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THE VOTER

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NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you know what is happening in your city? At recent meetings, the Manhattan Beach City Council is working on an Urban Water Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan; Hermosa Beach City Council is discussing Carbon Reduction Goals and Strategies and the City Council in Redondo Beach is reviewing a Cannabis Regulation Initiative. These are significant issues, and we need to understand what our elected officials are doing and whether they have any conflicts in making these decisions. We need volunteers for our [Observer Corps](#). Please consider contacting Dale Petrusis and offer to help. Only a few hours a month would be doing our communities a real service!

So many of our members are working on making our community a better place for all of us.

- Civics education has always been a goal of the League and Jeanne Hamilton and her education committee are studying how the League can work with our local school districts.
- Teri Neustaedter and her committee are providing help to Project Needs and planning a program on homelessness.
- Mary Dillon is exploring the issue of mental health care for all ages including our kids struggling from the aftermath of a Covid year.
- Harriet Chase and Melen McBride and their committee are helping the aging and partnering with AARP on Age Friendly Cities.
- Grace Peng is using science and facts to deal with transportation and water – all contributing to our challenges from global warming.
- In the spring there will be primary elections. Barbara Arlow will be hosting candidate forums and pros and cons on any initiatives that make the ballot.

I suspect that you are interested in finding out more about some or many of these areas. We need more people to achieve more things. Call or email any of the chairs (see info in the newsletter) and they will reach out to you. Our Third Thursday Mixers are a great place to meet the other members and have some fun in person. Our next Membership meeting will be January 15th and we are planning for it to be in person this year. We review League positions and activities- and plan for the rest of the year. Mark your calendars now and join us!

The Manhattan Beach HomeTown Fair returned in full force including our traditional booth for registering voters and spreading the word about Votersedge.org and our League. Thanks to our super volunteers who made things happen including Susan Grebe, Sunhee Park, Marian Drahnak, Mary Dillon, Jeanne Hamilton, Yvette Reiner, Kay Hudspeth, Sherrie Brand, Renay Campbell-Labriola, Harriet Chase, Teri Neustaedter, Arnette Travis, Jennifer Aglio, Alli Jason, Vivian Rahe, and Wendy Phillips.

My thanks go to our Board who are an amazing group of women who inspire me with their dedication and passion, our new webmaster Chris Davis who has given us a way to communicate with our members and the world (with help from Ann Kuhns and Jennifer Aglio), and our members who step up and volunteer when volunteers are needed.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Indeed we have a lot for which to be thankful.

All the best!

Joan LeSage

sage.joan@gmail.com

2021-22 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. Check our Facebook page and website Calendar listings for zoom links and additional information.

November

11/13 - 21 Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Project:NEEDS in Redondo Beach.

11/16 LWVTA Learn with the League Speaker Series: Affordable Housing 101 at 3:00pm

11/18 Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm California Pizza Kitchen, Manhattan Beach

11/30 Health & Wellness Committee 1:00pm - 2:30pm Speakers from the LA County Dept. of Public Health will speak about how COVID-19 has affected seniors in Inglewood [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 873 0986 5591 Passcode: 734824

December

12/1 Book Club 7:00pm *Racially Charged: America's Misdemeanor Problem* Movie & Discussion [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 982 5022 2335 Passcode: 646494

12/9 Water & Infrastructure Meeting – 7:00pm *Tame Rivers: The effects of urbanization and flood control on Southern California waterways* (William Ota) [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 883 5815 2110 Passcode: 541509

12/13 LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 812 7518 6622 Passcode: 341716

12/16 Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm

12/29 Book Club 7pm – *Bring a poem that has meaning for you to share with the group* [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 982 5022 2335 Passcode: 646494

2022

January

1/10 LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm *We encourage all members to attend!*

1/13 Water & Infrastructure Meeting – 7:00pm [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 982 5022 2335 Passcode: 646494

1/15 LWVBC Annual Positions Review & Potluck 10:00am – 1:00pm at the home of Penny Markey

1/20 Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm

1/26 Book Club 7:00pm *Invisible Women* by Caroline Criado Perez [Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 982 5022 2335 Passcode: 646494

1/29 LA Co Winter League Day - *Transportation: Climate & Justice Intersections* **In-Person Event**

3/1 First Day of Women's History Month

3/2 Local Elections

3/26 LA Co Convention

May Annual Meeting 5/7 or 5/14

6/7 California Primary

6/23-26 LWVUS National Convention in Denver & online

11/8 Local and National Elections

2022 Monthly Meetings and Events

LWVBC Board Meeting 7:00pm 2nd Monday ~ 2/14, 3/14, 4/11

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 7518 6622 Passcode: 341716

Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 7:30pm ~ 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19

Book Club 7:00pm 4th Wednesday ~ 2/23, 3/23, 4/27, 5/25

Zoom Meeting ID: 982 5022 2335 Passcode: 646494

Thanksgiving Basket Collection for Project:NEEDS

In Honor of Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week **November 13-21**



We are gathering items for the Unhoused as well as the Working Poor/Housed that Project:NEEDS serves. It's the holidays! These recipients would love to celebrate with some special items, just like we do! (PLEASE, no glass!)

Drop off Locations:

Chris Davis
1640 21st Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
310-529-9120 cdav647@verizon.net

Lisa Sorenson
443 Avenue E
Redondo Beach, CA 90277
sorenlala@yahoo.com

25 Unhoused Thanksgiving Bundles

Items must be easily portable and require little if any kitchen prep/heat

Priority Items

- Small containers of fruit
- Beverages (water/gatorade/canned or bottled/juice/pop — nothing that needs refrigeration.)
- Canned/pouches of tuna/chicken
- Crackers (for use with tuna or peanuts butter)
- Small puddings/packages of cookies/small donuts
- Cereal (that works without milk)
- Dried fruit (individually wrapped prunes and such)
- Fresh apples/oranges
- Nuts
- Stagg's chili
- Canned soup (something that doesn't require mixing or much heat)
- Kleenex (take along size)
- Candy
- Protein bars
- Peanut butter/jelly (small size)

**"Extra" items:**

bar soap (w/ wash cloth in baggie for easy transport)
lotion
chap stick
razors (shaving cream)

socks
mens underwear
toothbrush
toothpaste
anti-bacterial cream/bandaids
beanies
blankets
rain ponchos
Container of wipes
Deodorant

25 Housed Thanksgiving Baskets for groups of 2-4

(Turkeys have been donated; we're responsible for sides)

Priority Items

- Beverages: juice, pop, Gatorade
- Pasta salad, boxed/macaroni, boxed
- Stuffing
- Turkey or chicken broth
- Gravy mix (packaged/canned — no glass)
- Mashed potatoes boxed
- Green beans (soup, fried onions for casserole)
- Corn, peas
- Yams, Cranberry sauce
- Fresh apples/oranges
- Candy
- Nuts
- Canned fruit, Dried fruit
- Dessert items they can prepare: pumpkin pie, cherry filling, pie crust, brownies, cake mixes
- Cereal and Oatmeal



Additional items:

Biscuit mix
Jelly, peanut butter, almond butter
Protein bars
Boxed sides including rice, pasta, etc (also pasta and pasta sauces)
Beans (kidney, black, pinto)
Crackers
Stag's chili
Tuna and chicken
Soups
Canned fruits and vegetables
Lentils, barley, soup mixes
Cleaning supplies

Have grocery bags? Packaged utensils from carry out? Napkins? Extra single use condiments? Project:NEEDS would greatly appreciate any of these items as well!

No Time to Shop?

**WE WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTING CHECKS.
PLEASE MAKE THEM OUT TO "PROJECT:NEEDS".**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We greatly appreciate you taking time to make a difference.

Ann Martin

2/20/1934 – 9/6/2021

Ann Martin was a founding member of our Beach Cities League and a 50 year lifetime member. Until recently she graciously hosted our Annual Holiday Meeting/luncheon for as long as any of us can remember. Everyone has received their Voters and League mailings because of her work as the label keeper - for at least 30 years! Ann (nee Anna Lee Over) was born and raised in



Pennsylvania. She had a BS in Mathematics and taught high school Mathematics before becoming a systems engineer for IBM. She and her husband John moved to Gardena CA in 1959, and in 1972 after their family had increased by three children they moved to Manhattan Beach. Ann was gracious, kind, intelligent and diligent with everything she did. She was a mentor and source of inspiration to many. Our thoughts are with John and the whole family.

Those of us lucky enough to have worked with her will miss her greatly.

Coming in January!

LWVBC Annual Positions Review & Potluck

Make Your Voice Heard!

The League of Women Voters was built on this premise - it is truly a grassroots organization.

**Saturday January 15th, 10:00am – 1:00pm
at the home of Penny Markey**

This January's discussion is our opportunity to send LWVUS input about where we think the League should use its resources. We will review selected League positions from [Impact on Issues](#), choosing from categories: Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy. For each topic, we will discuss current issues and concerns, where things need to change, and how we can make a difference.

It's a great way to learn what position LWV takes on these topics and determine how you might want to get involved. This is also a time for LWVBC members to consider where we want to spend our resources for the rest of the year.

Where are you willing to expend your time, energy and expertise? Please, join us -- We value your thoughts and opinions!

This will no doubt work up an appetite -- we will wrap up our discussion over a *potluck lunch!* If you are **A-M please bring a hot dish; N-Z please bring a salad. Your contribution should feed about 6. Dessert and drinks will be provided (there will be coffee and maybe some wine!).**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

NATURAL RESOURCES



Free Transit for K-12? Yes, please!

Politicians and many advocates point out that a car sold today will be on the road for at least 15 years; the sooner we adopt electric cars (EVs), the better. But they rarely mention that a baby born today may live 65-90 years, 5-6 car lifetimes. (The life expectancy disparity is partly due to the harmful effects of cars on neighborhoods.)

It takes a great deal of energy to produce EVs and their batteries. The full life-cycle carbon emissions reduction of EVs vs ICE (internal combustion engine) cars is only 30-70%, depending on how clean the grid is. If we keep driving as usual, but swap ICEs for EVs, **we will fall far short of the 85% reduction needed** while imposing large environmental costs on other nations where battery materials are sourced.

Even if 100% of the cars sold today were EVs, that would still be too little, too late. By 2030, only half of vehicles on the road in 2030 would be EVs, and they would be the wrong kind of EVs. They'd be too heavy, too large, and a danger to everyone outside of them. **The viable path to reduce emissions deeply enough and fast enough is to dramatically reduce the total miles we travel (mode-shift to walking, transit, cycling), use lighter vehicles and electrify them.**

People are creatures of habit. **We build a better future by supporting children to build better habits that make driving the last, rather than the first, choice.** In shifting children away from thinking of cars as the default way to get to places, we are also shifting the behavior of their caregivers, providing a multiplier effect.

This is why the failure of the Beach Cities school districts and Beach Cities Transit to join the [GoPass Fareless Pass Program](#) for K-12 students is short sighted. LAUSD, LA Metro, Lawndale, Inglewood, DaVinci RISE and a host of smaller school districts and transit agencies are joining together to provide free transit passes for students for an absurdly low annual administrative fee of \$3 per student. That's less than the price of a single round trip at the regular price. A single unloaded stored-value transit [TAP card](#) costs \$2. For \$1 more, K-12 students can have a year of free transit, paid for by existing sales taxes combined with federal & state transportation funds.

Wouldn't it be great if high school students took Metro 232 along PCH to MCHS and RUHS instead of driving? If [Torrance Transit](#) and [Beach Cities Transit](#) also participated, then they could also take the Torrance 8 or 13 to MCHS, and BCT 102 to RUHS. BCT 102 & 109 also pass near many Beach Cities elementary and middle schools. This could solve parking problems near area high schools as well as in the neighborhoods where students live. What can we do to support this change?

Studies have shown that, when people have passes, they use transit more frequently and to more places. This is precisely what we want young people to do. Developing the skill of getting places without driving or being driven should be part of the curriculum. Even children too young to travel alone could benefit by traveling with teachers, parents and older siblings. Imagine not having to drive our kids to after school activities. Parents wouldn't have to buy cars for teens to go to school or jobs. Without the cost of renting school buses, teachers can afford to schedule more field trips.

Right now, we have a chicken and egg problem. Because so few South Bay residents ride transit (3% mode share compared to 7% for BC workers), most South Bay buses run only every 30-60 minutes and we have no dedicated bus lanes. **When more people ride transit, we create the political will to improve transit.** Dedicated bus lanes and signal priority can speed up bus journeys so that they are faster than driving/parking. Speeding up buses from 7 mph to 15 mph would halve the wait time between buses while using the same number of buses and drivers, creating a transit virtue cycle. In the meantime, the [Transit App](#) lets you know in real-time when your ride is arriving-usually faster than an Uber/Lyft/Taxi/Parent.

Additional Information

[Decarbonizing US passenger vehicle transport under electrification and automation uncertainty has a travel budget](#)

[Make electric vehicles lighter to maximize climate and safety benefits](#)

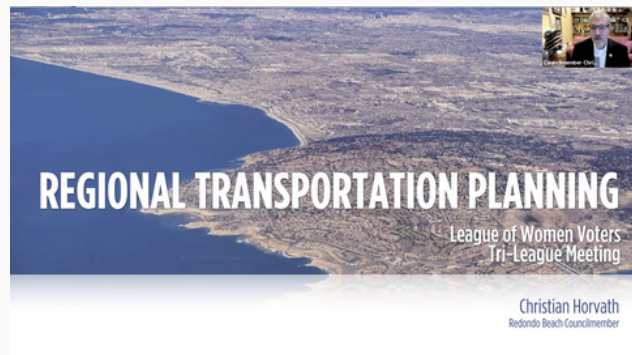
Tri-League: Local Travel Network

On September 11, 2021, members of LWV Beach Cities, Torrance Area and Palos Verdes met virtually to learn about local transportation issues from Redondo Beach Councilmember and SBCCOG's transportation committee chair, Christian Horvath.

After enlightening us about the roles of [Southern California Association of Governments](#) (SCAG), and South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) in regional and sub-regional planning, he talked about results of SBCCOG's transportation research and the recently-adopted [South Bay Local Travel Network](#). **If built, this *voluntary* agreement would be transformative for the way we get around in the South Bay.**

Climate change mitigation requires us to drastically curtail our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. **40% of California's and 44% of Los Angeles County's GHG emissions come from the transportation sector; 70% of that are private car trips.** Replacing Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) cars with Electric Cars (EV) is expected to only reduce GHG emissions by 30-70% (depending on energy sources for production and charging). That is not even close to the 80-90% reduction we need. **There is no pathway to ward off the most catastrophic effects of climate change without reducing car trips first and then electrifying the ones that cannot be eliminated.** Programs that provide greater subsidies to EVs than eBikes are grossly misguided.

SEE THE PRESENTATION



70% of all South Bay vehicle trips are less than 3 miles round-trip. 88% are less than 10 miles round-trip. Most of those could be doable without requiring cars if we built a transportation network that allowed people to move about safely on foot or in smaller vehicles. Think 50 pound eBikes, 80 pound cargo eTrikes, 200 pound electric mopeds or even 1,000 pound golf carts instead of 5,000 pound, long-range battery electric cars.

95% of Californians live in *urbanized* areas - cities and denser suburbs such as the South Bay. Cars take up a lot of increasingly scarce space and cost a lot of public and private money when you add up all the externalities. You can move more people in a fixed amount of space if you don't need to also fit individual metal cages around each of them.

You can house more people in urbanized areas for less money if you didn't have to build so many parking spaces. Traffic collisions are also the leading cause of death for US children.

Children are the most vulnerable road users; we need to create very safe and supportive infrastructure to help them get around safely without wrapping them in two-ton metal cages. Seniors are the second most vulnerable group. Eventually, they stop driving, and will have similar transportation and safety needs as children.

Cities where bicycling is more common are safer for all road users. But incomplete or missing infrastructure can suppress pedestrian and bicycling trips. If those are essential trips, they will be made by car instead, adding to pollution and congestion. **We can stand outside an elementary school in the morning and count the cars, but we can't count the number of seniors home alone because they can't drive, can't get around safely without cars, and have no one to drive them.**

Additional Information:

[Cars cost about \\$24,000 per household, roughly equally borne by individuals and the government.](#)

[Report by the National Association of City Transportation Officials](#)

[Growth of Parking Infrastructure in Los Angeles](#)

[US Center for Disease Control](#)

HOMELESSNESS / HOUSING

Rent Relief - Do you know anyone worried about eviction?

Keep this LA County Resource Guide prepared by our Council of Governments handy! It's a wealth of information to share with anyone who may be in jeopardy of eviction. Estimates predict up to half of all renters in our county could receive eviction notices.

There is money available to keep them in their home (preventing an increase in homelessness!), but they cannot delay!


[Get more information about Rent Relief](#)

January Homelessness Count: Volunteers Needed!

Would you be willing to participate in LA County's upcoming Homeless Count on January 26th from 8-11pm? You will team up in groups of three to canvas parts of our local areas and report back what you find. Curious how this information is used? Here is the [link for the consolidated report of the 2020 count](#).

The information is funneled through the county and state, and submitted to Housing and Urban Development (HUD, a federal agency) to procure funding. Please email me if you would like to get involved or have questions: Tmufic@gmail.com (Typically we fill open spots where the South Bay group may need help. In 2020 we canvassed Lawndale.)

[Download the flyer](#)



JOIN THE SOUTH BAY'S HOMELESS COUNT

*Wednesday, January 26, 2022
8:00-11:00 pm*

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it COVID-19 safe?
Yes! We made many procedural changes to provide a safe event environment.

Why do we do the Count?
To get the official statistics of what homelessness looks like in our community. These are then used to bring needed services and housing to the South Bay.

How often is it conducted?
Every year in January, with the exception of 2020 when it was cancelled because of the pandemic.

How will I know what to do that night?
You will be fully trained and provided with the materials you'll need. First timers are welcomed!

How old do I have to be?
All volunteers need to be at least 18 years old to participate in this activity.

550 volunteers are needed to complete the one-night homeless count of the South Bay!

Learn more & sign-up at:
www.TheyCountWillYou.org

Inglewood Civic Center 1 Manchester Ave.	Lennox <i>Also covering Westmont, Del Aire</i> SD 2 Lennox Field Office 4343 Lennox Blvd	Hawthorne Betty Ainsworth Sports Center 3851 W. El Segundo Blvd
Lawndale <i>Also covering Alondra Park</i> Harold E. Hofmann Community Center 14700 Burin Ave.	Gardena City of Gardena Office 16206 S. Western Ave. Suite E	Hermosa Beach City Council Chambers 1315 Valley Dr.
Manhattan Beach <i>Also covering El Segundo</i> Joslyn Community Ctr 1601 N. Valley Dr.	Redondo Beach Perry Park Senior Center 2301 Grant Ave.	Carson Juanita Millender McDonald Community Center 3 Civic Plaza Dr.
Torrance Ken Miller Recreation Center 3341 Torrance Blvd.	Palos Verdes Cities (starting at 6:00pm) Covering all four cities City of Rolling Hills Estates City Hall 4045 PV Dr. N., RHE	Harbor Gateway 555 Redondo Beach Blvd Gardena
Harbor City <i>Also covering Lomita</i> Wayside United Methodist Church 25904 Cayuga Ave. Lomita	Wilmington Providence Wellness & Activity Center 470 N. Hawaiian Ave.	San Pedro Plaza at Cabrillo Marina 2965 Via Cabrillo Marina

Questions? Contact Nancy Wilcox, contactSBCEH@gmail.com
South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness

CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Criminal Justice Reform

LA County Fall League Day was held virtually on 9/25/21 and included a presentation on Criminal Justice Reform: How the Public Can Help in Creating More Equity in Arrests, Treatment, and How Time is Served.

Ivette Ale, Senior Policy Lead at [Dignity and Power Now](#) (DPN), discussed how grassroots programs are making a difference in our communities.

Summary of key points:

- US prisons have become our largest mental health facility
- [Civilian Oversight of LA Sheriff](#) - accountability needed, stop cash bail
- LACILO opposes private prisons and increasing the number of jails in LA County
- LWV does not support defunding the police; allocation of resources is a better term
- Need a just transition from punitive to restorative justice
- Need to rebuild systems of health care, housing, and education; When we took away community care systems, the police stepped in for mental health; Need to move to community-based programs

Solutions: 9-8-8: alternative crisis response, [MET](#) issue - don't want law enforcement for mental health. Need mental health clinics and access to local therapists.

Resources:

- [LWVC Criminal Justice Reform Toolkit](#)
- [LA County Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative](#)
- [Re-Imagine LA County](#)
- [Dignity and Power Now](#)
- [Justice LA](#)
- [Vera Institute of Justice](#)
- [Million Dollar Hoods](#)
- [RAND study of LA CO ODR Reentry Supportive Housing Program](#)
- [Project Rebound](#)
- City of Inmates: Conquest, Rebellion, and the Rise of Human Caging in Los Angeles, 1771–1965 [Book on Amazon](#)

BOOK CLUB

MOVIE NIGHT
instead of Book Club this month!



Wednesday, Dec. 1st 7 - 8:30pm Movie Discussion

Racially Charged: America's Misdemeanor Problem

Please watch this thought-provoking, 35-minute film before the meeting.
Our discussion will be centered on Criminal Justice reform.

The film focuses on one type of crime: misdemeanors, and how something "small" can change a life.

Watch the film here: [Brave New Films – Racially Charged](#)

Also in December!



POETRY EXCHANGE

Wednesday Dec. 29th 7-8:30pm

Bring a favorite poem to share with our group and tell us why it's meaningful to you.

We'll get back to Book Club when the hectic pace of the holidays is behind us.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS



Health & Wellness Committee - Networking, Learning and Sharing Information

The Health & Wellness Committee is focusing on Senior issues.

Committee members are actively involved in the following organizations:

- [South Bay Cities Council of Governments Senior Working Group](#)
- [AARP-Livable Communities](#)
- [SBCCOG Local Travel Network and Housing](#)
- [The California Master Plan for Aging \(MPA\)](#)
- [The California Department of Aging](#)
- [Westside Pacific Villages](#)

We are also starting to build networks through members of our committee with other Leagues outside the South Bay.

New members are welcome! Attend our next Zoom meeting on **Tuesday, November 30, 1:00 - 2:30 pm**. It will be our regular business meeting plus invited speakers from the County Department of Public Health to talk about COVID-19. For more information go to our [Health & Wellness page](#) or contact Harriet Chase (310) 545-1026 or hzchase@roadrunner.com.

HEALTH CARE REFORM



LWVC Healthcare Working Group

The LWVC 2021 Convention's Caucus on Health Care generated interest in creating a statewide network of Leagues working on health care issues. They meet monthly, just finalized their mission statement, and have a list of goals under consideration. If you are interested in participating, the next meeting is **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 7:00-8:30pm**. If you would like to join the Google Group of the Healthcare Working Group, please send a request to: amusefisher@lwvc.org.

Mission Statement

By educating ourselves, LWVC members, and the public, we will increase understanding of health care issues. Through public policy advocacy, guided by the LWVUS position on Health Care, we will strive to achieve an equitable, affordable, high-quality health care system that is available to all.

Goals/Interests

- Behavioral/Mental Health in California
- Develop a Toolkit of Resources on Healthcare Issues (for Members only) and Update Healthcare Information on LWVC website (for Public),
- Encourage LWVC to make health care an issue for emphasis at the 2023 state convention
- Financing & Paying for Healthcare
- Intersection of healthcare with housing/homelessness, criminal justice, and climate
- Legislative Analysis of Healthcare Bills
- Public Health in California: infrastructure, education, glossary
- Focus on Healthcare problems in Rural areas

Shared Information

LWV Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville Healthcare Committee is reading the book *Medicare for All: A Citizen's Guide* by Abdul El-Sayed and Micah Johnson (Oxford Univ. Press, 2021). They recommend it.

LWVUS position on healthcare: <https://www.lwv.org/impact-issues> (pages 129-134)

EDUCATION

Education Committee Update

The Education Committee has met to identify priorities for the coming year. Of particular interest is the emphasis being placed on improving civics education.

The Pasadena LWV offered a program in September called “**Educating for American Democracy**,” featuring Michelle Herczog from the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Her presentation identified many resources that districts and faculty can use to engage students in civics learning. Our committee has already reached out to several government faculty in our area who may be interested in a league partnership. ([See the presentation.](#))



Other areas of interest for the year are to follow the additional funding given to districts this year **to support special education** and **to follow the discussions about culturally inclusive history and ethnic studies curriculum**. We are not planning to take any action on these because the timeline for implementation is several years out. However, these topics are causing heat at some school board meetings.

In addition, we will be registering students to vote on campus again this year, after being unable to do so last year because of Covid restrictions.

Are you smarter than a Middle Schooler? Take this Civics Quiz to find out.

TEST YOUR CIVICS KNOWLEDGE





OUR NEW MEMBERS

Carol Patterson (Manhattan Beach)

Priya Ramcharan (Student)

Marc Teitlebaum (Redondo Beach)

Who to Contact:

BOOK GROUP: Debra Estroff Debraestroff5@gmail.com 310 308 3246

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

MIXERS: Arnette Travis arnettetravis@gmail.com 310 871 2547

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.

EDUCATION: Jeanne Hamilton jeannehamiltonclaremont@gmail.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS: Harriet Chase hychase@roadrunner.com

HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING: Teri Neustaedter tmufic@gmail.com

MENTAL HEALTH: Mary Dillon mdinmb@gmail.com

COMMUNICATIONS: Chris Davis cdav647@verizon.net 310 529 9120

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

FACEBOOK: Jennifer Agliozzo Jennaglio@gmail.com 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!

Help keep us all up-to-date with what's going on in our cities! **WE NEED YOU: OBSERVER CORPS!**

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 Womens Voters of the Beach Cities.

Share the work with someone else. We already have one observer each for Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

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

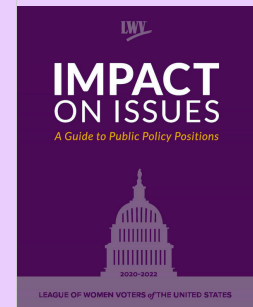
Where do we stand? Impact on Issues

2020-2022:

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

The definitive publication on LWWUS 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.





DON'T FORGET YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!

- \$60 for a regular renewing membership
- \$30 for a first year membership
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