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Get ready to vote in the

CA Governor Recall Election!

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RECALL ELECTION



The California Governor Recall Election is on Tuesday, September 14. California voters will decide whether to recall the governor from office, and choose a replacement to be governor if the recall vote is successful.

Important Dates:

August 16, 2021: First day to vote by mail. August 30, 2021: Registration deadline September 14, 2021: Election Day

All California's active registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for the September 14, 2021 recall election. The deadline to register for the Recall Election is Monday, August 30, 2021.

What's on the ballot?

There will be two questions on the ballot that every eligible Californian can vote on:

- 1. Do you want to recall the governor (remove him from office)?
- 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. Answer both questions.

How do I find out about the candidates running to replace the governor?

Go to <u>votersedge.org</u> and put in your zip code. This LWV sponsored website will provide information on the candidates running to become governor in the event that the governor is recalled.

How do I vote in the Recall Election?

Every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail, about a month before the Tuesday, September 14 Recall Election. Register to Vote at <u>registertovote.ca.gov</u>. Don't know if you're registered to vote? Visit <u>voterstatus.sos.ca.gov</u> to check your registration status or register to vote.

There are 3 ways to vote:

VOTE BY MAIL

You can fill it in and mail it back as soon as you receive it. No stamp? No problem. Mail your ballot back early because it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, September 14.

DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT

You can drop off your ballot at any voting location in your county. Some counties will also offer secure drop off locations. For details and locations check <u>caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov.</u> If you decide to drop off your ballot, you must drop it off no later than 8PM on Election Day, September 14.

VOTE IN PERSON

Your voting location may be different this year. In certain counties you can vote at any voting location. In other counties you must visit a special assigned voting location. Early voting, starting before Election Day, will be available in some locations.

At in-person voting locations you can:

- · Vote in person.
- Drop off your completed ballot.
- Vote with an accessible voting machine.
- · Get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

For more voting information, check out these sites:

Register to vote: registertovote.ca.gov

Find your voting location: findmypollingplace.sos.ca.gov

Get the facts before you vote with **Voter's Edge**, the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund and MapLight's online ballot lookup tool: <u>votersedge.org.</u>

Our annual kickoff event!

The League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities,

Torrance Area, and Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro invite you!

TRI-LEAGUE MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 10:00am

Zoom Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/92992357579?pwd=T2c1azlZQIRmR05tV2doL3hNYIgrdz09

Meeting ID: 929 9235 7579 Passcode: 593573 One tap mobile +16699006833,,92992357579#,,,,*593573# US (San Jose)

Can we reduce traffic congestion, pollution, CO2 emissions and save money with Local Travel Vehicles?

Please join us and learn about the South Bay Local Travel Network (LTN).



Keynote Speaker: Christian Horvath
Redondo Beach City Council Member, District 3/

SBCCOG Transportation Committee Chair

How can we <u>reach net-zero Greenhouse Gas emissions</u> when 40% of California's and 44% of Los Angeles County's GHG emissions come from transportation? Scientists have created a <u>Cool Climate Cities Calculator</u> to show how much local governments can control GHG emissions. A whopping 70% (approximately) of our GHG emissions is controlled wholly or partly by local governments, particularly in the areas of land-use, zoning, and transportation.

Attend our annual Tri-League (LWV Beach Cities, LWV Torrance Area, and LWV Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro) event on September 11 and learn about some first steps that our South Bay sub-region can take. We will be joined by Redondo Beach City Councilmember and South Bay Cities Council of Government (SBCCOG) Transportation Chair, Christian Horvath.

He will cover what SBCCOG and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) do and do not do. Where do they fit into our governance structure? Did you know that SCCOG approved a Local Travel Network to help area residents and workers get around in smaller, greener vehicles? Learn about our local Housing and Circulation Elements that will be submitted to the state of California

This event will help you learn the facts about the Housing Crisis, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, Climate Change, and how we can locally make a positive difference in moving towards a more sustainable and equitable future.

Questions?

Please contact Joan LeSage at sage.joan@gmail.com or 310-854-2254.

VOTER EMPOWERMENT: Redistricting & Criminal Justice Reform by League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County



9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM | ZOOM FallLeagueDay21.eventbrite.com

Redistricting: How to Evaluate and Critique Maps to Achieve Voting Rights Goals



Sonni Waknin Managing Attorney and Voting Rights Counsel UCLA Voting Rights Project



Dr. Grace PengLeague of Women Voters of LA County
GIS Specialist

Criminal Justice Reform: How the Public Can Help in Creating More Equity in Arrests, Treatment, and How Time is Served

We will delve into several grassroots programs that are making a difference in our communities.



Ivette Ale Senior Policy Lead Dignity and Power Now (DPN)

Eventbrite Registration: \$5

Deadline to register is Thursday, September 23. Zoom link will be emailed prior to the event.

General Event Outline

- 9:30 am Welcome, Introductions
- 9:45 am Redistricting: How to Evaluate and Critique Maps to Achieve Voting Rights Goals
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Criminal Justice Reform: How the Public Can Help in Creating More Equity in Arrests, Treatment, and How Time is Served
- 12:15 pm Announcements
- 12:30 pm Adjournment



SEPTEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We know that you are inundated with hundreds of emails and sometimes they go unread (even our newsletter!) because there is just not enough time in the day. Our League has accomplished amazing things this last year, and we wanted you to know what your dues support and encourage you to participate more! (Thank you if you already renewed you membership; if not, you can do it online!) Future newsletters will come by email. Please open and check out all the updated information and many links to more details and in-depth reports.

What next? Are you ready to take on some new challenges? Our League is an amazing group of women and includes scientists, psychologists, educators, medical professionals, financial experts, lawyers, entrepreneurs, marketing associates, military, caregivers, mothers and grandmothers-there is a place for you. Our Committees are working on local government oversight, water and climate change issues, housing, transportation, education, mental health, and age friendly cities. Current legislation is being considered on all of these issues. Find out what is happening in Sacramento.

Overwhelmed? My personal favorite proverb is "A Journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step". I challenge you to read our newsletter, think about what you care about, and take that single step. Reach out by calling or emailing me, or one of the members listed in this newsletter. Talk to us about your ideas and hear about what we are doing. DO IT TODAY! This is a volunteer organization and you can do as much or as little as you want, or just stay informed on what others are doing. Easy first steps!

EVENT: Our Tri-League Event (including the Torrance and Palos Verdes Peninsula leagues) is September 11 at 10:00. This is a terrific opportunity to meet new people or see friends you haven't seen in a long while. It will be an ZOOM event. Please come!

Manhattan Beach HOME TOWN FAIR - October 2-3: We will have a booth in the Civics section. Stop by and say hello! Tell us what you have been thinking about.

VERY IMPORTANT - the Recall Election of Governor Newsom is happening now. Ballots are due September 14. If you have not yet voted- VOTE NOW!

FINALLY - Thank you to all who donated to our Non-Event! Our last newsletter had a list of you all! Thanks so much!

All the best! Joan LeSage sage.joan@gmail.com

2021 CALENDAR

Note: As we continue to battle Covid 19, things may change at a moment's notice. Some activities may only be on Zoom, but we may attempt some in-person meetings as well as hybrid sessions: in-person and on Zoom. Check our Facebook page and website Calendar listings for zoom links and additional information.

September

9/11	Tri-League Meeting 10:00am – Regional Transportation Planning: South Bay Local Travel Network
	Zoom
9/13	LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm
9/14	Recall Election - VOTE!
9/16	Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm Discussion: LivableCities/Master Plan on Aging
	hybrid: Zoom/in person at Mother's in Manhattan Beach
9/22	Book Club 7:00pm - The Premonition: A Pandemic Story by Michael Lewis Zoom
9/25	LA County Fall League Day - Redistricting; Criminal Justice Reform Zoom
9/28	Health & Wellness Committee 1:00pm - 2:30pm Zoom

October

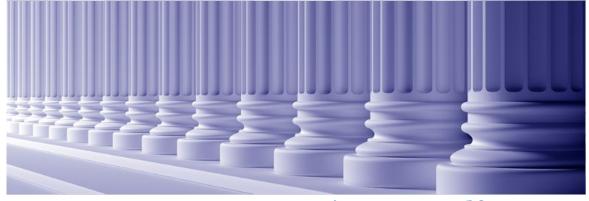
10/2-3	MB Hometown Fair- Visit our Booth!
10/11	LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm
10/21	Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm Zoom
10/25	Health & Wellness Committee 1:00pm - 2:30pm Zoom
10/27	Book Club 7:00pm - Hooked: Food, Free Will and How the Food Giants Exploit Our Addictions
	by Michael Moss <mark>Zoom</mark>

November

11/8	LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm
11/13	LA County Event <i>Transportation: Climate & Justice</i> Intersections In-Person Event
11/18	Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm

December

12/1	Book Club 7:00pm Movie & Discussion Hacially Charged: America's Misdemeanor Problem Zoom
12/13	LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm
12/16	Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm
12/29	Book Club 7:00pm Zoom
	Share a poem that has meaning for you with the group



Democracy Doesn't Save Itself

By Grace Peng

You get it. You recognize that democracy is fragile and you joined the LWV to help protect it.

In order to inoculate our society from misinformation and conspiracy theories, we need informed people armed with the facts and evidence to block the chain of transmission of misinformation. This is especially crucial in local politics due to the collapse of local newspapers and the dearth of non-

partisan and analytical information.

Now what? How do you take the next step and get involved with the work?

There is a level of league for each level of government. You joined LWVBC, which means you are automatically a member of LWV LA County, LWV California and LWVUS.

If your passion is local governance, then become an observer of local government meetings and/or join one of LWVBC interest groups: Education, Housing/Homelessness, Social Policy/Aging, Water/Infrastructure. Sign up for the email list for one or more of the interest groups and attend when you can/wish.

If you are looking for community, we hold monthly book club meetings and agenda-less socials. Even if you haven't read the book, come for the discussion on the book topic and learn with us. Come to the socials and make some new friends.

If you are interested in issues at the County, State or National level, contact them to be added to the email list and to get invited to the meetings (almost all held virtually). The LWVC Issues page shows all the areas we are involved in and contact info. They can also refer you to LWV at another level. LWVBC has several groups working in Government (Redistricting, Voter Services), Social Policy (Education, Health & Wellness, Housing and Homelessness) and one in Natural Resources. All of our groups would welcome new members. If you want to start another group, let the president know.

If you have the time and interest, come to board meetings even if you are not a member of the board. At our monthly board meetings, we plan educational programming and discuss policy goals and local issues that may require LWV advocacy action. If you see a local issue that needs addressing, please bring it to the board president, advocacy chair, and any board members who cover the area. Our names, contact info, and portfolio assignments are in the LWVBC directory. For instance, I cover the Natural Resources portfolio at both the local and county levels, which includes air, water, pollution, transportation, and climate change. It overlaps greatly with Teri Neustaedter's portfolio of Housing and Homelessness through landuse and zoning.

If you have special skills, volunteer to work off-board on specific issues. Speak a language other than English? Law? Contracts? GIS? Science? Data Analysis? Communication? Investigative journalism? Education? Medicine? Let us know because we often need off-board help when issues arise.

Anyone can submit articles for inclusion in the LWVBC Voter newsletter. Do you have an idea for an article? Contact the editors, Chris Davis and Ann Kuhns.

Our 2021 Recipient of the LWV Beach Cities Scholarship



GLORIA PEREZ

Student at Santa Monica City College

Congratulations!

Gloria and Barbara Arlow celebrated her scholarship with a special lunch. LWV Beach Cities scholarships are awarded to students demonstrating civics leadership and community service.

For more information, please contact Barbara Arlow gerbar92@msn.com or Mary Dillon mdinmb@gmail.com.

Mixers & Book Club & Bears... Oh My!

New to the League but not sure how to jump in? Here's an easy step...friends and family are welcome, too! (Just kidding about the bears.)

If you'd like to connect with more League Members, or just want to dip a toe in the water to get more involved, we'd love to see you at our upcoming **Mixers** and/or **Book Club** sessions! Make a point to be there every time or come when it fits into your schedule – either way, we look forward to seeing your smiling face soon!

We started **Third Thursday Mixers** pre-Covid as a way to meet with each other more frequently in person. Once Covid arrived, we turned to zoom and have kept this new tradition going. What we've heard from members is that they'd like a way to hear more about different LWV endeavors, so our plan for upcoming Mixers is to do a brief 10-15 minute overview on a subject, then turn it over to Q&A for discussion. Our first test will be September16th 6:30-7:30pm (hybrid zoom/in person at Mother's in MB: we'll hear about what the Health & Wellness committee has been working on with AARP's Livable Cities program and California's Master Plan on Aging.)

Book Club is pretty self explanatory, right? This group is about 3 years old and continues to evolve. You are welcome even if you haven't finished (or started) the book! We are experimenting with a short criminal justice film and discussion on 12/1/21, as well as with poetry in December, on 12/29/21 and "hot topic" books, like *The Premonition: A Pandemic Story by Michael Lewis* in September and *Hooked: Food, Free Will, and How the Food Giants Exploit Our Addictions by Michael Moss* in October. Club attendees suggest books they'd like to read and we assign them a date for discussion, usually the 4th Wednesday of a month.

Check out the LWVBC Calendar to find out all the specifics!

LWVBC Needs YOU!

Whether you have some time once a year, a little bit every month, or can get passionately involved in a cause like Voter Service or the Observer Corps, LWVBC is only as effective as our volunteers. Thank you for being part of a team that helps democracy THRIVE!



ADVOCACY

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Within Advocacy, there is the Observer Corps, the veritable watchdog of our Beach Cities area. The Corps fact-gathers and reports on groups like local city councils, and councils of government, so LWVBC remains current with what is happening in our community. Once a concern is brought up, our Advocacy arm comes into play, where we take a stand on an issue using LWV positions for support. It is in this role that LWVBC can attend public meetings to speak or write letters to express concern or support.



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Established two years ago, the Education team has done lots of impressive work, including rewriting the LWVBC local education position and interviewing 6 local school superintendents about their districts' responses to the challenges of COVID. More exciting projects are being considered. If you're passionate about education, this may be the team for you.



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The Health and Wellness Committee is a long-standing group that has contributed many impressive projects, including an educational forum on mental health, as well as a talk on brain health. Now focused assisting those 60+ in Inglewood and Hawthorne, the committee has identified gaps in the system and has begun partnering with several groups to help make all our Beach Cities more livable. Contact Harriet to find out how to get involved!



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

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There is so much going on with these two topics! The Housing Team will explore and advocate for each city's Housing Elements and also evaluate and potentially re-write our LWVBC Housing Position. Besides educating ourselves and LWVBC about homelessness issues, we will explore the best service groups to align with, and may do a public education forum in 2022.



MEMBERSHIP

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LWVBC is only as good as its members and their involvement! We have welcomed many new members over the last few years and our loyal members have much knowledge and experience to share. The Membership group gathers new members, helps to educate them and puts their talents to good use. Membership also sponsors Third Thursday Mixers.



NATURAL RESOURCES

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Natural Resources is a broad and intersectional portfolio. Grace Peng, a scientist, leads this team and is involved with LWV at county, state and national levels for Water and Energy; she can connect you with people at those levels, or help you find high-quality research and data. Climate Change, Environmental Justice, Transportation, Infrastructure and Water are areas of key concern for LWVC because these areas intersect with health, education and job opportunities. Join this team and Grace's newly-formed group: Water & Infrastructure Group (WIG).



VOTER SERVICE

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Voter Service is the heart of what LWV is all about; creating educated voters who actively participate in our democracy! Since 2022 is a midterm election, it will be a busy year because of all the local and state elections. Barb's group conducts candidate forums and proposition education. It also registers high school students to vote and provides civics education when requested.



VOTERS EDGE

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The Voters Edge website is the place to go when you want nonpartisan info about candidates and propositions on the ballot. It's one of the best tools available to help voters get the information they need to cast their votes. But it's only as good as the information on the website — this team ensures that we have the most up-to-date data on the site.



Each of these areas is in the LWVBC infancy stage, and each is very different.

Coming Soon!

MENTAL HEALTH Mary Dillon mdinmb@gmail.com 310 339 9665

Mental Health is a new area of emphasis for LWVBC. The startup team continues to refine its goals and will soon have an update.

While the **California Criminal Justice Group** has been active for a couple years and is absolutely amazing, we have no one leading this effort for our League. Both **Health Care** and **Immigration** are forming state teams; LWVBC does not have an official leader for either topic.

There is strength in numbers, and in many ways, **linking with other nearby Leagues** can help our LWV voice make an even bigger impression, especially when it comes to groups like the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG).

If you find any of these intriguing (Health Care, Immigration, Criminal Justice, Linkage with Tri-League chapters/LA County Inter-League Organization), touch base with Joan LeSage to find out more: sage.joan@gmail.com. 310 854 2254.



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4th Wednesday of the month. (May vary due to holidays)

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Third Thursday Mixers!

WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP: Grace Peng gspeng.lwv@gmail.com 310 613 7432

Founded this spring, WIG discusses infrastructure and how it interacts with natural resources, the public sector and humans.

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Ann is the primary link for all communications. Ideas? Requests? Have an article to contribute? Touch base with Ann.

FACEBOOK: Jennifer Agliozzo <u>Jennaglio@gmail.com</u>. 310 567 3723

Have pictures or videos of an event? Something to add to our calendar? Contact Jen.

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER: Chris Davis Cdav647@verizon.net. 310 529 9120

Having trouble with the website? Have an idea for the newsletter? Chris wants to hear about it!

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Share the position with one or more interested people.

WHY: Our City Council meetings are an important part of how our cities support, protect and enrich our lives.

- The first reason for observing public meetings is to watch their general operations. What issues are being discussed and how is the meeting being conducted? Does the agency comply with the open meeting laws?
- The second reason for observing public meetings is to watch for issues on which the League should be taking action speaking out. If an item that is being discussed is related to one of LWVC's positions then include that in your report.
 We'll look into it and see whether it's something that the League should be speaking out on.
- Finally, and maybe most importantly, observing makes a statement that the community is watching the process of government. The League observer is the representative of the public at these.

WHAT: Attend or watch a city council meeting and share important information. We would like all of our cities represented/observed for every city council meeting.

- Go to the meeting. Get a copy of the agenda (if possible, check whether it is available in advance online) and any other reports that are available. You don't have to read them all! You may not speak for the League at the meeting. Outside of the meeting you can ask questions of staff and officials.
- If you can't be at the meeting in person, then watch it online. While the officials may not see you, you can still monitor the meeting.

WHO: Anyone who lives in the South Bay and is a member of the League of Women's Voters of the Beach Cities. Share the work with someone else. We already have one observer for Redondo Beach and one for Hermosa Beach.

If you are interested, please contact Dale Petrulis at dale.petrulis@gmail.com.

Our New Website!



We're finally building a new, easy-to-navigate, simple-to-update website. We'll let everyone know when it goes live!

In the meantime, we welcome your suggestions on what you would like to see included.

What can we do to encourage you to visit our website more often? Suggestions? Comments?

Contact Webmistress Chris Davis @cdav647@verizon.net

Where do we stand?

Impact on Issues

2020-2022:

A Guide to Public Policy Positions of the League of Women Voters

The definitive publication on LWVUS positions and the history of their use – is now available in paperback and kindle for \$5 from Amazon.

Having the print version allows you to quickly research League positions – which apply at all levels – and the history of how they've been used.





Reminder: Please Send in your Annual Dues

Dues will be the following:

- \$60 for a regular renewing membership
- \$30 for a first year membership
- \$30 for a second member in the same household
- FREE for students enrolled in High School or college

You will receive a dues notice in the mail which is also a return envelope, which you can pay by check or on our website at www.uwbeachcities.org/renew

Any questions about dues payments can be directed to our Treasurer, Susan Grebe at <u>SCGREBE@GMAIL.COM</u> or 310-546-7487.

https://my.lwv.org/california/beach-cities/renew

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