

2026 ANNUAL LWVNSBC MEETING
JUNE 13, 2026

Our annual League meeting was held in Santa Maria at St Peter's Episcopal church. The venue was wonderfully set up by Tracy Beard, Sara Macdonald, Lisa Thornhill and Alejandra Sanchez.. There were 23 attendees including our League mentors Tom and Chris Carson from Los Angeles. A visual overview of the past year was presented along with reports from the past years' work by our committees. They included DEI, membership, voter services, program planning and immigration. It was exciting to see the many events and activities that our League has created and/or participated in over the past year. 133 voter services tabling, 3 candidate forms, 3 town hall meetings. 39 community events and 17 pro voter actions.

After providing an overview of the past year, the business meeting was held. The budget and slate of officers, and last year's 2025 annual meeting minutes as amended were approved by a majority of voting members.

Next attendees broke up into round tables and there was lively discussion among both new and seasoned members regarding several areas of our Leagues processes, activities and mission.

It appeared everyone enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to network and learn new League information.

Of note, our 2026 League Founder's award was given to our recent 50 year member Joyce Ellen Lippman. She has been instrumental in Voter services activities through oversight of League tabling at events and our Know Your Community campaign.

There were 2 winners of the raffle with a choice of a basket filled with wine items and the other with coffee items. Strangely enough the coffee basket was picked first! The winner Sara Macdonald wants to be ready for all the League activities coming up this next year.

The meeting finished with a look ahead at upcoming League activities for the coming year.

BE READY!

There needs to be a lot of work done to ensure the right to vote including access and education. We as league members need to roll up our sleeves and continue the Leagues work of Equal Voting Rights.

Thank you for the work all of you do. Our communities are more informed and supported in their roads to the Right To Vote!

Respectfully, Lisa Thornhill 2nd VP, Program Planning, co President