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Events



A Virtual Forum--Community Choice Energy: A Greener Electric Power Option **Oct. 20, noon-1:30 pm**

October marks the rollout of a South Santa Barbara County electric power option through Community Choice Energy aggregations (CCEs). CCEs are created by groups of local governments to provide a service, in this case electric power. The reason for forming the CCEs is to facilitate stronger action on climate change and to provide funds to support Greenhouse gas reduction programs mandated by the state. Older CCEs in other parts of California have been major purchasers of solar energy and the main reason California's record for moving to clean energy is as good as it is. CCEs contract for more clean power, and if possible, more local power than Southern California Edison purchases. The CCE uses the income from the electricity sold to fund local programs to limit climate change and Greenhouse Gasses. This arrangement provides local input into power choices and programs not possible under Southern California Edison.

Different local governments of Santa Barbara County have adopted different CCEs. Santa Barbara City formed a CCE with the support of Lancaster, California's CalChoice, while the County and other cities in Santa Barbara County joined Central Coast Clean Energy (3CE). Central Coast Clean Energy goes from Santa Barbara County through Santa Cruz County. North Santa Barbara County is part of Central Coast Clean Energy under Pacific Gas & Electric and it rolled out in January 2021.

While each CCE purchases the power, your electric utility still delivers the power through its grid, charges for this service, and handles the billing. In the rollout everyone starts out in the CCE. Customers can then opt out of receiving power from the CCE and rejoin their utility if they want to. Historically approximately 94% of electricity customers in California have stayed with their CCE.

The October virtual forum will cover the types of CCEs formed here, their billing costs, net metering rates, programs, and actions on climate change compared to Southern California Edison. Some of this information has been covered in CCE presentations, but this forum will go deeper into CCE structures and power purchase. The LWVSB supports staying with the CCE because of its strong actions on climate change.

Forum speakers are: Oswaldo Martinez, Central Coast Clean Energy; Alelia Parenteau, Energy and Climate Manager City of Santa Barbara; and Colin Jones, League of Women Voters Santa Barbara.

Register in advance for this webinar [here](#). You can also go to lwvsantabarbara.org/Home Page and click on Oct. 20 Forum.

Colin Jones



Redistricting: Time is Running Out to Make an Impact on Your Life

One of the most important opportunities in your civic life is drawing to a close. What is this important opportunity? Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a Census of all the people living in this country, including our county. That data is now available to use to create district maps for cities, counties, special districts, and states. These districts determine where you have the opportunity to vote for your representatives.

Why does that matter? It matters because the representatives you elect determine laws and budgets that effect your life, such as money for health care, schools, infrastructure, civil rights, etc.

Oct. 18 is the deadline for submitting your map to Santa Barbara County's Citizen's Independent Redistricting Commission. Their website shows you the data and how to draw maps. Click on [this link](#) and get started.

Goleta and Carpinteria are just now creating districts for their cities, school districts, water districts, etc. Goleta will next meet **Oct. 21** at 6 pm for public engagement. To attend, [click here](#). The City of Santa Barbara is also redistricting. The next meeting of the Santa Barbara Independent Redistricting Commission is **Oct. 20** at 6 pm. During the Zoom meeting where they will provide technical training, introduce the new map, and hold a public hearing. Let the Commissioners know what you consider to be your Communities of Interest. [Go here](#) for more information.

Lindsey Baker
Director, Observers Corps

Forum for Santa Barbara Mayor Oct. 18 City Council Candidates Oct. 20

LWVSB is a co-sponsor of two virtual candidate forums organized by The American Institute of Architects Santa Barbara Chapter and partners from the Downtown Organization of Santa Barbara, Coastal Housing Coalition, and American Planning Association Central Coast Section. The forums will be held on two separate evenings – one for Mayoral Candidates and one for Districts 4, 5, and 6 Candidates.

Mayoral Candidates: Monday, Oct. 18, from 5 pm - 6:30 pm
City Council Candidates - Districts 4, 5, 6: Wednesday, Oct. 20, from 5 pm - 6:30 pm.

The purpose of the forums is to give community members the opportunity to ask questions and hear final words from candidates on important issues such as housing, homelessness, economic vitality, climate crisis, and more, before making their final voting decisions. Questions from the audience will be collected and posed to the candidates as determined by the moderator, given time available.

Serving as moderator will be Brian Johnson, President of the Santa Barbara Association of Realtors. To register, [click here](#)



The Santa Barbara Election: Remember to Vote November 2, 2021

Six candidates are running for Mayor of Santa Barbara in November: Cathy Murillo, incumbent; James Joyce III; Matt Kilrain; Randy Rowse; Deborah Schwartz; and Mark Whitehurst. In addition, three City Council seats are up for reelection this fall – Districts 4, 5, and 6. Kristen Sneddon, Eric Friedman, and Meagan Harmon are the incumbents. Eric Friedman is running unopposed. One candidate, Barrett Reed, is running against Kristen Sneddon for the seat in District 4 and three candidates are running against incumbent Meagan Harmon in District 6: Jason Carlton, Nina Johnson, and Zachary Pike.

The City Elections Office mailed ballots in early October to every registered voter who lives in the city of Santa Barbara. In-person polling places will be available as well as ballot drop boxes where you can drop off your ballot. The locations are listed in the materials mailed to registered voters.

LWVSB held a Candidate Forum for the Mayor's race on Sept. 30 and for the City Council race on Sept. 22. You can view the videos of these forums on YouTube by clicking on the YouTube icon at the bottom of every page on our website – lwvsantabarbara.org. The videos are available in both English and Spanish, so please spread the word! Go to the Upcoming Elections page on our website for more information. Also, see [Voter's Edge](#) provided by the League of Women Voters, for more information about each candidate. Just enter your zip code to discover what will appear on your ballot!

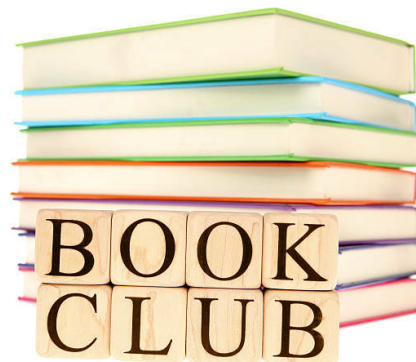
Revae Moran, VP Voter Service

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 11, 3-4:30 pm

TITLE: Cut Super Climate Pollutants Now! by Alan Miller, Durwood Zaelke, and Stephen O. Andersen

We are honored to have Durwood Zaelke, one of the book's esteemed authors, join us for our November book discussion. Durwood is an international environmental lawyer, professor, author, and advocate. As president and founder of the Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development in Washington, D.C. and Paris, he currently focuses on fast mitigation strategies to protect the climate, including strategies to reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as HFCs (hydrofluorocarbons), ground level ozone, black carbon, and methane, in the context of the need for speed to limit anthropogenic warming of 1.5 Degrees Celsius.

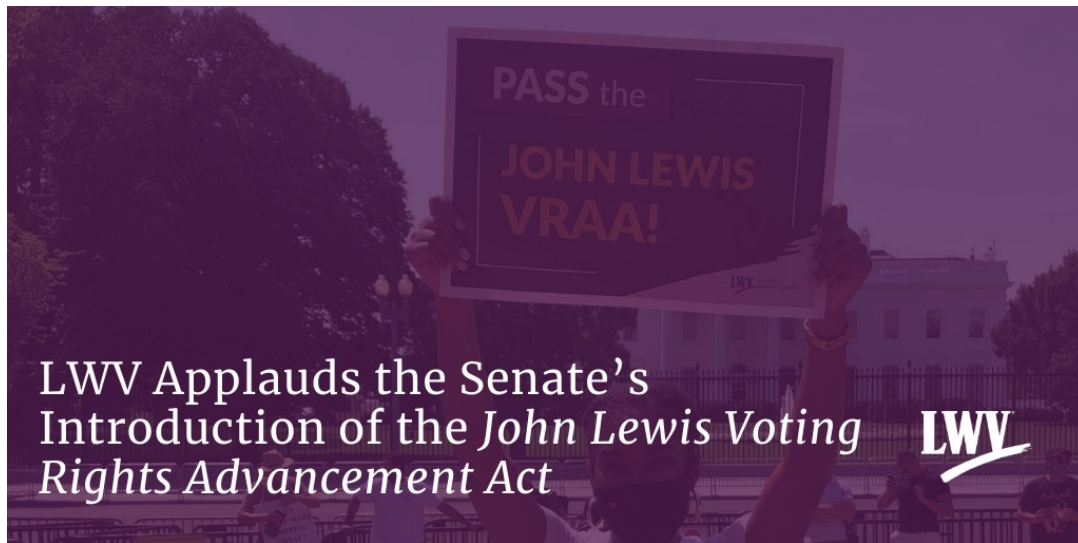
He co-authored the standard English language textbook titled International Environmental Law



and Policy, founded the Program on Environmental and Energy Law at American University, and co-founded the Program on Governance for Sustainable Development at the University of California Santa Barbara's Bren School of Environmental Science & Management.

Please contact elainerudin@me.com to receive your Zoom invitation.

News



LWV Applauds the Senate's Introduction of the *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*

Why the Bill is Needed

"This bill will protect Black and brown voters from discrimination at the polls by ensuring federal review of the anti-voter legislation we have seen pass in 43 states around the country." - LWVUS President, Dr. Deborah Ann Turner

Read the full statement [here](#).



Photos



LWVSB President Vijaya Jammalamadaka at League booth for Santa Barbara Housing Day



County Supervisor Das Williams and League members study maps on Housing Day



League members visit County ReSource Center and Tajiguas Landfill shortly before the Alisal Fire came close to the Center



Recycling: what goes in which bin

Videos



Santa Barbara Candidate Forums

Watch [here](#). See what the candidates for Mayor and City Council have to say. Videos are in both English and Spanish.

Redistricting Forum

See it [here](#) if you missed the September Community Forum--People-Powered Fair Maps: Why Redistricting Matters.

Health Reform Forum

Health Reform and Social Justice: Opportunities for Reducing Inequity and Addressing Health Disparities: An Evening with Dr. Susan Rogers, President of Physicians for a National Health Program, on Oct. 6 can be seen on the [LWVDA site](#) and [here](#) on YouTube.

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.



For more information, registration and contact information, click on the event in the website calendar [here](#). Meetings are via Zoom. The Community Forums are live-streamed on Facebook (@LWVSB) and on our YouTube Channel (link at bottom of this newsletter).

Wednesday, Oct. 20 - 12-1:30 pm - **Virtual Forum--Community Choice Energy: A Greener Electric Power Option** (see article)

Thursday, Oct. 28 - 4:30-6 pm - **Social Policy Committee**

Tuesday, Nov. 2 - until 8pm - **Santa Barbara City Election**

Friday, Nov. 5 - 10am-noon - **Sustainable Communities Committee**

Tuesday, Nov. 9 - 5:15-6:15 pm - **Communications Committee**

Wednesday, Nov. 10 - 12-1:30 pm - **Housing Committee**

Thursday, Nov. 11 - 3-4 pm - **Book Club** (*see article*)

Saturday, Nov. 13 - 10 am-noon - **Board Meeting**

Wednesday, Nov. 17 - noon-1:30 pm - **Virtual Community Forum on Criminal Justice Reform in Santa Barbara County**

Thursday, Nov. 18 - 4:30-6 pm - **Social Policy Committee**

Are you looking for an easy way to help the League? Membership is looking for you!

Membership is putting together a hands-on committee for the many activities we need to do to keep our organization together, especially during the pandemic, but also beyond. If you volunteer, you decide how much time you can give and when. You decide which activities you'd like to do. Some of the things we need help with are:

- * Sending emails and making calls to welcome new members
- * Calling members who have forgotten to renew to see if they need a dues envelope sent or if they need help getting on the new Club Express website
- * Printing and mailing our directory or contact roster copies to those who do not have email
- * Checking in with older members who miss in-person gatherings
- * Checking and comparing report contents to produce a specific list of members to contact.

If any of these tasks has your name written all over it, email Membership Chair Gail Fairburn at membership@lwvsantabarbara.org to set up a time to chat about getting involved.

Need help logging in to the website?

Our new Club Express website (lwvsantabarbara.org) has a lot of information behind your member login, including the ability to print an up-to-date directory or contact roster. If you need help logging in or navigating, email Membership Chair Gail Fairburn at membership@lwvsantabarbara.org to set up a personalized time.

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with your gift today**

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