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President's Message

by Pearl Mann, President LWVNOOC

Warm greetings to all! I know that you miss meeting and greeting in person with our members and friends as I do. I have been inspired and frequently frustrated by the wonders of technology which have allowed our LWVNOOC Board, as well as the OC ILO Board, to meet and conduct business via Zoom. Read with League also continues meeting via Zoom. The Voter goes to press on time, and our web site is kept up to date. My sincere thanks to our officers, directors, committee chairs, and members for your assistance, cooperation, and patience in these unusual times.

We were disappointed to have to cancel the Annual Meeting and luncheon scheduled for May, but we have rescheduled the Annual Meeting for June 25 via email and US mail. All members will receive the required information and instructions soon. If your email or home address has changed, please call or email me at pearlmann@aol.com.

In 2020-2021, LWVNOOC plans to emphasize the broad categories of Voter Service, Education and Community. Because of the unusual challenges facing our cities, we expect to interpret Community broadly to include affordable housing and homelessness, as well as support for local businesses and issues.

Please return your 2020 Census document if you have not already done so. It means a great deal to our communities for the next ten years.

Meanwhile, I spend half my day alone in my office. I take walks and try to force myself to clean out old files and closets.

Wishing you a cool, healthy summer.



Pearl Mann
LWVNOOC President



Welcome New Member

Jane Subeck-Goodman



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You Can Attend the Virtual LWV Convention for Free

At our last meeting the board voted to reimburse the registration cost for any LWVNOC member who wishes to attend the (virtual) National Convention. Please watch for announcements online when registration becomes open for non-voting observers. For reimbursement, simply mail a copy of your registration confirmation to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834. National Convention is an exciting and informative experience, so we urge you to take advantage of this opportunity!

We're nearly a month away from our 54th National Convention! While we are disappointed we will not have the opportunity to convene in person, we're excited to connect with you all virtually.

We hope you all are equally excited to join us and this year's keynote speaker, CBS Nightly News's Norah O'Donnell. We are thrilled to have her deliver the keynote address, *Women Power the Vote for 100 Years*.

Convention registration is now open for voting delegates! We hope to offer registration for non-voting observers soon, and more information will be provided as it becomes available.

If you still have questions about how virtual Convention will work, check out this recording of the [Intro to Convention webinar](#). Additional resources about Convention can be found on our main convention page at lwv.org/2020convention.



Voter Service Activities During the Pandemic

by Deborah Vagts and Patti Chikahisa,
Co-Voter Service Directors

Normally at this time, Voter Services is very busy organizing candidate forums in the cities and school districts we serve, as well as reviewing the state ballot measures and preparing pros and cons presentations for a variety of organizations. Due to the COVID-19 virus and the requirements of stay-at-home, physical distancing, etcetera, Voter Services may be modifying its activities. Currently we are not certain when these requirements will be lifted and how they will affect our plans for presentations.

Soon we will be contacting city clerks and school districts to determine how we can work together. We will explore a variety of presentation methods, while still complying with state and local League recommendations.

We will keep you informed as we continue to develop Voter Service activities. As always, we will need volunteers, and we hope that you will be available to help in some capacity. Voter Service is one of the core League functions; and during this difficult time, we hope to conduct meaningful Voter Service activities.

In Light of the COVID-19 Outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is Adjusting 2020 Census Operations

APRIL 13, 2020

APRIL 13, 2020 — The 2020 Census is underway and more households across America are responding every day. Over 70 million households have responded to date, representing over 48% of all households in America. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the U.S. Census Bureau is [adjusting 2020 Census operations](#) in order to:

- 1 Protect the health and safety of the American public and Census Bureau employees.
- 2 Implement guidance from federal, state and local authorities.
- 3 Ensure a complete and accurate count of all communities.

The Census Bureau temporarily suspended 2020 Census field data collection activities in March. Steps are already being taken to reactivate field offices beginning June 1, 2020, in preparation for the resumption of field data collection operations as quickly as possible following June 1.

In-person activities, including all interaction with the public, enumeration, office work and processing activities, will incorporate the most current guidance to promote the health and safety of staff and the public. This will include recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) and social distancing practices.

Once 2020 Census data collection is complete, the Census Bureau begins a lengthy, thorough and scientifically rigorous process to produce the apportionment counts, redistricting information and other statistical data products that help guide hundreds of billions of dollars in public and private sector spending per year.

In order to ensure the completeness and accuracy of the 2020 Census, the Census Bureau is seeking statutory relief from Congress of 120 additional calendar days to deliver final apportionment counts.

Under this plan, the Census Bureau would extend the window for field data collection and self-response to October 31, 2020, which will allow for apportionment counts to be delivered to the President by April 30, 2021, and redistricting data to be delivered to the states no later than July 31, 2021.



Curated Music

Quarantining can be stressful for families not accustomed to spending ALL their time together, but here's an example of how that time can be spent in creativity, humor, and love. Enjoy.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEpfvTdR5-U



Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, June 9 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, July 14 at 12:30 pm	Read with League and Book Selection	Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, August 11 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, September 8 at 1:00 pm	Read with League	Zoom Meeting

Read with League by Lucina Moses and Cheryl Zimmerman

We had our first Read with League Zoom meeting hosted by Jan Wagner (Thank You Jan!) and had a spirited discussion of **The Overstory**. Jan will also host this month's RWL meeting via Zoom on June 9th at 1 pm. Our book is **Catch and Kill** by Ronan Farrow. Farrow recounts the challenges he faced chasing the stories of Harvey Weinstein's decades of alleged rape, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of women and the case against him. Deborah Vagts will review the book. If you wish to participate in the meeting via Zoom, please send your email to Jan Wagner at janwagner@me.com no later than June 6, so she has time to build her email list to send out invitations to the meeting. Please RSVP to Lucina Moses at (775)762-7656 or lucinalea@mac.com or Cheryl Zimmerman at (714) 348-6765 cbzimmerman@fullerton.edu. Please contact Lucina or Cheryl if you have questions.

Future Meetings: We have changed the schedule for the books. We will read **White Fragility** by Robin DiAngelo in July, **The Woman's Hour** by Elaine Weiss in August, and **Talking to Strangers** by Malcolm Gladwell in September.

LWV Applauds Election Funding in House Heroes Act

Sarah Courtney | 202-263-1332 | sarahc@lwv.org 5/13/2020

WASHINGTON – Today the League of Women Voters president of the board of directors **Chris Carson** issued the following statement in response to the U.S. House Heroes Act relief package:

“Our democracy depends on an election system that protects voters, poll workers, and the right to vote. The latest House bill does just that.

“Expanding vote-by-mail and ensuring safe and early in-person voting options gives all eligible voters the flexibility to cast their ballots safely this fall. At this unprecedented time, voters should not have to choose between their health and executing their constitutional right to vote.

“By providing \$3.6 billion to state and local election administrators, this bill ensures that our election systems are prepared for changes related to COVID-19. This funding, combined with the \$400 million from the CARES Act, meets the required \$4 billion election experts estimate is needed to safely administer elections this fall.

“We are encouraged by the proposed bill and look forward to working with the Senate and the White House to ensure that this critical election funding is passed and made available to states in time to fund our fall elections.”

LWV Defending Voters Across the Country

by Celina Stewart, LWVUS

The LWV of North Dakota filed a lawsuit asking the US District Court of North Dakota to provide relief for voters from the state's burdensome signature match policy. Currently, North Dakota voters are not notified when their ballot is rejected due to a technical error such as signature mismatch, and there is no method for them to provide verification or cure the mistake to remedy their rejected ballots. The LWV of New Jersey is filing this same case in federal court.

The LWV of North Carolina has filed a motion to intervene in a lawsuit, *Judicial Watch v. North Carolina, et al*, which would remove individuals *en masse* from voter rolls in Mecklenburg and Guilford counties in the run-up to the general election in November. Our Leagues in Michigan and Pennsylvania are experiencing similar challenges, and we will continue to push back in each state.

The LWV of Mississippi and LWVUS have joined as *amicus* in a federal lawsuit brought by three Mississippi voters who allege that their congressional district was gerrymandered to disenfranchise Black voters, violating Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Our team is battling strict voter photo ID requirements in Missouri and Kentucky, fighting an attempt to add a "proof of citizenship" requirement to California's voter registration process, challenging the administration's repeal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and more.

The good news is that the League knows how to win. But our ability to represent voters in court depends on our donors. *If you would like to help support the League's efforts in these matters, visit www.lwv.org and click the Donate box.*

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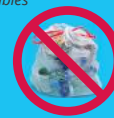
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SILENT AUCTION DONORS

LWVNOC would like to recognize and thank the following local companies for their donations to our silent auction fundraisers in the past. We so appreciate their generosity. Dear LWVNOC members, since our activities have been put on hold, please consider supporting these specific companies as our economy begins to open. Let's recognize all these wonderful businesses that have made our auctions such a great success!

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Sprouts Farmer's Market
Stage Door Repertory Theater
Summit House
Trader Joes, Brea
Urban Plates
USS Midway Museum
Yoga Six Yorba Linda

Web Tips: Annual Meeting Business Items by Ed Smith

By now you are probably aware that our Annual Meeting will not be held in person this year due to the virus situation. However, there are a few business items which must be approved by the membership by June 25.

You will be receiving an email describing how to view and approve the business items, namely:

- 1) Slate of officers for 2020-2021
- 2) The budget for 2020-2021
- 3) Our local program emphasis for 2020-2021

You may view and print this material by clicking on the link in the email. The material is also available on our website. You may contact [Pearl Mann, President](#), for any questions or comments by June 12. You will have until June 25 to approve the material by doing a "reply" to the email notice, or by sending an email to edlosmith@roadrunner.com.

Board of Supervisors Report

by Wanda Shaffer, ILO / LWVNOC

A long day, a worrisome day! Of course, the two main topics were the budget and COVID-19. There will be budget hearings for the public in June; Sept. 1 for the Public Hearing and Sept. 15 for the final budget decisions.

Not a big agenda, but the meeting was incredibly long! Thirty-one of the 34 city mayors all spoke favorably on the issue of CARES ACT dollars going to the cities. Much discussion ensued on the best method of distributing it to the cities.

The final decision was that Supervisors Steel and Wagner would simply turn over their district dollar amounts to their cities for the cities' decisions and dispersal. CEO Kim reminded them that the federal govt. will ask for a strict accounting. Supervisor Bartlett will urge the small businesses in her district to consider long term loans with a line of credit. Supervisor Do and Chaffee preferred a central administrative plan that defines "small business" and sets up an over-arching plan while working with city managers. The lively discussion made it very clear that each district had different needs! Supervisor Do pointed out that 1/2 of all the Cal-Optima patients are in his District 1.

Understandably, CEO Kim is frustrated, in that most of the planned monies are in a state of flux! There will probably be more COVID dollars, more federal and state directives, more CARES Act money, and there is as yet no FEMA funding.

The other reason the meeting was so long is disturbing! First Supervisor Steel introduced a vote on allowing in-person worship in churches as they pleased. She called Sheriff Barnes to the podium and asked if he planned to arrest citizens who went to church. He replied that no, he would not arrest people exercising their constitutional right. Over thirty-five public addresses were loud voices

demanding "their constitutional rights" to not wear a mask, to worship in their holy buildings, etc. Supervisor Steel asked

Dr. Chau why he has still not posted the number of recovered virus cases, as she had asked for previously. He stated that there is a wide variety of ways to count the "recovered" and because of that it has no meaning. She reiterated that she wants the numbers published. Some of the speakers spoke very strongly against Dr. Nichole Quick, of the Health Dept.

(She was not present at this meeting, thankfully.) Some speakers were literally screaming with raised fists about "her nerve to make illegal rulings on their lives." Some demanded her immediate firing. Such speech had to be allowed, but it was most disruptive and unfair! It was stated later that picketing citizens were on her front lawn, and that security had to be requested. At the end of the long day, Supervisor Steel said she was sorry for some of the public address statements, and that they were unfair.



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Total enclosed (Make checks payable to LWVNOC.) Thank you. \$ _____

How can you serve the League? How can the League serve you?

Please complete this member survey. Circle your choices or fill in the blanks.

Our areas of emphasis this year are: **Voting Issues, Civic Engagement, Education, and Housing and Homelessness.**

I am interested in working on: _____

I would also be willing to work on special events and other League projects. Yes No

I have special skills (for example: graphic art, computers): _____

I am currently: Working ___ Retired ___ My job/profession: _____

I prefer to attend League events: During the day In the evening Weekdays Weekends

Suggestion for an activity or speaker: _____

I am not able to participate in League events but wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation. Comments: _____

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