks with the League representatives prior to the interviews, then after the interviews, we shared our notes. When they were in edited form with input from all, including McGuire and Wood, the responses were sent to LWVC. Senator McGuire's interview is featured in this month's VOTER. Assemblyman Wood's interview will be featured in the April VOTER.

On a very happy note, we interviewed August Linton via Zoom about editing our Citizen's Guide to County Government. August is a journalism major at Cal-Poly Humboldt and, we believe, will do this job well. Thanks to Jessica's contacts within the Cal-Poly Humboldt Journalism Department, this was possible.

**Molly Cate** has done a fantastic job of getting the word to the public about community input at a program planning meeting whose results were shared with LWVC. She had to do two meetings about this, since there was a glitch with Zoom for many would-be participants at the first one.

Speaking of meetings, **Molly Cate** has held the final meeting of the behavioral health study team and presented a position statement on it to your board. This team has done an exemplary job that has covered many, many aspects of behavioral health and has added so much to our knowledge about challenges facing our county in the area of mental health. Kudos to all who contributed to this!

**Molly Cate** and **Sylvia Shaw** had extremely interesting and informative membership meetings about our positions on health services, child care, and domestic violence. The experts who shared information at these meetings were outstanding.

#### COMING SOON:

**Sunshine Week March 12-18**

**State of the Community Luncheon (SOCL)  
April 21**

**The Biannual LWVC Convention May 19 - 21**

Let's keep making democracy work!

**Sharolyn Hutton**  
*LWVHC Co-President*



### *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.



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY**

The LWVHC cordially invites you to the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual State of the Community Event

The League of Women Voters will be honoring:

**JAMES “JIM” GLOVER**

Community Volunteer

and

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY CHILDREN’S AUTHOR FESTIVAL**

Master of Ceremonies – Maggie Fleming  
The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

Keynote Speaker – Joseph James, Chair  
Yurok Tribal Council

State of the County Remarks – Steven Madrone, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

**Friday, April 21, 2023**

11:30 Doors open

Buffet service begins

12:00 – 1:30 Program

Adorni Center

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My check is enclosed to support the 2023 State of the Community Luncheon:

I wish to support The League of Women Voters and have my name printed in the program. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) at \$65 per person.

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## *Humboldt County Children's Author Festival Will Receive Civic Contribution Award*

**Byrd Lochtie** and I recently sat down and talked with three of the energetic organizers of the Humboldt County Children's Author Festival, Joan Williams, Linda Lorvig, and Becky Giacomini. Planning has already begun for next year's festival, which will be October 17-19, 2024.

The Festival is a unique event that has been happening every two years in our county since the late nineteen seventies and involves months of planning and fundraising by a large and dedicated group of volunteers. Around twenty-five children's authors from all over the United States attend and spend four days in Redwood Country, talking with students at all grade levels about books and sharing their love of literature. While here, the authors are chauffeured by volunteers to schools in all parts of the county (some 54 schools), from Eureka to Orleans. The community really gets behind this festival by providing for all expenses for the authors including travel, lodging, and dining for the four nights they are here.

Some of the authors have told organizers that Humboldt's festival is unique in the nation in terms of the level of support and enthusiasm brought by the planners, the schools, and the children who participate. Some of the authors return year after year, drawn by our beautiful area and the chance to interact with well-prepared youth and their teachers. On one occasion while visiting Weitchpec, the lucky author was treated to blackberry pie and fresh salmon for lunch!

In last month's VOTER we featured information about James (Jim) Glover, community volunteer, who is our other recipient of this year's Civic Contribution Award. Note that this year's luncheon will feature Joseph James, Yurok Tribal Chairman, as our keynote speaker. Humboldt County Supervisor Steve Madrone will update us on the State of the Community.

Watch your VOTER and check our website for information about ticket purchase and details. See you on April 21!

***Debbe Hartridge***  
***LWVHC SOCL Committee***



Becky Giacomini, Linda Lorvig, and Joan Williams  
have worked on the Festival for many years.

## *A Tribute to Ann Diehl*

Earlier this month, the LWVHC Board was given the very sad news that beloved LWVHC Board member **Ann Diehl** had died on Feb. 4 as a result of complications following a stroke on Nov. 9. Ann's husband of many years, **Duke Diehl**, informed us that Ann died peacefully, "looking as beautiful and being as gracious as her condition allowed."

Duke's words ring so true to me. Ann Diehl was the epitome of beautiful and gracious. When Ann joined LWVHC in 2017, it was my pleasure to meet her at a New Member Orientation. Ann taught English at Eureka High School for many years, and I had met her previously through some teacher connection I have long since forgotten. She was always so open and friendly and kind to me, and I can only imagine what a shining light she must have been at Eureka High. My friend Ron Perry, longtime Eureka High teacher, told me that Ann "was kind, dedicated, and an advocate for her students. She made a difference to a generation of Eureka High students."

Ann was married for many years to Duke Diehl. Together, they enjoyed a life filled with family (two sons and a grandson), friends, travel, and activities in the Humboldt community. Ann and Duke traveled extensively and enjoyed their trips immensely. Their home is filled with beautiful artifacts from their many adventures. Ann was a member of at least two book groups. **Leslie Leach** mentioned that when one of the members of their mutual book group needed to go to the Bay Area for cancer treatment and had nobody to take her, Ann volunteered. (Not a surprise!) Ann loved literature, poetry and plays. Her love of literature made her an ardent supporter of the Humboldt County Children's Author Festival.

Ann Diehl was also a valuable contributing member of LWVHC. Right after she joined the League, Leslie asked Ann to take on a research project about biofuels. Ann readily agreed and not surprisingly, she did a very thorough job. Ann came onto the LWVHC board only a year ago, but she jumped right in to work on Voter Service during our very busy 2022 election season. Ann and I teamed together to fill the gap left by the amazing **Carol Masterson**, and Ann and I both learned A LOT about how to bring the many moving parts together for successful candidate forums. Ann was a delight to work with! I saw first-hand that when Ann Diehl took something on, she did her best, and her best was always excellent. Plus, she had a GREAT sense of humor.

Ann Diehl will be greatly missed by all of us, but she will most definitely not ever be forgotten.

*Anne Hartline*  
*LWVHC Board Member*

## *Thank You*

We can all agree that the COVID years caused their fair share of confusion, so we want to be sure to recognize the members who participated in the Foster Care Study in 2020.

They are **Michele Fell-Casale**,  
**Keith Flamer**,  
**Cindy Humphry**, and  
**Mary Lou Lowry**  
plus some community people.  
A big THANK YOU!



**Welcome New Members**

**Claire Eyton**  
**Peggy Syvertson**

## ***Behavioral Health Services Study: Gratitude and Joy***

Good news! The draft of the new Behavioral Health Services position was approved by the LWVHC board of directors at their February 8 meeting. We are all set for the culminating step in this 21-month long journey, presentation of the new position at our annual membership meeting on May 25, when we will seek members' approval by consensus.

I hope you have been eager to see this new position. Your patience will be rewarded in just a couple of months when you get your first look at it in your Annual Meeting Kit.

My deepest thanks to the big-hearted and dedicated committee members who have met since October 2021 to create this new and very important position. LWVHC members **Debbe Hartridge**, **Mary Lou Lowry**, **Janine Randall** and **Laura Montagna** worked tirelessly to research, interview, and discuss elements of the study, joined at almost every meeting by non-League member April Alexander, LCSW. These are the five powerful women at the compassionate heart of the study and our draft position. Gratitude beyond words to each of them!

Other dedicated people joined us as they were able and did much to shape the committee's direction. LWVHC members **Sharrone Blanck** and **Wendy Ring** were early committee participants. The multi-talented community asset Pamlyn Millsap, several other behavioral health professionals, including League member **Allison Tans**, and a local high school student served on the committee despite the huge number of other demands on their time. League member and unstoppable advocate for all good causes **Hollie Klingel** joined us by telephone a time or two, made thoughtful suggestions and kept up on our progress in phone chats with me.

The study committee met via Zoom once a month from October 2021 through May 2022. The early focus was on research and writing summaries of our findings to be shared at our meetings as we assessed the vast terrain we were entering. In June 2022, we began meeting every two weeks; in August, the pace intensified again as I opened the Zoom room weekly for those who could make it. Weekly meetings lasted from August 2022 through mid-January 2023. During this period, we formulated consensus questions and prepared for our three membership meetings on October 20, November 17 and January 12. Many thanks to the LWVHC members who took part in these three meetings. You shaped the comprehensive and compassionate Behavioral Health Services position that we will bring to the membership in May.

Special thanks go to Jacob Rosen, LMFT. Not a member of the committee but in dedicated service to the mental health of Humboldt County residents, Jacob was the resident expert at all three of our membership meetings and joined the preparatory committee meetings in advance of those meetings too. What a blessing to the community he is!

Thanks also to all those who gave us their precious time for interviews: local psychiatrist Dr. Katy Wilson; Sempervirens staff Cyanne Brocious, Director of Nursing and Butch Thompson, psychiatric nurse; Dr. Ruby Bayan of Waterfront Recovery; and our last two guests, Jamie Jensen (Social Work) and Brandilynn Villareal (Psychology) from Cal Poly Humboldt.

These thank yous would not be complete without mentioning the many local folks who implored us for help when the study was first announced. Emails poured in for a month or so in reply to our September press release, enough to create a Word document eleven pages long. This poignant document, with senders' names removed, was the first reading assignment for all of us serving on the study committee.

Here are some impressions of these emails from a summary written by study committee member Debbe Hartridge. "Much desperation was expressed (over the) lack of local services" for their loved ones. "Many people expressed gratitude for the fact that the LWV was asking them for input. 'It means the world to be heard and acknowledged.'"

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There are many reasons to come to the May 25 annual membership meeting. One of them is to be heard and acknowledged as we seek consensus on our newest League position, the essential tool we will use to advocate for and educate about behavioral health care needs here in our beleaguered and beloved Humboldt County.

*Molly Cate*  
*LWVHC Program Director*

## *A Flurry of Membership Meetings*

Late January and the whole month of February were busy weeks for League Program here in Humboldt County. We held four membership meetings, two position review meetings and two to select issues for attention by the state League. Let's look at those last two first.

Every two years, the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) plans their program anew and that process includes requesting input from Leagues all over the state. Program is the collection of issues a League can act upon for education and advocacy. When they ask for participation from local Leagues, the LWVC is demonstrating a core League principle: creating the opportunity for democratic involvement.

Here in Humboldt County, the LWVHC held a Zoom meeting on January 26 to seek consensus on one, two or three hot topics we think the League of Women Voters of California should focus on from 2023 through 2025. Unfortunately, we had unidentified technical glitches that night. Even though we had 12 members at that January 26 meeting, some members emailed to report they could not get into the meeting. An unknown number were unable to be heard.

In response to the technical difficulty, the League board of directors authorized a second Zoom meeting, held on February 16. Some who had not been able to attend the first meeting made it to the second. The second group chose topics nearly identical to those at the first meeting, so we were confident in our consensus. Both groups chose (1) available and affordable housing for all, (2) sustainable, reliable, and safe energy production and distribution, and (3) safe and sustainable fresh water strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change and minimize California's conflicts with other western states. The group also suggested we mention a fourth, strongly held topic: affordable health care for all. Those truly "hot" topics will be sent on to the LWVC, our consensus adding to the consensus to be drawn from local Leagues, small and large, all over California.

The other two Zoom membership meetings held in February were review meetings for two of our Social Policy positions, both last reexamined in 2014. On February 9, we discussed the LWVHC position on Funding for Victims of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. Our guest presenters were Emely Velez, Director of Humboldt Domestic Violence Services and Ashley Shively, Co-Director of Adult Protective Services, Humboldt County. We also draw upon the 2021-2022 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury report called SILVER TSUNAMI WARNING: Safeguarding Our Seniors.

The February 23 session reviewed the LWVHC position on child care. Guest presenters were from Changing Tides Family Services, the largest non-profit provider of child care and social services to families in Humboldt County and definitely some of our hardest-working community folks!

On March 16, we complete our position reviews for the year with an assessment of our Natural Resources position on Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay, last examined in 2013. We hope you will plan on attending and being part of the consensus.

*Molly Cate and Sylvia Shaw*  
*LWVHC Program Team*

## ***Humboldt County History Day 2023***

After three long years, Humboldt County History Day finally took place in-person on February 11, 2023, and the LWVHC was there! History Day is a county, state, and national competition in which 4th – 12th grade students research a topic that relates to the national theme and prepare projects of many types: posters, exhibits, websites, documentaries, performances, papers, and this year for the first time – podcasts. This year’s theme was “Frontiers in History.”

LWVHC has been a supporter of Humboldt County History Day for many years. Typically, we give special awards to students whose research focuses on women’s rights and/or voting rights. However, part of that process has involved the League members being able to view student projects on display at Cal Poly Humboldt and make presentations at the Awards Ceremony. During the COVID years, that became impossible.

This year, once we knew that an actual in-person County History Day would take place, the LWVHC Board decided that it would be wonderful to take up our past practice and honor young Humboldt County history scholars. However, because of the lapse of three years, History Day awards were not included in our LWVHC budget. So, I reached out in the last two issues of The VOTER, and a total of \$200 was generously donated by LWVHC members. This allowed us to award three \$25 gift certificates to students in the 4th /5th grade Individual Poster category, and five \$25 gift certificates to students in the Junior (grades 6-8) Group Exhibit category.

The students awarded are:

Chloe Cappucio, “Women Make Change”

Quetzal Heacock, “Rosa Parks Fights for African-American Rights”

Zoe Gai, “Susan B. Anthony”

Claire Lewis and Ava Dill, “Ada Lovelace”

Delany Campbell, Ella Grosjean and Kohl Kingstrom: Lili Elbe: Artist and Transgender Pioneer.”

Special thanks to **Byrd Lochtie** and **Kathy Johanson** for taking on the challenging task of determining which students would receive the LWVHC awards. Great job!

***Anne Hartline***

***LWVHC Board Member***

### ***Members, Please Weigh In on the Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay on Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.***

Ask questions, provide answers, express opinions, re-fine wording, and come to consensus to update our final position before this year’s Annual Meeting.

Click here to review the position: [LWVHC Positions](#)

Caroline Griffith, Executive Director and EcoNews Editor will join us to provide lots of useful, thought provoking information. And although Jennifer Kalt, Director of Humboldt Baykeeper isn’t able to join us, she will provide input as well.

Let’s live our motto: Make Democracy Work!

***Leslie Leach***

***LWVHC Natural Resources Director***



Humboldt Bay from Woodley Island, Eureka, CA

## *Legislative Interview with State Senator Mark McGuire*

Question 1 Do you believe that targeted voter outreach and education would help to shrink California's participation gap?

Would you support funding to the Secretary of State, county elections offices, and/or community-based organizations to address the problem?

Number one, I think that the state needs to become much more aggressive in looking at individuals 25 to 16, now that you can pre-register at 16. It's now been seven years since we ran the largest voter registration drive that we've seen for individuals under the age of 25. In about 2020 we registered about 2,300, mostly students at college and high school campuses. To do that, we funded a coordinator along with volunteers and paid interns to staff our offices.

Number two, we should be doing targeted initiatives to get turnout, but I think the other piece is the state can do a ton of work to get turnout. I think also, it's up to individuals who are in elected office to focus on what young people care about. And that's focusing on housing, on climate, on affordability, on homelessness, and on student debt. I think these issues are critical to them. So, I do agree with you that elected officials should be reaching out to young people about issues that are important to them.

We encouraged local elected officials to be more involved in getting out the vote prior to COVID and, just being honest, we didn't do it during COVID. We're going to be getting back to this. We host town halls at Cal Poly Humboldt, at Sonoma State, at College of the Redwoods, at Mendocino College, and at Santa Rosa Junior College. We work with their local papers at each of the universities, which is also important.

Number three, I think the other piece is the aggressive internship program in our office. There is no better way to be able to get individuals involved than bringing them into the fold, and it is how we can involve more young people in decision making. We also have implemented a paid internship program here in the Senate because we've also found that young people are really struggling financially. Asking them simply to give up their time doesn't work anymore, based on the high cost of housing and the high cost of education. We actually just launched that program and each senate office, Democrat and Republican, will have for the first six months of this year a \$25,000 stipend program for paid internships for the remainder of the legislative session. Then we're going to supplement their budget with another \$25,000 for summer and fall. So, it's really important that young people should be compensated for the time that they put in, and we'll see how this goes this year. We firmly believe that providing some pay will assist in getting young people involved.

Question 2 Would you advocate for changes to the School Facilities Program to reduce [the] inequity [in school funding caused by property taxes]?

One way to do this would be to have the School Facilities Program structured so that the required match percentage from a school district is reduced for low-wealth districts.

We'd like to be able to get your feedback on this, but I think first and foremost, the budget is our value statement. If we value public education and enriching the lives of young people, we must invest and not just talk about it. First, on the school facility program, we've invested \$4.2 billion this year into the program to improve school facilities, in particular disadvantaged communities, based on their socioeconomic status and race, and many times that goes together.

Second, we have increased the per daily rate that we compensate school districts to over \$23,000 per year, a three times increase from 2015. We've gone from dead last in the nation to nearly the top ten.

Third, what we've been successful with is rural schools. The state allocation board can help in times of distress, and I'll define that to be able to help schools upgrade facilities without going to voters. That happened at Burnt Ranch, off Highway 299 going from Humboldt to Trinity, and in the Hoopa Valley Ridge Reservation, the poorest communities in all the state. We were able to rebuild their elementary and their middle school and



were able to get their elementary school connected to electricity, one of a few schools that were not connected to electricity, in the entire state of California. In Mendocino County, we've been able to use that within the Leggett Valley School District. We're about to reopen the high school in the Trinity Alps School District with Weaverville High School.

Again, all state dollar allocations are coming directly from the state, zero from local voters. So, we've been active within the state allocation board on about ten different school districts throughout the North Coast, some of the most disadvantaged in the state. Need/significant challenge and low economic status are two requirements for these funds. Unfortunately, all ten school districts on the coast that have qualified meet those criteria, and what we've seen a lot in our neck of the woods is significant mold and structural issues. I believe that we'll be successful with the Anderson Valley School District in their elementary school which has failed septic tanks that we will replace and be able to get them new facilities.

Matching funds to get financial help is something that we can absolutely take a look at. I'll have a further conversation with our budget staff on that. We'll look at how much is coming in and what that actually costs. I don't know all the requirements that must be met, but typically what happens is that schools have to turn in their plans to an entire division that just handles school construction. That's meant to be a one stop shop with school architects. I know that schools have to jump through hoops on the local level as well as the state level, such as issues that they had having to connect to a sewer system on the local side. I will say that there are safeguards that the state has put in place in regard to how money is spent. They do have to spend a fair amount of time documenting how the money is spent. It can be very bureaucratic to be able to secure funding, and I absolutely believe that we could make it easier. We have started funding for rural schools in disadvantaged districts, technical assistance dollars that would help pay for consultants, environmental and engineering expertise as well as to make the process more equitable; let me take a look and see what I can find on that.

You know California is doing a much better job and I appreciate all your work and all your colleagues work on getting those funding amounts per student in the higher numbers. I think there are only six or eight states left in the entire United States that fund on a daily attendance mode and California is one. The vast majority of states in the United States of America pay for the entire year versus paying only when a student is actually in the seat. We have to go to that model, but it would be about a \$7 billion swing from the general fund into K-12.

The bill to do that is coming back this year. It was on the floor last year and passed out of the Senate. I think that the governor will be reluctant, my own editorial, to sign it this year because of the additional funds needed. But my bottom line is this: we are now the fourth largest economy in the world. There is no excuse for this state not to be in the top tier top three states in per pupil spending and the only way that we're going to be able to get there is going away from an attendance model and funding schools in one lump sum for each child and each student. That should have happened a long time ago, and that's a real priority for us.

The last thing that I'll say on education is that we invest not only in rural school districts, but also in higher education. I think that the other significant focus that we need to have in rural California when it comes to rural economies and education is being able to create job centers which many times surround universities. That's something that we're absolutely committed to in rural areas of the state. That's why we've absolutely made it a priority. In our area, there is soon to be 60 million that's coming in for Cal Poly Humboldt.

Question 3 How would you propose to transform management of California's water resources in response to changing conditions to minimize impact on food production and its associated jobs without adversely affecting food security and other users and uses of water?

We're investing literally billions of dollars on water conservation measures and also how to be able to increase storage and benefit the environment. One focus is conservation. We think statewide since the start of the drought and coming up in 2024, we'll see about a 17% reduction across the state in permanent reduction in water use after we deploy the \$9 billion dollars and water conservation measures. I think we need to perma-

nently change habits in the state, and habits are really hard to change because it's changing the individual's lifestyle. But I think we need to focus on that.

We need to build resiliency as well. For example, in Mendocino, putting in two 500,000 gallon tanks that will be able to capture rainwater, but then also be filled with what their current pumps have so they have emergency water storage. This can be very controversial.

Also, we have deployed small desalination plants, small meaning about the size of a Volkswagen Bug. Fort Bragg is one of our communities to have received this. It's about a \$500,000 box that will produce about 30% of their water supply during peak months. That gets them through some of the toughest times because above ground storage in the era of our climate crisis simply doesn't work as it once did. Another area is aquifer recharge which is going to be a significant focus that you're going to see the state advancing. And this is also controversial.

Our entire aqueduct and stored system is based on snowmelt. We've seen a 30% reduction in snow that falls on an annual basis from the 1950s to today in the Rockies West. We are not prepared to be able to capture peak storm events like what we just saw with the series of atmospheric rivers. We are going to need to look at some additional above ground storage. I don't think we're going to be able to get out of the water shortage crisis that we have, and it's going to have to be in a more strategic area during peak runoff events. One of those is creating reservoirs that would take peak sacramental flows into these new reservoirs. I think we're going to need to look at a series of those to be able to change the way we capture water.

The last piece is rehabilitation of habitat leading to more water in the system. That's why, for example, we're moving on the Eel River restoration plan right now. This project involves plantings to create a shadier canopy that will stop some evaporation and help restore the river to what it once was. That's why we're looking at dam removal throughout the state which would benefit flows in our rivers as well as benefit endangered fish, like we see in the Klamath. I firmly believe that we're going to need to be able to see dam removal on the Eel as well. I think it's not one silver bullet but several focus areas: continued conservation and focusing on aquifer recharge, some limited D cell projects like what we've seen deployed in Fort Bragg, some above ground storage injection of the aquifer like what Orange County is now doing using reverse to treat their wastewater. Injecting the treated wastewater back into the aquifer helps reduce saltwater intrusion as well as recharging their wells and restoring habitat. So, I think ultimately, we can do best for native fish and endangered fish and help make this state more resilient when it comes to our drought patterns that we're going to have, and it's going to become more and more common.

There's still about \$2.7 billion left in our drought funds that will be distributed here in 2023 and 2024.

Question 4 What are your personal priorities, Senator?

Windfall profits, that's how we're reining in big oil from fleecing consumers and that's happening even as we speak. In fact, we're in negotiations with the governor's office on that proposal. So we passed Senator Allen's Senate bill that now mandates oil companies have to disclose how much profit per gallon just like they disclose our taxes. The governor has a proposal that would cap the amount of profit that oil companies get per gallon. If it exceeds the cap, those dollars will then need to go back to California commuters. I'm worried about 30 million gallons of gas per day that Americans use. These high gas prices impact working families and seniors the most. So that's why you're going to see this as a big focus.

Affordable housing and homelessness will remain high on my list of priorities. Courts holding individuals with behavioral issues for treatment, climate challenges, and wildfire resiliency continue to be priorities for me.

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## ***Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy***

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity

## ***LWVHC Calendar***

Tuesday, March 7 6:30 p.m.	LWVHC Board Meeting Zoom
Thursday, March 16 6:30 p.m.	Membership Meeting Resources and Development of Humboldt Bay
LWVHC Webpage	Any Time!
LWCHC Twitter	Any Time!
LWCHC Instagram	Any Time!