

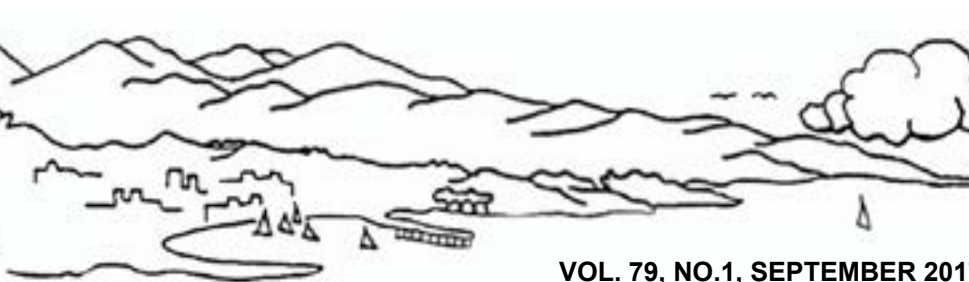


# CHANNEL VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA BARBARA

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## MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK<sup>®</sup>

A new season is upon us and your local League of Women Voters is very busy with a full calendar of Election & Community Forums, and with Unit meetings on a wide variety of topics. Check out our monthly calendar of events and programs. Join us in this most important work!

### SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY FORUM

**“How Can We Protect Voting Rights?”**

**Wednesday September 20 Noon to 2:00PM**

**Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Library**

*co-sponsors: LWVSB, The Santa Barbara Public Library, TVSB, and Gary Atkins Sound Systems (for more Forum Info see page 4)*

**ELECTIONS WILL BE THE FOCUS OF OCTOBER UNITS:** Because so many questions have been raised about the challenges to voting rights we will follow our discussion at the September Forum with units answering members further questions, and asking for suggestions for protecting voting rights. You will find the location and time for every Discussion Unit on the LWVSB Calendar, and everyone is welcome at any unit. The more people, the better the discussion!

THERE will be NO SEPTEMBER UNIT Meetings.



Visit our website at:

[www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org)

Check out our online Calendar

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## CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lindsey and I want to welcome our League members and friends to the beginning of the 2017-2018 LWVSB year, our 80th Anniversary year. It is my pleasure to return to the League board this year.

As Co-President of the League for the areas of Membership, Community Education and Administration, I want to give you some idea of what my responsibilities cover. Although Lindsey and I share many areas of responsibility like working with our Treasurer and Financial Committee, our Secretary, and facilitation of board meetings, we do oversee specific areas. My areas include Membership (Beverly King), Data Administration (Denise Frey and myself) Community Outreach (Director, Vicki Allen), and the Websites (Bonnie Lassen). Many of our areas overlap but Voter Service is quite distinctly educational and service oriented. Susan Horne takes the lead in Voter Service.

Each area of the League has a very talented leader who implements the mission through his or her work. Training for our Board and our members is planned in committee and with the help of many supportive leaders including our state Management Training Advisor (MTA), Chris Carson, who has volunteered many hours for training our League membership, traveling to SB from her home League in LA. We have a strong Board of Directors and talented members who make up committees and assume Off-Board Positions. Your Directory will help you understand our organization which is based on our positions at the local, state and national levels. Both our local, state and US League websites are important tools to learn more about the League.

Check out our Annual Report on Page 5 of this Newsletter to have an overview of what your League was up to this past year. The many members involved in our programs & events deserve bouquets of Thank You's!

Our 2017-18 board was elected at the Annual Meeting in early June and has been working during the summer to ready our fall calendar of events. Many of you have been registering voters in the local high schools, and will soon staff our National Voter Registration drive at the local libraries. Our website team continued to develop our local "members only website" where communications about new volunteer opportunities, updates, committee meetings and how to CONTACT US are available. This summer LWVC has been completing development of a new website



platform to replace our decade old League Easy Web. Bonnie Lassen is lead on the web team, and has volunteered to train board members on the new system called My League Online, MyLO.

Also elected was our League 2017-18 Nominating Committee, Mary Rose, Chair ([Nominating@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Nominating@lwvsantabarbara.org)), Margaret Connell, Janice Rorick and board appointed: Vijaya Jammalamadaka and Penn Borden. This nominating team is always ready to hear about short stints of service you might be looking for. Please check out your "Opportunities" brochure and Information Survey that were mailed with your Renewal form in July.

You will want to attend the first Community Forum of the year on September 20 at Faulkner Gallery, SB Public Library at noon, for important League announcements and to learn more about "**How Can We Protect Voting Rights?**"

I look forward to seeing you at the forums. And I also would like to work with you this year. Give me a call or email with your special interests.

**Joanie Jones,**  
[CoPresCommEd@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:CoPresCommEd@lwvsantabarbara.org),  
office phone #: (805) 965-2422

## Voter & Election Information



### **Your Vote, Your Voice!**

City of Santa Barbara residents will be voting for a new Mayor and the City Council members for the 4th, 5th, and 6th Districts. **LAST DAY to REGISTER to vote in this Vote by Mail Election is October 23.**

*BALLOTS WILL BE SENT only to Registered Voters from the city on October 9th. Voting begins after that date as voters send in their completed ballots until the postmark deadline of November 7. New Address? Reregister!*

#### **THE MAYOR CANDIDATES FORUM IS ON OCTOBER 2:**

This Public Forum is Co-sponsored by LWVSB & its Education Fund, by the Faith & Society Committee of the First United Methodist Church, & TVSB.

**Location:** First United Methodist Church, 305 E. Anapamu St. Santa Barbara

**Time:** 7:00 P.M. (Please see CALL FOR QUESTIONS! on Membership Page)

**THE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUMS FOR EACH OF THE 3 DISTRICTS** in this election will be televised on Channel 17, the public access TVSB, and will also be available online at [lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org), & at TVSB.TV (in Spanish and English).

**WHERE CAN YOU REGISTER to vote?** Answer: Use either the online link at [registertovote.ca.gov](http://registertovote.ca.gov) OR pick up a voter registration form at the Post Office, the Public Library, or the DMV office.

\*All registered voters may vote for the Mayor candidates, and on the Measure C Tax Proposal. But each City voter can only vote for the City Council candidates in their own district. Your ballot will make this clear.

**WHAT DISTRICT are you in?** Answer: There are 6 City districts. Look at the maps - see the whole City in Districts or a map of only one District. Enter your address to find out your District. All this is available when you click on the links online at the City of SB Web site: <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/elections>. Or call the City Clerk Office with your question at (805) 564-5309.

*There are No run-offs in this election. The top vote getter is the elected official. Local candidates are often elected by a thousand or even a hundred votes over their closest rival. Make your voice heard. **Your Vote, Your Voice!***

## SEPTEMBER Community Forum

### “HOW CAN WE PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS?”

Community Forum, September 20, 2017

Santa Barbara Public Library Faulkner Gallery noon-2:00

Today, voting rights are under attack like never before. The gutting of the landmark Voting Rights Act by the Supreme Court in the Shelby v. Holder case has opened the floodgates of voter suppression laws in state after state. The Trump administration’s new ‘Election Integrity Commission,’ created to justify false claims of voter fraud in the 2016 elections is laying the groundwork for even more dangerous voter suppression across the country.

For nearly one hundred years, the women and men of the League of Women Voters have worked every day to help make democracy work for everyone. Through a variety of activities at the local, state, and national levels, the League helps make sure that all voters, including traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities, have the opportunity and the information they need to exercise their right to vote.

The League of Women voters promotes proactive reforms that expand early voting and online voter registration, ensures existing pro-voter laws are being followed and challenges all efforts that limit the ability of voters’ to exercise this basic right. The League actively opposes voter ID laws, which unfairly impact low-income, elderly, and minority groups. The League also advocates against barriers to the voter registration process, works to prevent last-minute Election Day barriers and helps millions of voters get the information they need to vote.

Our September Forum will open with Santa Barbara’s new City Clerk, Sarah Gorman, who will report on the city’s Nov. 7 election. We will explore how we can all work together to protect voting rights. We will host a panel discussion to include:

- A review of the League’s work to protect voting rights at the local, state and national levels - Helen Hutchison, LWVC President who is knowledgeable about these issues
- A brief history of voting rights and voter suppression in the U.S. – Ted Anagnoson, professor emeritus of political science at Cal State LA and a Visiting Professor at UCSB
- The impact of gerrymandering and other means of voter suppression on minority voters, and the results of California’s new redistricting process – Dr. Gregory K. Freeland, professor of political science at California Lutheran University
- Efforts of grassroots activists to promote civic engagement, remove barriers, and provide opportunities and information to support Latino and other underrepresented voters – Marcos Vargas, Executive Director, Fund for Santa Barbara

The forum is co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara Public Library and TVSB. It is free and open to the public.

## VOTER SERVICE

### CALL FOR QUESTIONS!

What Is Your Vital Question  
For SB City Council Candidates?

LWVSB can add your question to our list of potential Questions for the candidates. The deadline to give your question for the LWVSB candidate forums is September 24. Please send your question to [VoterServ@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:VoterServ@lwvsantabarbara.org).

The Public Forum for Mayor Candidates is October 2 and the TVSB studio taping of City Council candidates Forums is October 4 - for Channel 17 broadcast & online at [TVSB.tv](http://TVSB.tv) and at [LWVsantabarbara.org](http://LWVsantabarbara.org) - in both English and Spanish.



## Inside the League

### LWVSB COMMUNITY OUTREACH

LWVSB has a new job—to spread the word about our mission, community forums, discussion units and other events, state and national action alerts and League positions on important issues. I will be working with the Co-Presidents, other board members and off-board committee chairs to provide information about our League to other organizations for their online calendars and messages. Together we will also help a new League Speakers Bureau identify speaking opportunities in the community.

As League members, you will also benefit from these outreach efforts by finding out more about what's happening. We will work closely with our coalition partners, including AAUW, Coalition Against Gun Violence, Community Environmental Council, Center for Global Dialog, Health Care for All, Citizens Planning Association, Common Ground, the MLK Day Celebration Committee, Pro-Choice Coalition and Earth Day.

LWVSB's Channel Voters and twice-monthly email messages to members and friends share information, with links to our website, [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org), and to the Fund for Santa Barbara's Community Calendar. Timely action alerts and updates can also be found on our Facebook Page @LWVSB (please like us) and on Twitter ([@LWV Santa Barbara, @LWVSB](https://twitter.com/LWV_Santa_Barbara)). And we will soon be posting photos on Instagram.

***Vicki Allen, Community Outreach Director***

[Community@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Community@lwvsantabarbara.org)

### WATER COMMITTEE

#### **WATER: Our Resources & Management Options**

The Water Committee is dedicated to listening, watching and informing in all matters related to Regional water use. Lindsey Baker monitors the Santa Barbara City Council and I, Penn Borden, monitor the Goleta Water Board. Jane Benefield relays information from Carpinteria. Each of these entities operates differently. For example, the Santa Barbara Water Commission is subject to the decisions of the Santa Barbara City Council, whereas the Goleta Water Board is independent from the Goleta City Council. This is an important difference when it comes to water use.

Political considerations weigh more heavily with SB City Council and the Water Commission must rely on persuasion to affect their objectives. Elected by the people, the Goleta Water Board is far better equipped to make far-sighted adjustments to the prevailing conditions. It is telling that Lindsey spoke before the SB City Council to protest delays in water conservation measures several times, while no such need occurred at Goleta Board meetings.

The Water Committee also displays a great curiosity when it comes to innovative ways to diversify our water resources. We hope to tour the Oxnard purification water plant this fall. We seek out knowledgeable people to speak to us on their water expertise. And every month we meet to trade information and ideas. Our quest is to help our governing bodies be fair, sane and prescient when it comes to our most important resource.

## WATER CONSERVATION



### FROM YOUR LEAGUE:

Several months ago our governor declared that California was no longer in its 6<sup>th</sup> year of drought. However, the Central Coast of California (Santa Barbara) is still in its 6<sup>th</sup> year of drought, the worst drought in recorded history. We are supposed to still conserve 40% in our water usage based on 2013 usage, take 5 minute showers, and are paying more for the water we have to use. On July 26 Lake Cachuma was at 51% capacity of which we only have rights to 1,500 acre feet of the water. We are also allotted approximately 1,500 acre feet of additional water from the state water. We have a desalinization plant we are paying \$70 million for, and some ground water wells. The City of Santa Barbara is also looking into potable reuse.

The 2016-2017 Grand Jury studied our Regional Water supplies and the City of Santa Barbara Water Resources Department wrote a 65 page response to their 28 page report proposing one governing body for water use.

“The State Water Project was intended initially to provide a supplemental supply of water. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), part of the Department of the Interior, owns the dam and reservoir at Lake Cachuma (Lake), the heart of the system. The Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board (COMB), a joint powers agency, was formed to operate the surface water distribution system from the Lake to the coastal communities and the upper Santa Ynez Valley. While there are many sources of water available in the County, managed by a multiplicity of water purveyors, there is inadequate coordination among them. The Jury advocates the designation of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency as the lead agency in implementing water policy throughout the County.”  
Grand Jury report 2016-2017

To provide additional sources of supply: • Increased use of desalination • Recycled water treatment • Improved Cachuma flow and storage management • Implement Resource Management Strategies

The Grand Jury report can be seen with this link. <http://www.sbcgj.org/2017/RegionalWater.pdf>

***The Water Committee can use more observers in local water districts and welcomes more members on the committee. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at noon at the League office. Please let us know of your interest: [league@LWVsantabarbara.org](mailto:league@LWVsantabarbara.org)***

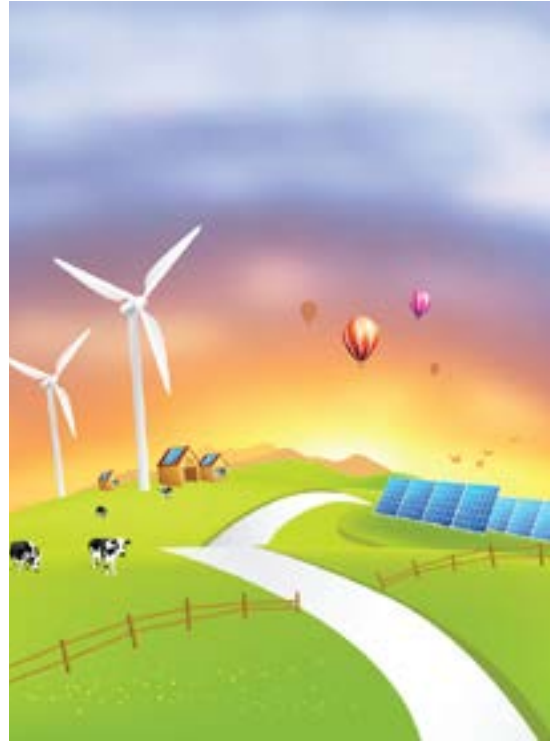
***Lindsey Baker Co-President Program and Advocacy***

## Inside the League Continued

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

**COMMITTEE MEETS SEPTEMBER 8:** Sustainable Communities will meet on Friday morning, September 8 at 10 o'clock at the Maravilla Clubhouse at 5487 Calle Real. Since we devoted our last meeting to discussing affordable housing, at this meeting we will concentrate on the news from the Energy sector. Jean Holmes and Colin Jones will have reports from the news about the oil industry and Community Choice Energy. We will also have updates about developments on climate change, water and other topics you want to discuss.

All our members, the residents of Maravilla and delegates from the Permaculture Network will be welcome.



### LWVSB Supports Santa Barbara's Proposed Sales Tax Increase

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara is supporting Measure C2017, which would raise the local sales tax in the City of Santa Barbara by one percent to 8.75%. The measure on the Nov. 7 ballot would maintain essential services & repair critical infrastructure, including: police, fire, and 911 emergency medical response; local streets, potholes, bridges, and storm drains; neighborhood fire stations/public safety infrastructure; parks, youth/senior services; address homelessness; help retain local businesses; and support other general services.

National, state and local League positions all support "adequate funding" for government services. LWVSB supports "measures to provide a flexible, economical and equitable local structure to finance the necessary services for the South Coast cities and the County of Santa Barbara."

In California, the State League's position is to "Support measures to ensure revenues both sufficient and flexible enough to meet changing needs for state and local government services; that contribute to a system of public finance that emphasizes equity and fair sharing of the tax burden as well as adequacy; that include long range finance methods that meet current and future needs while taking into account the cumulative impact of public debt."

The LWVSB Board's decision to support Measure C2017 was also based on a commitment to transparency and accountability, including the provision for a citizens' oversight committee and public disclosure of all spending, as well as a guarantee that all funds will be used locally.

Recognizing the need for adequate funding of government, the LWVC is part of a coalition to "Make It Fair," which seeks to reform Proposition 13 in order to continue to protect homeowners, while providing for large corporations to pay a larger share of property taxes." LWVSB will have a community forum on local & state financing, including this reform effort, on October 18.

## State and National Actions

### NATIONAL ACTIONS: LWVUS

Here are excerpts from a recent LWVUS Update. We encourage you to subscribe to these updates and news at <http://lwv.org/get-involved>. From our LWVUS President:

“Last weekend we were all horrified to see self-identifying white supremacists, white nationalists and neo-Nazis march in Charlottesville. [The League condemned this hateful demonstration](#), but as leaders, we must do more to stand up to hate and racism, strive to unite our communities and welcome all of our neighbors to safely and peacefully participate in our democracy.

[Tomorrow marks the 97th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment](#). Reflecting on women’s suffrage, it is remarkable that today we are still fighting for equal access at the ballot box. Between the so-called “Election Integrity” Commission’s work and last week’s [reversal by the Justice Department on the Ohio voter purge](#), we are seeing attacks on voting rights continue to escalate. [Note: The next day, on August 18, Chris published a powerful article in the LWV blog, *On the 97th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, we are STILL Fighting for Equal Voting Rights*]

Now more than ever the League’s work to register voters in underrepresented communities is essential to ensure their voices are heard at the ballot box. As this work continues, we must stand with our brothers and sisters from all backgrounds, to unite and continue to fight against hate and those who seek to oppress.

I am so proud of the work the League is doing to counter these wrongful messages and reminding the public that voting is what brings us together as Americans.”

**Chris (signed by Chris Carson, President League of Women Voters)**

### STATE ACTIONS: LWVC

#### [What bills are we working on?](#)

August 15, 2017 Review the bills we oppose and/or support in our Bill Status Report: <http://bit.ly/lwvcbills17>.

#### [Take Action for Affordable Housing!](#)

August 18, 2017 The housing crisis is crushing California communities, driving families into homelessness and forcing them to choose between housing, food, and medical care. Today over 1.7 million families are paying over half of their incomes for housing. Nobody should go broke or hungry just to keep a roof over their head.

You can help create more affordable housing and keep families afloat. Your Assembly Member is preparing to vote on an important housing package that will begin tackling this crisis. [Please take a minute to urge your lawmakers to support affordable housing and vote YES on SB 2 and SB 3.](#)

This housing package includes a permanent source of state funding for affordable housing (SB 2), a bond measure for the 2018 ballot (SB 3) that will provide a significant jump-start for building affordable homes, and other reforms to speed approval and construction of affordable housing.

[Tell your Assembly Member it is imperative that this package is passed and signed before the housing crisis worsens. Vote YES on SB 2 and SB 3.](#)

**Linda Phillips, [action@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:action@lwvsantabarbara.org)  
(805) 967-0922**



## State and National Actions Continued

### NEWS OF THE WEEK

This week on The Union Edge, LWVUS president Chris Carson talked about how the women's suffrage movement is anything but over, as well as what we should do to make our voting system easier to navigate. [Listen to her segment here.](#)

[LWV is fighting to keep Ohio from disenfranchising eligible voters.](#) The League has also been speaking out against racial gerrymandering in Texas, where a federal court has found that the state intentionally discriminated [against minority voters.](#)

### ADVOCACY

Ideas to Combat the Hateful Demonstration in Charlottesville

We continue to grapple with the hateful events that were displayed last weekend in Charlottesville. In that vein the LWVUS would like to offer the following opportunities to act on an individual level with faith and social justice groups from around the country:

1. Call your state legislator and tell them to protect the protesters. Free speech and the right to peaceably assemble are among the cornerstones of our democracy.
2. Share your story through Communities Against Hate, <https://communitiesagainsthate.org>. If you or someone you know has experienced or witnessed a hate incident, please encourage them to share their story.
3. Amplify #BeTheLightForJustice on your social media channels. Leaders in the faith and racial justice communities, including the NAACP and Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, are teaming up to share positive messages of individuals standing up for justice.

**Reminder:** Sign our Petition Rejecting the 'Election Integrity' Commission's Voter Suppression Agenda! Join the [12,000+ League supporters](#) who have signed the petition saying they will not let the 'Election Integrity' Commission's efforts to investigate voter fraud threaten their ability to exercise their right to vote.

**Reminder:** League Positions in Brief in Impact on Issues

[A short summary](#) of all of the League's public policy positions is available in Impact on Issues. Please use these short summaries as a quick reference guide for the League's various positions.

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH  
THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE IN  
CHARLOTTESVILLE AND AGAINST  
WHITE SUPREMACISM.

 CHRIS CARSON  
PRESIDENT

## LWVSB ANNUAL REPORT FOR 7-01-2016 to 6-30-2017

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Lindsey Baker, Co-President Program and Advocacy

#### **FUNDRAISING: GARDEN PARTY 5/13/2017**

1. LWVSB raised over \$6,000
2. In-kind donations
  - a. Easy Lift
  - b. David Landecker-home and garden
  - c. Jane Benefield-made and sold garden hats
  - d. Emily Allen-succulents and pots
  - e. Marian Shapiro-pots

#### **COMMUNITY FORUMS**

Held 8 forums between Louise Lowry Davis Center and Co-sponsored with the Santa Barbara at the Public Library Faulkner Gallery

Two forums at the Faulkner exceeded 150 attendees.

HOLIDAY PARTY: newly electeds attended: Council Member Kyle Richards, Goleta City Council; Assembly Member Monique Limon; Congressman Salud Carbajal; County Board of Supervisor Joan Hartman, and Mayor Schiff of Carpinteria,

#### **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Twelve statements were presented orally and/or written to the Santa Barbara Planning Commission, SB Water Commission, SB City Council, SB Housing Task Force, Carpinteria Water Board, Goleta City Council, County Board of Supervisors, Goleta Planning Commission by Lindsey Baker, Connie Hannah, Susan Horne, Jean Holmes

#### **OBSERVERS**

Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors: Jean Bauman

Goleta Water Board: Jane Benefield

SB City Council: Lindsey Baker

SB Water Commission: Lindsey Baker

Santa Barbara Planning Commission: Lindsey Baker

NAMI: Susan Horne and Carole Marks

#### **COMMUNITY PRESENCE**

Earth Day

Martin Luther King Day March and gathering

Women's Day at De La Guerra Plaza

Climate Change March

#### **COALITION PARTNERS OR CO-SPONSORSHIPS**

Green and Blue EDC

Pro-Choice Write In

#### **COMMITTEES**

- Social Policy Committee and Water Committee have been very active:
- Social Policy organized 3 community forums: Community Policing, Behavior Wellness: Mental Illness in the Jails, and Renters' Rights
- Social Policy Committee wrote statements and advocated at governing bodies
- Water Committee made statements and advocated for conservation
- Sustainable Communities Committee made statements about energy and affordable housing

#### **Education Committee presented forum**

**Other forums:**

- Civil Discourse (168)
- Sus Com presented Climate Change

#### **UNIT MEETINGS**

3 Unit Meetings a month were held from October-May including topics on Fake News, Civil Discourse, and Practicing Civil Discourse

FAULKNER GALLERY @ THE SANTA BARBARA CITY LIBRARY

Agreement with the Santa Barbara Public Library to co-sponsor forums in the Faulkner Gallery

TVSB; Agreement with TVSB was developed to video tape community and candidate forums

# Membership

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

I would like to extend a warm thank you to all of you who have just renewed your League dues for the 2017/2018 fiscal year and I encourage those of you who have not done so to do it now. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, not January 1 to December 31. If you paid dues in January 2017 or before, they are due now for the current League year. According to our Bylaws, "any member who fails to pay dues within 60 days after they become payable shall no longer be a member of the League." You are considered delinquent if you have not paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>. If you cannot find your renewal letter you can renew by sending in the Membership Form printed on this page or request another membership packet from [membership@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:membership@lwvsantabarbara.org) or phone me at (805) 687-1124. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Bev King, Vice President for Membership, Voter Service & Administration**

Welcome New Members:

Maggie Gold  
Nancy Hutterer  
Linda Mier  
Steve York

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## Voter Service Information: Nonpartisanship

Helen Hutchinson, President League of Women Voters of California, in her 8/17 Leaders Update reminds us: "Non-partisanship...One of the core League tenets is that we are a nonpartisan organization. In the current political climate, this is becoming an increasingly difficult issue for Leagues all over the country – and California is no exception. Here are some thoughts I want to share: 1. We – the League – control the definition of what we are. No one else can tell us who or what we are – or are not. We do not support or oppose candidates or parties. That is our definition of nonpartisanship. Using this sentence – "we do not support or oppose candidates or parties" – rather than "nonpartisan" ensures clarity about the League's role. We DO advocate on issues, and we DO hold elected officials and governing bodies accountable. This role can cause people to call us "partisan". That is incorrect. While we may criticize a policy or action taken by an elected official, we do so based on our own clearly stated positions, without regard to political parties or interests. Our criticism is based on policy and applies equally to everyone in government.

**LWV MEMBERSHIP FORM - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, SANTA BARBARA**

Here is my annual membership dues - \$70.00       Student - \$35.00

Second member in same household - \$35.00       Please send me more information about the League

I can't join right now: here is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the League

Total submitted \$\_\_\_\_\_      Make check payable to: League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara  
328 East Carrillo Street, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 9310  
You may also pay online through PayPal at [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org)  
(\$3 added if you pay online with PayPal)

I am committed to / Sign me up to:

Register voters     Join the League of Women Voters     Invite a friend to join     Pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ support

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## September Calendar

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
<b>5 TUES: Communications Committee 12 to 1:30PM</b> League Office <b>NO SEPTEMBER UNITS</b>	<b>2 MON: Mayoral Forum 7:00PM</b> First United Methodist Church 305 E. Anapamu St. SB
<b>6 WED: Water Committee 12 noon</b> League Office	<b>3 TUES: Communications Committee 12 to 1:30PM</b> League Office <b>UNIT MEETING: Madame Lu's 5:30PM</b> 3524 State Street, Contact Karen Bunker or Jane Honikman (Supper Unit)
<b>8 FRI: Sustainable Communities 10 to 12PM</b> Maravilla Senior Living Community Clubhouse - 5486 Calle Real, S.B.	<b>9 MON: Downtown Unit - Noon to 2:00PM</b> <b>League Office</b> - 328 East Carrillo St. Suite A Brown bag lunch - Contact Connie Hannah On street parking
<b>NO SEPTEMBER UNITS</b>	<b>11 WED: Carpinteria Unit - 10:00AM</b> Carpinteria Women's Club. 1059 Vallecito Rd. Contact Jane Benefield
<b>NO SEPTEMBER UNITS</b>	<b>13 FRI: Sustainable Communities 10 to 12PM</b> Maravilla Senior Living Community Clubhouse - 5486 Calle Real, S.B.
<b>9 SAT: LWVSB Board Meeting 10:00AM</b> League Office - 328 E. Carrillo St. Suite A	<b>14 SAT: LWVSB Board Meeting 10:00AM</b> League Office - 328 E. Carrillo St. Suite A
<b>20 WED: Community Forum 12 to 2PM</b> <b>"How Can We Protect Voting Rights"</b> Santa Barbara Public Library Faulkner Gallery	<b>18 WED: Community Forum 12 to 2PM</b> Santa Barbara Public Library Faulkner Gallery
<b>26 WED: NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY</b>	<b>25 WED: Water Committee 12 noon</b> League Office
<b>27 WED: Social Policy Committee 3:00 to 4:30PM</b> League Office	<b>25 WED: Social Policy Committee 3:00 to 4:30PM</b> League Office





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## SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5 Communications Committee 12 to 1:30 League Office	6 Water Committee 12:00 League Office	7	8 Sustainable Communities 10 to 12:00PM Maravilla Senior Living Comm. Clubhouse 5486 Calle Real Santa Barbara	9 Board Meeting 10 to 12:00PM League Office 328 Carillo St. Santa Barbara
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Community Forum 12 to 2:00PM Faulkner Gallery Santa Barbara Public Library	21	22	23
24	25	26 NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY	27 Social Policy Committee 3 to 4:30 League Office	28	29	30

