



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUTTE COUNTY

Voter

Dear League Members & Friends,

The League of Women Voters of Butte County is already well underway this fall with activities supporting our mission of **Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy**. As you are no doubt aware, the League does not support or oppose any political party or candidates. We may take action on governmental measures and policies in the public interest after significant study and consensus is reached.

Committing to expanded voter outreach, we will be **staffing nonpartisan voter registration tables and booths** throughout Butte County with volunteers to help citizens prepare to exercise their right to the ballot box. To help educate voters, we are **organizing numerous candidate forums for state and local races**, plus preparing Pros and Cons presentations on the 11 ballot measures for this November. And that is just the start, as we also plan **programs on more issues relevant to our region, including affordable housing** and the intricacies of conducting elections at the local, state, and national level.

Learn more details inside this newsletter and check out lwvbuttecounty.org for the latest collaborative League activities that continue to make a positive impact as we prepare to **celebrate our 99th birthday**. We welcome your time and talent to support this important work, whether in registering voters, observing governmental councils and boards, or planning educational programs on issues significant to the North State. Whatever your passion, there is a place for you to be involved.

Democracy is not a spectator sport, so get in the game.

Yours In Making Democracy Work,
Debra Barger
President



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*Please consider donating to the
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We are the LEAGUE... and THIS is what we do!



We registered 61 new voters at the University's Freshman "Rock the Block" event Friday night before classes, with the assistance of students whom we also trained from the "First Year Experience" group and Office of Civic Engagement.

And we registered another 24 voters (or re-registered those who have changed their addresses) at the Chico Pride event.



Gimme Shelter: Real Housing Solutions for Our Community

Please join us for our **Fall Membership Coffee & Program on Saturday, September 29th beginning at 9:30 am** at the Pleasant Valley (PV) Recreational Center at 2320 North Avenue in Chico, for an important and lively discussion about affordable housing in Butte County.

This panel presentation will concentrate on **practical solutions to the lack of affordable housing** in our community, including housing the homeless, what constitutes low-income affordable housing, and what is and will be available into the future. Invited speakers include **Robert Trausch** from the Chico Housing Action Team, **Charles Withuhn** from Simplicity Village, **Jennifer Griggs** from the Butte County Continuum of Care, **Ed Mayer** from the Butte County Housing Authority and **Ron Reed**, a local attorney.

We look forward to seeing many of you there with your thinking caps on and questions in hand. And don't forget to bring a friend along with your handy Membership RENEWAL envelope that is enclosed in this "Voter" newsletter.

This is also a great opportunity to meet the new Chair of our Social Policy Committee, **Stevi Mittman**, who has been instrumental in putting this Fall Coffee program together.

How to Become More Active in the League

In addition to renewing your yearly Membership with the League, which in itself helps empower the organization at all levels, there are also easy and fun ways to help with the work that we do locally. Below are just a few of the ways to engage and enjoy your Membership with the League!

- Attend League meetings and events, like the upcoming Fall Coffee on Sept. 29th
- Help to register voters at our many tabling events listed in the Calendar
- Share League Recommendations on the statewide ballot measures
- Attend the candidate forums that we host throughout the County
- Help organize the candidate forums
- Help at the elections office or in precincts on Election Day
- Participate in the creation of a Social Policy or Natural Resources Program
- Become an Observer
- Help with the annual wine tasting fundraiser
- Help with *The Voter* (write articles or assemble the publication)
- Share your thoughts, ideas, and recommendations with Board members about how we can make our League more effective.

We look forward to seeing you at our many programs and events during the new "League year" where we can talk more about active and invigorating participation in the League.

Sincerely,
Your 2018 LWVBC Board of Directors

The League of Women Voters of Butte County
2018 General Election Candidate Forum Schedule

All Forums begin at 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept 12 – PARADISE Town Council and PUSD Board of Trustees Paradise Town Hall, 5555 Skyway, Paradise

Monday, Sept 17 – CHICO City Council and CUSD Board of Trustees Harlen Adams Theatre, Performing Arts Center 144, CSU, Chico

Tuesday, Sept 25 – CHICO – CA State Assembly (District 3) and State Senate (District 4) Harlen Adams Theatre, Performing Arts Center 144, CSU, Chico

Monday, Oct 1 – GRIDLEY – Gridley City Council and Biggs City Council Guardian Building, 200 E. Spruce St., Gridley

Thursday, Oct 11 – OROVILLE – Feather River Recreation & Park District and the South Feather Water & Power Agency at the FRRPD office, 1875 Feather River Blvd. Oroville

Voter's Edge California is a Real Dream Come True

Voter's Edge California (VEC) is a joint project of MapLight and the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF). It is a one-stop online tool where you can now:

- Access your full, personalized ballot by entering your address.
- Get in-depth information on candidates, measures, and who supports them.
- View candidate biographies, top priorities, photos, policy videos, endorsements, and get detailed information about who funds their campaigns.
- Browse unbiased explanations of ballot measures, and find out who supports, opposes, and funds them.
- Check where, when and how to vote, including information on local polling locations.
- Keep track of your choices to make voting easier.
- Share information about the election with friends and family.

Get the facts before you vote. Simply go to: <https://votersedge.org/ca>



League CALENDAR for Fall 2018

Thursday, September 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 6:00 pm – Voter Outreach & REGISTRATION @ Thursday Night Markets, Chico. Contact Director Elaina McReynolds or President Debra Barger to volunteer.

Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm – PARADISE Candidate Forums for Town Council and PUSD Board of Trustees, Paradise Town Hall, 5555 Skyway. Doors open at 6 pm.

Monday, September 17 at 6:30 pm – CHICO Candidate Forums for City Council and CUSD Board of Trustees, Harlen Adams Theatre, PAC 144, CSU Chico. Doors open at 6 pm.

Saturday, September 22 at 10 am – Voter Outreach & REGISTRATION @ the Salmon Festival in Oroville. Hispanic voter registration emphasis. Contact Director Elaina McReynolds to volunteer.

Tuesday, September 25 – National VOTER REGISTRATION DAY @ various venues including CSU Chico and Butte College. Watch for email alerts and updates!

Tuesday, September 25 at 6:30 pm – CHICO Candidate Forums, CA State Assembly & Senate, Harlen Adams Theatre, PAC 144, CSU Chico. Doors open at 6 pm.

Saturday, September 29 at 9:30 am – FALL Membership Coffee on Affordable Housing @ the PV Recreation Center, 2320 North Ave, Chico. Please bring a friend and your Member Renewal Envelopes!

Monday, October 1 at 6:30 pm – GRIDLEY and BIGGS City Council Candidate Forums @ the Guardian Building, 200 E. Spruce St, Gridley. Doors open at 6 pm.

Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7 at 9 am – Voter Outreach & REGISTRATION @ Johnny Appleseed Days in Paradise.

Thursday, October 11 at 6:30 pm – OROVILLE Candidate Forums - Feather River Recreation & Park District and South Feather River Water & Power Agency, FRRPD, 1875 Feather River Blvd.

Thursday, October 25 at 6 pm – New Member Orientation @ League Office, 635 Flume St, Chico

Tuesday, November 6 – General ELECTION Day – *at a polling place near you!*

LWV of CA Supports Schools and Community First Campaign

As part of a statewide coalition, the LWV of California encouraged local Leagues to participate in collecting signatures to bring the **California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act** to our ballots in 2020. We heard the call, and **thanks to Carol Burr and Debra Barger** we've collected signatures from our Butte County community.

The California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act will restore over \$11 billion per year to California's schools, community colleges, health clinics, and other vital local services. It will create a "split roll" so that non-residential, non-agricultural commercial property will be reassessed on a regular basis, leading to an increase in property taxes going directly to schools and local governments.

Look for this proposition on a ballot near you in 2020, and vote with the League on the measure!

Donating Recyclables in the name of the League Abe Bailly, Treasurer

There is now in place the potential for another good revenue stream for the League of Women Voters, thanks to an idea from **William Todd-Mancillas**. If you, your friends or neighbors **take recyclables** (aluminum cans and CRV glass and plastics) **to the Work Training Center at 2300 Fair Street in Chico**, and tell the cashier to credit the value owed **to the League of Women Voters of Butte County**, that cash value will come to us as a donation!

This is a win for the League, the environment, and for clients of the Work Training Center (disabled adults). You can check out the good work they do at <http://wtcinc.org>.

Many of us already save our recyclable containers, so this alternative takes very little time or effort, and produces many advantages in the aggregate. Insert the question “do you recycle” into appropriate conversations, and you have an opportunity to encourage others to use the Work Training Center site and credit the value earned to the League, no matter how small or large the recycling donation may be.



46th Annual LWV Wine Tasting



Sunday
April 14, 2019

Venue & Theme TBA

*Bring a Friend
and Join Us at our*

Fall Membership Coffee

Saturday, September 29th
Starting at 9:30 am

*“Gimme Shelter: Real Housing
Solutions for our Community”*

PV Recreation Center
2320 North Ave, Chico

See you there!

Observers Corner

Krista Stone, LWV Observer Chair

Members of LWVBC regularly observe numerous councils and commissions, yet we also have additional needs that perhaps you might personally fill. Currently, we have Observers who attend these meetings:

- BCAG & Air Quality Management District
- Butte County Board of Supervisors
- Bidwell Park & Playground Commission
- CARD (Chico Area Recreation District)
- Chico City Council
- Chico Council Internal Affairs
- Chico Police Advisory Board
- Chico Planning Commission
- Chico Unified School District Board
- Oroville City Council

We still need Observers for the **Paradise Irrigation District**, plus Observers for the **Chico City Council** and the new **Chico Property Based Investment District (PBID)**. If you are interested in being an Observer for the League, please watch for an email alert about our upcoming mini-training session on “How to Become an Observer” in early October.

From the Social Media & Technology Committee

While there are always good reasons to continue producing some information in print form (such as this Fall edition of the “Voter” newsletter at the beginning of each new League year), we also still encourage our Members to “keep up with the times” by using more forms of digital technology whenever possible and appropriate. For instance, CHECK OUT our beautifully updated website, thanks to the technological handiwork of League member **Helen Gesick!** You can still get there by visiting: www.lwvbuttecounty.org ... and now also at: <https://my.lwv.org/california/butte-county>

And speaking of going places... when **Jane Wanderer** isn't travelling to and photographing exotic places, she is busy at home posting photos, videos and information to our Facebook Page! So, please do visit, **Like and Share** our information with your Friends on Facebook -- here and around the world!



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Our Mission....

Founded in 1920, the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages citizens to play an informed and active role in government. At the local, state and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Any person 16 years or older, male or female, may become a League member.

LWV Board meetings are the 4th Tuesdays monthly @ 5:30 pm in the League office, 635 Flume Street in Chico. All League members are welcome to attend and participate. To reach a Board member, either use their contact info found on our roster provided at Member Meetings, or call 530-895-8683 to leave a message.