

The Sacramento Voter SEPTEMBER 2021



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Suzi Bakker outgoing president; Brenda Main incoming president

President's Message

I can not adequately describe how gratifying it is to see so many League volunteers stepping up to help with voter outreach, registration, and education for the gubernatorial recall election. We owe our thanks to all of them—and to Marge Patzer, Claudia Bonsignore, Theresa Riviera, and Paula Lee for finding venues, organizing events and volunteers, and coordinating with elections officials.

After the election, we'll continue our voter registration activities into September as we join organizations throughout the nation to celebrate National Voter Registration Day on September 28.

Redistricting will continue to be a focus until the end of the year. This important mapmaking process will influence how communities of interest are represented and resources allocated for the next decade. League members can educate friends, neighbors, and community organizations about the redistricting process and how deeply it affects their lives--and encourage them to get involved!

County residents can participate in redistricting through district workshops and public hearings. Residents of the City of Sacramento can participate through the city's Independent Redistricting Commission. City and county residents can testify at meetings, describe their neighborhoods or communities of interest, submit comments about maps or other issues, and create their own maps with paper and pencil or mapping tools provided online.

Residents of Folsom can monitor their government's transition from at-large elections to a by-district process. They can participate by attending the required public hearings and community meetings, educating their neighbors, and encouraging them to get involved.

For more information on the City's Commission see city's Commission

For more about the County see county process,

Link for information on Folsom,

For information on upcoming events and activities, watch for email announcements and check our website.

Photos by C. Enns

By B. Main, President

Voter Services

Voter Services went into high gear when the date for the recall election was announced. The Sacramento Registrar of Voters Office (ROV) was concerned about the turnout for the recall election. Theresa Riviera offered our assistance to distribute recall election information from the ROV. Brenda Main's talented daughter Meredith designed the flyer with information about the recall election. The design was approved by ROV, 6000 copies were printed for us to distribute. Twenty-six members from various zip codes in Sacramento County volunteered to take the flyers to sites and email to multiple clubs and organizations, friends, neighbors, and family members. To date, members have distributed flyers to assisted living facilities, senior residences, family-owned retail shops, coffee shops, restaurants, gas stations, grocery stores, churches, our DEI partners, plus many more. Thank you, volunteers!

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Articles for *The Voter*Members are encouraged to write articles relevant to LWV issues, word length up to approximately 350 words. Please provide attribution when appropriate. Email: eheaserlwv@gmail.com

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New flyers with FAQs for the recall election and voter registration information were developed by Meredith, approved, and printed by the ROV, and are available for distribution.

We have begun to conduct some voter registration/education events. On 8/6/2021 Claudia Bonsignore and her husband conducted an event at a local comedy club following COVID precautions. Claudia reported that most attending said they were already registered to vote but readily took election information.

August and September voter registration/education events include

- -Elk Grove/Laguna Culture Fest, **8/14/2021**, C. Bonsignore and O. Aguirre hosting (see pg.4) -Valley Hi Park, Friday, **8/27/2021**, 5 p.m.-8p.m., volunteers are needed, contact Claudia Bonsignore claudiabon16@gmail.com
- -LVVSC partner March On For Voting Rights Saturday, **8/28/2021**, is staging a memorial march to commemorate the March on Washington of 1963 in Sacramento. We are invited to host a voter table at the California State Capitol. Supplies will be provided. Volunteers please reply to C. Bonsignore.
- -Sacramento NAACP, Saturday, 9/4/2021 will host the R & B festival in Old Sacramento. We are invited to host a voter table, details pending.

 By M. Patzer

Children's Advocates Roundtable Meeting Summary

June 17, 2021

The focus of the Roundtable's June Meeting was on fortifying the financial circumstances for transition age youth who "age out" of the Foster Care System in California. Topics included Universal Basic Income for Foster Youth, as provided in SB 739, and other financial benefits available to some foster youth which have been unjustly taken from them by foster care agencies.

Sevly Snguon, Health and Economic Justice Policy Associate from the Children's Defense Fund spoke about the current legislative proposal to fund expansion of a pilot project to provide a guaranteed income to transition age foster youth between the ages of 21-24. SB 739(D. Cortese, D- San Jose) is a three-year pilot project which has been identified as a Universal Basic Income Program targeted specifically for Transition Age Foster Youth. The bill has a budget appropriation of \$60 million which will fund an unconditional cash transfer of \$1,000 per month to 2,500 eligible youth statewide for approximately two years. The bill has passed the Senate and is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee on June 30th. The motivation behind this legislation is to see if providing this level of unconditional income to former foster youth will give them enough financial security to enable them to complete their education, get jobs, avoid homelessness and other negative outcomes that are commonly associated with individuals who age out of the foster care system. However, critics of the program say that young people in general, and former foster youth in particular, lack financial literacy skills. Without these skills, they may not be in the best position to determine how to spend unrestricted income in ways that will result in the most positive outcomes for them.

Amy Harfeld, National Policy Director, Children's Advocacy Institute, talked about issues related to building economic security for foster youth, specifically protecting social security, disability, and veterans' benefits that are currently being taken by foster care agencies. State foster care agencies "mine" foster youth for eligibility for various federal benefits in order to fund their foster care. This represents an intrusion on the rights and benefits of these children without any notice or due process. It also creates unequal protection under the law for foster children with federal eligibility for special benefits because they are disabled, orphaned, or children of veterans. This situation happens primarily when a foster care agency applies for and is granted status as the "representative payee" for the minor child in foster care. It occurs even though there may be other individuals who are in a better position to determine what is in the child's best interest, such as a relative or a court- appointed advocate (e.g. attorney or guardian ad litem). While only affecting about 10-12% of children in foster care, it is still ethically questionable and often inconsistent with the guidelines established for the use of these special funds. Nevertheless, the practice is not illegal and for the most part it has been allowed by the courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Fortunately, things are beginning to change due to aggressive advocacy. Significant efforts are underway to inform families and foster youth representatives that these benefits belong to the children and foster care agencies are not entitled to be the representative payee unless there is no one more suitable to fill this role. Continued page 3

Greenhaven Land Park Tuesday, 9/14/21,10:00 a.m. Cancelled Roseann Kerby 916-392-1267 Mary Hopkins 45 Sunlit Circle, Sacramento, 95831, 916-422-6958

 Outlier's Folsom
 Wednesday, 9/15/21, 11:45 a.m.
 Nancy Compton 916-600-1992
 Lunch, Cliff House, Folsom, 9900 Greenback Lane. 916-989-9243

 Suburban
 Tuesday, 9/14/21, 10 a.m. Zoom meeting
 Alice Ginosar 916-545-6015
 2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael 95608

LWVSC will not be hosting in-person unit meetings at present. Units are welcome to schedule virtual meetings.

Unit Topic for September 2021. League History Project (below)

League History Project—Work In Progress

Do you want to know what the LWVSC has accomplished over the many years since 1939? What makes our League special to Sacramento County? What kind of leaders make a successful League? The History Team is hard at work making information available on our website for anyone to celebrate the strength of our League.

The History Team first met in February of this year to begin surveying existing documents in the League office and from *The Voter* newsletters. Thanks to Claudia Bonsignore, Madison Levesque and Rebeccah Yterdal for trips to the Office to sort and transport documents for review.

The next big task is reviewing newsletters, both hard and electronic copies. Nancy Compton typed an old hard copy history from the 50-year celebration written by J. Hoefling so we could post it on the web. Eileen Heaser, our newsletter editor carried the bulk of the review and documentation task for the profiles and the chronological history of the League with the assistance of R. Yterdal.

The results are saved to Excel spread sheets and on the LWVSC website. Carol Enns took on the task of sorting, editing and posting information on the website. While more can be done, we have some great historical information for our members and the public. Check out the links regarding our history and enjoy!

Look at the many League <u>Accomplishments</u> over the years and peak into the lives of a few of our members on the <u>Profiles</u> page. More history is located under the "About" section of the web page including photos of our <u>Past Presidents</u>

Let <u>Carol Enns</u>, Communications Director, know if you have more information for our history project. Please join us in this project since we continue to need to review documents and write narratives of our history.

By C. Enns

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Roundtable Meetings are moderated by Melanie Delgado of the **Children's Advocacy Institute**. Presentation slides and other reference materials are available on the Institute's website at http://www.caichildlaw.org/roundtable.htm

By P. Pavone

Membership Renewal

Membership renewal email notices will be sent to all in the next two weeks. For members with email addresses, please look for it. Those without an email address will receive a USPS letter.

Lifetime members will receive an email or letter even though they no longer have to pay dues after 50 years of League membership. Our Sacramento League has 11 lifetime members which is amazing, Your dedication to League is greatly appreciated. Lifetime members may wish to make a contribution to our League as a Suffragist member.

New members joining after January 2021 will not receive a renewal notice as their membership for 21/22 includes the short period in 2021.

LWVSC is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your dues are potentially tax deductible. Check with your tax advisor.

C. Bonsignore, Membership

Welcome

New & Returning* Members

Claudia Burdisso
Robin & Madison Judd
Ruth LeBlanc
Alyssa Lozano
Marty McKnew
Dian Mitchell*
Jennifer Ramey
Joyce Rietz
Gale Swafford*
Marilyn Teel
Kemper Tell

Heat Islands

"Sacramento ranks among worst cities for 'heat island' neighborhoods," By Margo Rosenbaum & Alexandra Yoon-Hendricks, The Sacramento Bee. 5/15/21. 3A. "The Study noted that temperatures were hotter in Sacramento because of a high level of pavement compared to greenery or trees in some neighborhoods" See report by Climate Central. Hot Zones: Urban Heat Islands, 7/14/21 Includes Maps.

By E. Heaser

Board of Supervisors Report, July 2021

During discussions on Property and Business Improvement Districts (PBID) presenters and members of the public emphasized the need for solutions to the county's homelessness problem, especially as it relates to addiction and mental illness. Businesses and PBID staff lack the resources needed to cope with the growing problem.

During Supervisor Comments, Supervisor Serna noted that his constituents were increasingly concerned about fires along the American River Parkway, also related to homeless encampments. Another concern throughout the county is recreational vehicles parked alongside roads and used for habitation. Inhabitants often dispose of wastes illegally, creating a public safety hazard. Acting County Executive Officer Edwards stated that staff are working on a Parkway strategy along with the encampment strategy for the county overall. Supervisor Serna asked for assurance from Edwards that adequate funding would be budgeted to address these problems.

Supervisor Nottoli suggested that, as part of its homelessness program, the county construct RV parks where operational vehicles could park at minimal or no cost, giving inhabitants access to water, electrical, and sewer hookups. While management would be needed at these parks, he suggested that they could be a cost-effective way to address the current problem of illegal parking by enabling people to live safely and legally in their recreational vehicles.

Supervisor Kennedy's remarks concerned the recent report submitted by the Office of the Inspector General. He does not want the report to sit on a shelf, forgotten. He asked Edwards to assign someone from her team to analyze recommendations to determine areas where the Board could exercise some level of policy control over the Sheriff's Department. Those findings should then be brought back to the Board for consideration. Edwards stated that this review would become an ongoing function of the new Deputy CEO. Supervisor Nottoli asked that the Inspector General present a report to the Board. Edwards concurred and said it will be scheduled. Agenda

By B. Main

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

It's coming...

California's Gubernatorial Recall Election September 14, 2021

Why it matters: Voters decide if Gavin Newson will continue to be California's Governor - or if he will be regiaced by another candidate.

How it works:

There will be two questions on the b

Should the governor be recalled
 If he is recalled, who will replace

√ Yote by mail

√ Vote in person at a vote

√ Vote at home and place y ballot in a bright pink Drop Bax

Watch for this helpful book! your mailbox

Socramento County Ballot Guide of the ballot and other election info State Voter Guide with condidat

Ballots will be mailed to all registered voters the week of August 16.









Voter Services

On 8/14/21 our Voter Services team staffed a table in over a year at the Elk Grove & Laguna Culture Fest at the Laguna Town Hall & Amphitheater. There was great music, food and specialty vendors. We registered two new members, five others asked to be added to The Voter email list for nonmembers. We spoke to many and shared the Recall Election flyers created in conjunction with the Sacramento County Registrar's office that explain the election process. We shared information about www.votersedge.org from the state League that provides candidates a free site to inform voters about themselves and their priorities. It was hot but people came throughout the day and a good time was had by all. Claudia Bonsignore and

Olga Aquirre managed the table. Laura Ostenberg and family came to enjoy the event and pickup recall election flyers to distribute in Folsom.

By C. Bonsignore



LWVSC ComHome Updates - August 2021

ComHome members met over the summer making progress in reviewing our efforts to date and defining our future activities.

Over the past several months, members interviewed 13 individuals from government, social services, and non-profit agencies. Seven themes emerged:

- -Coordination between county/cities needs improvement to better serve the unhoused and maximize use of available funds.
- -HUD's "Housing First" policy creates challenges in mixing unhoused persons with different life issues. These challenges are most pronounced for women and families with children.
- -Funding "buckets" limit how funds can be spent and often do not align with specific needs of the City and/or County residents.
- -There is a severe lack of low-income housing, shelters, and safe parking lots.
- -The growth rate of the unhoused is expanding quickly. The new entries are families with children and elderly, which in the past were not prevalent in the homeless populations.
- -Stakeholders lack agreement on solutions.
- -Getting services to the unhoused (medical/behavioral/general assistance) is difficult due to the lack of internet, availability of showers, required documentation to receive services and a permanent address.

On August 4th, Mayor Steinberg presented the City's <u>2021 Master Siting Plan to Address Homelessness</u> (*Plan*) which was approved unanimously by the city council on August 11th. The <u>Plan</u> calls for the development of capacity to serve 9,820 unhoused annually. The <u>Plan</u> proposes large campus developments, motel conversions, housing vouchers, safe grounds with camping, safe parking lots, tiny homes, permanent supportive housing, hospice, and emergency shelter facilities. Housing advocates and residents of some districts voiced opposition to the <u>Plan</u> for its lack of equity in the distribution of sites across the City. ComHome will continue to follow development and implementation of this plan.

Based upon our work to date, we established five projects for the 2021-2022 year:

- -Assess and provide opinion on the new 2022 County Budget related to housing and the homeless. Become a recognized voice for the homeless initiatives at the County level during the budget process.
- -Follow the Money. Continue to pursue a line-item assessment of funding for homelessness for 2019-2020.
- -Establish working relationship with the City Council and Mayor's Office and become a recognized voice for the development of the Sacramento City .
- -Establish working relationship with the County Steps Forward executive staff and become a recognized voice for change to promote resolution of the themes identified in our interviews.
- -Establish/Develop a "Good Neighbor" educational presentation that can be provided to the community to help them understand the real faces of the homeless. We will work with the county to develop the presentation and offer our presence at individual District and Supervisory meetings.

By ComHome members G. Berg. & L. Duval

FAQ for Voters: California Governor Recall Election

- --How does a Recall Election Work? There will be two questions on the ballot. 1. Do you want to recall/remove the governor from office? 2. If the governor is recalled, who do you want to replace him?
- --If more than 50% of voters say "no" to the first question, the governor remains in office. If more than 50% of voters say "yes" to the first question, the person who gets the **most votes** on the second question becomes the governor.
- -- A replacement candidate does NOT need more than 50% of the votes to win; they only need more votes than any other candidate.
- -- You can answer the first or second question, or both. It's your choice.
- --No matter how you answer question 1, you can vote for a replacement candidate.
- -- The 2021 California Governor Recall Election is on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.
- -- The Voter Registration Deadline is Monday, August 30, 2021 for the Governor Recall Election
- --If you miss the deadline, go to a voting location. You can register the same day—up through Election Day, Tuesday, 9/14/2021.
- --All registered voters will get a ballot in the mail about a month before Election Day.
- --You can mail your ballot (no stamp needed), drop it off at a vote-center or at any ballot drop box location, or vote in person. Mark your ballot, seal it inside the envelope provided. **Sign and date the envelope.**
- --Mail your ballot early! It must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, September 14, 2021
- --At **in-person** voting locations, you can vote in person drop off your completed ballot --vote with an accessible voting machine

Get help and materials in multiple languages: <u>voterservices@lwvsacramento.org</u> OR https://elections.saccounty.net

League of Women Voters Sacramento County

In Memory



"Advocate for Women-Champion for Children," *The*

Sacramento Bee 5/9/21, 10B

Jacqueline (Phillips) Swaback 4/24/1940— 5/2/2021

Jacque spent her childhood in Greeley CO, and graduated from Trinity College with a B.A. After marrying, she lived in Chicago, Colorado, and Japan, before arriving in Sacramento in 1972. Jacque was an active member of the LWVSC for many years. She graduated from CSUS with a Masters focusing on urban planning. The California State Affordable Housing Competition gave her a merit award for her MPA thesis. Jacque was Sacramento's first Child Care Coordinator; later she was a Contract Administrator for the Sacramento County Probation Department.

Abstracted from *The Sacramento Bee*, 5/9/21, 10B. Online By E. Heaser

Doris (Dodie) C. Backus 11/11/1927 - 6/29, 2021

Born in Ann Arbor, MI, Doris received a BA in Theater from the University of Michigan. She later earned her MA in Communication Studies from California State University Sacramento. Doris was an active member of the Sacramento community including being a charter member of KVIE, she was a volunteer for many years and served as Chair of the Board in 1983. She was involved in the League of Women Voters, local Democratic Party, and an on-going supporter of the American River Parkway. Doris was an arts enthusiast and was involved in the Creative Arts League of Sacramento, serving twice as its president.



She worked at the State Legislature, the Department of Corrections, and served as an elected member and President of the Carmichael Water District. For several years she was an adjunct professor of Communication Studies at CSUS.

Abstracted from The Sacramento Bee Legacy. Retrieved 8/18/2021 By E. Heaser

Water, Water, Everywhere and not a Drop to Drink

—Jim Peifer, executive director, Regional Water Authority and Sacramento Groundwater Authority, in a *Special* to *The Sacramento Bee*, 6/15/21, 9A, "Invisible source will help Sacramento get through drought," paints a reassuring picture of the water reserve in the Sacramento area. In 2000 regional leaders formed the Water Forum [LWVSC joined the coalition] including environmental groups, business and local government groups, federal and state partners, etc. Thanks to the <u>Water Forum Agreement</u> Sacramento has been storing water in the aquifers under Sacramento for approximately two decades. "Far below the Sacramento metro area are two large groundwater aquifers. These can hold 1.8 million acre-feet of water — nearly twice the amount of water as Folsom Reservoir — in the soil and rock crevices 2,000 feet below the surface. Unlike other parts of California, our groundwater aquifer is stable, sustainable, and ready to serve as our drought buffer. This was not always the case. More than two decades ago, groundwater levels were declining dramatically, threatening the long-term viability of some groundwater-dependent communities. The American River was also overtaxed. In 2000, leaders across the region came together in the historic <u>Water Forum Agreement</u> to balance the needs of our communities and the environment by jointly managing surface water and groundwater." 9A.

—"California can learn much from Israel on how to conserve water, manage drought," <u>Special to The Sacramento Bee</u>, 6/20/21,1C, 10C by Ron E. Hassner, Helen Diller Family Israel Studies chair, and Helen Diller Institute for Israel Studies, co-director, U.C. Berkeley. The author critiques California's lack of water management. He states "There is no shortage of water here, only a shortage of good water management. In part, our water is too cheap: Israelis pay three times as much for water than Californians and, as a result, consume 30% less water per capita than Californians do. They treat water as a precious resource, <u>Israel recycles 90% of its wastewater</u>. <u>California recycles 13%</u>."

"Our dams and reservoirs are small and decrepit. When it does rain in the Bay Area, most of the water is not captured and utilized before it flows into the Bay. It just disappears down the storm drain," The author states that: "dams and reservoirs are small and decrepit, almonds consume 10% of California's water equaling the amount of water used by all the cities [combined] in California, irrigation systems are not drip, alfalfa, rice and cotton - water intensive crops - are grown using flood irrigation. Suggestions for saving water: significant recycling, conservation, and desalination. "Israel's two largest desalination plants [they have five plants] provide about 160 million gallons of drinking water a day ..." pg.10C. California's only desalination plant in Carlsbad produces 50 gallons per day.

By E. Heaser

—"Two degrees affect California water wars." by Dan Walters, <u>CalMatters</u>, 7/6/21. "As California water interests joust over management of the state's supply, two decrees from Washington change the game."

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15/2021 – 10/15/2021

Hispanic Heritage Month begins in the U.S. on 9/15 of each year and celebrates several of the independence struggles in Latin America from 1810 through the 1820s.

2021 marks the 500th Anniversary of the fall of Tenochtitlan, the ancient capital of the Aztecs, site of today's Mexico City, and the 200th Anniversary of Mexican Independence. To commemorate these historical landmarks, the Mexican Government declared 2021 as the Year of Historical Reconciliation. The Consulate General of Mexico in Sacramento is participating in these celebrations with a series of binational cultural events. "500 years of Indigenous Resistance -1521 the fall of Tenochtitlan," programmed in Spanish August 16th to 31st.

Spain ruled most of Latin America from 1521 until 1820. The movements of independence from Spanish rule began most notably on 9/15/1810, in Dolores, Mexico with the *Grito de Dolores* when Father Miguel Hidalgo declared Mexico's independence from Spain. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates these movements of independence.

The war of independence in Mexico lasted until 1821. This challenge to Spanish power in Mexico led to the collapse of Spanish power in the Americas with independence struggles winning in Chile, Columbia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Peru among others. Five Latin American countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua - celebrate the anniversaries of their independence on September 15.

After 1810 the independence movements went through several stages. Many of the leaders including Father Hidalgo were imprisoned or executed by forces loyal to Spain.

A notable leader in South America was Simon Bolivar who organized and fought for over a decade to liberate an area that is now part of Chile, Columbia, Venezuela, and Peru. By 1820, many of the leaders went beyond a demand for independence and took more radical positions, including the abolition of slavery.

The October Voter will continue with an explanation of terminology - Hispanic & Latino.

Let's go out and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. By D. D. Campbell, Chair DEI

Reports/Articles

—City of Sacramento 2020 Urban Water Management Plan, <u>Draft Report</u>, 5/2021. Elizabeth Drayer, PE, Project Manager. The following was abstracted from the Executive Summary of the 104 page report. The City has the following existing water supplies: Surface water diverted from the Sacramento River, treated at the Sacramento Water Treatment Plant; Surface water diverted from the American River, treated at the E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant; Groundwater pumped from City-owned and operated wells from the underlying North American and South American subbasins. To reliably meet current and future water demands, the City is evaluating several projects to increase the long-term water treatment capacities. Projects include: expansion of the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant; the RiverArc project is proposed to be a new regional water treatment plant that could benefit the greater Sacramento area; continued planning for the rehabilitation of the E.A. Fairbairn Water Treatment Plant and the retrofit of the existing intake at the Sacramento Water Treatment Plant. The City's Groundwater Master Plan recommended for the City to expand its groundwater program, page 3. Posted in Sacramento City Express, 6/7/2021.

—The article "The White right to bear arms," by Emilio Leanza, Associate Editor of *The Progressive*, June-July 2021, pg. 65, reviews *The Second: Race and guns in a fatally unequal America*, by Carol Anderson, Professor of African American Studies, Emory University. Author Anderson states "... the origins of the Second Amendment [were] as a concession to Southern slaveholders to empower state militias to put down slave revolts," viz., the *Second* "...was rooted in fear of Black people." "The *Second* centers on the amendment's anti-Black roots and details how, from the eighteenth century on, the so-called 'right' it prescribes has been used to suppress, control, and kill African Americans." The author discusses the horror of several slave revolts, e.g., Deslonde's rebellion in Louisiana and the many "... lynchings, terror and racial pogroms, that occurred after WWI in 1919," a period referred to as the Red Summer. A massacre that occurred in Elaine, AK in 1919 killed 856 Blacks after they decided to unionize for higher wages, "...the deadliest racial conflict in U.S. history." Pg.65

—<u>Offshore wind for America</u>: The promise and potential of clean energy off our coast, report by Environment California Research & Policy Center and Frontier Group, 2021. "Offshore wind has the technical capacity to power the country with clean energy. The United States has the technical potential to produce more than 7,200 terawatt-hours (TWh) of electricity from offshore wind, which is almost two times the amount of electricity the U.S. consumed in 2019 and about 90% of the amount of electricity the nation would consume in 2050 if we electrified our buildings, transportation system and industry, and transitioned them to run on electricity instead of fossil fuels." Page 1 Summary statement. The 30-page report includes data for offshore wind potential in the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf and Great Lakes waters.

By E. Heaser



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Asian Youth and Voting

Driven by key issues, Asian youth increased their political participation

Report by the Tufts Tisch College, Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE)

The Tufts 2020 post-election youth poll showed that young Asian Americans were especially concerned about racial injustice and the COVID-19 pandemic. Key findings:

- 47% of eligible young Asian Americans (ages 18-29) reported voting in 2020, and census data suggests Asian youth turnout may have increased the most of any racial/ethnic group
- Young Asian Americans remain relatively neglected by political campaign outreach
- Asian American youth utilized vote-by-mail and ballot drop-off voting methods more than in-person options
- Young Asian Americans identified racism as one of the top three issues that determined their vote for President. A comprehensive federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic was important to young Asian Americans.

Retrieved 8/18/2021 By E. Heaser



Pic date 3/31/14, M. B. Ceneta, AP

"California woman who fought to honor Rosie the Riveter dies." Phyllis Gould, one of the millions of women who worked in defense plants in World War II and who later relentlessly fought to honor those "Rosie the Riveters," has died at the age of 99. By The Associated Press July 26, 2021, 8:20 PM. Retrieved 8/18/21



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