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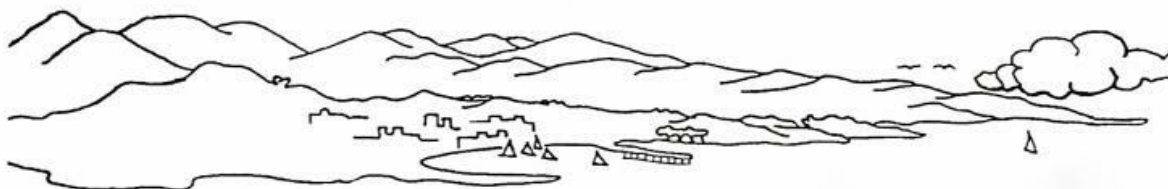


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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA BARBARA

Serving South Santa Barbara County

President's Message

I can't believe it is August already! I spent most of July helping my daughter with her newborn son, and now I'm back in town. We are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new board member, Dianne Black to the Santa Barbara State Street Advisory Committee in July. Dianne will be representing our League on this important committee. Congratulations, Dianne!

We are also very happy to note the well-deserved announcement of Silvia Uribe as Woman of the Year by Congressman Salud Carbajal on July 16. I have known Silvia since when our daughters were schoolmates and Silvia and I were with Leadership Santa Barbara County in the late 1990s. As one of Santa Barbara's most influential Latina leaders, Silvia went on to train many of our Latino community leaders. We connected off and on over the years while she was busy with her myriad of community activities and her business, TransilPro. I caught up with Silvia as she is the League's stellar interpreter for our community forums.

League member, Susan Horne said to Silvia, and I quote Susan here because I couldn't have said it better: "Your work in the Latinx community giving news in Spanish on SBTv is so needed. Your translation work with LWVSB for Spanish translations has been exemplary and also much needed. You have done an admirable job following the fast paced speakers and the hard to understand. We recognize it is a difficult job, requiring high concentration, intelligence, and discretion. You have been so reliable and willing to adapt over the past years of working with the League." Silvia, congratulations on your award. On behalf of our League, we honor you with much gratitude for your excellent work.

Aug. 26 is Women's Equality Day & the anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment. On this day in 1920, the United States of America certified the 19th amendment to its constitution prohibiting any state or the federal government from denying any citizen the right to vote on the basis of gender. In August 1973, Congress approved a resolution designating Aug. 26 "Women's Equality Day."

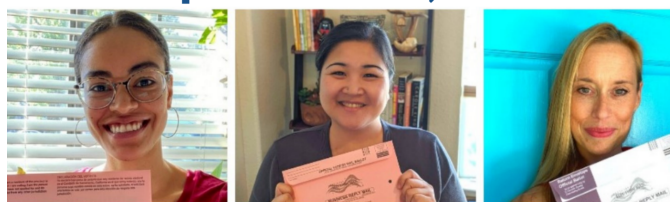
Please stay healthy and safe, everyone.

Vijaya Jammalamadaka



GET READY TO VOTE!

CA Governor Recall Election September 14, 2021



How the Recall Will Work

California's Secretary of State recently certified that the required number of signatures had been received to hold an election for voters to decide whether or not to recall Governor Gavin Newsom. The date of the election is Sept. 14, 2021. Mail-in ballots will be sent to all registered voters on or about Aug. 16.

Voters will be asked two questions:

1. Do you think Governor Newsom should be recalled?
Yes or No
2. If you think he should be recalled, who should replace him?

The list of replacement candidates could be long.

Must voters vote on both questions on the recall ballot?

No. According to the State Elections Office, voters can vote on either one or both questions.

If more than 50% of voters say "Yes" to the first question, the person who gets the most votes on the second question wins — even if they have less than a majority. Remember, the Governor cannot run to replace himself.

There will be no propositions on the ballot in this election. Voter's Edge California — a guide provides in-depth information about what's on your ballot — will be up and running for both this election and the local one in November.

Make sure you are registered by checking your voting status [here](#).

You can also check where your mail in ballot is being sent. You must re-register if you have moved or changed your name due to a recent marriage.

More on the recall election from the California Secretary of State [here](#).

Revae Moran, VP Voter Service



Apply Today

Poll workers are needed in Santa Barbara County for the Sept. 14 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Community participation is essential to staffing precincts and polling places. The Elections Office has less time than usual to recruit poll workers. So please consider applying: [here](#).

City of Santa Barbara Candidate Forums

We will have at least two Santa Barbara City Candidate Forums in September – one for those running for Mayor, and one for the two candidates running for the City Council seat in District 4. Both will be held at the beautiful Santa Barbara Woman's Club, [670 Mission Canyon Road](#).

The District 4 Candidate Forum is set for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm; and the Mayoral race Candidate Forum is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 pm. Both will be covered by TV Santa Barbara (community access television channels 17 and 71), live-streamed on our Facebook page (@LWVSB), and recorded in both English and Spanish for later viewing via our YouTube channel. Don't miss them!

We recently found out that Candidates may run against the incumbents in the other two City Council District--seats currently held by Eric Friedman and Meagan Harmon. The filing deadline is Aug. 6, so stay tuned. If additional candidates file to run for these seats in Districts 5 and 6, we will set up Candidate Forums and hold them via Zoom.

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.

Revae Moran, VP, Voter Service

Voter Service Committee to Meet

Because not everyone was available on the same dates, we set up two meetings for the Voter Service Committee: one on Thursday, Aug. 5 from 3 to 4 pm and a second meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 4 to 5 pm. Both meetings will be via Zoom. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. We will be discussing registering voters, participating in National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, Sept. 28, the Candidate Forums on Sept. 22 and 30, and the Community Forum on Fair Maps/Redistricting on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Email me at VoterService@lwvsantabarbara.org and I will send you the Zoom link to the meetings.

Revae Moran, VP Voter Service

Gun Buyback Day with CAGV

The Coalition Against Gun Violence (CAGV) has held five previous gun buy-back events, collecting 1169 firearms including 12 assault rifles. These guns will never be used in a homicide, suicide or accidental shooting. CAGV is organizing its next gun buyback event, and help is needed. Please see sbcoalition.org for more info on how the collection works. It will be held on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 8 am until noon.

Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact ej Borah by [by email](#). There will be two shifts: 7:30 - 9:30 am to unload vehicles, set up tables, canopies, etc.; and 9:30 am - noon to take down and load vehicles. Water and coffee will be provided. Volunteers will not be handling any guns. The Santa Barbara Police Department is assisting with this event. LWVSB is a partner of the Santa Barbara Coalition Against Gun Violence.

Pam Flynt Tambo, VP Program

Yes--There Will Be Community Forums

One of the reasons I joined the League was to learn more about the community I live in. Never mind that I had been here nearly 20 years—mostly working...a lot. So learning about how my new community worked as opposed to the prior one in another state was nearly impossible for me. The League's community forums helped me bridge the gap.

This year we're focusing on some old themes and some new ones, beginning with Redistricting in September. The Citizens' Independent Redistricting Commission is still a new process for all of us in California. This is only the second redistricting with a state citizens commission. Redistricting is done every 10 years, after each census. Sometimes it's called Fair Maps California or People Powered Maps. We're in high planning mode at the moment with our forum (on redistricting in Santa Barbara County) on Zoom Wednesday, Sept. 15 at noon.

Some of our other community forums for this year will cover CCE (Community Choice Energy), Criminal Justice Reform, Housing, and Voting Rights. We're scheduling the forums to be held at noon on the third Wednesday of nearly every month. Because of the uncertainties with COVID and its variants, we will be holding the forums virtually until we're certain we'll all be safe getting together. There will be translation to Spanish language and videotaping to YouTube as we've done in the past. Forums will also be live-streamed on our Facebook page (@LWVSB).

We'll also hold a discussion group/coffee klatch follow-up (as soon as we can safely meet in person) at noon on the first Wednesday of each month to discuss the forum of the previous month. Come join us.

Pam Flynt Tambo, Vice President Program

County Citizens Redistricting Committee to Meet

PUBLIC HEARING (in Person & Zoom)

6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4
County Betteravia Government Center
[511 E. Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria](#)
OR via Zoom (information [flyer](#))

PUBLIC WORKSHOP (In Person)

12 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12
Solvang City Council Chambers
[1644 Oak Street, Solvang](#)
(Information [flyer](#))

For all Commission details, agendas, videos of past meetings, go to www.drawsantabarbaracounty.org. To sign up for updates and information about the redistricting process and future public meetings, please visit drawsantabarbaracounty.org or email redistricting@countyofsb.org.

Housing Committee Plans and Priorities

We are at a critical turning point for our area's housing crisis. Luckily, the LWVSB's new Housing Committee is responding with an energetic start. Join us at our monthly meeting, Wednesday, Aug. 11 at noon, or for casual "Walk and Talks" (see article below).

Here are the goals and strategies we voted to focus on first: Increase housing supply for LOW and MODERATE income and for LOCAL residents and workers.

The LWVSB will encourage the City of Santa Barbara to incentivize significant numbers of Low and Moderate income units to be built downtown. Providing affordable, smaller units for local workers will allow our valuable workforce and young professionals to stay in the area, ensure a more economically vibrant community, and reduce greenhouse gasses caused by commutes.

We look forward to partnering with local planners, housing experts, elected officials, and other community organizations to enable Santa Barbara to take the lead in identifying model programs that can ensure permanent affordability, sustainability, and equity without sacrificing our community's high quality of life.

For information and to receive a Zoom link to the Aug. 11 meeting, [email](#) Linda Honikman.



Join LWVSB "Walk and Talks"

Now that we have final Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers – the state-mandated affordable housing units that should be added over the next decade – each jurisdiction has 18 months to complete a housing element showing where those units could go, and they will have to provide an inventory of available parcels. The LWVSB Housing Committee would like to help with that effort in a relaxed, fun way by hosting some "Walk and Talks" through South County neighborhoods.

We plan to begin with the higher density parts of the City of Santa Barbara and any areas that residents are aware of that might be part of our affordable housing solution. We can chat and take a few photos and notes about land that could be suitable for affordable housing, assets we need to protect (with the guidance of people who live in those areas), empty buildings that could be repurposed, etc. Our notes will be compiled and entered into a database and a comprehensive map. Of course, an important part of the walk will be an optional coffee or lunch afterwards. Eventually we hope to cover the entire South County, block by block and meet residents from other community groups. We also encourage "Drive and Talks" and "Bike and Talks," and will try to accommodate different physical abilities and time availabilities.

If you would like to participate as a guide or a participant, please [email](#) Linda Honikman.

State and National Action

The best place to find LWVUS action alerts is their [Action Alert page](#). Or follow on LWVSB's Facebook and Twitter accounts or on our website. Join LWVUS's grassroots action network to advocate on the issues you care about in your community. [Sign up here](#) to receive Action Alerts and be notified when your voice is needed.

From LWVUS:

Think Before You Ink: LWV Opposes the "Voter Choice Ballot" Proposal

The LWVUS Popular Vote Task Force supports changing our current, winner-take-all system, i.e. the electoral college -- but doesn't believe the Voter Choice Ballot is the right solution. [Find out why.](#)

Action Alert: Tell Your Senators to Support the For the People Act

Our California Senators are co-sponsors of S.1, So please thank them and ask them to do everything they can to pass the bill. [Click here.](#) The Senate needs to vote on the bill this week before the August recess--or the recess should be delayed.

Two more action alerts are Ask Your Senators to Support DC Statehood and Tell Congress to Act on Gun Violence Prevention.

What can we do about the filibuster? LWVUS co-sponsored this excellent webinar recently about "The Filibuster and Civil Rights: What you can do about this Jim Crow relic." If you have a Facebook account, [watch the video here](#).

League of Women Voters of the United States CEO Virginia Kase Solomón issued the following statement following President Biden's remarks on voting rights: "We applaud President Biden for elevating the need for the For the People Act and we urge him to use the full weight of the presidency to see this bill become law. Now is the time for the White House and Congress to take immediate action to pass both the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, bills that partner to protect our voting rights."

Read the full press release [here](#).

In another statement, Solomón said, "Democracy isn't something you wait for; it's something you fight for. Now." She called for August recess to be delayed until the For the People Act is passed.

Linda Phillips, State and National Action



Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) - Learning More

This month I encourage you to update your knowledge on where "segregation in housing" came from and how it has been perpetuated for more than 100 years at both national and local levels. Join our League Book Group in reading *The Color of Law* by Richard Rothstein. This book gives you the history you didn't get in high school. Clue: segregated housing didn't happen as de facto but rather as de jure. To help make change in our country, many more people need to know our history, not our myths.

Another important local area of interest has to do with supporting multicultural education in the Santa Barbara Unified School District

There are many other ways to participate:

Join our DEI Committee, attend small meetings of committee and community forums

- Attend meetings of community groups, educational opportunities, and social events in under-represented areas Educate yourself on other cultures, implicit bias, and community opportunities by reading, observing, listening, attending webinars, and other methods that may arise
- Explore lww.org resources in DEI here
- Share information about opportunities to participate in the community
- Share experiences and information learned on the topic or event
- Become an advocate for an under-represented community

All are welcome to participate and share their understandings of diversity, equity and inclusion. Every area of League interest can be viewed through a DEI lens. Contact: dei@lwwsantabarbara.org

Joanie Jones, DEI Chair

We Have a New Website

LWVSB has implemented a new management system called Club Express. We now have a jazzy new website, a new color-coded calendar, and an up-to-date online member directory. Go to www.lwvsantabarbara.org

You should have received an email message from Club Express in mid-June with your new temporary username and password. The message welcomed you to Club Express and asked you to log into your new account and change your password (you can also change your username if you'd like). Check your spam folder or promotions folder – search for messages from Club Express. If you didn't receive a message from Club Express, or can't find it - no worries. Send an email message to me or call me at (805) 845-9219.

To access the online member directory, click on the Member Resources tab on the home page of our new website. (You must be logged into your member account to be able to access it since it's not available to non-members.) Then click on Member Directory (the third item listed) and press the Search button and the system will download all of our member records. If you have problems, contact me.

Revae Moran, Club Express Project Manager



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

Thursday, Aug. 5 - 3-4pm - **Voter Service Meeting #1**
 Friday, Aug. 6 - 10am-noon - **Sustainable Communities Committee**
 Tuesday, Aug. 10 - 4-5pm - **Voter Service Meeting #2**
 Tuesday, Aug. 10 - 5:15pm - **Communications Committee**
 Wednesday, Aug. 11 - 12-1:30pm - **Housing Committee**
 Saturday, Aug. 14 - 10am-noon - **Board Meeting**
 Tuesday, Aug. 17 - **Recall Election Ballots Mailed**
 Thursday, Aug. 26 - 4:30-6pm - **Social Policy Committee**
 Friday, Sept. 3 - 10am-noon - **Sustainable Communities Committee**

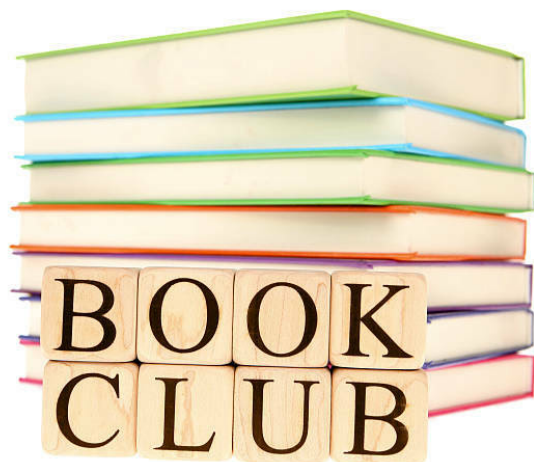
Book Club on Zoom

Date: Thursday, Aug. 19, 3 p.m.

Book Selection: The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein

This was designated one of ten finalists on the National Book Awards' long list for the best nonfiction book of 2017. "Rosenstein argues with exacting precision and fascinating insights how segregation in America—the incessant kind that continues to dog our major cities and has contributed to so much recent social strife—is the byproduct of explicit government policies at the local, state, and federal levels."

To join the discussion, contact 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.

Watch LWVSB 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



In Memoriam ...

Ann Lorimer passed away June 25, 2021 at Vista Del Monte. She wore many League hats over the years, including Voter Service Director.

Please welcome these NEW MEMBERS to our local League:

Lisa Carlos
Sharon Cox
Wayne Mellinger

You know that Santa Barbara is a better place for all

thanks to you and the League of Women Voters.

Let's keep it that way.

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