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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Marsha Waggoner, LWVSC President

As we continue on this unprecedented path of Covid-19, I sincerely hope that each of you is healthy and taking the appropriate action to keep you and your circle of family and friends safe. I wish to thank Marie Bairey for continuing to keep you updated through the email blasts and also for her monitoring the many aspects of the concerns of League members and citizens in our community.

We had our Annual Meeting and are conducting our monthly board meetings via Zoom. If for any reason, you might want to join us as a guest, contact me through either my phone or email address which can be found in our directory and I will send you the sign-in information.

While the gatherings we typically have held are changing due to the health guidelines changing almost daily, we are attempting to use creative methods to electronically keep connected. The board is receptive to any ideas you might have in this regard, so please feel free to email me any ideas you might have for us to consider.

Our League is going to focus on educating the public on the changes in our local voting options and the importance of not only registering to vote, but also to exercise the privilege each of us has to actually vote.

We are entering a busy season not knowing for sure what will occur and we ask you to volunteer in any capacity you can as we remember **DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT.**



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MEET OUR NEW LWV US BOARD PRESIDENT

by Virginia Kase, LWV US CEO

I am full of energy and inspiration after our 54th National Convention this past weekend. League delegates, observers, board members, and staff joined together virtually for the first time in our 100-year history. There's no arguing that this was a historic Convention.

On Friday, our League delegates elected Dr. Deborah Ann Turner as the 20th board president of the League of Women Voters of the United States for our 2020-2022 biennium. Deborah has an impressive resume, as a doctor, an attorney, and a long-time League member. In her remarks on Saturday, she laid out her vision for the League during the next biennium: making VOTE411 a household name, advancing our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) work, and embracing intergenerational relationships. I am so excited to welcome Dr. Deborah Ann Turner as the President of our new board, and I am confident her leadership will carry the League forward strongly into our next century.



I had the honor of kicking off our Convention Thursday evening, moderating a panel of powerhouse voting rights experts – who happen to be all women! Our conversation on Facebook Live included D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser, Valerie Jarrett of When We All Vote, Allison Riggs of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice (and newly elected board member of LWVUS!), and Alejandra Castillo of YWCA USA.

We were honored to hear from CBS Evening News anchor Norah O'Donnell who delivered an inspirational and celebratory keynote video. She spoke to the intersection of activism and journalism, and the need for more Black and Brown women leading the work. You can watch Norah O'Donnell's full speech on our YouTube page.

As we celebrated our organization's centennial virtually and conducted our internal business, I addressed the convention about what it means to be nonpartisan in hyper-partisan times.

“When democracy is attacked, we can't stay neutral. We must stand in our positions and advocate for what is right and just - we must stand in defense of the constitution.”

We know the League's mission of empowering voters and defending democracy has never been more important. With Deborah's board leadership, I am confident we will tackle this together over the next two years.

LWVSC LOCAL ACTION UPDATE

On July 6, the LWVSC sent a statement critical of the City for not following planning procedures and for rushing to put the measure on the November ballot, precluding opportunities for public awareness and input.

This has been especially problematic with the COVID restrictions for group gatherings and face to face meetings. Public comments have been by phone or email. Planning for growth is a complex process, for good reason, and deserves time and study to do it right. To the lay person, the wording on the ballot measures is unclear what the voters are being asked to approve.

On July 14, the Urban Limit Line ballot approval was withdrawn from the Council agenda.

According to the Modesto Bee, City Manager Lopez and Mayor Brandvold said more outreach is needed before the council can make a decision. Council member Ah You added, "We need to do it in a way that is organized, well thought out and collaborative."

The League's Action Committee will continue monitoring the City's activities regarding the Urban Limit Line, General Plan update and Wood Colony - Beckwith planning activities.

LWVSC DONOR RECOGNITION

The LWVSC Board of Directors would like to extend our sincerest thanks to these individuals and businesses, whose donations directly support our voter service, outreach and education activities.

Alene Griffin	Kenni and Louis
Babette and Gary	Friedman
Wagner	Lynn Kelso
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LWVSC 72ND ANNUAL MEETING

Due to the coronavirus restrictions, the 72nd LWVSC Annual Meeting was held via ZOOM. Twenty-three members participated. Thanks to technology and President Marsha who coordinated it, we were able to safely conduct the business of League, hear our voices and see our faces.

Two items of business were to adopt the 2020-2021 budget and to elect officers. There were no recommendations to modify our local program. The budget was approved. The following officers were elected: President- Marsha Waggoner, Vice President - Marie Bairey, Secretary - Julie Saugstad, Treasurer - Ellen Meyer. These directors were elected: Finance Drive - Kay and Mike Christensen, Membership - Colleen Norby and Mary Ann Reynolds, Action - Seena Rhine and George Britton, Public Relations - Alene Griffin, Voter Service - Laurie Carley and Judy Kropp, Voter Editor - Amy Wolfe, Lunch and Learn - Pat Portwood and Wendy Scott, Website Manager - Stella Beratlis, Nominating Committee Chair - Hanna Renning.

The Annual Report includes the budget and the slate of officers and directors as well as reports from 2019-2020 officers and directors. The Annual Report is available on our website (lwwstanislaus.org); President Marsha (marshawag43@gmail.com) can email it for down load or you can request a printed copy.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

2020-2021 dues are due – payable anytime between now and September. Make checks to LWVSC and send to P.O. Box E, Modesto, CA 95352. Individuals @ \$60, Families @ \$90 and students @ \$10.

LWVSC FINANCE

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County

	Budget 2019-2020	YTD June 2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	
Income:				
Dues	\$4,500.00	\$6,255.00	\$4,860.00	
Finance Drive	\$3,000.00	\$3,140.00	\$2,700.00	
Fin Drive Desig. Education	\$2,000.00	\$950.00	\$1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	
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Interest	\$1.25	\$15.24	\$10.00	
Total Income	\$9,501.25	\$10,435.24	\$8,570.00	
Expenses:				
Office Expenses:				
Equipment	\$650.00	\$436.53	\$500.00	Sound System
General Postage	\$400.00	\$313.40	\$500.00	
Insurance	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	
Storage	\$700.00	\$685.00	\$725.00	
Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Telephone	\$200.00	\$121.37	\$200.00	
Voter Newsletter	\$50.00	\$9.40	\$50.00	
Website	\$200.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$43.58	\$50.00	
Total Office Expenses	\$2,350.00	\$2,004.28	\$2,525.00	
Dues Expenses:				
State PMP	\$2,350.00	\$2,338.00	\$2,268.00	Family \$42, Individual \$28 Student \$0
National PMP	\$2,700.00	\$2,672.00	\$2,594.00	\$48, \$32, \$0
Total Dues Expenses	\$5,050.00	\$5,010.00	\$4,862.00	25% CA, 50% US Ed Fund
Membership Expenses:				
Action	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Publications	\$200.00	\$74.54	\$200.00	
Board Tools	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	
Convention	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	CA Convention
Finance Drive	\$200.00	\$588.97	\$300.00	
Supplies	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	Membership Payment Envelopes
Publicity	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Meetings	\$300.00	\$114.20	\$300.00	
Lunch and Learn	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	
Other org membership/donations	\$30.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	
Workshops	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Total Membership Expenses	\$3,330.00	\$977.71	\$4,000.00	
Voter Service Expenses:				
Candidate Forums	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	
Supplies	\$50.00	\$139.54	\$100.00	
Voter's Edge website fee	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Total Voter Service Expenses	\$650.00	\$389.54	\$650.00	
Educational Grant (Giventer memorial)	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	Grant \$1450 Expenses \$50
Total Expenses	\$11,380.00	\$8,381.53	\$13,537.00	
Savings	\$21,758.40	\$21,767.27		
Checking	\$13,137.04	\$16,348.83		
Education Fund	\$7,872.39	\$6,591.39		
Total estimated assets	\$42,767.83	\$44,707.49		
Restricted Reserve (do not use)	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00		