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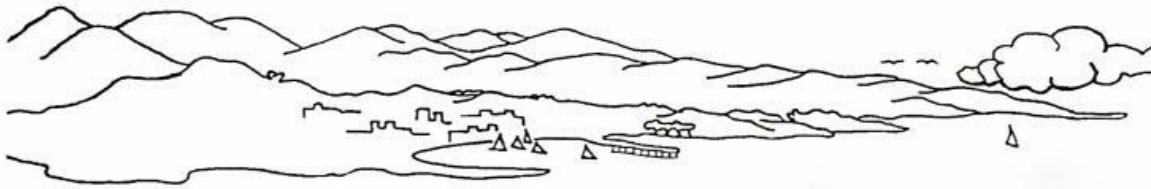
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**September 2022**

A photograph of four diverse women standing together against a warm, orange-toned background. From left to right: a young woman with dark hair, a woman with short dark hair wearing a patterned top, an older woman with long blonde hair, and a woman wearing a brown hijab. They are all looking towards the camera with slight smiles.

**Lawmakers must:**

1. Pass voting rights legislation
2. Make the Equal Rights Amendment part of our Constitution
3. Restore reproductive rights

**#WomensInequalityDay**

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## It Was No Time to Celebrate

Aug. 26, otherwise known as Women's Equality Day, marked the anniversary of the certification of the 19th amendment, which granted some women the right to vote. Yet in 2022, women have fewer rights than we've had in decades.

This year, the League of Women Voters, acknowledging Women's *In*equality Day, joined many other organizations to demand that lawmakers restore and protect our rights.

Instead of celebrating the accomplishments women have made and commemorating the 19th Amendment, the League issued this call to action:

Join us and demand our government not only represent us but include us as equals.

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## Election News

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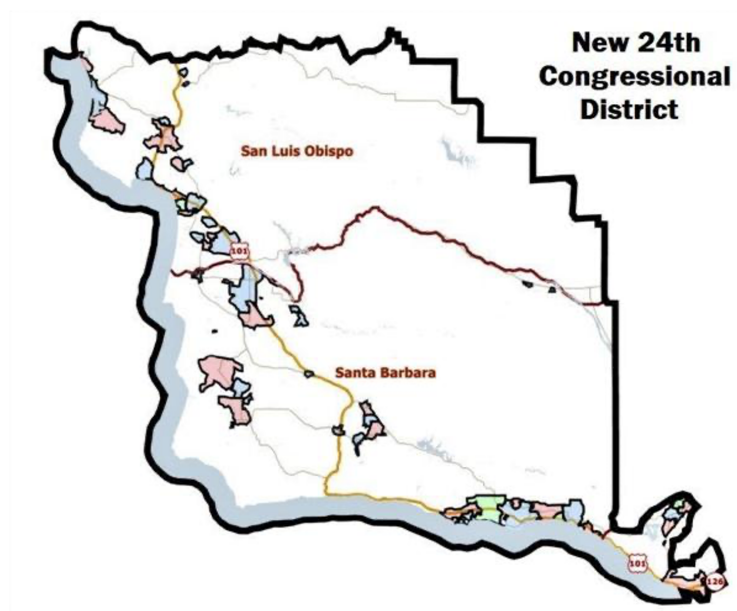
## Do You Know Which Voting District You Are in Now?

There are some newly configured state and federal congressional districts in Santa Barbara County. The redistricting efforts that took place recently were triggered by the Census in 2020.

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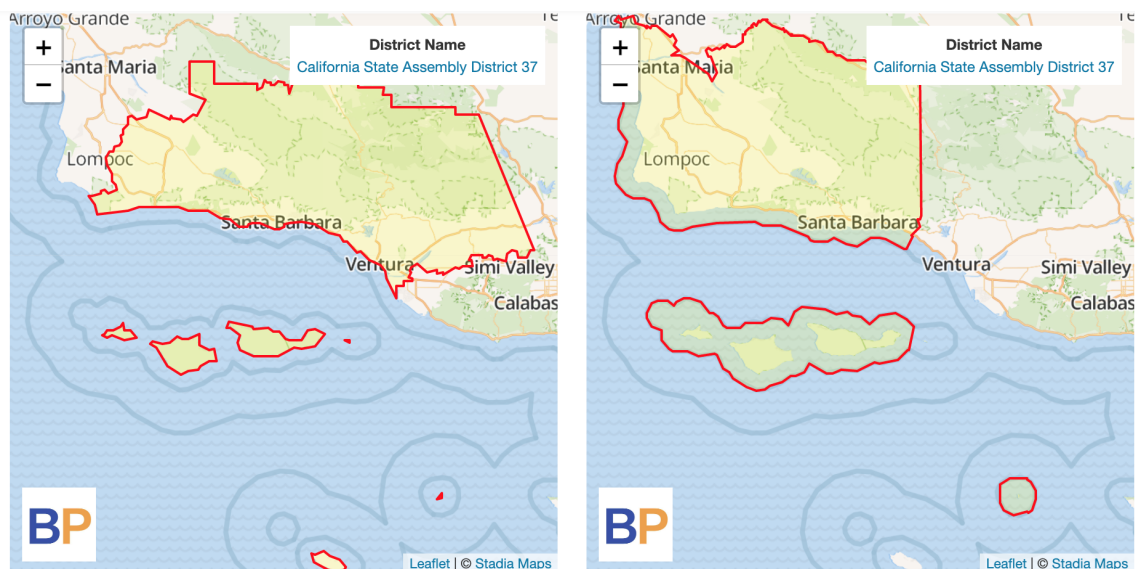
## The 24th Congressional District

Most of us in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria are now in the same federal congressional district - District 24. But the boundaries of the district have been changed. Salud Carbajal, the incumbent in the House of Representatives, is running for reelection in November.



## New State Assembly District 37

We all were in District 37 prior to the redistricting efforts and Steve Bennett was our representative. Although we will continue to be in District 37, the boundaries of the district were completely changed and Steve Bennett will no longer represent that district. See the map below showing the old (on the left) and new districts.



## State Senate District 19

All of Santa Barbara County is in District 19 and will continue to be in that district going forward. The district boundaries have been changed though, as shown below. Monique Limón is now and will continue to be our representative in that Senate district (if she runs and wins in November 2024!)



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***Map Sources:***

24th Congressional District: Mike Hodgson, Santa Maria Times  
State Assembly and State Senate Districts: Ballotpedia.org

***Election News*** by Revae Moran, VP Voter Service

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## **League Forum for the Assembly Candidates**

A Candidate Forum on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 6pm for the two candidates-- Gregg Hart and Mike Stoker-- who are running to represent newly formed State Assembly District 37. It will be a hybrid meeting, held via Zoom and in person at the Santa Barbara Woman's Club at 670 Mission Canyon Road. The Zoom link will be available on our [our website](#)

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## **Learn the “Pros” and “Cons” of the 10 State Propositions And Local Ballot Measures**

On Thursday, Oct. 13 at 6pm, a team of local Leaguers, including Shane Stark, moderator; Quinby Janes; Claire VanBlaricum; and Dianne Black, will walk you through all seven statewide propositions and three local measures that will appear on your ballot this fall.

They will describe the propositions, let you know who helped get them on the ballot, what the cost implications are for each one, and who supports and opposes each proposition or measure. This forum will be held on Zoom, livestreamed on the League's Facebook page (LWVSB), and recorded in both English and Spanish for later viewing via our YouTube channel.

Mark your calendars for this interesting and informative meeting!

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## **Easy Voter Guides Are Coming Help Needed to Distribute Them**

Although the League of Women Voters of California is not able to provide local Leagues with free copies of the Easy Voter Guides this year, we were able to use funds in the Voter Service budget to order 2,000 guides in English and 1,500 in Spanish.

Members of the Voter Service Team will help distribute them to local organizations, such as retirement communities, Housing Authority low-income residences, bodegas and other small grocery stores in Latinx communities, and libraries in Santa Barbara, Carpinteria, and Goleta.

Please contact Revae Moran at [VoterService@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:VoterService@lwvsantabarbara.org) if you are willing to help deliver these useful guides. You can download your own copy of the guide from the State League website once it has been posted on Sept. 4 by going to: <https://easylvoterguide.org/>

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## **You Can Help Get Out the Vote!**

Volunteer to do one-time postcard/letter writing. This can be done in small groups (probably outside) or in your home. [Contact](#) Gail Fairburn to be connected with those who can help you begin. This is a great short-term project promoting voting rights.

Get connected with the League and other organizations and stay informed about projects that might match your ability to participate. Several nonprofit groups run phone and text banks, postcard projects, and more affecting key states and issues.

Joanie Jones, VP Diversity, Equity Inclusion (DEI)

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## **Inside the League**

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### **Join the Sustainable Communities Committee**

I have been encouraged by the LWVSB Leadership Team to lead an effort to examine topics and expand membership of our Sustainable Communities Committee. The next meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 16 at 11am by Zoom.

Here is the committee's description from our website, [lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org):

“The Sustainable Communities Committee studies the problems that affect sustainability on the South Coast. Join us to grapple with the climate crisis, lack of affordable housing, questions of density, open



space protection, transportation, natural resources, energy, and water issues. You can help us with oversight of city, county and district meetings and get involved in shaping local positions in line with LWV's adopted state and national positions."

I recently sent a form and survey questions to current members of "SusComm." If you have an interest in any of the topics above and did not get the email on Aug. 24, please request the form from me at [grasso2430@gmail.com](mailto:grasso2430@gmail.com). I would like to get the replies back by Sept. 9 in order to collate and present them as a baseline for our discussion.

As part of this process, over the next few months we will take a look at the overlaps between the Sustainable Communities, Housing and Social Policy Committees to see whether we should merge two and/or move a few topics from one committee to another.

Please let me know if you cannot attend the meeting on Sept. 16 or the 11am time on a Friday (which will probably return to the first Friday next month, Oct. 7).

Sandy Grasso-Boyd, LWVSB Climate Action Co-Chair



## September Housing Committee Agenda

Drafts for the Housing Element Update (HEU) of the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara have been submitted to the State for comments. They can be found here:

[City of Goleta](#)

[City of Santa Barbara](#)

[County of Santa Barbara](#)

By the time this newsletter is published we should have a list of sites that would be suitable for housing developments in the unincorporated areas of South County. Unlike the cities, the County will need to upzone parcels to show that the state's recommendation for 4142 more units for the South County can be accommodated by our zoning over the next eight years.

Housing Projects we are monitoring are:

- Funk Zone mixed use development by SOMO SB, 155 units;
- Milpas Gardens, 418 Milpas, 90 units + small hotel;
- Heritage Ridge, on Camino Vista, Goleta, 332 units;
- Tatum and MTD (close to 101 and Turnpike); and
- Bailard affordable housing in Carpinteria.

The Funk Zone and Milpas Gardens projects are especially relevant for reviewing what might need to be added or changed in the HEUs before the final votes in February 2023. For example, new state laws are allowing developers to increase building sizes and add 50% more units by including just 15% very low income units in their project. The Housing Committee will look into how local policies and programs can produce a more desirable outcome for our extreme context of low vacancy rate and sky-high rents.

Consider all the above to be our agenda for the next Housing Committee meeting on Friday, Sept. 16, noon to 1pm. We will also review whether we should merge with the Sustainable Communities Committee and/or move a few topics from one committee to another including Social Policy.

If anyone needs the zoom link or is interested in 'Walk and Talk' tours this fall at any of the project sites listed above as well as Hillside (formerly Hillside House), school-owned property in Hidden Valley and the Wake Center, please email me at [housing@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:housing@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Linda Honikman, Housing Committee Chair

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## **Social Policy Committee News**

Fall seems like a good time to review how we're organized and consider changes. So for September we will be meeting on the 5th or last Thursday of the month-- Sept. 29, and at 3pm instead of 4:30. We have a fairly long mailing list, but usually have only a few in attendance, so it is also a good time to purge the mailing list of those names of folks who are not truly interested and lighten the load in their inboxes.

Currently we have been focused on criminal justice reform, homelessness, behavioral wellness, but there are many other possibilities for social policy discussions such as immigration issues and health care. If you have ideas of meeting topics or presentations you would be interested in, please [let me know](#).

If you do not get Zoom links to our meetings, contact me to be added to the mailing list! We would love to have you join us.

Pam Flynt Tambo, VP Program and Social Policy

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## **It's Not Too Late to Renew Your Membership**

If you didn't renew online, you should have received information by mail. We don't want to lose you! And of course if you aren't yet a member, you can join today. [Click here](#) to renew or become a member.

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## **Action Alert**

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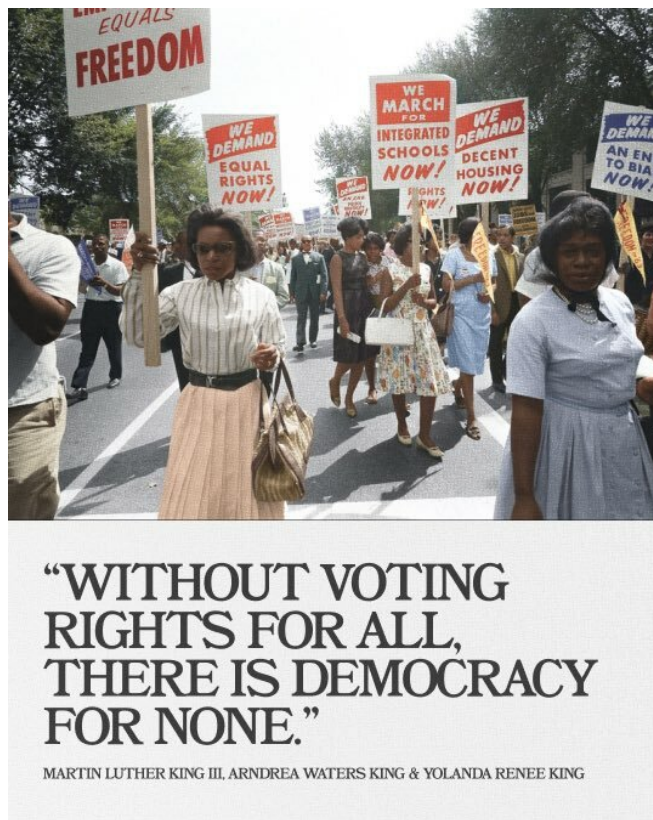


## From the League of Women Voters of California

Prevent mistaken voter registration cancellation and protect the voting rights of people with disabilities under conservatorship. Urge Governor Gavin Newsom to sign AB2841.

Join LWVC and ACLU CalAction and take action [here](#)

## In the News



## The Right to Vote: A Message from LWVUS

Our basic rights are on the ballot this November, including your right to vote.

On the 59th anniversary of the March on Washington, the League asked people to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and those who marched for your rights by checking their voter registration and voting on



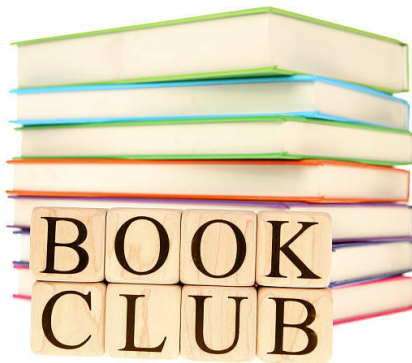


## Racial Justice for All Act Moves Forward

AB 256, supported by the League of Women Voters of California has passed the Senate and, as of deadline time, moved to Assembly Concurrence. It will then await the Governor's signature.

LWVC had issued this action alert: "Two years ago, you helped us pass the Racial Justice Act to combat discrimination based on race, ethnicity, or national origin in criminal sentences and convictions. Now we need your help to extend the Racial Justice Act to ensure that it protects all Californians."

## For Your Calendar



**DATE:** Thursday, Sept. 1 at 2pm

**TITLE:** Dispatches From Pluto: Lost and Found in the Mississippi Delta

"In Dispatches from Pluto, adventure writer Richard Grant takes on 'the most American place on Earth'--the beautiful, enigmatic, often derided Mississippi Delta. Richard Grant and his girlfriend were living in a shoebox apartment in NYC when they decided on a whim to buy an old plantation house in the Mississippi Delta. The book is their journey of discovery into this strange and wonderful American place. Grant delves deeply into the Delta's lingering racial tensions as well...."

This book is described as a real page turner!

Contact [bookclub@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:bookclub@lwvsantabarbara.org)

We have not chosen a date to discuss our next book selection--[The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together](#) by Heather McGhee. The meeting will be via Zoom so check the League website for the date. All are welcome.

Elaine Rudin, Overbooked Book Club Coordinator



***For more information, registration and contact information, click on the event in the website calendar [here](#). Meetings are via Zoom.***

*Community Forums are livestreamed on Facebook (@LWVSB) and on our YouTube Channel (link at bottom of this newsletter). Some events are featured in separate articles.*

Thursday, Sept. 1 - 2-3:30pm - **Book Club Discussion**

Tuesday, Sept. 6- 1-2pm - **Communications Committee**

Saturday, Sept. 10 - 10-11:30am - **Board Meeting**

Friday, Sept. 16 - 11am-noon - **Sustainable Communities Committee**

Friday, Sept. 16 - 12-1pm - **Housing Committee**

Thursday, Sept. 29 - 3pm - **Social Policy Committee**

Thursday, Oct. 6 - 6-7:30pm - **Candidate Forum for Assembly**

Thursday, Oct. 13 - 6-7:30pm - **Pros and Cons Forum for Ballot Measures**

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## For Your Information

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**Keep Up to Date on Action Alerts  
From the State and National League**

For LWV, [click here](#).

For LWVC, [click here](#).

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## Videos

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You can now watch a video of the forum "District Elections: From Theory to Practice" in both English and Spanish. Learn about the move from at-large to districts in the county's schools and in the cities of Carpinteria, Goleta and Santa Barbara.

The video of the most recent Community Forum, "New Approaches to Youth Justice: Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline," is available on our YouTube Channel. If you missed the Community Forum on "South Coast Housing 2030: Coming Together Now" or the Feb. 16 Community Forum "Fighting for Voting Rights Then and Now" you can see those videos. The video of the Jan. 29 "Vigil: Shine a Light on Injustice in Our Jail" is there too.

For these and other Forums, [watch here](#). Subscribe to the channel to be notified of future videos.

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## Watch Forum Videos on TVSB

Tune in: TVSB Channels League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Show.

LWVSB Show - Weekly Spots

League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Show - English version:

Channel 17, "Voice": on Tuesdays 9:00 p.m. and on Fridays 2:00 a.m.

Channel 71, "Culture": on Wednesdays 9:00 p.m., on Thursdays 7:00 p.m., on Fridays 5:00 a.m., and on Saturdays 10:00 a.m.

League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Show - Spanish version:

Channel 17, "Voice": on Wednesdays 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 3:00 a.m.

Channel 71, "Culture": on Mondays 7:30 p.m., on Thursdays 3:30 a.m., on Fridays 3:30 p.m., and on Saturdays 2:00 a.m.

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**Democracy is... Fragile. Powerful. Inspiring. Of the people, by the people, for the people.**

**And as we are seeing in the news almost daily, not to be taken for granted. Now is not the time to be a bystander. You can help support the untiring, non-partisan work of the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara with a one-time or ongoing tax-deductible donation.**

**Give what you can to help safeguard democracy.**

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