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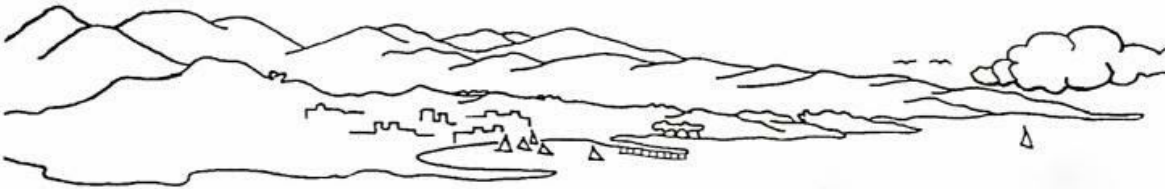
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Serving South Santa Barbara County



September 1, 2021

2021 Recall Election



Get ready to vote September 14, 2021

What's on the ballot?

There will be two questions to vote on:

1. Do you want to recall the governor?
2. If the governor is recalled, who do you want to replace him?

If more than 50% of voters say "no" to the first question, the governor remains in office. If more than 50% of voters say "yes" to the first question, the person who gets the most votes on the second question becomes the governor.

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The Recall Election--What You Need to Know

Ballots for the California Gubernatorial Recall Election have been mailed to all registered voters. Information on the location of secure drop boxes where you can take your completed ballot have been posted on the County Elections Office [website](#).

For more information about the recall election, how to register and vote, and the candidates running for California governor, see the League of Women Voters of California's Voter Guide website, <https://votersedge.org/ca>.

If you are already registered to vote, you should have received printed Voter Guides from both the State and SB County, and your ballot. If you are a new voter, have moved, or have changed your name, the deadline to register was Aug. 30. But you can register "provisionally" until Sept. 14. See the County's election page for instructions and thorough information about the election procedures--[here](#). The website also has information in many languages, or call 1-800-SBC-VOTE or 1-800-722-8683 for assistance.

Revae Moran, VP, Voter Service





Message from the President

I am looking forward to the month of September, when many of our Board members return from well-deserved summer vacations, hopefully well rested. It is fitting that the first Monday in September is Labor Day, to celebrate and honor all workers. Labor Day, as we know, is the unofficial end of summer, although September 22 marks the autumnal equinox and the beginning of fall.

The League's September calendar has already filled up as you can see on our new website. Due to the rising cases of the Delta variant, we will continue all our events virtually. We continue to wear masks in all public indoor spaces. We believe it is time for all government agencies to mandate vaccinations, to the extent feasible, taking into account medical exemptions, to protect our community.

We begin the month with our many committee meetings. Don't forget to VOTE in the special recall election. Our first monthly community forum will be on Redistricting in Santa Barbara County. Our busy VP of Voter Service, Revae Moran, has also scheduled two candidate forums for the upcoming elections in the City of Santa Barbara. (Articles for these events are below).

This month, thanks to Gail Osherenko and Kathi King, in collaboration with the Community Environmental Council, we bring you to an extraordinary documentary film, *The Race to Save the World*, which you can watch virtually and at your leisure beginning Sept. 9. We hope you will join us for a virtual discussion with the filmmaker Joe Gantz, and our local panelists on Sept. 23. To top-off September, our active political Book Club members will be discussing Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate and the Crippling of American Democracy, by Adam Jentleson; which makes the case for ending the filibuster.

As you can see, the Santa Barbara League has been very busy throughout summer, planning all these events. We hope you have renewed your annual membership and familiarized yourself with the many member-only resources on our website. Don't miss out, and please stay safe!

Vijaya Jammalamadaka



"Race to Save the World" Documentary and Panel Hosted by LWVSB and Community Environmental Council

The climate documentary "The Race to Save the World" – by Emmy award-winning filmmaker Joe Gantz – is the focus of a Sept. 23 online panel discussion from 6-7 pm. The panelists are: Professor David N.

Pellow, UCSB Environmental Studies Department; UCSB student activist Alyssa Jain; Michal Lynch from the Society of Fearless Grandmothers; filmmaker Joe Gantz, and a student activist from the film. Discussion will address the climate activism featured in the film, as well as opportunities to get involved with local efforts.

CEC's CEO Sigrid Wright will moderate, and Santa Barbara League President Vijaya Jammalamadaka will provide the overview and introduction. To register for this Zoom webinar panel discussion happening live on Thursday, Sept. 23, [Click on this link](#).

Separate from the panel discussion, the League and CEC are also sponsoring a virtual in-home screening opportunity to watch the film between Sept. 9 and 30, at a cost of \$10. [Click here](#) for screening details and to watch the official trailer.

A climate change film like no other, "The Race to Save the World" focuses on inspirational "regular people," instead of on overwhelming, terrifying facts and paralyzing numbers. "I was hoping to make a film that would inspire rather than frighten audiences," explains filmmaker Gantz. "Save the World" is an energizing call-to-action to quit waiting on the sidelines and instead, make our voices heard as regular people."

LWVSB is committed to educating and advocating on climate change action and environmental regulation. Recognized as a 2020 California Nonprofit of the Year and a 2020 City of Santa Barbara Climate Hero, CEC has worked since 1970 to incubate and innovate real life environmental solutions that directly affect the California Central Coast. Learn more at CECSB.org.

**NO MORE EXCUSES:
VOTING RIGHTS
NOW!**

National LWV Action Alert and News

LWV Action Alert: Tell President Biden to Champion Federal Voting Rights Reforms! ([Click here](#)). The League and our partners stood outside the White House this past Tuesday at our No More Excuses Rally. LWV CEO Virginia Kase said, "The American People deserve a president who uses every tool at their disposal to fight for the freedom to vote. We will not rest until President Biden has used every tool in his administration's arsenal to champion federal voting rights. We ask you, our valued members and supporters, to make your voice heard to protect your vote."

Last Wednesday night, the House passed the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA), which restores the vital protections of the Voting Rights Act. While this definitely gives us something to celebrate, the fight to protect and ensure every American's freedom to vote continues. The Senate must pass the VRAA and the For the People Act to restore and protect our freedom to vote.

Kase also said, "The Biden-Harris Administration came into office after the historic 2020 election achieved record-shattering voter participation and necessary expansions to voter access during a deadly pandemic. The American people elected a reform-minded government that promised to make voting rights their top priority. If President Biden truly wants to make good on the promise of democracy, he must use his power and influence to do what it takes to bring voting protections to the most vulnerable voters in this country."

Read more in the LWV statement [here](#).

Linda Phillips, State and National Action



One of our most important priority bills - aimed at building a more representative democracy - is almost over the finish line! We have spent the year collaborating with partner organizations, briefing legislators, and negotiating amendments on AB 796 (Berman) to improve the voter registration process at the DMV. But we can't do this work without you - we need you to urge your State Senator to vote YES on AB 796.AB

796 is a critical, commonsense measure to build on the success of California's Motor Voter program, implement best practices, and remove impediments to equitable voter registration. We have pushed the bill through the Assembly and now it's coming up for a key vote on the Senate floor.

Can we count on you to support AB 796? [Take action today](#). The Senate may vote on AB 796 as early as this Thursday (Sept. 2).



A Virtual Community Forum “People-Powered Fair Maps: Why Redistricting Matters,”

On Wednesday, Sept. 15 from noon to 2 pm a panel of experts will explain the basics of restricting, how electoral maps are drawn and the ways voters can impact the community:

David Becker, executive director of the Center for Election Innovation & Research, will present the legal factors communities must follow.

Santa Barbara County Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission Chair **Glenn Morris** and Vice Chair **Megan Turley** will localize the process.

Dr. Ted Anagnoson, visiting professor at UCSB and professor emeritus at Cal State Los Angeles, will discuss research on redistricting efforts and current political science arguments.

The forum will be streamed live on the League's Facebook page (LWVSB), and recordings in both English and Spanish will be available at lwvsantabarbara.org. Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be provided for this online event.

To register for Zoom forum, email Pam Flynt Tambo at vpprogram@lwvsantabarbara.org.



Forums for Santa Barbara Mayor and City Council

Two forums for the City of Santa Barbara races will be held at the Santa Barbara Woman's Club, but neither one will have a live audience. Both will be covered by TVSB and live-streamed on our Facebook page - LWVSB - and recorded in both English and Spanish for later viewing.

The Forum for the Candidates for City Council Districts 4 and 6 will be held on Sept. 22 at 6 pm.

The Candidates are:

District 4 - Kristen Sneddon, Incumbent; Barrett Reed, co-founder of the Miramar Group and member of the Santa Barbara Planning Commission.

District 6 - Meagan Harmon, Incumbent; Jason Carlton, business owner (CEC Electrical Service); Nina Johnson, Senior Assistant to the SB City Administrator; and Zachary Pike, Disc Jockey.

The Forum for the Mayoral race will be held on Sept. 30 at 6 pm. Candidates for Mayor are Cathy Murillo, Incumbent; James Joyce, Founder of "Coffee with a Black Guy"; Matt Kilrain, local businessman; Randy Rowse, former City Councilman; Deborah Schwartz, Chair, SB Planning Commission; and Mark Whitehurst, Editor of the Voice.

Revae Moran, VP, Voter Service

Join "Walks and Talks" and Housing Day Santa Barbara

The LWVSB Housing Committee invites you to join one or many Walks and Talks over the next 17 months across the South County. We are beginning with the high-density neighborhoods of the City of Santa Barbara, since there is an effort to accommodate more housing downtown as part of State Street revitalization.

The purpose of the walks is to:

- 1) Determine appropriate locations for affordable housing that respect neighborhood assets,
- 2) Review current and proposed zoning maps and policies that impact housing, and
- 3) Get input from all parts of the community about housing needs and neighborhood concerns.

The next walks will occur on Wednesday, Sept. 1 (meet at the MTD bus terminal on Chapala Street at 9 am) and Thursday, Sept. 2 (meet at the Courthouse arch at 9 am). Other dates for September will be posted on the lwvsantabarbara.org website by Sept. 4. Please indicate your interest in those walks as well as future dates by completing [this short survey](#).

Also, save this date--Oct. 9, 10 am - 2 pm at De La Guerra Plaza--for Housing Day Santa Barbara, an annual event organized by the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara. The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara supports affordable housing for all incomes throughout the community, and we examine housing needs for the workforce in downtown Santa Barbara.

Linda Honikman

DEI Intersectionality

The recorded Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) webinar hosted in August by the League of Women Voters of the United States is now available [here](#). This webinar explored the topic of intersectionality, how it presents itself in our lives, and where it may present itself in our League work.

On that League site, you will also find a wealth of resources: A Social Identity Wheel and activity, a characteristics pie chart, and a link to The George Washington University website. Kimberlé Crenshaw -- professor of law at UCLA and Columbia Law School -- is a leading authority in the area of civil rights, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. In her TED Talk, she discusses women as being impacted by the multiple forces of race, age, gender, heterosexism, ableism, and transphobia bias. She makes the point that if we can't see a particular problem, we can't solve that problem.

The information and thoughtful charts are quite helpful as we develop an understanding of our own unique privileges and oppression.

Joanie Jones, Director, DEI



Women's Equality Day Doesn't Really Mean Equal

Aug. 26 is Women's Equality Day, celebrated each year to commemorate the completion of the amendment to allow women to vote — at least white women. It took many more years for Black women and some other groups of women to be included in that amendment. But having the right to vote still does not make us

equal to the men in our nation. We do not have full equality under the law — only equality to vote and other specific things, such as in 1972 we were finally allowed to have credit in our own names! No longer did we have to have a husband, father, or brother sign for us to get a credit card.

On Aug. 26 this year, the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition sponsored a rally at the United State Supreme Court. Speakers included Deborah Turner, LWVUS President. The rally was held to bring attention to the fact that the 28th Amendment still waits to be added to our Constitution — the last state ratified the amendment in January 2020. The House of Representatives has passed a measure to override the limit placed on the time to have 38 states ratify the Amendment, but the Senate has not brought this up for a vote — again.

An appeal was made by EqualMeansEqual.org to order the Amendment to be added to the Constitution, and the response was that the women bringing the appeal have “no standing” in this matter. That decision is now being appealed. Vice President Kamala Harris has also assured us that she will get this done!

What do we want in our Constitution: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of gender.”

When do we want it? NOW.

Pam Flynt Tambo, VP Program



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

Friday, Sept. 3 - 10am-noon - **Sustainable Communities Committee**

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - 5:15 pm - **Communications Committee**

Wednesday, Sept. 8 - noon - **Housing Committee**

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

Tuesday, Sept. 14 - **Recall Election--Vote!**

Wednesday, Sept. 22 - 6 pm - **Candidate Forum, Santa Barbara City Council Districts 4 and 6**

Thursday, Sept. 23 - 4:30 pm - **Social Policy Committee**

Thursday, Sept. 23 - 6 pm - **"Race to Save the World" panel discussion**

Thursday, Sept. 30 - 6 pm - **Candidate Forum, Santa Barbara Mayor**

Thursday, Sept. 30 - 3-4 pm - **Book Club**

Watch Forum Videos on TVSB

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

English version: TVSB Channel 17, "Voice" on Tuesdays 9 pm and on Fridays 2 am TVSB Channel 71, "Culture" on Wednesdays 9 pm on Thursdays 7 pm on Fridays 5 am, and on Saturdays 10 am League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Show

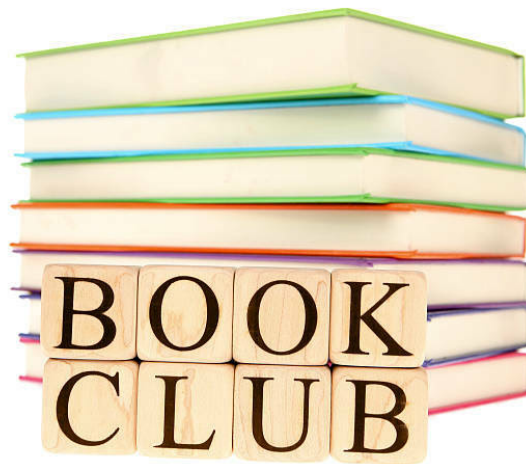
Spanish version: TVSB Channel 17, "Voice" on Wednesdays 9 pm and on Saturdays 3 am TVSB Channel 71, "Culture" on Mondays 7:30 pm, on Thursdays 3:30 am, on Fridays 3:30 pm, and on Saturdays 2 am.

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 30, 3-4 pm

TITLE: Kill Switch: The Rise of the Modern Senate and the Crippling of American Democracy by Adam Gentleson

An insider's account of how politicians representing a radical white minority of Americans have used "the world's greatest deliberative body" to hijack our democracy. Kill Switch makes it clear that unless we immediately and drastically reform the Senate's rule and practices -starting with reforming the filibuster - we face the prospect of permanent minority rule in America.

All welcome to attend our Zoom meeting. To join the discussion on your computer or tablet, contact elainerudin@me.com for a Zoom link.



Dear Members,

If you have not yet logged into your special member place on our new website www.lwvsantabarbara.org, and you need help to do that, please contact [Gail Fairburn](#).

Members have access to important additional information not available to the general public.

And if you haven't yet paid dues for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022, this is the time to do it! If you are uncertain about how to pay, contact [Gail Fairburn](#).

Donations are also welcome!

Please welcome these **New Members** to our local League:

Oscar Gutierrez
Sarah Carr
Sara Miller McCune

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