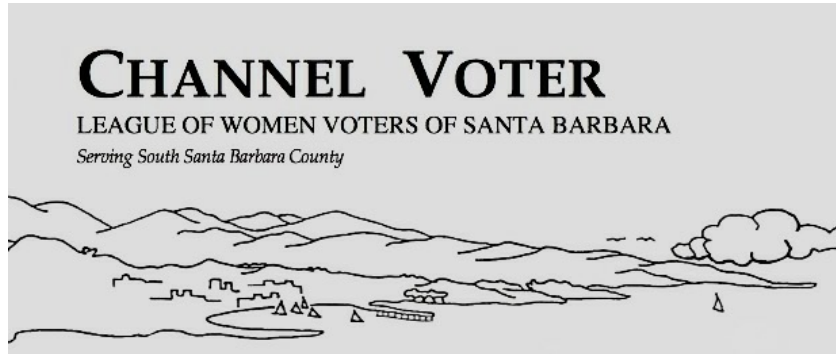


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## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.



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*New website, board members, budget,  
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### June is LGBTQIA+ Month

LGBTQIA stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, and Asexual and/or Ally. Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan.

The Uprising was a series of events between police and LGBTQ+ protesters that stretched over six days. It was not the first time police raided a gay bar, and it was not the first time LGBTQ+ people fought back, but the events that unfolded would fundamentally change the nature of LGBTQ+ activism in the United States.



### National Immigrant Heritage Month

President Joe Biden has officially proclaimed June 2021 National Immigrant Heritage Month from the White House.

In the proclamation, President Biden acknowledged the contributions of immigrant communities to our nation, from those who came here centuries ago to those who have served on the front lines of the pandemic over the past year. And he urged Congress to prioritize a pathway to citizenship for the nearly 11 million people in this country who are undocumented.

This powerful statement is a major milestone! For the full proclamation [click here](#).

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## A Message from the President

Thank you to our members for the privilege of serving as your president for a second term. With the Annual Meeting and the 2021 State Convention behind us, we look forward to beginning the new Fiscal Year with much excitement. The pandemic is ebbing and we are coming out of our cocoons to enjoy this beautiful place called the American Riviera that we call home.

This year, we lost our partnership with the Santa Barbara Public Library which allowed us to hold our live forums at Faulkner Gallery. We are very grateful and honored to be awarded TVSB's media services at a discounted rate for FY 2022 from the Give Forward program. Our League has used TVSB's excellent, reliable and timely media services for our monthly educational and advocacy forums and candidate forums for many years. We are also pleased that TVSB has broadcasted our videos on community television to reach a broader audience. TVSB's generous support will enable us to continue "making democracy work" for everyone in our diverse community.

Thanks to the hard work of Revae and Anthony we will launch our new online management system, Club Express, and we look forward to learning the new technology.

Vijaya Jammalamadaka

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## Club Express has Arrived!

By the time you read this article, we will have implemented many of the aspects of our new club management system for LWVSB, called Club Express. You should have received an email message from our League and Club Express welcoming you to the new system and asking you to log into your new account and change your password. Please check your email spam folder or promotions if you haven't received it, and search for messages from Club Express.

If you cannot find it, or if you are having trouble logging in to the new system, please send an email message to [ProjectManager@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:ProjectManager@lwvsantabarbara.org) and let me know. You also can call me at (805)845-9219.

Our website address hasn't changed - it's still [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org)

Revae Moran, Club Express Project Manager

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## Meet Your New Board Members

*Top to bottom: Linda Honikman, Emily Engel, Dianne Meester Black*



## **LWVSB Board**

### *Officers*

Vijaya Jammalamadaka President & Sustainable Communities (2023)

Elaine Rudin Secretary (2022)

Anthony Moran Treasurer & Data Manager (2022)

Pam Flynt Tambo Vp Programs & Social Policy (2023)

Revae Moran Vp Voter Service & Club Express (2023)

Vicki Allen Vp Communications & Social Media (2023)

### *Directors*

Ann Bailey Publicity (2022)

Carol Thompson (2022)

Dianne Meester Black (2023)

Emily Engel (2023)  
Gail Fairburn Membership Director (Appointed Until 2022)  
Gail Osherenko Fund Development Director (2022)  
Jean Holmes Energy Director (Appointed Until 2022)  
Joanie Jones Dei Committee Chair (2023)  
Linda Honikman Housing Committee Chair (2023)  
Lindsey Baker Observer Corps (2023)  
Shane Stark (2022)

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2021-2022 Nominating Committee  
Mary Rose Chair  
Claire Van Blaricum Member  
Cheryl Rogers Member  
Open Appointed Board Member  
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To learn more, see biographical information for board members [here](#).

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## **June 5, 2021 Annual Meeting Summary**

Our Annual Meeting took place on June 5, 2021 via Zoom. Despite the COVID lockdown, we had a very successful year. Our League has managed to find new ways to do our work thanks to Zoom and the creativity, skills, and hard work of our Board members, off board members, and members. Here are some of our accomplishments:

We have merged LWVSB's 501(c)(4) member organization into the 501(c)(3) Education Fund to become one 501(c)(3) organization. As a result, all of your dues and donations are now tax deductible.

1. We continued with our Community Forums (via Zoom webinars) and focused on Making Democracy Work, Climate Change, Housing, Criminal Justice and looked at all our activities through the Diversity Equity and Inclusion lens.
2. We continued our advocacy on our adopted program priorities and testified and wrote letters to City Councils and County Board of Supervisors.
3. We also actively monitor the County Redistricting Commission.
4. We are in the process of implementing Club Express as our new League management system. This was needed for our organization to run more smoothly and effectively and is cost effective as well.
5. The work of our Housing task force led to updating our local program position on Housing.
6. We elected a new slate of Officers and Directors for 2021-2023, as well as a Nominating Committee for 2021-2022. (see separate article)
7. Financially, we were able to reduce our costs significantly because of COVID and Zoom meetings. However, going forward, the costs of running our organization will resume and we will depend on your TAX DEDUCTIBLE contributions.

Elaine Rudin, Secretary

## **The LWVSB 2021-2022 Fiscal Year Budget**

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Income		Expenses	
Dues	15,000	Administration (includes publications)	24,885
Donations	20,000	Action/Advocacy	2,500
Financial Development (HOA, other)	2,100	Community Forums	5,550
Dividend Income	2,000	Convention	6,000
Special Events Income (Annual Mtg.)	2,500	Membership	750
Investment Fund Transfer	17,735	Per Member Payments (PMP)	11,000
		Voter Service	6,150
		Special Events Expenses (Annual Mtg.)	2,500
Total Income	\$59,335	Total Expenses	\$59,335

## Where Do Your Dues Go?

At our recent Annual Meeting, one member asked how much of her dues go to paying Per Member Payments (PMP), which are the dues each League pays to the National and State Leagues. The short answer is approximately \$60 of each membership payment goes to PMP.

However, both the National and California Leagues have a somewhat complicated formula that they apply based on the number and type of members we have on a particular day early in the calendar year. The National League charges us \$32 for each individual member, and \$16 for additional household members. The state charges us \$28 for an individual member, and \$14 for additional household members. Neither charge anything for student or Lifetime members. During the current fiscal year, we paid PMP to the National League in the amount of \$5,792; we paid \$5,068 to the State League.

Of course we get a lot for our money, including lobbying for important legislation and State and National actions for the issues we care about.

But once PMP has been paid, we are left with around \$4,000 from our dues to pay the rest of our expenses. This is clearly not nearly enough, which is why we rely so heavily on the donations of our members and friends.

Anthony Moran, Treasurer



## State League Convention: Issues for Emphasis

Delegates to the LWVC Convention approved the Board-adopted Program for 2021-2023:

- Retain all existing LWVC positions
  - No new study or update study for 2021-2023
  - Adopt the following as Issues for Emphasis for 2021-2023
1. Making Democracy Work in California, with a focus on election reform, voting rights, expanding the electorate, redistricting, money in politics and civic education.
  2. Climate Change/Sustainability, including a focus on Water.



3. Housing and Homelessness

4. Criminal Justice Reform, expanding our education and advocacy on policing and criminal justice reform.

LWVSB delegates joined Leagues from around the state at the virtual convention, attending many workshops as well as the plenary sessions. A highlight for us was the presentation by Revae Moran, VP Voter Service, at the "Great Ideas" workshop. She discussed reaching out to voters during the Pandemic with the help of a Santa Barbara Foundation grant and 20 local League volunteers. Almost 7500 LWVC Easy Voter Guides in English and Spanish were distributed to the Foodbank, Housing Authority units, residential care facilities, libraries, Transition House homeless shelter and neighborhood grocery markets in Latinx communities.

Attendance at the convention broke records, with 62 local Leagues participating and 195 delegates. On the final day, LWVUS President Dr. Deborah Turner spoke about how the League met the challenges of 2020, including attempts at voter suppression. The California League, she noted, contributed 15,000 volunteer hours to protecting voting rights.

"We have never compromised our values," she said. Other notable comments: "New ideas are what will make us grow," and "There is a place for everyone in the League." She predicted that LWV is ready to soar into its second century. LWVC President Carol Moon Goldberg and Executive Director Stephanie Doute also gave inspiring speeches about the work done in California and the future of the State League.

For more information, including recordings of the sessions and workshops, [visit](#) the convention site. You can also go on social media and look for tweets and posts #LWVC2021.

And get out your calendars--the LWVUS Convention is coming up June 23-26, 2022 in Denver and the next LWVC Convention is scheduled for May 19-21, 2023 in San Francisco.

Vicki Allen, VP Communications

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## League Speaks at County Budget Hearings

It's budget planning time in Santa Barbara for both the County budget and some of our City budgets. Some of our members follow the relevant issues regarding these budgets and plan comments for the hearings following our League positions. Recently, we have carefully followed the budget hearings for the County, paying special attention to issues about both Housing and Public Safety. Public Safety includes the District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation and the Sheriff's Department.

We submitted letters on behalf of LWVSB on the Public Safety Budget and Housing. Several League members have also been penning letters to County Supervisors about these issues. Recent letters for Public Safety have addressed concerns about ensuring sufficient funding for alternative community resources to assess and place for treatment those with addictions or mental illness; to increase holistic advocacy through the Public Defender to identify alternatives to incarceration; to clarify minimum jail staffing standards; and to temporarily pause the Main Jail (South County) remodel plan to allow opportunity for public input. A letter supporting the addition of \$245,000 for a Workforce Housing Study was also sent.

We submit the letters to our League President and then to the Clerk of the Board by the day before the meeting. We also often read those letters or make comments on behalf of the League during the hearings. Videos of the meetings are available about a month after the meeting on the County of SB website. Our written letters are published with the minutes of the hearings and can also

be found on our new website [here](#).

Pam Flynt Tambo, VP Programs

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## Ready to Plan Forums?

Let's Zoom up and plan our League Forums for the coming year! We need your ideas for topics and we need planners. Bring your expertise about our community and our issues. We've set a date and time:

Saturday, July 24 at 11 a.m.

Pam Flynt Tambo's ZOOM

RSVP at [socialpolicy@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:socialpolicy@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Hope to see you there.

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**Fall**

## Voter Service Events

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, Sept. 28. Mark your calendars as we will be calling for volunteers to staff the tables at our local libraries in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria. We'll have sign-ups as in past years where you can pick a two-hour time slot and help us register new voters and update the registrations of existing voters.

Now that libraries are re-opening, it looks like we will be able to have tables at the main library in downtown Santa Barbara, 40 E. Anapamu; the Eastside library, 1102 E. Montecito St. (Spanish speaking volunteers needed at this location); the Goleta library, 500 N. Fairview Ave.; and the Carpinteria library, 5141 Carpinteria Ave. We will provide all of the materials you need and training if you've never registered voters or need a refresher.

Revae Moran, VP Voter Service

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## Thank Our Senators for Supporting the For The People Act (S1)

Please contact our Senators - Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla at the following addresses or call them at

the numbers listed:

Senator Feinstein: 331 Hart Senate  
Office Building, Washington, DC  
20510  
(202)224-2553

Senator Padilla: 112 Hart Senate  
Office Building Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3841



You can customize the letter to them [here](#). The For the People Act, (S1), will put power back into the hands of American voters by making voting easier, and more accessible by modernizing future elections. The Act also addresses some of the most pressing issues facing our democracy by:

- Restoring the Voting Rights Act
- Modernizing our voter registration system
- Restoring voting rights to formerly incarcerated individuals
- Curbing partisan gerrymandering
- Making campaign contributions more transparent.

The House of Representatives first passed this bill two years ago, but it stalled in the Senate. We cannot let this happen again. The House recently passed the bill again, so it's time for the Senate to approve it, too. Our Senators are cosponsors of S1, so please let them know you agree with them!

Do you want to learn more about the For the People Act, and to help pass it? Please join us for a training and action events:

June 23 For the People Act Friendbank: This will be an opportunity to take action and encourage your friends and family to contact their Senators to pass the For the People Act. [Sign up here.](#)

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## Your DEI Committee Invitation

Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee meets with the Social Policy Committee, chaired by Pam Flynt Tambo, on the fourth Thursday of each month at 4:30 pm. Please join us. There are many webinars on the national website that may be of interest. Read our Guide [here](#).

New members are always welcome!

Joanie Jones, DEI Chair

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## BOOK CLUB ON ZOOM!

**LOCATION: Zoom**

**DATE: Thursday, July 8, 3-4 pm**

**BOOK SELECTION:**

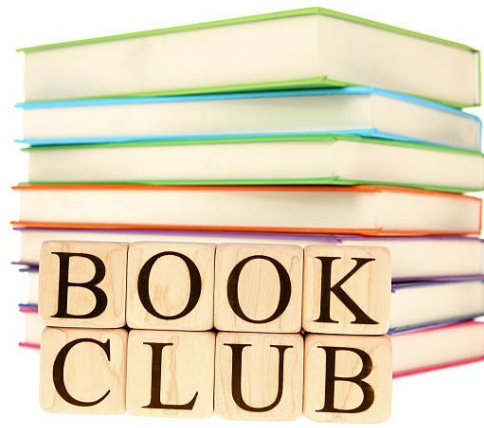
[Tangled Up in the Blue](#) by Rosa Brooks

This is a radical inside examination of American policing. From Georgetown University law professor to a cop working for the D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department, Brooks wanted the kind of insider experience that would help her understand how police officers make sense of their work - and



whether the world can be changed.

When we meet virtually we will talk about whether we want to continue on Zoom or meet in person--so think about what works best for you. To join the discussion on July 8, contact [elainerudin@me.com](mailto:elainerudin@me.com) for a Zoom invitation. We invite you to use your computer, iPad, laptop or Kindle to click on a link that Elaine will send you.



## FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

*Keep up to date with upcoming events and register [here](#). Meetings are by Zoom. All League members are welcome to join our Board and committee meetings as observers. Registration links are also in these articles.*

**June 23, Wednesday** - Joint Board Meeting- **5:15pm**

**June 24, Thursday** - Social Policy Committee - **4:30pm**

**July 2, Friday** - Sustainable Communities - **10am**

**July 8, Thursday** - Book Club - **3pm**

**July 10, Saturday** - Board Meeting - **10am**

**July 22, Thursday**- Social Policy Committee - **4:30pm**

**July 24, Saturday** - Forum Planning Meeting - **11am**

**Community Forums will resume in September after our usual summer break.**

## INCREASE YOUR IMPACT! INCLUDE A GIFT WHEN YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Did you know that every dollar you give to the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara--over your annual membership dues-- goes directly to our vital work here? Please, consider adding a gift when you renew your membership.

**Your generous gift will make such a difference  
To the people of Santa Barbara!**

When you give to the General Fund:

\$25 covers a month of our Internet access which is essential to communicating effectively with voters;

\$50 provides access to a day of meeting space for where voters, partners,

League volunteers, and others convene, research, plan, organize, and build community;  
\$100 provides a year of basic office supplies and other necessities for our volunteers and for use at our lectures and forums;  
\$200 provides compelling outreach for upcoming voter registration drives and education; and  
\$600 covers a year of simultaneous interpretation services for community forums and public outreach

**Every gift is important! Every gift makes a difference!**  
**Thank you!**

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