



Forums & Events:

COMMUNITY FORUMS

The League provides informative monthly forums, on a wide variety of current issues, open to the public. Most Forums are hosted the third Wednesday of the month, Sept–May, 12-2pm at the SB Public Library. Parking in downtown lots. Check the calendar for updates. Bring your brown bag lunch.

www.lwvsantabarbara.org

DISCUSSION UNITS

Unit@lwvsantabarbara.org

The unit is the heart of the League. Small discussion gatherings meet monthly (October-May) to study issues in comfortable informal groups. You may choose any one that fits your location and schedule, or you may make the rounds of all units during the course of the year.

1st Tuesday - 5:30pm
Madame Lu's Restaurant,
Karen Bunker, 967-0838

2nd Monday - 12 - 2 pm Downtown Unit,
LWVSB Office, Street parking
Connie Hannah, 967-4720.

2nd Wednesday - 10 am - Carpinteria
Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd.,
Jane Benefield, 684-6086



Other Activities:

In addition to the committees, we follow other issues. You may want to contact the representative monitoring the following:

Database

Joanie Jones, 683-1937

Government

Marty Blum, 962-8698

Gun Violence (CAGV)

Beverly Herbert, 886-6406

Hazardous Materials

Linda Phillips, 451-7830

International Relations

Jane Benefield, 684-6086

Local Action

Connie Hannah, 967-4720

Pro Choice Coalition

Nancy Harter, 967-2277

State & National Action

Linda Phillips, 451-7830

WANTED Office Manager

The Office Manager is a volunteer position. OffMgr@lwvsantabarbara.org

Be the contact person for supplies and equipment. Please email or phone about times, job needs, and how you can help as office volunteers prior to elections.



Our Role:

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara plays a significant role in the South Coast Community including Goleta and Carpinteria:

- registering voters
- informing voters about issues
- sponsoring candidates forums
- explaining ballot measures

We do not endorse candidates or political parties. We encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public opinion through education and advocacy.

As a League member you can:

- study all sides of an issue
- engage in public speaking on issues
- advocate on League supported issues

Membership in League offers the opportunity to:

- develop leadership skills
- learn more about government
- meet new friends
- build a resume
- improve your community
- expand your network

If you are interested in working on any of our committees or projects, contact the committee chair listed here. Also let us know of any special experience or skills that you want to share with us.

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING...

COME JOIN OUR TEAMS!

✓ **THE 2017-2018 LIST**
of committees,
coalitions, and issues
available to you
as you take full advantage of your
ongoing membership in the League.

(NOTE: Our local League is an all volunteer organization. We have no paid staff.)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Voter Service

☐ VOTER SERVICE

Susan Horne, 962-2415
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There are one-time jobs or ongoing roles in voter education, voting rights, voter registration, distributing election information including Pros & Cons on ballot measures. You may also participate in the Speakers Bureau, assist with the voters edge.org/ca website or help with League's candidate & ballot measure forums.

Bonnie Lassen, 689-2124
VotersEdge@lwvsantabarbara.org
www.votersedge.org/ca to assist

☐ COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

Irene Stone, 962-7496
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This committee manages the elections for Homeowners Associations & the Farmers Market.

☐ OBSERVER CORPS

Lindsey Baker, 705-7651
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Observers serve as the eyes and ears of the League at selected government agencies such as the Board of Supervisors, City Councils, Planning Commissions, and School Boards. Observer reports keep the board alert to possible actions needed to support League positions. Observers report to the Board.

☐ COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Vicki Allen, 564-4951
Community@lwvsantabarbara.org

Spread the word about our mission, community forums and other events, state and national action alerts, and League positions on important issues. Expand LWVSB's connections, networks and communications, and identify opportunities for our Speakers Bureau to present League positions and information at community events and to other organizations.

Natural Resources

☐ ENERGY

Jean Holmes, 687-8260
Energy@lwvsantabarbara.org

We follow developments – local and otherwise – and prepare reports & advocacy statements for the League.

☐ SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Connie Hannah, 967-4720
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This committee meets monthly to study the problems that affect sustainability on the South Coast, including the lack of affordable housing, density, open space protection, transportation, natural resources, energy issues and water. We plan statements that the League makes on these issues, based upon the League's existing positions.

☐ WATER

Penn Borden, 682-3410
Water@lwvsantabarbara.org

We meet monthly to discuss and review water issues in SB City and neighboring cities and counties and observe our government entities that make water policy. The water committee plays an oversight role on how well the various water districts and entities manage water usage. We also educate the public on water issues by inviting knowledgeable people to talk on their expertise.

Communications

☐ COMMUNICATION

Barbara Kuhn, 895-2073
ComCoordinator@lwvsantabarbara.org
Jane Benefield, Publicity, 684-6086
Publicity@lwvsantabarbara.org

Help tell members and the broader local community what the League is doing. Contribute articles and photos about your experiences with the League to our newsletter (the Channel Voter) or on social media.

☐ WEBSITE

Bonnie Lassen, 689-2124
Wm@lwvsantabarbara.org

Look at our website: lwvsantabarbara.org. Tell us if you have any ideas for improving it. You don't need to have computer skills to participate, but if you do, that is welcome too.

Social Policy

☐ SOCIAL POLICY

Vijaya Jammalamadaka, 963-2622
Emily Allen, 403-5224
SocialPolicy@lwvsantabarbara.org

We follow issues related to behavioral health, homelessness, housing, diversity, immigration policy and gun violence. We monitor local policy and services, taking action as needed.

☐ HEALTH CARE

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Welcome - Learn, educate, advocate on health care reform! LWVUS has supported the Affordable Care Act since 2010 and currently advocates for saving its valuable gains. The California League is a staunch 20 year activist ally of Health Care for All-CA (HCA) and is supporting the Coalition for a Healthy California, which works towards single payer legislation. Our member Carole Marks is on the LWV Health Committee.

☐ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Susan Horne, 962-2415
BehavioralHealth@lwvsantabarbara.org

LWVUS adopted a Behavioral Health position at the 2016 National Convention. Main Points:

- Behavioral Health includes both mental illness and substance use disorder
- Access for all people to affordable, quality in and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services
- Early and affordable behavioral health diagnosis and treatment for children and youth that is family focused and community based
- Access to safe and stable housing

☐ EDUCATION

Linda Reimel, 684-7143 Edu@lwvsantabarbara.org

The advent of the Common Core Standards and the Local Control Funding Formula has placed most of the responsibility for educating our K-12 students on the local school districts. The Education Committee will be following the implementation of these important changes especially as it impacts "low opportunity schools" in our local districts. Meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis.

Administration

☐ HOSPITALITY

Bonnie Jensen, 965-5997 (May-Oct.)
Suzanne Brothen, (651) 231-3457 (Nov-April)
Hospitality@lwvsantabarbara.org

Choose a month to help us set up the beverage service at our brown bag lunches at League's Community Forums. The shared tasks are light with side benefits of interesting programs and meeting fellow League members.

☐ MEMBERSHIP

Bev King, 687-1124
Membership@lwvsantabarbara.org

The Membership Committee gives you the opportunity to meet and greet members and newcomers at monthly Wednesday Forums. We distribute member information and facilitate recruitment. Your talents and skills, be they social, computer expertise or organizational, are welcome. Join us! We will put your interest in people and wish to help the League to good use while having some fun.

☐ NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mary Rose, 448-0663
Nominating@LWVSantaBarbara.org

The League is looking for you! The League's Nominating Committee is already at work, and would like members to suggest individuals for Board membership. Sometimes that person is You – so don't be shy: self-referral is encouraged as well as the referral of others. Suggestions may be sent to Mary Rose.

☐ SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

VP@lwvsantabarbara.org

Our local League needs you for various short term projects and volunteer work! Special events include MLK Day, Earth Day, Annual Meeting, Holiday Party, etc.

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