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Serving South Santa Barbara County



June 2022

The Election



Send in Your Ballot Now

All registered voters have received their ballots, so be sure to return yours. It must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 7, so go ahead and retrieve it from the pile of mail on your desk and SEND IT IN! Remember to sign its envelope.

You can mail your ballot in (it is postage paid) and track it by registering on ballottrax.com. You'll receive an email message, text, or phone call (your choice) when your ballot is delivered.

You can also put it into one of the County's secure drop boxes (see the County Voter Information Guide and Sample Ballot for locations) or take it to a polling place (your polling place is shown next to your address on that booklet). If no polling place is listed, go to vote.ca.gov and enter your address.

The turnout is expected to be low, said County Elections Officer Joe Holland. He told the Santa Barbara Independent that "If we get 50 percent I'll be surprised. I'll be happy." Read the full article [here](#).

This is an important election because many of the county elections will be decided if any candidate receives at least 51% of the votes. If that happens, no run-off election will be required. One of the highly publicized races that hangs in the balance in this scenario is the County Superintendent of Schools (Dr. Susan Salcido, Incumbent vs. Christy Lozano, challenger). The Santa Barbara Independent has had a number of articles about this race, including articles about our canceled Candidate Forum. (Read our press release in this newsletter.)

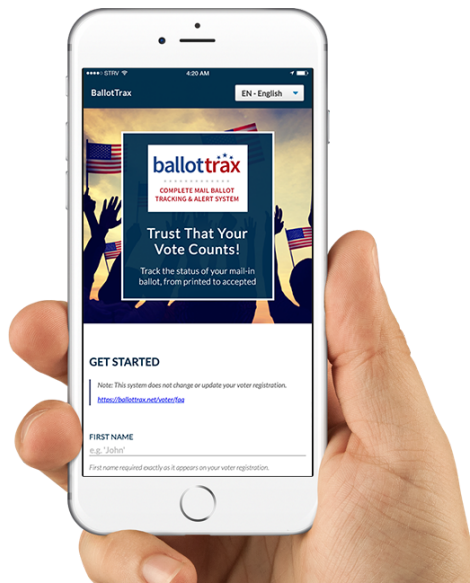
Another is the County Sheriff-Coroner's race (Bill Brown, incumbent vs Juan Camarena, challenger). We co-sponsored a Candidate Forum with the SB Independent for these candidates. The recordings of this Forum in both English and Spanish have been posted on our YouTube channel, which you can access at the bottom of each page of our website - look for the YouTube icon.

Want more information about the candidates running for election in the Primary?

Voters Edge - a Great Resource!

[Click here](#), then enter your address, and get personalized information on the candidates who will appear on your ballot. Many, but unfortunately not all, candidates have provided information.

Revae Moran, VP Voter Service



Is Alex Padilla Running for Two Senate Seats?

Answer, from the LWV California's President, Carol Moon Goldberg:

Due to a new state law passed after Senator Padilla was appointed, the replacement must be elected at the next regularly scheduled general election.

Here is what I've been telling people: There are two races/contests/spots on the ballot for US Senator. This is not a mistake. There are different reasons for the two races.

(1) One reason is to elect a Senator to finish the time that Senator Harris was supposed to be in the office. In 2021 Senator Harris resigned from the office to become Vice President. The Governor named Alex Padilla to fill the office until the voters elect a person in the 2022 election to be Senator until January 2023.

(2) The other race is to elect a person to be US Senator for 6 years starting in January 2023.



For Your Information

- SB District 2, 93109/ Mesa, W Beach, Bel Air, etc.; Thurs. June 9, 10-11:30
- County-93110/ Hope Ranch, Hwy 154, Modoc, etc.; Mon. June 13, 10-11:30
- SB District 5, 93105/ La Cumbre, San Roque, Hidden Valley, Upper State, Samarkand, etc.; Mon. June 13, 2:30-4
- SB District 3, 93101/ Westside, W Downtown, etc.; Wed. June 15, 10-11:30
- City of Carpinteria, 93013/ date & time TBD
- City of Goleta, 93117/ [Zoom already held; Goleta Planning Commission has approved Draft Housing Element, Council reviews on June 7.]

LWVSB members will be sent a zoom link to the meeting(s) specific to their zipcode a week before. Non-members are also welcome and you can attend as many of the zooms as you want regardless of where you live. Email housing@lwvsantabarbara.org to request additional zoom links.

Linda Honikman, Housing Committee Chair

Why Candidate Forum Was Cancelled

On May 11, the League issued this press release:

Because one of the candidates, Christy Lozano, would not agree to sign the required Release Form, which spells out the protocols to insure a fair and civil discussion, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara has regretfully cancelled the Forum for the office of SB County Superintendent of Schools.

Unless both candidates agree to these terms, the League cannot hold the forum, according to the League's policies. The Forum was to have been held on Thursday, May 12 at 6pm on Zoom.

Lozano was told, "Our policies and procedures for our Candidate Forum, such as not providing the questions to be asked of each candidate in advance, and not allowing candidates to use excerpts of the recording of the Forum rather than using it in its entirety, are in accordance with national and state League of Women Voters policies and procedures. Please be assured that all candidates who participate in our Forums are required to abide by the same policies and procedures."

Susan Salcido, incumbent Superintendent of Schools and Lozano's opponent, did sign the Release Form and agreed to the League's Forum rules.

On May 13, The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara made public the Release Form which all candidates are required to sign before participating in any Forums put on by the League. This form, which spells out the protocols to insure a fair and civil discussion, and which is standard for all League forums, was sent to both candidates for County Superintendent of Schools on April 27.

Christy Lozano, who would not sign the form, is claiming she was given only 45 minutes to sign it before the decision was made to cancel the May 12 Forum. Unless both candidates agree to Forum rules, the League cannot hold the forum, according to the League's policies.

On May 9 LWVSB Vice President for Voter Service Revae Moran sent an email message to both candidates reminding them to sign the candidate release form, scan it in, and send it back to her. She resent the release form to both of them and said she needed it before the Form.

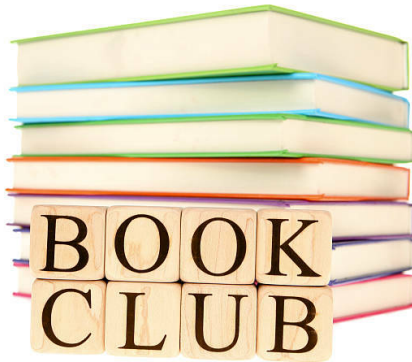
Christy Lozano then sent an email message to Moran expressing her concerns about the candidate release form. She cited two issues: (1) she wanted us to provide, in writing, the League's consent to allow her to use "any or all video from the "debate" (sic). She also did not want to abide by our requirement to "make reference to another candidate's qualifications, character, or activities – either positively or negatively."

In response, Moran clarified that the format for the Forum was not going to be a "debate" and noted that the format was what the League has used for many years. She also noted that the purpose of the Forum was for Lozano to talk about her qualifications and experience rather than her opponent's and to focus on the actions she would take and the topics on which she would focus as County Superintendent of Schools.

Finally, Reva stated that the League would give her permission to use the recording, but only on the condition that the recording be used in its entirety rather than extracting portions of it. That has always also been the League's long-standing policy.

Lozano was given a deadline of May 11 at 10am to sign the Release Form or the Forum would be cancelled. She failed to respond.

Events



DATE: Thursday, June 9, 2 pm

TITLE: There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century

In a memoir, the impeachment witness Fiona Hill recounts her journey from "blighted world" to the White House.

Join our book discussion both in person and on Zoom. Contact elainerudin@me.com for Zoom invitations or directions to meeting location. All are welcome.

For Your Calendar



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.

Saturday, June 4 - 10am-noon - **Annual Membership Meeting**

Monday, June 6 - 5:15-6:15pm - **Communications Committee**

Tuesday, June 7 - **Primary Election**

Thursday, June 9 - 2pm - **Book Club: There Is Nothing For You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century**

Note: no Community Forums until September

Action Alerts



From LWV:

It is time for Congress to protect our reproductive rights. Call your U. S. Senator at (202) 224-3121 and demand reproductive justice and swiftly develop and pass legislation to protect reproductive rights NOW.

"We will continue to be here in this fight and we will continue to do this work until the day we die because we know what is possible in this country. And what it is right now is America's worst nightmare."
-- Virginia Kase, LWVUS CEO.

On May 25 we joined Black women leaders and allies in front of the Supreme Court to demand our freedom to vote, reproductive Justice, and an end to gun violence.

"We will not be silenced.
We will fight to protect our rights."

"Tell your Senators that gun violence prevention is important to you and that all lives, especially children's, are just as important as the second amendment."

Grace Chimene, President, League of Women Voters of Texas.



The League of Women Voters of Texas issued the following statement after a mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas:

"It is hard to find the words to respond to the shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas, that killed 19 students and two adults.

"The shooter is alleged to have bought one of the AR-15 style assault guns on May 17 (the day after he turned 18) from a licensed federal firearms dealer. On May 18 he is alleged to have purchased 375 rounds of ammunition and on May 20, a second AR-15 style assault gun. Within days, 19 children and two teachers were killed by this person. Texas law allows an 18-year-old to legally purchase guns.

"What can be done in Texas to prevent such a traumatic event from occurring again? The Texas Legislature won't be in session again until January 2023, so we must urge Congress to act now. The House of Representatives has already passed HR 8, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, and the Senate must now act to save Americans from the terror of gun violence. Urge your Senators to pass this bill."

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

Keep Up to Date on Action Alerts From the state and national League

For LWV, [click here](#).

For LWVC, [click here](#).

Videos



The Forum for Sheriff-Coroner candidates, co-sponsored with the Santa Barbara Independent, is now available on our YouTube Channel. The video of the Community Forum "New Approaches to Youth Justice: Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline" will be coming soon.

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.

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.

Inside the League



The League Has Many Jobs for Volunteers

Maybe you have never thought of yourself as a League volunteer, but there are important and necessary jobs that just might have your name on it.

A vibrant and hard-working committee for Membership is already in place. Join us and you will not be alone. All of the tasks listed below are important and all of them need helpers. Many of them are flexible and can be configured to match your preferences, skills, and time. Get a friend to volunteer together with you and divide the work.

We don't have a Membership Chair for this year, but the work of Membership is made up of dozens of seemingly little tasks that connect us as a real community and help to get the important work done. For example ...

- **Monthly Mailing Support** -- We have a very small paper mailing list to keep those members informed who do not have email or access to a computer or internet. You would not be the only one working on this, so you would not be responsible for every month. The job is not difficult, not excessively time-consuming, and training is available.
- **Office Manager** – We still have an office and it still needs some looking-into from time-to-time to do tasks like notifying the appropriate folks when mail comes in. Training is available from our office guru, Joanie Jones.
- **Responding to messages** on our phone line – These are occasional and the task can be done from the comfort of your home. Training is available
- **Outreach** – As the pandemic wanes, we need to be connecting with other organizations in town who share our goals. Part of this work, so important for diversity, equity, and inclusion, is tracking who in the League already has ties to other organizations and what they are doing with those ties. Part might be showing up at student groups to talk about the work of the League. Not all the tasks in this area need to be done by the same person.
- **Member Contact** – We all value most, the organizations where we have relationships with others in the group. During the pandemic we have been lacking in the opportunity to gather and connect. We can fill in with phone calls and follow-up emails. Do you like talking with others on the phone? You are needed here. This is not a heavy or daily demand and all the contacts do not need to be handled by a single person. You could volunteer to be "on-call" to make calls and accept the challenge when you are available.
- **Delegating and following** membership volunteers - Do you like "directing traffic" and keeping lists? Part of our member contact, mailings, and outreach is tracking who is available, who can accept a task, when it is completed. If you are attracted to this kind of organizing, have I got a task for you. Yes, training is available!
- **Website user support** – I am handling a lot of this right now and could use the help of others with tech and perhaps training experience who are willing to answer questions and walk folks through getting on the site. Training available.
- **Coordinator** – We need someone to oversee what is happening in Membership and identify what is falling through the cracks. This person does not commit to doing all the work, just following what is being done and can be done; it is the broad and long view that will matter most here. Convening a monthly meeting of those working on Membership to check in and find out what needs attention would be a huge asset. This is a perfect niche for a Board Member or other leader who can see across the grids of intersectionality.

If you would like to help, even if you don't see an exact description in this list to match your passions, have a discussion in late June or early July with me or someone in the Leadership Team to talk over what you might be interested in.

*"If not me, who?
If not now, when?"
– Emma Watson*

Gail Fairburn, email: Membership@lwvsantabarbara.org



To Do List



Monday	Friday
Tuesday	Saturday
Wednesday	Sunday
Thursday	Notes

More Opportunities

- **Website:** The League is also looking for someone to make sure the website is updated. You don't need a lot of technical skills--but if you have those, all the better! For more information, contact Revae Moran (webmanager@lwvsantabarbara.org.)
- **Forum Coordination:** We have great Community Forums, but we need help with organizing them. During the Pandemic they have been virtual, but they could be in person again in the fall. To learn more contact Pam Flynt Tambo (vpprogram@lwvsantabarbara.org.)

Do You Want to Help at "Medicare for All" Event?

The League has an opportunity to work with the local Santa Barbara Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program, currently chaired by Dr. Nancy Greep.

Payment options for healthcare has been a topic of interest and concern for many years. We have had some League members interested in working on this issue in the past. If this issue interests you—let us know.

Dr. Greep is organizing a tabling event in Paseo Nuevo on Saturday, June 4, morning and afternoon. If you want to help with this and meet others interested in healthcare, [please let me know](#). Dr. Greep can also be contacted at ncgreep@gmail.com

This is also the date of our League Annual Meeting—but tabling can be done in the afternoon.

Pam Flynt Tambo, Social Policy Chair

Annual Meeting Reminder

Remember to register for our LWVSB Annual Meeting, which is on Saturday, June 4 at 10am via Zoom (9:45am sign-in). This is our important all member meeting for our yearly business, elections and

adoption of budget and bylaws amendments. Your attendance is needed and so is your vote.

The meeting is for members only, but you can tell your friends to become a member. [Join today!](#) Here is the [Zoom link](#) to register. The Bylaws provide that anyone who has joined before June 4 may vote at the meeting.

Joanie Jones, Leadership Team and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Director

Dues Renewal Alert

Don't forget to renew your annual LWVSB dues.

You can log in to your Club Express account on our local League website and pay securely online, using a credit card or PayPal. This is the fastest and most convenient way to renew your participation in the League's valuable work for the coming year. If you have already established your account, your login is only a few clicks away at lwvsantabarbara.org-- (click on Member Login in the upper right corner of the screen).

If you need assistance in getting back into your member account or setting it up, [contact me](#) to set up a personal appointment. There are many member advantages to having your login available, beyond renewing your membership each year.

Once you are logged in:

- Click on your name in the upper right and then on Profile
- From there, click on the RENEW button and follow instructions

The \$3.00 credit card processing fee has been added into your dues; it saves our local League from having to pay that.

If you are not yet a member, you can [Join today!](#) And if you can add a donation with your dues renewal, thank you in advance! All amounts are eligible for tax deduction. LWV-SB is a 501(c)3.

Logging Into the Website

Members: Don't be left out!

Your local League website contains valuable links and information. At this time when some of us are still unable to connect in person, the website is a convenient link to information about League, including registration links for forums and meetings.

If you would like help setting or resetting your website account to get easy access, or if you have questions, contact membership@lwvsantabarbara.org

Gail Fairburn, Membership Chair



An Invitation to LWV Convention

You are formally invited to the 55th League of Women Voters National Convention in Denver, CO, and online, June 23 – 26.

This year, the Convention will be a fully hybrid experience, with both combined and unique experiences for in-person and virtual attendees. All information related to Convention, including registration and hotel bookings, can be found [here](#)

League members are invited to attend Convention as observers. Registration is open until June 6.

"Convention is a League experience unlike any other, where League members come together to network, learn, and chart the course for the next biennium. We hope you will join us in Denver or online in June!"

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara needs to raise \$30,000 a year.

We send a large portion of your dues to the State and National Leagues so they can continue working on important legislation for the issues we care about and fighting against voter suppression across the county.

We are grateful to some angel donors who generously help out, but we need YOU to help support our local work.

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