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# President's Message

Happy Fall Everyone!

Our Board met for our annual retreat, and it looks like we are headed for another productive year! The 4th of July fairs were a hit with our new sticker games and the North Country Fair in Arcata on Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21 should also get a great turnout. Please lookout for volunteer signups in your emails.

This year's Membership Brunch is sure to be one not to miss with Cyril Oberlander, Cal Poly Humboldt Library Dean, speaking about AI Misinformation. It's on Saturday, September 27 with all details shared in this VOTER.

I wanted to take time to thank everyone for their support and help this past year, my first year, as LWVHC President. It was more than I could have imagined, and I learned so much about myself as well as the beauty of others, especially my Board. Thanks so much, and let's have another wonderful League 2025-2026 year!



#### FREE!

LWVHC AMNNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

Members, please plan to attend and bring a friend

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Time: 10 am - noon

Place: The Lutheran Church of Arcata
Gym/Fellowship Hall
E 16th Street
Arcata

**In-person Only** 

Speaker: Cyril Oberlander Cal Poly Humboldt Library Dean

**Topic: Pros and Cons of AI in education** 

Members, we hope to see you there. Don't forget. Bring a friend.

### 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.

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# Your League Supports ALL Humboldt County Community Members

Over the last six months, the boards of supervisors of numerous California counties (beginning initially with Santa Cruz and Sonoma counties) have voiced their concerns about policy changes at the federal level regarding the treatment of immigrants and immigration, as well as the treatment of all other marginalized people in their communities. They have each publicly endorsed a community support letter outlining their support for immigrants, who include family members, friends, co-workers, and neighbors, and who have a legal right to live and work in the U.S. They have also agreed to unequivocally defend these policies.

Their community support letters remind us that a relationship of trust between immigrants and local governments and institutions (including but not limited to law enforcement, first responders, schools, hospitals, and service organizations) is essential to the basic functioning of our communities.

They emphasize that the community's trust is compromised when local governments and institutions cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Trust is enhanced when there's full transparency for all enforcement actions conducted within their communities.

#### LWVHC Involvement

Beginning in January, LWVHC Board members **Anne Hartline** and **Byrd Lochtie** worked to prepare a Humboldt County version of the support letter referred to above. Their efforts to secure community support began with the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, of which Byrd is a member. With modifications, the Human Rights Commission Board agreed unanimously to support the Humboldt County version of the letter.

Next, the Commission placed the support letter before the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, who made some additional modifications and then voted unanimously to support the letter as well. The Board of the LWVHC also voted in May, and again in July with the new 2025/2026 Board, to support the letter.

Since then, LWVHC members have continued working to enlist support and garner signatures from additional community organizations. Numerous organizations and individuals have joined in support of these efforts in our community. We know that a united front is important to protecting community members, including immigrants, from further intimidation and harm.

#### Call to Action

The LWVHC Board asks for your support for the community support letter printed below. Our goal is to publish the support letter and the names of all signees through local media outlets in October. We want our community to know that we stand up for the rights of ALL people in Humboldt County!

Please contact **Anne Hartline** at annehartline10@gmail.com to include your name in support by September 30. Please write in the subject line of your email: "My support for Humboldt County."

#### **Some Background:**

The United States government has changed how it treats immigrants. The current administration no longer acknowledges that immigrants are essential to the functioning of our communities and our national financial prosperity. The welcoming treatment that previous administrations fostered is no longer being observed for all immigrants. The federal government has established quotas for arresting immigrants, and these sweeps of immigrant communities and gathering places have resulted in the detention of both legal and illegal immigrants. The majority of legal immigrants have no criminal record. Due process, guaranteed by our Constitution and laws, is not provided universally to detainees.

#### **Current Protections in Place**

Numerous county governments across the state say they are prepared to assert and defend their commitments

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based on the multiple layers of legal and policy protections that are already in place in California. These protections include prohibitions against:

- using state/local police funds or personnel to support immigration enforcement
- asking about a person's immigration status
- sharing a person's information with immigration authorities
- arresting anyone for most immigration violations

The protections also:

- require transparency about local law enforcement's communications with federal immigration authorities
- provide limitations on local law enforcement's communications with federal immigration authorities
- explain the circumstances under which law enforcement can detain individuals on behalf of federal authorities
- provide prohibitions that would limit access to school services based on immigration status, including collecting/sharing immigration status information

Anne Hartline and Anne Wasson LWVHC Board Members

#### Full text of the Humboldt County Community Support Letter:

#### 2025 Humboldt County Support for All Humboldt County Community Members

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 the 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.

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## Letter of Support for All Humboldt County Residents

- 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.
- California Education Code: Prohibits schools from adopting policies or practices that discriminate against or hinder access to school services based on immigration status, and restricts schools from collecting or sharing information about immigration status.

Whatever the future holds, we are resilient and ready to meet any challenges presented to our community. We, the undersigned agencies and elected officials within Humboldt County, 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.

In solidarity,

**Humboldt County Board of Supervisors** 

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County Board

The Humboldt County Human Rights Commission

+ over 50 additional local residents



#### Have Fun with Access Humboldt

You are invited to a truly fun fundraiser for Access Humboldt from 6 to 8 pm on September 5 at the Eureka Theater, 612 F Street. Admission is free.

Access Humboldt is launching a new program called BOLDtFEST, a new short film incubator and festival that creates ten local short films annually in Humboldt. Community Partners include the Humboldt-Del Norte Film Commission, local funders, and YOU!

This kick-off event will feature live music from Young & Lovely, dancing, food & beverages, fundraising activities including a Tombola Wall, and more.

BOLDtFEST's year-round incubator program includes a ten-page screenplay contest, workshops and training, studios, equipment, a cast and crew call, mentorship, and more. The program results in a World Premiere Red-Carpet Event screening ten shorts made from the incubator. Any Humboldt County resident can go from script-to-screen in less than a year and reap the benefits of this development program, whether for personal fulfillment or commercial production. This benefits the community with an ongoing legacy of short films that uplift individual voices and tell local stories.

All who attend the September 5 event will have access to exclusive pre-sale tickets for the inaugural BOLDtFEST Red Carpet Premier Screening in 2026. Pre-sale tickets will help to fund this year-round short film incubator.



Jump in now to become a Founder of the incubator. Access Humboldt has a limited number of Founder opportunities left. By becoming a Founder today or at the party, you are holding an equitable space for local short filmmaking, fostering content creation skills development while giving our youth a creative outlet, a strong portfolio piece, and a preprofessional program that develops speaking skills, contract negotiation, interpersonal skills, and visual communication skills. You are building empathy & understanding between cultures.

Founders will pay it forward to our community while splurging a bit on yourself. Please spread the word to friends too.

Website: <a href="https://www.accesshumboldt.net/support/boldtfest">https://www.accesshumboldt.net/support/boldtfest</a>

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Access Humboldt Board Chairperson

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# League of Women Voters California Convention

During the week of June 17, we (Board members **Anne Hartline** and **Peggy Syvertson**) represented LWVHC as delegates to the League of Women Voters of California Convention. The theme for the convention was "Strengthening Democracy in California." This year the convention took place completely on Zoom, as has been the case in the past.

The pre-convention days (June 17, 18, and 20) consisted of a variety of workshops that we had options to attend digitally. The two of us divided up the available workshops according to our personal interests, and we'll summarize the content of each workshop below. In addition, board members **Byrd Lochtie**, **Leslie Leach**, and **Jessica Schlachter** also attended several of the workshops that were of particular interest to them.

For the most part, the workshops were informative and lively. We hope that you'll take a look at the possible actions and activities described in the summaries and let your LWVHC Board know if you are interested in working on any of these topics here in Humboldt County.

But now, on to the Convention itself! On Saturday, June 21, the two of us (Anne and Peggy) met in Peggy's living room in front of her enormous TV screen to represent the LWVHC. We listened to the first speaker, Justin Lavitt from Loyola Marymount University. He spoke passionately about the need to support our local elections office (something we definitely strive for here in Humboldt County) and he quoted Benjamin Franklin when he said, "We have a republic, if we can keep it." Lavitt urged the California League to continue to address issues of voter suppression, monitoring any redistricting, and counter the "Big Lie" of voter fraud. Finally, he talked about two practical things that local leagues in California can strive for now:

Assist with the customer service end of our Elections Office, and help ensure that they have the paid/volunteer labor they need, the funding they require, and the community understanding of the critical importance of that office.

Continue to work on voter registration at all levels (something near and dear to all of our LWVHC hearts!) Finally, he urged attendees to continue to make calls and write letters (actual mailed letters!) to our elected officials, and that members of Congress especially listen to these types of communication from their constituents. Finally, Lavitt reiterated that talking about policies we prefer (and have positions on) is NOT partisan and IS guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution. It was a great speech!

Next, we heard opening remarks from Chris Carson, outgoing LWVC President. She talked about the LWVUS project Unite and Rise!, and she urged the California Leagues to keep that emphasis in mind as we move into our next League year.

Gloria Chun Hoo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, then presented the Proposed Program for 2025-2027. Basically, the program called for retaining all current positions and no new study at the state level. The "Issues for Education and Advocacy" proposed were:

Making Democracy Work in California

Climate Change/Water Resources

Housing and Homelessness

Two secondary "Issues for Education and Advocacy" were proposed:

Immigration

Criminal Justice

These items were briefly discussed and the vote on these was set for the next day.

Then, Caroline de Llamas, LWVC Secretary, presented the eight Proposed Bylaws Amendments. These were briefly discussed and passed.

After a lunch break, the LWVC Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of LWVC officers, and the budget was proposed and discussed. The vote on these was also set for the next day.

# League of Women Voters California Convention (continued)

On the final day of the Convention (Sunday, June 22) Dora Rose, LWVC Deputy Director, spoke eloquently and urged Leagues around the state to continue to engage more voters, get more people to the polls, engage voters with the concept that voting = empowerment, and remember to send periodic thank you letters/phone calls to legislators doing the right thing (something to really remember!)

Next, Dianna Wynn, the LWVUS President, spoke passionately about the April 2025 public declaration by LWVUS that "We are in a Constitutional crisis." Wynn noted that the LWVUS had filed a record 53 law suits in the last year. She stated that our two main goals moving forward should be:

Empower voters;

Defend democracy.

She also identified key priorities for LWVUS, as well as state and local Leagues:

Provide democracy education;

Restore/protect voting rights;

Abolish the Electoral College;

Defend reproductive freedom;

Protect/defend democracy-focused organizations.

Finally, she urged Leagues to remember that we are non-partisan and we don't endorse or oppose any candidate or party. However, we are NOT neutral on issues, and issues are not inherently partisan. She stated that League has functioned for over a century as an expert in non-partisan work, we defend democracy, and we should speak out boldly against policies that we disagree with.

Note: the summaries of the speakers above come from my hand-written notes taken during the Convention. I sincerely hope that I have gotten them right! The texts of these speeches are most likely available somewhere if members need clarification or more information. Recordings are available at <a href="https://lwvc.wordpress.com/convention-2025-documents/">https://lwvc.wordpress.com/convention-2025-documents/</a> Bottom line—all the speakers were amazing and motivating and were, to me at least, the best part of the Convention! Anne)

The rest of the business of the Convention went smoothly. There was some additional discussion of the proposed program, and then the delegates approved the three "Issues for Education and Advocacy" listed above, as well as the two secondary "Issues for Education and Advocacy".

We approved the proposed budget and elected the new 2025-2027 LWVC Officers and Directors:

President: Gloria Chun Hoo (Local League: San Jose/Santa Clara)

1st Vice President: Lorrel Plimier (Local League: Piedmont)

2nd Vice President: Carol Moon Goldberg (Local League: Sacramento County)

Secretary: Suzanne Stassevitch (Local League: San Francisco)

Treasurer: Kandea Mosley Gandhi (Local League: Berkeley/Albany/Emeryville)

We also elected eleven additional Directors from around California.

The delegates then heard remarks from the new LWVC President, received a Call to Convention, and heard final announcements.

Whew – it was a very busy Convention week! Though we missed the energy of being in a room with hundreds of engaged and motivated delegates, and we didn't get the thrill of going into a lively evening caucus, it was nice to go home to our own beds at the end of these busy days!

(Note: Email Anne Hartline (annehartline 10@gmail.com) if you'd like to have the link to the pdf of the Convention Delegate Workbook sent to you (warning – it's 82 pages!), I will try to make that happen.)

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# League of Women Voters California Convention (continued)

#### **Summaries of the workshops Peggy attended:**

#### Getting to Decision Makers: Make Your Voice Heard

This workshop was dedicated to learning how public meetings are run and how to contribute. The San Luis Obispo League presented how public meetings are run based on the Brown Act and how to give a formal speech during public comment at meetings (i.e. be concise, as usually there is only a 3-minute time frame). The presenters also discussed how to spot disinformation and the use of AI in information by using source documents such as the International Federation of Library Resources. Another important point made during the workshop was when looking up news sources, be sure to note the IP address—such as abcnews.com (the legacy news source) vs. abcnews.com.co (the .co at the end makes it a fake news source). Traditional media is still the best source because they can be sued for slander or defamation and social media companies have no such boundaries.

#### **Upholding Democracy Through Justice Reform**

This workshop focused on strengthening our focus to achieve equity and justice in our legal system, especially when civil rights and Constitutional rights are under fire. The presenters suggested that ways to increase equity include using best practices that include diversion programs and oversight of law enforcement. Sheriff departments can be very powerful, and accountability and transparency are important. Citizen oversight committees can be implemented through the voters or the Board of Supervisors. Currently, there has been a swing back to fear-based criminal justice. AB481, if passed, will decrease the use of money used for buying military equipment for local law enforcement.

#### Advocacy for Change: Tools, Strategies, and Action

This workshop described how a study leads to a position that Leagues then use to take action and to advocate for local issues. The presenters suggested that, when using a position statement, it is important to paraphrase and not attach an entire position. In addition, local Leagues/members cannot act individually, but must go through the State League if they are using a State position. (Note: we both agreed that we do a great job of this at our local level!)

#### Reaching Functional Zero: Redondo Beach Got There—Your Community Can Too!

This workshop showed how the city of Redondo Beach reached "functional zero" homelessness in 2024. The city used the Functional Zero Community Solutions model to decrease homelessness in their community. They started by focusing on certain types of homelessness including street homelessness, Veteran homelessness, and Senior homelessness. They followed the protocol set out in the model above and the city also fully funded the model, which they admitted took a lot of money.

# **Summaries of the workshops Anne attended: Money in Politics—Campaign Finance Reporting**

This workshop was hosted by the LWV Alameda. The presenters began with the basic premise that the public needs to know where candidates are getting money for their campaigns. It turns out that all state candidates are required to file a CA460 form on which they list all campaign contributions. The form must be filed three times during the election cycle. This form is available to the public, but it is very long and difficult for voters to read and understand. However, the Alameda League created easy-to-read charts which made this data usable to citizens in their community. They also created an informative slide deck about this process that may be used by other Leagues as a manual. The idea is that, given the right volunteers, Leagues can organize the data from the CA460 forms and make that information available to voters in their county to review. To make this happen, Leagues would need to work with their county Elections Office to access the data. In the case of Humboldt County, that would not appear to be a problem. This is definitely something the LWVHC should keep in mind for upcoming elections. It could be really powerful!

#### Youth Councils That Work: Building California's Next Generation of Leaders

In this joint session presented by the League of Women Voters of San Francisco (LWVSF) and the League of

# League of Women Voters California Convention (continued)

Women Voters of North & Central San Mateo County (LWVNCSMC), youth council members and adult mentors from both organizations were featured. The presenters shared practical strategies for creating effective youth councils while exploring how to connect these initiatives across California. They discussed recruitment techniques, approaches for balancing youth autonomy with supportive mentorship, and methods for maintaining momentum through leadership transitions. Activities for youth council members were discussed, including tabling and registering voters at youth-focused events, integrating youth council members into ongoing League events (including candidate forums), collaborations with TV and/or radio networks, interviewing local politicians (including League legislative interviews), serving as observers at public meetings, etc. Most importantly, the presenters discussed their vision of a connected network of youth councils that amplifies young voices and creates meaningful civic impact throughout our community and state.

Note: If this interests you, PLEASE contact **Anne Hartline** to discuss how we could bring these activities and initiatives to Humboldt County!

#### **Voting Methods: Turn Theory into Practice!**

In this workshop, participants practiced alternatives to traditional "First Past the Post" voting, including Ranked Choice, Approval Voting, and Score Then Automatic Runoff, (STAR) voting. All attendees had a chance to try out voting using each of these methods. In the end, while the session was entertaining, I realized that each different type of voting system was complex and that citizen/voter education is critical to making any of these voting alternatives successful.

Anne Hartline LWVHC Voter Service Director



# League of Women Voters California News You Can Use

The LWVHC is starting to get calls about a mailer from "Protect Voters First" that quotes Gloria Chun Hoo, President, League of Women Voters of California.

The LWVC has a warning that the League is not affiliated with this coalition. Here is the link:

https://lwvc.org/lwvc-not-affiliated-redistricting-mailer/

To read the LWVC's position on Proposition 50, go to <a href="https://lwvc.org">https://lwvc.org</a>

Remember, the League speaks with one voice. If you hear misinformation regarding the LWVC's position on Proposition 50, p lease refer them to the link both links.

**Leslie Leach** LWVHC VOTER Editor Bad Officials Are Elected By Good People Who Don't Vote. Page 10 THE VOTER September 2025



## The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County

# 2026 State of the Community Luncheon Civic Contribution Award Nomination

Each year, at the State of the Community Luncheon, the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County honors individuals and/or groups for contributing to our community through their volunteer work. We are now accepting nominations for those community members you feel deserve this special recognition for their contributions. Please nominate a person or organization you feel should be considered for this honor and say why.

Please provide us with the following:			
Your name:			
Address:			
The best way to contact you	(phone, email, text, etc.):		
State of the Com	nomination by Friday, December 5, 2025 to: munity Luncheon Committee, Maggie Fleming CA 95502, or email <u>maggiefleming2018@gmail.com</u>		
Name of individual or group to l	be nominated:		
Address:	Phone or email:		
	group made a positive contribution to Humboldt County?		

# PAST CIVIC CONTRIBUTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

1992	Sally Upatisringa	2010	Rose Baker
1993	Leon & Jean Wagner		Humboldt Community Breast Health
1994	David T. Davis		Project
	John Gierek, Sr.	2011	Byrd Lochtie
	The Humboldt Open Door Clinic		Humboldt Sponsors
1995	Dr. Doris K. Niles	2012P	. J. "Paul" Nicholson
	Humboldt Literacy Project		North Coast Stand Down
1996	Dale Neiman	2013	Sylvia Noel Douglas & Dave Douglas
	The Foodworks Culinary Center		Food for People
1997	David Lehman	2014	Jimmy Smith
	Eureka Elks Lodge #652		CASA of Humboldt County
1998	The North Coast Journal	2015	Ruth Mountaingrove
	Carol Masterson		Helen Person
	Sandra Warshaw		Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods
1999	Sally Arnot	2016	Hospice of Humboldt
	Ken Collins		Redwood Empire Quilters Guild
2000	Ina Harris		Judith Stoffer
	Simona Keat	2017	Access Humboldt
	Alexandra Stillman		Marianne Pennekamp
2001	KEET-TV	2018	Betty Diehl and the Ferndale Community
	Ron Perry		Choir
2002	Humboldt Area Foundation		NAMI, Humboldt National Association of
	Muriel Dinsmore		Mental Illness
2003	Santiago Cruz	2019	Dell'Arte International
2004	Kathryn Corbett		Michele McKeegan
	Friends of the Redwood Libraries	2022	Viviana & Eric Hollenbeck
2005	Evergreen Lodge		Wanda Wahlund
	(American Cancer Society, College of the	2023	James "Jim" Glover
	Redwoods, Rotary Club of Southwest		Humboldt County Children's
	Eureka & St. Joseph Health System)		Authors Festival
2006	Kay Escarda	2024	Jeff Lamoree & the Sequoia Park Zoo
2000	KINS - For Talk Shop		Foundation
2007	Marge Custis		Lori Dengler
2001	Jan Kraepelien	2025	California Retired Teachers Association
2008	Dr. Douglas Jager		North Coast-Division 27
	Gwynna Morris		The Elections Transparency Project
2009	Arcata Community Recycling Center		
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Carol Jacobson & the Eureka Symphony

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# League of Women Voters Humboldt County 2025-2026 Calendar

Board meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm on Zoom and at the United Congregational Christian Church, 900 Hodgson St., Eureka, CA. Dec. and June are exceptions. Membership meetings will be on Zoom, generally on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, beginning at 6:30pm. NOTE: Membership Meeting topics shown here may change.

July 2025	January 2026		
Board Meeting: Board Retreat, 7/26	Board Meeting: 1/13, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom		
	Membership Meeting: 1/22, 6:30 pm. Zoom Topic: LWVUS Program Planning		
August 2025	February 2026		
No LWVHC meetings this month	Board Meeting: 2/10, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom		
	Membership Meeting: 2/19, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Education Position Update		
September 2025	March 2026		
Board Meeting: 9/9, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom	Board Meeting: 3/10, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom		
North Country Fair: 9/20 & 9/21, Arcata Plaza	Sunshine Week: 3/16-3/20		
Membership Brunch: 9/27, 10 am-12 pm, Arcata Lutheran Church, E. 16th St., Arcata	Membership Meeting: 3/26, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Grand Jury Position Update		
October 2025	April 2026		
Board Meeting: 10/14, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom Membership Meeting: 10/16, 6:30 pm, Zoom	Board Meeting: 4/14, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom  Membership Meeting: 4/16, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Local Program Planning		
Topic: Abolishing the Electoral College	SOCL: 4/10		
November 2024	May 2026		
Board Meeting: 11/11, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom Note: this is Veteran's Day	Avenue of the Giants: 5/3		
Membership Meeting: 11/20, 6:30 pm, Zoom Topic: Fact Checking in the Digital Age	Board Meeting: 5/12, 5:30 pm, UCC Church/Zoom		
December 2025	June 2026		
Board Meeting: 12/9, 5-6 pm, Tess Coffman's home	Annual Meeting: 6/2, 6 pm, Location TBA		
Membership Meeting: 12/9, 6 pm, Holiday Party, Tess Coffman's home	Board Meeting: 6/9, 5:30 pm, Tess Coffman's home		

## Renew Now or Help Someone Become a LWVHC Member!

Membership in the League of Women Voters, the most respected and effective grassroots organization in the country, is open to men and women of all ages. Our members make a visible difference by serving as community leaders using their experience to create positive, lasting change in our communities.

Membership dues and donations to the LWVHC are <u>not tax-deductible</u>.

Donations to the LWVHC-Education Fund, through the Humboldt Area Foundation, are tax deductible.

Your membership will be good for 1 year from the date you pay your dues.

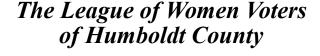
Visit www.LWVHC.org or mail the form below!

Please make checks payable to LWVUS. Send to P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502.

A single individual member payment of \$75 is suggested, but you can pay less if you wish, with a minimum of \$20 per member.

I am enclosing payment for my annual membership renewal:

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone
amail



P.O. Box 3219, Eureka, CA 95502 www.lwvhc.org leaguehumboldt@lwvhc.org

(707) 444-9252

#### Who's Who in Your 2025-2026 League Board

PresidentJulie Kelly
Vice PresidentPeggy Syvertson
SecretaryBonnie Oliver
TreasurerTess Coffman
Program DirectorPeggy Syvertson
Natural Resources DirectorVacant
Social Policy DiretorCorinne Frugoni
Government DirectorsKathy Johanson
and Claire Eyton
Election Service DirectorByrd Lochtie
Forum DirectorAnne Hartline
Voter Service DirectorAnne Hartline
Membership DirectorBecky Simpson
Social Media ChairJessica Schlachter
VOTER EditorLeslie Leach
Community Education DirectorAnne Wasson
Communications DirectorJessica Schlachter
Traditional Media ChairJessica Schlachter
Website DirectorLeslie Leach
DirectorJanet Foos
DirectorKaren Price







Eureka, CA 95502

To:

#### Get Involved!

We all have unique skills to contribute and limited time. Working together we become a viable force for change. Call or email today to say you want to participate. Visit www.lwvhc.org or call (707) 444-9252.

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

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County (LWVHC), in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to membership nor participation in the LWVHC on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, economic status, or political affiliation. LWVHC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVHC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of the community in its membership, Board, and programs. Discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be accepted within the League, including but not limited to race, socio-economic status, age, ability status, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or marital status. The League is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging for all people. The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences and life experiences represents not only our culture, but our reputation and the organization's mission and achievements as well.

## LWVHC Calendar

Tuesday, September 9

5:30 p.m.

**Board Meeting** United Congregational Christian Church 900 Hodgson Street

Eureka, CA

On Zoom

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Saturday, September 20 & North Country Fair Sunday, September 21

Arcata Plaza

Saturday, September 27 10:00 a.m. - noon

Membership Brunch The Lutheran Church of

Arcata

Gym/Fellowship Hall

E 16th Street

Anytime

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