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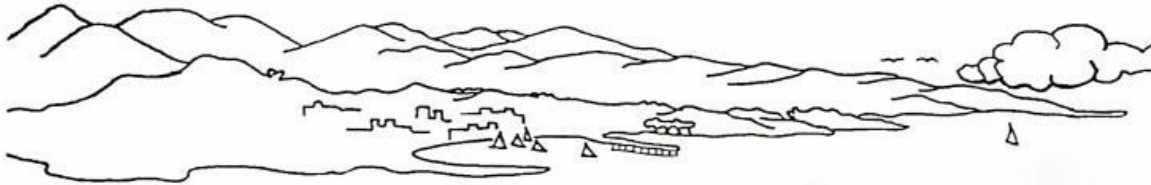
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**CHANNEL VOTER**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA BARBARA

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**May 2022**

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**Events**

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**Candidate Forums**

Join the ***Santa Barbara Independent***  
and ***League of Women Voters*** for a

**DISCUSSION** with the ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
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**Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner**

**Tues., May 10 @ 6pm**

**Moderated by Ryan P. Cruz**



**BILL BROWN**



**JUAN CAMARENA**

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***Spanish translation available.***

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## *Election Update!*



*Candidate Forum for the Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools Race – Come Hear Their Views!*



Dr. Susan Salcido

Thursday, May 12, at 6 pm, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara will hold a Candidate Forum for the candidates running for the office of County Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Salcido, incumbent, and Christy Schaeffer Lozano, Teacher.



Christy Schaeffer Lozano

Each candidate will be asked a list of questions and provided equal time to answer. Please send your questions to us at: [League@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:League@lwvsantabarbara.org) and, time permitting, we will include them.

Please go to our website [lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org) to register for this event which will be held on Zoom. The Forum will also be livestreamed on the League's Facebook page – lwvsb – and recordings of the Forum in both English and Spanish will be posted on our website: [lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org) for later viewing.

*Co-Sponsored by the American Association of University Women*



*Santa Barbara-Goleta Valley (CA) Branch*

**Registration links for these forums are in The Election article.**

## **The May Community Forum**



Fifteen years ago a young man was murdered in downtown Santa Barbara in a gang-related homicide. Community leaders quickly came together to address some of the problems of our young residents. Several programs were started and collaboration with the Public Safety Departments—Sheriff, Probation, District Attorney, and Public Defender— was increased and adapted.

Our May 18 Community Forum (noon-1:30 p.m.on Zoom) will look at the data and some of the new programs. Two of our speakers who helped develop and work in these programs were once incarcerated themselves and will share what helped them and how they are using those lessons to help teens and young adults today. An administrator in the Santa Barbara Unified School District will share how money that used to fund law officers in the schools is being reprogrammed to provide more counseling and mental health services.

We've called this the School to Prison Pipeline. Join us to hear what is happening in Santa Barbara's South County to close the "school to prison pipeline."

In addition to speakers from the county's Unified School District, Probation, and Office of the Public Defender, the panel will include three of the many organizations in the community delivering services to youths.

Judy Lugo heads Santa Barbara's Police Activities League (PAL) which hosts the Teen Center at the corner of Chapala and Victoria. PAL provides teens with holistic programs from academic support to enrichment programs including fitness classes, environmental education and social-emotional and mental wellness referral support.

JP Herrada, a previously incarcerated individual and father of three, has been mentoring at-risk youth and working with justice impacted families for 13 years. He co-founded the Alternatives to Justice Project in Santa Barbara in 2018.

Eric Rodriguez works with the Freedom to Choose Project in prisons throughout California. His involvement with the criminal justice system began at age 12. He was in and out of juvenile hall, camps and treatment programs before being sent to county jails and eventually sentenced to 15 years to life in prison plus 10 years.

"By the grace of God, hard work, inner healing and taking every opportunity available," he explained, "I was found suitable for parole and released after 12 years and 11 months."

The Freedom to Choose Project played a key role in his transformation while in prison, and led to his helping create their Pathways to Freedom Self-Directed Learning Program during the pandemic when their in-person programs could not reach people incarcerated. He now trains volunteers for that program and hopes to bring the program to Santa Barbara's county jails and justice impacted youth.

Panelists include:

- Holly Benton, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Santa Barbara,
- JP Herrada, Executive Director, Co-founder, Alternatives to Violence Project, Santa Barbara (SBATV),
- Juan Higuera, Deputy Public Defender (currently assigned to the Juvenile Unit), Santa Barbara County,
- Judy Lugo, Director, Santa Barbara Police Activities League (PAL),
- Eric Rodriguez, Education Assistant, Freedom to Choose,
- Frann Wageneck, Assistant Superintendent, Student Services, Santa Barbara Unified School District.

The panel will be moderated by LaMer Kyle-Griffiths, Santa Barbara's Assistant Public Defender. With a long career as a public defender amplifying the voice of the poor (juveniles and adults) in Kentucky, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, and Washington, Kyle-Griffiths was appointed last year as our County's Assistant Public Defender. She also teaches Trial Advocacy, and has trained administrative professionals, attorneys and law students in areas of implicit bias, litigation, sentencing, juvenile practice, and forensics.

The forum is co-sponsored by Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE). [Register here](#). It will also be livestreamed on our Facebook Page (@LWVSB) and available later for viewing in English and Spanish on our YouTube Channel.



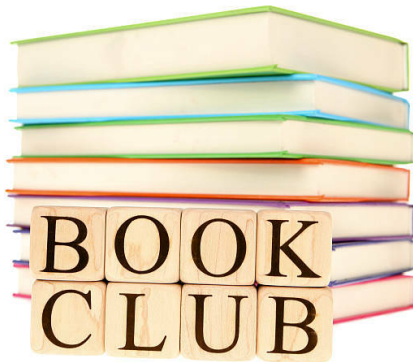
## Housing and Sustainable Communities Committees Look at the Future

Join the Housing and Sustainable Communities Committee on Friday, May 6, as we look at the future of housing in the South County that maximizes affordability while minimizing environmental impacts. The Housing Elements from Goleta to Carpinteria get updated every eight years, and the next three months will be the most important and interesting time to provide community input for the next eight-year cycle.

The Sustainable Communities agenda, 11 a.m. to noon on Zoom, will include a discussion of the Climate Action Plan for the City of Santa Barbara and how housing advocates and environmentalists can work together to identify the best sites for affordable housing developments. We invite anyone with environmental or sustainable housing interests to join us.

The Housing Committee Agenda for noon to 1 p.m. will focus on the City of Santa Barbara's Housing Element goals, policies and programs with City of SB planner, Jessica Metzger. We will also have a presentation by Red Tail Acquisitions, the developer of both Heritage Ridge in Goleta and the Bailard Avenue Workforce Housing Project that is on school-owned property in Carpinteria. The development will include affordable units managed by the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara. To get the zoom link (shared by both committees) email [housing@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:housing@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Linda Honikman, Housing Committee Chair



**DATE:** Thursday, June 9, 2 p.m.

**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](mailto:elainerudin@me.com) for Zoom invitations or directions to meeting location. All are welcome.

## The June Election



# IF YOU DON'T VOTE, YOU DON'T COUNT.

A Reminder From The League Of Women Voters.

## Ballots for the June Primary Election Coming Soon

All California active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the June 7 Primary Election. The Santa Barbara County elections office will mail out ballots on Monday, May 9.

The Voter Information Guides were mailed last week, so you have probably already received it by now. It includes a sample ballot and information about in-person polling places (they will only be open one day for the Primary - from 7 am to 8 pm), their locations, and the locations of drop boxes.

If you did not receive an information guide in the mail, call the County Election Office - 1-800-722-8683 - and ask for one - or go to their [website](#)

- Your ballot will include candidates for U.S. Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Insurance Commissioner, Member of State Board of Equalization, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, U.S. Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Assembly Member, as well as other local candidates.
- For these statewide offices, the top two vote getters will appear on the ballot in the General Election in November, even if they are both from the same party and even if one of the candidates receives more than 50 percent of the votes.
- There are two contests for U.S. Senate on this ballot. You can vote for both contests. One for a 6-year term ending January 3, 2029; and one is for the remainder of the current term ending Jan. 3, 2023.
- The list of candidates running for office is extensive - we cannot list them all. For example, there are 26 individuals running for Governor. You can view the complete official list of candidates [here](#)

### County Elections

If one candidate receives a majority of the votes (50 percent plus one), that candidate is deemed elected, with no run-off election necessary.

#### Uncontested races

- Laura Capps is running unopposed for the 2nd District seat on the SB County Board of Supervisors (she currently is a member of the SB Unified School District Board).
- John Savrnoch is running unopposed for the office of District Attorney. He currently is the Deputy District Attorney and was endorsed by outgoing DA Joyce Dudley, who is not running for reelection.
- Harry Hagen is running unopposed for the office of Treasurer-Tax Collector.
- Most of the candidates for judicial offices will not (per state law) appear on the ballot because they are running unopposed.

#### Contested Races

- Dr. Susan Salcido, the current Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools, is facing challenger Christy Lozano.
- Challenger Juan Camerano is running against incumbent Bill Brown for Santa Barbara County Sheriff.
- Joe Holland, County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor is running against challenger Elrawd Maclearn.

## Candidate Forums Being Held Prior to the Primary

(See information in flyers above).

Our League is having a Candidate Forum for the two individuals running for the office of Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Susan Sallcido, Incumbent, and Christy Lozano, Challenger. It will be held via Zoom on Thursday, May 12 at 6 p.m.

Each candidate will be asked a list of questions and provided equal time to answer. Please send your questions to us at: [League@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:League@lwvsantabarbara.org) and, time permitting, we will include them. You can watch it live by clicking on [this Zoom link](#). The Forum will also be livestreamed on the League's Facebook page – lwvsb – and recordings of the Forum in both English and Spanish will be posted on our website: [lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org) for later viewing.

We also are partnering with the Santa Barbara Independent to hold a Candidate Forum for the candidates running for Sheriff: Bill Brown, incumbent, and Juan Camarena, challenger, on Tuesday, May 10 at 6 p.m. You can register for the Sheriff's Forum [here](#).

Revae Moran, Voter Service Director



## Voter's Edge Launches Key Partnerships With Public Media Stations and Los Angeles Times

"Propaganda and disinformation are being used to undermine our democracy and discourage voters from participating. Voter's Edge is the antidote to that misinformation and puts the facts in the hands of voters, ensuring that they can vote with confidence on Election Day," said Stephanie Doute, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. "Partnering with trusted media outlets like public media and the Los Angeles Times ensures voters are getting the unbiased information they need."

[Click here](#) for more information about the partnership.

Voter's Edge is an online voter guide produced by LWVCEF in partnership with MapLight. It provides in-depth information about what's on your ballot. During the 2020 election season, 1 in 10 California voters used Voter's Edge to get a personalized list of candidates and ballot measures, including biographies, top priorities, campaign finance information, and more! And we plan to grow that number this year.



A dedicated group of volunteers across the state reaches out to candidates and gathers local election information to ensure voters have a one stop shop for all of their non-partisan ballot information and can confidently cast their ballots. Contact Bonnie Lassen, [VotersEdge@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:VotersEdge@lwvsantabarbara.org) for more information or to volunteer to help collect local information.

## 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.



## Poll Workers Needed in Santa Barbara County

The Santa Barbara County Registrar of Voters office continues to seek community members interested in working in the June 7 Statewide Direct Primary Election. Poll workers serve a vital role in supporting democracy and their communities. They also receive a stipend of \$180-\$310 depending on their position for working on Election Day and attending poll worker training. Volunteers are most needed in the Santa Barbara, Goleta, Lompoc, and Santa Maria areas.

If you live in one of those areas and are interested in this opportunity, please consider applying to be a poll worker today! Joseph E. Holland, County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor & Registrar of Voters said people should volunteer because, "poll workers are on the frontline of democracy; without them voting does not happen."

To be a poll worker, you must meet the following criteria: • Be a registered or preregistered voter in the State of California or lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States, as specified, and who is otherwise eligible to register to vote, except for their lack of United States citizenship. • Be able to follow written and verbal instruction. • Be available to serve Election Day from approximately 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM or until all of the closing procedures have been completed. • Must be available to attend a mandatory training class during the week of May 23. High school students are also encouraged to apply.

In addition to the qualifications listed above, student poll workers must meet the following criteria: • Must be at least 16 years old by Election Day • Must have a GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale • Must be a student of good standing attending a public or private secondary educational institution. • Must have signed approval from the school and a parent or legal guardian. To learn more about the poll worker program and training process, [click here](#)

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## For Your Information

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### **Recruitment for Advisory Groups in Santa Barbara** ***An Opportunity to Get Involved in Shaping the Community***

The City of Santa Barbara is seeking individuals to serve on its various City Advisory Groups. The City has more than 40 Advisory Groups and the members of these groups play an important role in shaping our community.

Lesley Wiscomb called her 12 years working on several City Advisory Groups an “exceptionally rewarding experience. Those affiliations have allowed me to learn, share knowledge and be more actively engaged in our community, and I strongly encourage anyone who wants similarly fulfilling opportunities to apply. Your time and voice are needed and greatly appreciated,” she said.

Dena Davis said she enjoyed learning about the various City departments and programs in her role on the Library Advisory Board. "Working with our library director and fellow board members to support the essential programs and services our library staff provides the community is a rewarding and meaningful experience. I'm so glad I jumped in to participate," Davis said.

The City is an equal opportunity employer and adopts practices that value and include diversity at all levels of the organization as an essential step to developing strategies that meet the needs of a diverse community. If you're an individual interested in making a difference in your community, contributing ideas, and being a part of the City team, you are strongly encouraged to apply.

Application Deadline: Monday, May 9, 2022, at 5 p.m.

Interviews by the City Council:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 4 p.m. (Estimated Time),

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 4 p.m. (Estimated Time); and

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 6 p.m. (Estimated Time)

Appointments: Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Applications are available [online](#). General information about each advisory group (including videos for some of the advisory groups), and the Application for Appointment, list of vacancies, vacancy notices and recruitment schedule may be obtained by accessing the City's website [here](#) or from the City Clerk's Office. If you're interested in serving, please contact [Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov) or (805) 564-5309.

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## Action Alerts

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### The ERA Resolution

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) passed through Congress in 1972 with more than the required 2/3 majority vote and was sent to the states. In 2020, Virginia became the 38th, and final, state to ratify the amendment, but it is still not part of the US Constitution.

A new resolution has been introduced in the US House affirming that the amendment has met all of the requirements needed to be added to the US Constitution. The League of Women Voters of the United States is asking people to tell their representative that you want equality to be part of the Constitution. [Click here](#)

The new resolution, H. Res. 891, introduced by Congresswomen Jackie Speier and Carolyn Maloney, will reflect the sentiment of the House that, under the terms of Article V, the ERA is already part of the Constitution, and will ensure it became effective on January 27th, 2022. Amendments have a two-year waiting period before they are finally published by the Archivist in the Constitution, yet two years after the final ratification, the Constitution remains unchanged. Support and passage of this resolution will mean that the archivist knows that they have the support of Congress to move forward. And it responds to the Biden Administration's insistence that Congress has the right to assert that the amendment can be published.

The ERA is essential to ensure equality is solidified in the Constitution. Despite the significant legal and legislative advances that have been made in recent decades, women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex. The symptoms of this systemic discrimination are clear in the ongoing fights against unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and limited access to comprehensive health care. It is not enough to treat the symptoms; we must address the root cause of the inequality by amending the Constitution.

The inclusion of the Equal Rights Amendment in the US Constitution is long overdue. Please contact your representative today and tell them to assert that the ERA should be the law of the land!

*Note: Find alerts like these on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and share them with your own friends, along with event information and photos. For more information visit these websites: [LWVSB](#), [LWV](#) and [LWVC](#)*

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## For Your Calendar

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***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.*

Friday, May 6 - 11 a.m.-noon - **Sustainable Communities Committee**

Friday, May 6 - noon-1 p.m. - **Housing Committee**

Tuesday, May 10 - 6-7:30 p.m. - **Candidate Forum for Sheriff**

Thursday, May 12 - 6-7:30 p.m. - **Candidate Forum, Santa Barbara County Superintendent of Schools**

Saturday, May 14 - 10 a.m.-noon - **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 18 - noon-1:30 p.m. - **Community Forum: New Approaches to Youth Justice in Santa Barbara County**

Thursday, May 26 - 4:30-5:30 p.m. - **Social Policy Committee**

Saturday, June 4 - 10 .m.-noon - **Annual Membership Meeting**

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## Videos

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The Community Forum video South Coast Housing 2030: Coming Together Now is available on our YouTube Channel. And if you missed the Feb. 16 Community Forum--Fighting for Voting Rights Then and Now, you can see that video. The Jan. 29 Vigil: Shine a Light on Injustice in Our Jail is also on our channel.

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

Public Safety: Beyond Police and Prisons (in English only)

Community Choice Energy: A Greener Electric Power

People Powered Fair Maps: Why Redistricting Matters

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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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## Inside the League

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### An Invitation to the Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. to noon on Zoom. 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.

Watch your email for information about the Annual Meeting. There will be important items on the agenda and we depend on having a quorum to conduct the business of the League. All members will receive an information packet with the agenda and all of the documents to be discussed and/or voted on, including our FY 2023 budget and the proposed members of the new Board. (Remember, our fiscal year runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.)

It's not too late to recruit friends and relatives to join in the important work of the League. The Bylaws provide that anyone who has joined before the date of the meeting may vote at the meeting.

Gail Fairburn, Membership Chair

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### Dues Renewal Alert

It will soon be time to renew your annual LWVSB dues.

For your convenience, beginning May 1, 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](http://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](mailto:membership@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Gail Fairburn, Membership Chair

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## Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Webinar for LWVUS

All members are welcome to join a League of Women Voters of the United States webinar on Thursday May 5, 4 p.m. PT: DEI Webinar: The Structure Transformation Plan and DEI. [Register here.](#)

Members of the League Structure Task force will discuss how the DEI lens was central to the task force's work and how the Structure Transformation Plan paves the way for DEI success in the League.

## Another LWVUS Webinar: The Supreme Court

May 18, noon PT | SCOTUS Review. [Register here.](#)

Learn what the Supreme Court has been up to and what is upcoming on their docket

Joanie Jones, DEI Director



## 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 voting delegates or 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!"

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## **Nominating Committee Still Working**

Your LWVSB nominating committee has been working hard to recruit new Board members and people willing to take on “off-board” assignments.

Ever wanted to meet new people? Volunteer to chair the Membership Committee! Have a flair for writing? Volunteer to take on the publicity chair and work with the excellent Communications Committee!

Active in sustainability issues? Consider chairing the Sustainable Communities Group! Involved but not sure you can commit to being on the Board? Let’s talk. Some of these positions can also be “off-board” leadership spots.

Any ideas – for yourself – or to nominate others, [contact](#) Mary Rose, Nominating Committee Chair.

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## **New Twitter Feed on Our Website**

You don't even need a Twitter account to follow League tweets. Just go to our Club Express website ([lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org)), look right and scroll down to see all the latest from LWVSB. We share tweets from LWV and LWVC, as well as information about our events and information relevant to the League.

If you are on Facebook or Instagram, you can follow the national, state and local Leagues there too.

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**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, including candidate forums for the June 7 Election.**

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