



# League of Women Voters

## North County San Diego

# VOTER

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## June

### Meetings and Events Overview

**San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon** Thursday, June 6  
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

**Carlsbad Unit Observer Luncheon**  
Saturday, June 8 at 10 AM

**Health Care Group**  
Monday, June 10 at 10 AM

**Community Safety and Guns** Wednesday, June 12  
at 10 AM

**LWVNCSD Board**  
Friday, June 14, 10 AM

**LWV Book Group**  
Monday, June 17, 1 PM

**Annual Meeting**  
Saturday June 22

9:30 AM check-in and social time. The Annual Meeting starts at 10:00 AM

Watch for a **Midsummer VOTER** in mid-July. Until then you'll be updated by e-blasts and remember to check our website regularly:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/north-county-san-diego>

## June 2019

### ANNUAL MEETING

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2019**  
**CARLSBAD SENIOR CENTER AUDITORIUM**

9:30 AM **Check-In** followed by **Social Time**  
10:00 AM **Annual Meeting**

**Guest Speaker** - Gloria Chun Hoo, Vice President Advocacy and Program for the League of Women Voters of California

**Business Meeting** Treasurer's Report, Proposed 2019-2020 Budget, Proposed 2019-2020 Program, President's Report to the League, Nominating Committee Report, Election of Officers and Directors, Members' Instructions to the Board. *\*Note that you will receive the 2019 Annual Meeting Packet in a separate mailing.*



**Gloria Chun Hoo** will be the Second Vice President for Advocacy/Program on the LWVC Board after the LWVC Convention. She currently serves on the LWVC Board as First VP and chairs the Diversity and Equity Task Force. She is a member of the Board's Legislative Committee and the LWVC Climate Change Task Force.

Gloria Chun Hoo's Local League is the LWV San Jose/Santa Clara where she was president for three years. She was born and raised in Honolulu and graduated from Boson University. She has had an outstanding professional career in marketing and communications/public relations in the science/history/culture museum industry as well many other professional and volunteer experiences.



## Message From President Anne Omsted

Attending the League of Women Voters of California Convention from May 30 through June 2 has become the major focus of the Board this past month. We have learned that we must convince the other League representatives to join us in proposing creation of a state-wide Task Force to expand our own adopted Position on Homelessness to fit the entire state. This has involved a lot of thinking, discussion and creation of supporting handouts to crystallize our own position and developing a presentation to explain why this is important. We are working closely with the LWV San Diego, which is sending 10 Delegates. Together, we think that we will be able to create the momentum to convince everyone at the Convention of the importance of this issue.

You may recall that in the past two years our League has joined with the LWV San Diego to urge the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to hold at least one evening meeting to discuss the proposed budget for the year. We were ignored the first year, but this year, with the enthusiastic support of the two new Board of Supervisors members, the Board agreed to hold an evening Budget meeting! What a difference an election can make! Now many groups who have working members will be able to present their ideas about how the County should spend its \$6.2 billion budget for the betterment of our county's residents.

*Anne*

### LWVNCSD Officers & Directors 2019

#### Officers

President	Anne Omsted
1st VP, Admin. & Memb.	Nancy Telford
2nd VP & LWV Action	Veronica Seay
Secretary	Cecilia Jolly
Co-Treasurer	Arlene Meadows &
Co-Treasurer	Jennifer Lonbom

#### Directors

Media Outreach	Norelynn Pion-Goureau
Natural Resources	Elizabeth Gabrych
Observer Corps	Connie Ulrich
Regional Gov't Issues	Cathy Greene
Social Media	Suzanne Carneiro
Social Policy	Bill Loftus
Strategic Communications	Loann Simon
Voter Editor	Roni Seay
Voter Service	Open
Women's Issues	Nancy Hand
Webmaster	Suzanne Carneiro

#### Unit Chairs

Carlsbad Unit	Suzanne Burkhalter & Nita Rodriguez
Oceanside Unit	Bill Loftus
San Dieguito Unit	Katie Wheeler

#### Committee Chairs

Behavioral Health	Liz Kruidenier
Civil Engagement	Mary Thompson
Education	Claudine Jones
Community Safety & Guns	Stephen Bartram
Health Care	Jane Dunmeyer
Hospitality/Arrangements	Open
Speakers Bureau	Open

### Board Report - May 10, 2019

At the May 10 Board meeting, the following actions were taken:

- Accepted condensed North County Transit District position, reviewed Escondido League and ILO positions, and are submitting all to the membership for review and adoption at the Annual Meeting on June 22.

- Reviewed final planning for attendance and participation in the League of Women Voters California biennial Convention May 30 through June 2 in Pasadena.

## Board Report - May 10, 2019

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LWVNCSD is sending 8 delegates and we are focused on convincing the rest of the League members that the entire state needs to work on creating a position on Homelessness.

- Loann Simon presented a Marketing and Communication Roadmap for our League that will synchronize with the LWVUS Transformation to encourage diversity and incorporate modern social media/technology for the future as we continue with our mission.

- Approved presentation of a letter to the Palomar College Governing Board supporting adoption of an Associated Students proposal to allow homeless college students at Palomar to sleep in their cars in specified college parking lots.

- Approved presentation of a letter to the Oceanside City Council opposing the proposed high-density North River Farms.

- Agreed to moderate a candidates forum for the Escondido Democratic Club for the three declared candidates for the Third District of the Board of Supervisors 2020 election.

- Approved a letter to the Los Angeles Times supporting a May editorial which urged Congress to move forward on adopting the ERA.

- Learned that 73 members have filled out the LWVNCSD Membership Survey.

- Heard a report on our participation in Census 2020 planning.

- Approved our League Writing a letter of support for the City of Oceanside's Pure Water Grant Project to the U.S. Department of the Interior, at the City's request.

- Learned that member Mary Thompson had offered to Join the LWV San Diego's Regional Transportation Study update to represent our League.

## League Observers

This year the Carlsbad and San Dieguito units are holding their **Spring Observer Reports Luncheons** in early June. If you're new to League probably your first question is: *who & what are observers?* The answer is simple: They are fellow League members who volunteer to attend the public meetings of city, county and regional boards and committees.

**The Observer Program is unique to the League of Women Voters.** A League Observer never advocates for an issue or policy, only for good government. The observer has two functions: (1) by the League's presence an agency knows the League is interested in what it's doing; and (2) through their reports the observer keeps their League apprised of the issues before the agency and how well it functions. Acting as the "eyes & ears of League" the observer sits quietly and remains neutral while they assess if the agency follows the Brown Act, if decision-making is done in an open and transparent manner, if the public is allowed to be heard, if the proceedings are conducted in a civil manner, and if an issue should be reported to the LWVNCSD Board of Directors.

**Observers are essential** to League's ability to take action quickly. When the League Observer learns about an issue that is important to the League, s/he notifies our Board and then League can speak or write to the agency and/or raise awareness of the matter in our communities. The mission of League is to promote good government using our studied positions but unless we become aware of current matters we cannot act quickly.

Twice a year the observers share what they've learned at the Observer Reports Luncheons. These potluck luncheons are among the most interesting and popular events in our calendar. You don't have to be a member of the unit to come to the luncheon; they are open to every member of our league. Please come. You'll find they are an opportunity to learn what's happening in your community, to meet new members and to reconnect with old friends.

Check the calendar for the date, time and location of the luncheons. Please don't forget to RSVP to your host or Unit Chair.

We hope to see you there!

Connie Ulrich, LWVNCSD Observer Chair

## June Meetings and Events

### San Dieguito Unit Observer Luncheon

Thursday, June 6 from 11:30 AM to 2 PM at the home of Barbara Mendell.

**Be sure to let Barbara know that you plan to attend by email or phone**—she has to let the gatehouse know that you are coming. Bring anything you want for the potluck except dessert—Barbara always makes wonderful homemade desserts!

### Carlsbad Unit Observer Luncheon

Saturday, June 8 at 10:00 AM at 7386 Altiva Place, Carlsbad, 92009. We'll meet in the Clubhouse at Spyglass Point on the corner of Altiva & Alicante.

For Potluck Lunch: Last names with A-M, dessert: N-Z, salad or cold entree. Please RSVP to Nita Rodriguez 760-994-0355

### Health Interest Group Meeting

Monday, June 10 at 10:00 AM at the home of Jane Dunmeyer.

The Health Interest Committee always has meaningful health issues to discuss and act upon! If you want to join them, please let Jane know by email or phone.

### Community Safety and Guns Meeting

The next meeting of the Community Safety and Guns Group will be Wednesday, June 12 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad.

**Please note:**

**Women's Issues Group will not meet in June and that the Oceanside Unit will not meet in June.**

### LWVNCSD Board Meeting

Friday, June 14 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad.

Members are welcome to attend but please let President Anne Omsted know that you are planning to come so enough seating can be arranged.

### League Book Group

The League Book Group will meet on Monday, June 17, at 1 PM at the home of Dvora Gittelsohn. We will be reading Dark Money: the Hidden History of the Billionaires behind the Rise of the Radical Right by Jane Mayer. Phee Sherline will be the discussion leader.

New members are welcome but please let Dvora Gittelsohn know if you are planning to

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

**Saturday, June 22, (see page 1)**

**All members present and in good standing are Voting Delegates at this important meeting.**

**There is no charge for our Annual Meeting. We ask for your reservation to help the committee plan for refreshments and seating.**

**Please RSVP to**

**Nancy Telford at [lwnnancyt@gmail.com](mailto:lwnnancyt@gmail.com) or 760-803-2681 by Monday June 17, 2019**

## **Work Underway on LWV Regional Transportation & Housing Positions**

By Mary Thompson

Like most communities in California, San Diego County's problems of affordable housing and transportation are closely linked. Finding an affordable place to live often means increased commute times. Given SANDAG's new vision, tough decisions about transportation and housing may be taken by city councils and the Board of Supervisors.

To prepare for those decisions, over the past six months the San Diego League has worked on a transportation study and has invited the North County League to join the effort, to make the results of the study and concluding positions regional. I volunteered to join this effort and attended the study team's monthly meeting on May 13 at the SD League's Public Policy Committee session.

At that session, the group reviewed draft consensus questions that would be considered by both Leagues to form a regional position. The draft questions were in three parts: Housing, Transportation, and Housing & Transportation, designed to address the symbiotic relationship between the two topics. Work continues to formulate and broaden the final questions so the resulting positions can be widely used. The next session will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the SD League office.



## **Making the 2020 Census Count**

The Constitution requires us to count every resident of the United States once a decade since 1790. The census shapes how political power and federal tax dollars are shared in the U.S. over each decade. It determines the number of congressional seats and Electoral College votes each state gets and guides how an estimated \$880 billion a year in federal funding is distributed for schools, roads and other public services in local communities.

At the March 8, 2019 Board Meeting we approved the Motion that LWNCS D become a Partner in the Count Me 2020 Coalition.

Currently, our Coalition's main focus is in the planning and organizing stages in anticipation of full implementation in September 2019. We've been having monthly meetings at the Universidad Popular location in Vista since February 27, 2019.

As the Liaison, I'll be submitting monthly Board Reports about our progress. Additionally, I'll send the Board and interested members an invitation to the monthly Coalition Partnership Meetings in case you want to attend any of the meetings.

Our monthly Census 2020 Planning Meeting in North County San Diego was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 from 2 - 4 PM at Centro Universidad Popular in Vista at 1234 N. Santa Fe Ave.

Using the the California Hard-to-Count (CA-HTC) Index by census tract-level data, we identified the hardest-to-count tracts across North County

**Please Welcome our New Member**

**Marilyn Mansfield - San Marcos**





and found approximately 48 Hard to Count Census tracts along the 78-Corridor and the 76-Corridor. HTC communities include: Latino, African-Americans, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, Middle Eastern North Africans, Immigrants and Refugees, farm workers, people with disabilities, seniors/older adults, homeless individuals and families, children ages 0-5, veterans, areas with low, limited or no access to broadband subscription rates, households with Limited English Proficiency and Native Americans/Tribal Communities.

Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons are routinely undercounted in census participation due to second-language literacy.

At this meeting, we discussed the development of a language access plan to outline language resources and needs across the North County region.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Nancy Telford, LWNCS Vice President



## California Citizens Redistricting Commission

On May 7, the LWV North Coast and LWV San Diego hosted a joint meeting to introduce Margarita Fernandez, Chief of Public Relations and Quality Assurance, for the California State Auditor's Office. Ms. Fernandez explained the process for applying to become a commissioner on the California Redistricting Commission. She also asked LWV to help publicize the search for applicants.

The many precise steps in the application process were clearly set forth and it appears that every effort is made to get the best fair and balanced commission possible.

After a long process the Commission in 2020 will have 14 members: five Democrats, five Republicans, and four from neither major party. There are other requirements and if you want details, go to the CA Auditor's website: <http://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov>

League has a special interest in the Redistricting Commission because LWV was instrumental in the passage of the act that created the commission by advocating for and collecting signatures for California Proposition 11, the *Voters First Act* which passed in November, 2008.

**Compassion is not weakness and concern for the unfortunate is not socialism.** Hubert Humphrey  
US Vice President (27 May 1911-1978)



## News

### Mostly for New Members

#### **League of Women Voters of United States National League (LWVUS) & League of Women Voters of California State League (LWVC)**

For new members (and even seasoned members) League organization and jargon is often very confusing.

You belong to a larger and even more interesting organization than just your own Local League, the League of Women Voters of North County San Diego (LWVNCSD).

We have a “sister” League in the southern part of the County: The League of Women Voters San Diego (LWVSD).

<https://my.lwv.org/california/san-diego>

We share responsibility for acting on some county and regional issues together. For example, we both created a position on Homelessness and we share some of the same State and County elected officials. LWVNCSD responds to North County issues but often keep LWVSD apprised of our actions.

When you joined the League of Women Voters of North County San Diego, you also joined LWVUS and LWVC. As you can see from the title of this article both those organizations are often go by different names—adding to the confusion.

If you really want to be part of the greater League mission, try to respond to both the LWVUS and LWVC “Action Alerts.” It is really quite easy to follow the prompts in their e-mails and you are shown how to participate by contacting your particular elected officials on vital State or National issues.

If you ever just want to do something for our democracy, look at the LWVUS website.

<https://www.lwv.org/>

On the front page of the LWVUS website are many informative links to what the organization is doing. There are articles about voting rights, elections, and fighting voter suppression among other issues.

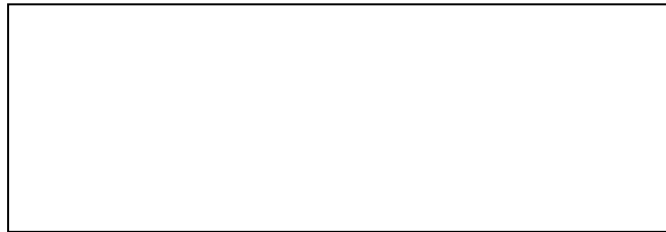
The LWVC website: <https://lwvc.org/> has a wealth of information and inspiring articles. It tells you about California legislation and what LWVC is supporting based on its positions. It lists the “Action Alerts” and makes it easy for you to respond.

Most of your annual dues go to support both the State and National League, so you might think that it’s important to know what they are doing with your money. After studying all the work both LWVC and LWVUS does, you will know that you are getting your money’s worth and be proud of the greater LWV.



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

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**LWV North County San Diego  
Membership Application**

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Membership is open to all persons who are  
at least 16 years of age.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to LWVNCSD  
Mail to:

LWVNCSD - Attn. Membership  
PO Box 131272  
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or Join Online at: [www.lwvncsd.org/  
join.html](http://www.lwvncsd.org/join.html)

**Dues:**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 First Year member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60/year renewal

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30/year 2nd member at the  
same address

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0/year Students enrolled in  
accredited Institution

**Additional Levels of giving**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100/year Suffragist

\_\_\_\_\_ \$200/year Activist

\_\_\_\_\_ \$300/year Advocate

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500/year Founders Circle

I am interested in:

\_\_\_\_\_ Voter Service

\_\_\_\_\_ Action and Advocacy