



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.

September Meetings/Events

LWVNCS D Kickoff
Saturday, Sept. 7 at 9:30 AM to 12 PM

Health Interest Group
Monday, Sept. 9 at 10 AM

Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention Group Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10 AM

LWVNCS D Board
Friday, Sept. 13 at 10 AM

LWV Book Group
Monday, Sept. 16 at 1 PM

Oceanside Unit Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 12 noon

Carlsbad Unit Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 19 at 12 noon to 1 PM

National Voter Registration Day Tuesday, Sept. 24

Lunch With League in San Diego Wed., Sept 25 at 11:30 AM

San Dieguito Unit
Thursday, Sept. 26 at 10 AM

Latino Book & Family Festival Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10 AM on the Mira Costa Campus, Oceanside

September 2019

Kickoff Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
Carlsbad Senior Center Auditorium
799 Pine Avenue, Carlsbad CA

9:30 AM Check-In and time to Socialize
10:00 AM Kickoff Meeting Begins

Featured Speakers

Roberto Garcia: Partnership Specialist, San Diego County, US Census Bureau

Dr. Arcela Nunez-Alvarez: Research Director, National Latino Research Center, California State University San Marcos and Founder of Universidad Popular

Roberto and Arcela will present an Overview of Census 2020 - the planning, research, outreach and study that has been invested in Census 2020. Arcela will also discuss issues concerning race and ethnicity in relation to Census 2020.

Additionally, Iriz Lomeli (Recruiter, San Diego County, US Census Bureau) will provide information about the large number of employment opportunities related to Census 2020.



Dr. Arcela Nunez-Alvarez



Roberto Garcia



**Message from
President Anne Omsted**

This month we begin our 2019-2020 year with a kickoff meeting on September 7 at 10 AM, with an introduction to the Census by federal and state officials. The census is so much more than just counting; its impacts are much broader than we usually realize. Come listen, learn, and ask questions so you can be the go-to person for your family, friends and neighbors on the true facts about why the Census matters.

California changed its Primary date to the first Tuesday in March in order to have more impact on national politics. We will be ramping up our usual services to the public to meet the demand. And, of course, the Primary is just the dress rehearsal for the Presidential Election in November, 2020. We will be asking members to help out with candidate forums and other voter issues that may arise. If you are interested in learning how to moderate, please give me a call at 760-753-6970. I am compiling a list so we can do some training. We want to have a large group of trained forum team members so that when the avalanche of ballot issues, hotly contested elected seats, and other needed Voter Service issues comes in November, 2020, we are prepared.

LWVNCSD Officers & Directors 2019

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President	Anne Omsted
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LWVNCSD Board Members 2019-2020

Back Row: Nancy Telford, Jennifer White, Carol Parker, Rita Soza, Jennifer Lonbom, Bill Loftus
Front Row: Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Roni Seay, Anne Omsted

Board Report - August 20, 2019

The 2019-2020 Board at its first meeting discussed the following matters:

1. Voted to accept the Marcomm plan, a marketing strategy that unifies all our activities to ensure consistency and focus on key issues. Voter Service is the first year's target.

2. Reviewed the Directions to the Board given by members at the 6/22/19 Annual Meeting. As a result, it will be working on developing measurable ways of reporting progress on the Issues for Emphasis each year to the membership. It will be discussing the formation Committee at its September Board meeting to provide useful background information and recommendations to the Board.

The Board will continue to encourage diversity amongst our new members. The Board will work to encourage welcoming new members by seasoned members through friendly conversations and offer rides to League events; encourage members to explore the website; continue to ask for contributions of articles for the newsletter and website from members; and urge computer-literate members to mentor those who need help with their computers.

3. Agreed to join with LWVSD's 100th LWV Anniversary Committee as they have already developed a comprehensive calendar of celebratory events.

4. Planned for the 9/7/19 Kick-off meeting about Census 2020.

5. Received an update from Social Policy Director Bill Loftus regarding the current status of the statewide Homelessness Task Force, which we advocated for at the June League of Women Voters of California Convention. Also learned a plan is being developed to allow members to donate new items for the new apartment building for homeless families being opened by Interfaith Community Services at our 9/7 meeting.

6. Began research on how to protect member privacy related to membership lists.

7. Authorized the purchase of VotersEdge bookmarks in Spanish and English.

Latino Book & Family Festival and Census 2020 Outreach Opportunity

Saturday, September 28 from 10 AM to 5 PM
MiraCosta College campus, 1 Barnard Drive,
Oceanside 92056

LWVNCSD is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau in a booth at this festival, promoting literacy in all forms: education, health, financial, and civic participation
www.LBFF.us.

League members are needed to staff our area of the booth in 2-1/2 hour shifts. Staffers will provide Census 2020 information, dispel myths about the census, and provide bi-lingual materials in a fun and engaging atmosphere for adults and children. One LWV staffer per shift should also be trained in voter registration. Contact new Membership Director Rita Soza at ritasoza@cox.net to volunteer.

Five thousand people are expected to attend this 3rd annual event at the college with exhibitors, workshops, dozens of authors, entertainment, three keynote speakers including actor/director/activist Edward James Olmos, and food – something for everyone in this beautiful campus setting.



September Meetings and Events

LWVNCS D Kickoff

Saturday September 7. Please see page 1.

Before the Kickoff - Opportunity to Donate

Interfaith Community Services is in need of new bedding/towels and (gently used or new) small appliances, cookware and tableware to help furnish new apartments that have been built for the homeless. If you have anything to donate, please bring to the Kickoff and a vehicle will be in the parking lot to accept your donations. They will be greatly appreciated!

Health Interest Committee

Monday, September 9, at 10:00 AM at the home of Jane Dunmeyer.

The Health Interest Committee will meet on the second Monday, Sept 9 from 10 AM to Noon, at Jane Dunmeyer's house to take up where we left off, working on our research of resources available to behavioral health patients in North County. We will be discussing housing and case management among other things. All LWV members are welcome.

The Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention Group

Wednesday, September 11, at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Training Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad. We will continue to discuss the prevention of gun violence.

LWVNCS D Board Meeting

Friday, September 13 at 10 AM in the Leucadia Wastewater District Board Room, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad.

Members are welcome. Please let President Anne Omsted know that you are planning to attend.

League Book Group

The League Book Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 16, at 1 PM at the home of Roni Seay. We will be reading Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger. Nancy Telford will be the discussion leader.

New members are welcome but please let Roni know if you are planning to attend by emailing her at roseay@aol.com and she will give you directions to her house.

Carlsbad Unit Meeting

Thursday, September 19, at 12 Noon to 1 PM. at the Leucadia Wastewater District, 1960 La Costa Avenue, Carlsbad 92009. Carlsbad Unit Members, Please plan to attend. We need your support and input! We will do yearly planning for Carlsbad Unit Meetings.

Need Member Contact Information??

Your Board of Directors in working on a privacy policy at the direction of the LWV of the United States. Until we have the privacy issue resolved, we will not be sending a roster of membership information to our members. This is inconvenient for some and satisfying for others.

For now, if you need more information check the website www.lwvnscsd.org or to reach someone — Call Roni Seay at 858-926-8800 or email at RoSeay@aol.com

The VOTER has permission to print any of the contact information found in this issue.

September Meetings and Events

Oceanside Unit Meeting

Tuesday, September 17 at 12 noon at the Buena Vista Audubon Center, 2202 S. Coast Highway, Oceanside. There will be an update on various Oceanside governmental issues and a discussion on homelessness in Oceanside.

Lunch With the League

Wednesday, September 25 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego CA. LWVNCSD and LWV San Diego put on monthly luncheons with outstanding speakers on timely issues. Details about the speakers, after they become available, will be given in your weekly email update.

Latino Book and Family Festival

Saturday, September 28, please see page 3.

Marcomm

by Norelynn Pion-Goureau,
Strategic Communications Director

Leaguers have a new word to add to their vocabulary—*Marcomm*—which stands for Marketing/Communications, the new Strategic Communications plan adopted by your Board Tuesday August 20. Norelynn Pion-Goureau is the new Strategic Communications Director. The concept of this roadmap is to streamline communications with both League members and the public by branding the League as a modern, diverse, active group of concerned citizens who support the Vote for all, through Voter Awareness, Voter Education and Increased Voter Engagement.

We will have a role for all our members in our new roadmap as we prepare for the 2019/2020 electoral season. Key to this more strategic communication with you will be increased use of specific social media designed to reach each of you and convey information you want to have at your fingertips, and in a more personalized way, using easy one-stop apps.

We aim to segment our member lists by area, interests, so that you will get the information you would like to have immediately and completely.



Please Welcome Our New Members

David Boyne - San Diego
Kelly Deveney - Oceanside
Dolores Grabler - Escondido
Bill Hartleb - Encinitas
Rebecca Hill - San Diego
Sue Ellen Leroy - Rancho Santa Fe
Marilyn Mansfield - San Marcos
Lorraine Pfahl - Del Mar
Betty Reed - Del Mar
Krista Ross - Oceanside
Donna Sherwood - Oceanside
Sandra Sweet - Carlsbad
Joan Wilkinson - San Diego

Two examples may illustrate this. If you are one of our members who can't attend meetings but likes to donate to support League, we want you to know what your generous donation has been used for, so you will be able to see videos and pictures of how your donation is supporting our goal. Busy working women will have the option of an OPT IN button on our website which will then route to you all the voter information services you need: dates to register, change address, locations of voting sites, info. on how to get your ballot and vote by mail, when Voter's Edge is online, all automatically sent to your email.

This is exciting change as we move forward into our next 100 years of supporting our most vital democratic tool—the Vote. Our fundamental values, however, will remain the same. We will continue to be non-partisan, supporting worthy issues but not candidates, extending the vote to all who qualify and educating voters.

Revisiting LWV Regional Transportation and Housing Positions

By Mary Thompson

The San Diego League's Public Policy Committee continued work at their monthly session on August 12 to frame consensus questions which could lead to revising the League's city and regional positions. The Committee is planning for consensus sessions in the fall. North County League members Alec Jolly (observer for SANDAG and NCTD), Liz Kruidnier, and Mary Thompson attended.

Transportation - This session focused on ensuring language from the existing REGIONAL position on transportation was included in the consensus questions both Leagues will consider in the fall. Specifically, discussion was on environmental qualities such as Climate Action Plan goals and open space considerations and transportation "availability" for all income levels and schedules.

Housing - The San Diego League will also be considering consensus questions on housing such as development of underutilized land, increased density, inclusionary housing, in-lieu fees and tenant protections. These issues would NOT affect LWV North County San Diego, unless the North County League chooses to reexamine its Housing positions at this time.

Work to finalize the questions will continue at the next Public Policy Committee meeting on Monday, September 9, at 9:30 am at the [SD League Office](#).

Social Services Network of Support for Homeless Residents and others

By Bill Loftus, Director of Social Policy

It could be helpful to our membership to have some knowledge of the various governmental agencies and nonprofits that provide Social Services to San Diego County residents. The challenge for everyone is to maintain the currency of the information because of funding changes as well as personnel.

In terms of "Big Picture" for policy makers in our County, there are several "layers" of governmental and nonprofit assistance. They include the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, the Alliance for Regional Solutions (North County), SD County Health & Human Services and 2-1-1 which is a free 24/7 phone service that connects callers to more than 6,000 community, health, and disaster services.

In future VOTER issues or on our website we will be able to define more clearly how these agencies collaborate and where they are located to better serve those in need in our County.

How League Members Take Action

First, you need to know who represents you in Washington, Sacramento, San Diego County and in your own City, School District, Water District, etc.

Go to the Registrar of Voters website:
www2.sdcounty.ca.gov/rov/Eng/Voters.asp
and fill out the form "Your Voter Information."

Then you can print/save a list of the districts you are in. Several cities and school districts have changed from having district-wide elections to having created several voting districts. You can only vote for the candidates running in your district.

Knowing who represents you is essential if you want to lobby/write the correct official. Generally, elected officials pay more attention to their own constituents. You may of course write to your representatives about anything you want.

The State and National LWVs as well as your Local League—LWV North County San Diego—will from time to time ask you to "take action." This usually means they are asking you to contact your elected official on an issue important to League. In addition to requesting your help, the LWV will explain why the issues are important and what you should do.

The Leagues as organizations, lobby on many governmental levels, however, it is also crucial for officials to hear from as many of their constituents as possible. Your voice is essential.

If you go to the LWV of the United States (LWVUS) website www.lwv.org or if you go to the LWVC website: www.lwvc.org you will find many other opportunities to be an influence for good government.

On our website www.lwvncsd.org there is list of all issues—local, state and national that you can lobby on. It just takes a few clicks on your computer or tablet. It's that easy!

LWVC Convention 2019 May 31 - June 2

Eight delegates from our League attend the LWV of California's (LWVC) biennial convention in Pasadena. Our delegates were: Suzanne Carneiro, Bill Loftus, Anne Omsted, Norelynn Pion-Goureau, Roni Seay, Rita Soza, Nancy Telford and Jennifer White. It proved to be a learning experience for both seasoned and brand new League members.

The highlight of our delegates' experience was *working very hard* on getting the other delegates and State Board Members to support our effort to create a task force on Homelessness in California. We attracted a standing-room-only crowd to our 7:30 AM Caucus on Homelessness led by Bill Loftus. That Caucus yielded a list of League members willing to serve on a Homelessness State Task Force. Our president, Anne Omsted, then approached the microphone at the next General Session and, on behalf of both San Diego Leagues, made a formal request of the LWVC Board of Directors to establish a State Task Force to study all the issues related to homelessness. We hope that the task force's recommendations will yield a vote for a position on Homelessness at the 2021 Convention

We divided up the 15 caucuses and 16 workshops so that all sessions were attended by at least one of our delegates. Many attended a pre-convention workshop entitled "Lets Talk about Power: Exploring Race, Identity Formation and Organizing" which gave us new ways to think about diversity. Diversity in League was a recurring theme at this Convention—whether by race, sex, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socio-economic position, or age.

At the plenary sessions we voted for the 2019-21 LWVC Officers and Directors, Budget, Positions and Issues for Education and Advocacy. There were outstanding speakers as well. It is accurate to say we worked tirelessly to make a difference.



First Impressions of LWV

by Jennifer White, LWV Board Secretary

After joining the LWV a couple years ago, I began to understand what it means to be a member of National, State, and local Leagues. I have met many people who have encouraged and supported me as a new member, and as I find areas of interest to be more involved. I chose the Oceanside Unit close to my home. I also attended several LWV forums and events covering 2016 Ballot issues and social justice topics

Then, I was drawn to several LWV North County special interest groups. I am involved in local and national legislative efforts on Community Safety and Gun Violence Prevention, Homelessness and Housing, and Women's issues. For two years, I have enjoyed working with the LWV in the SD County Mail Drop Off Ballot Voting program.

I feel like I belong to a fantastic organization, and in a community of people dedicated to serving the Voters and acting on important social issues.

I decided to get more involved with county and state League events. So, in April I went with seven other North County delegates to MY FIRST LWVC State Convention. I like going to conferences, retreats, and assemblies representing my Unitarian Universalist congregation, so now I have added the League to my event planning. When I tell people I love business meetings they think I'm nuts!

The convention was well organized and planned. We went to diverse workshops and caucuses. I think it was a good idea to decide ahead who was going to what, so we cover all events. We each wrote up summaries of our experience. I was so proud to be among the amazing leaders, delegates, and speakers, and in awe of my North County co-attendees who were so active in all aspects of the convention. The whole experience for me was exhilarating, exciting and exhausting! Guess I am going on to the LWV National Convention in 2020. Hope to see you there!

Left to right: Suzanne, Anne, Nancy, Karen (LWVC board member), Rita, Norelynn, Bill, Roni and Jennifer.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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**LWV North County San Diego
Membership Application**

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Address _____

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Mail to:

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

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Dues:

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____ \$300/year Advocate

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I am interested in:

____ Voter Service

____ Action and Advocacy