View this email in your browser



Serving the people of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach,

Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach



In this Issue

- LWV of LA County Annual Convention
- MARCH PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE
- 2022 CALENDAR
- Tri-League Luncheon
- LA County Winter League Day 2022
- About LWV LA County InterLeague Organization
- League Of Women Voters Partners With Lyft To Get Out The Vote In 2022
- <u>COMMITTEE UPDATES</u>
- <u>VOTER SERVICES NEEDS YOU!</u>
- Water & Infrastructure Group It's not just about water!
- Rent Relief Do you know anyone worried about eviction?
- March Book Club
- LWVBC College Scholarship Applications Are Being Accepted Now!
- <u>New California Recycling Law</u>
- ٠
- Who to Contact
- WE NEED YOU: OBSERVER CORPS!

LWV of LA County Annual Convention



60TH ANNUAL CONVENTION March 26, 2022 at 9:30am Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Join us for an engaging meeting to discuss our County education and advocacy focus, approve fiscal priorities and elect board members.

Fesia Davenport, CEO of Los Angeles County, will update us on the implementation of Measure J and provide us a progress report on the homelessness crisis.

LWVLAC ILO 2nd Vice President Margo Reeg will provide an informative debrief and Q&A on the LA County Redistricting Process.



Keynote Speaker Fesia Davenport, CEO of Los Angeles County

Register by March 24 at Iwvlacconvention.eventbrite.com

Delegates who register will receive the 2022 Convention Kit.

Zoom link to attend will be emailed 24-48 hours before meeting to the email address used at registration. For any questions contact LWVLACvoter@gmail.com

TICKETS ARE \$10.00

Log in at 9:15 a.m. to allow time for credential clearance

More About Our Keynote Speaker

Fesia Davenport was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles County in January 2021. She is responsible for managing the strategic direction and day-to-day operations of the nation's largest municipal government, including the oversight of Los Angeles County's \$39 billion-plus budget and coordinating implementation of key priorities of the Board of Supervisors.

In a County career spanning more than two decades, she has successfully facilitated cross-departmental, publicprivate, and inter-governmental collaborative efforts aimed at implementing a range of major initiatives involving data sharing to prevent homelessness and track outcomes for justice involved individuals, probation reform, and providing legal defense services for undocumented residents at risk of imminent of removal...<u>read more here</u>.

Register by March 24 in order to receive the Zoom link and Convention Kit prior to the meeting. Tickets are \$10.00

REGISTER NOW



MARCH PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

What will the rest of the year look like? Will we meet face to face? Need to wear masks? More zooms?

Find out by checking our website! Click here "<u>lwvbeachcities.org</u>" and you will be amazed. Scroll down quickly to see an overview of everything, and then go back to the calendar or articles of interest. The colored or highlighted words are all links! Click on them and you will jump to more detailed information.

Our calendar has everything! If you can't find an email about a zoom meeting (book club! 3rd Thursday Mixer! WIG meeting! Health and Wellness meeting!), you can find the zoom link on the website calendar. You never have to scroll through your emails again!

We have a primary in June, and many elections in November. Our local elections in November include city councils, school boards and water district boards in all of our cities. And there are 40+ initiatives trying to get qualified for the November ballot!

As everyone knows the League does not support or endorse any political parties nor any specific candidates. We focus on educating voters so they are informed and can make decisions based on facts: not fiction – or soundbites! (Query- What is the difference between "aggressive reconfigurations" in some states and "gerrymandering" in others?)

Jeanne Hamilton chairs the Voters Services Committee, and planning is already under way for Candidate Forums, Pros and Cons, Voter Registration events and <u>VotersEdge.org</u>. We hope at least some of these will be in person. Jeanne needs lots of volunteers for everything from planners and greeters, to speakers and moderators. Consider helping!

Finally, I want to recognize years of dedication and work by Barbara Arlow who has been past president and chair of Voters Services— we cannot thank her enough. She has withdrawn from our Board and Voters Services. Fortunately, she has promised to continue to be a mentor and adviser. She has our deepest gratitude and appreciation for her leadership, her integrity, her ability to fearlessly run candidate forums in challenging times, her registering hundreds of students at the high schools, and her commitment to promoting good government, democracy and the ideals of the League of Women Voters. Our community is truly a better place because of her relentless focus on making democracy work right here.

2022 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 inperson meetings. Check our Facebook page and website Calendar listings for zoom links and additional information.

March

 3/1
 2022 Defending Democracy Series – 4:00pm
 Election Law & SCOTUS
 Speaker: Erwin Chemerinsky, Dean, Berkeley

 Law
 Register for Zoom

3/10 <u>Water & Infrastructure Meeting</u> 7:00pm **Decarbonizing California's Economy: The Bigger Picture** with Mohit Chhabra of the Natural Resources Defense Council *Zoom Meeting ID: 883 5815 2110 Passcode: 541509*

3/26 60th Annual LWV LA County Convention 9:30 am Register by March 24.

 3/30
 2022 Defending Democracy Series – 4:00pm
 International Perspective on US Democracy Speaker: Dr. Fiona Hill,

 Senior Fellow, The Brookings
 Register for Zoom

April

 4/5
 2022 Defending Democracy Series – 4:00pm Election Subversion & Disinformation Speaker:Rick Hasen, Co-Director,

 UCI Law Fair Elections and Free Speech Center Register for Zoom

 4/28
 Water & Infrastructure Meeting
 7:00pm
 Changing River Flows and Novel Ecosystems in the Los Angeles and Santa

 Clara Rivers with Melissa Von Mayerhauser of UC Berkeley
 Zoom
 Meeting ID: 883 5815 2110 Passcode: 541509

May

5/14 Annual Meeting

5/7 Tri-League Luncheon 9:30 - 12:00pm at The Depot in Torrance. Speaker from <u>AltaSea</u>. Cost \$30

5/12 <u>Water & Infrastructure Meeting</u> 7:00pm Colorado River Basin with John Fleck (U of New Mexico) and Eric Kuhn (former director of Colorado *Zoom Meeting ID: 883 5815 2110 Passcode: 541509*

June

6/7 California Primary

6/9 <u>Water & Infrastructure Meeting</u> 7:00pm Water Recycling and Reverse Osmosis with a representative from San Diego PureWater Zoom Meeting ID: 883 5815 2110 Passcode: 541509 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 Water & Infrastructure Meeting 2nd Thursday Zoom Meeting ID: 883 5815 2110 Passcode: 541509 Health & Wellness Committee Meeting

Tri-League Luncheon SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 7, 2022

9:30-12:00

The Depot Restaurant, 1250 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance Cost will be \$30

The speaker will represent



A Spring Project:NEEDS Food Drive will be held in conjunction with this luncheon.

More info to come!



<u>AltaSea</u> is a first-class campus for ocean education at the Port of Los Angeles dedicated to accelerating scientific collaboration, advancing an emerging blue economy through business innovation and job creation, and inspiring the next generation, all for a more sustainable, just and equitable world.

AltaSea will create focal points of collaboration by initially focusing on the oceanic fields of Aquaculture and Blue Technology. This approach allows a cluster of business, science and education to be formed at AltaSea around each category. (Beach Cities, Torrance Area, PV Peninsula & San Pedro)

LA County Winter League Day 2022

Climate, Equity and LA-area Transportation and Land Use Decisions



One of the most visible things the ILO does is put on quarterly League Days where Leaguers from around LAC meet to socialize, conduct business and share a learning program about issues facing our county. All League members are invited to these meetings.

Our last in-person ILO meeting was two years ago in January 2020 to learn about Data-Driven Climate Action. We recently met via Zoom to dig deeper into how well our county has executed the stated goals in the 2020 LA County Regional Plan.

LAC ILO invited three panelists to discuss Walking the Talk: Climate, Equity and LA-area Transportation and Land Use Decisions. Shelly Quan and Yu Hong Hwang are recent graduates from UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs whose capstone projects won awards from UCLA's Institute of Transportation Studies. Michael Schneider founded Streets for All, a local advocacy organization.

Click here to read more about this event.

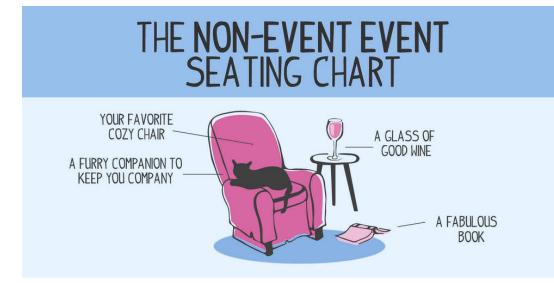
About LWV LA County InterLeague Organization

For those of you new to the LWV, there is a level of the League corresponding to each level of government. Members join their local chapter, and automatically become members of each level. All LWV Beach Cities members are welcome to join activities and work done at the LA County level by the LWV LA County InterLeague Organization (LAC ILO).

You may not be aware of this, but the county is responsible for sanitation, flood control, public health, air and water pollution, criminal justice, transportation, and regional planning as well as for services in unincorporated areas of the county. LA County is also one of 6 counties that make up the <u>Southern California Association of Governments</u>, SCAG. Sacramento makes the laws. Then SCAG determines how to apply them in the 6-county 19.5 million person area. ILO members are busy behind the scenes monitoring County and SCAG board/commission activities, and acting when appropriate.

Want to get beyond the Beach Cities Bubble & learn more about our regional issues? ILO is a perfect place to get involved as an off-board volunteer. The monthly Water and Infrastructure Group, WIG, is an ILO endeavor co-organized by Grace Peng from LWVBC and Kathy Kunysz from LWV Pasadena Area. Contact LWVBC members Grace Peng, gspeng.lwv@gmail.com or Teri Neustaedter, Tmufic@gmail.com, to get involved with ILO.

> **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS YEAR'S NON-EVENT** Only a few weeks into our fundraiser we have already collected \$2700!



Instead of the traditional fund-raiser that makes demands on time, or adds one more Zoom meeting, our **League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities' Annual NON-EVENT** enables you to provide support without leaving home. You can write a check to LWVBC for any amount you care to contribute, or you can donate online by going to our website at <u>lwvbeachcities.org</u>.

Click here to read the non-event letter that was mailed to all members.

We keep our membership dues small to encourage participation, but all of that money goes to cover our obligations to the national, state and county leagues. Our local branch operating expenses come from the additional support of those who are able to provide it. LWVBC is a charitable 501C3, which means that your dues and contributions are tax deductible.

Your past contributions have enabled us to continue our program of voter registration, candidate forums, citizen education, school outreach, special events and advocacy activities. We are already in the process of preparing for the local city council and school board elections on June 7! With your support this vital work can continue.

The generosity of our members gives us the flexibility to respond to our community. One of the ways we spend your dollars is to offer a small scholarship to a deserving local student who needs a little extra funding for books or a new computer to continue their studies at one of our excellent community colleges.

Every contribution, small or large is appreciated! If you have not donated yet, there is still time - so go on line to <u>LWVbeachcities.org</u> – <u>Donate - LWV Beach Cities</u> or use the return envelope that came with the letter. You can mail your check to 629 19th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. And be sure to enjoy your own personal non-event!

DONATE NOW!

Thank you to all who have responded so far to our annual non-event drive:

Jane Alfonso Barbara Arlow Peggy Bartlett Don & Sari Brann Mark Burton Marilyn Dubas Roslyn Fanello Susan Grebe Jeanne Hamilton Amy Howorth Alli Jason Betty Keel Joann Kennelly

Ann Kuhns Joan LeSage Lillian Lunt Penny and Paul Markey Jane Munson Michelle Murphy Mignon Thiem Murphy Dency & Moira Nelson Teri Neustaedter Barbara Paulson Sunhee Park Vivian Rahe April Halprin Wayland

Nominations are open for LWVBC Officers and Board Members

for 2022-2024.



Would you like to be an officer? Have you thought about joining the Board? Now is the time - let us know that you are interested. We are looking for more help!

Nominations for officer positions: President, VP, and Secretary, and Board seats, may be sent to Roz Fanello at <u>fanellopeter@gmail.com</u>. Consider nominating yourself as well as others! Send your Nominations NOW! The term starts in May at the Annual Meeting. Your input and participation is critical to create a strong League!



League Of Women Voters Partners With Lyft To Get Out The Vote In 2022

WASHINGTON- February 23, 2022

The League of Women Voters and Lyft today announced a partnership to provide access to transportation to the polls on Election Day. Through its LyftUp Voting Access Program, Lyft will offer free and discounted rides for the upcoming midterm elections on November 8. The League has partnered with Lyft previously in 2018 and 2020.

"Transportation should never be a barrier to exercising the right to vote," said **Virginia Kase Solomón**, CEO of the League of Women Voters. "We are excited to partner with Lyft to make voting in this year's midterm elections more accessible for everyone. Access to affordable and reliable transportation can be a challenge, especially for those in underserved communities, and providing free or discounted rides to the polls helps remove that barrier."

"We believe that everyone who wants to get to the polls should be able to do so – regardless of income, zip code, or political affiliation," said **Celia Moreno**, Social Impact Specialist at Lyft. "We're proud to partner with the League of Women Voters to reduce transportation barriers for voting this election year."

The League of Women Voters is working to reach millions of voters ahead of the 2022 General Election, through an integrated <u>Women</u> <u>Power Democracy</u> plan to register, educate and turn out a historic number of voters. LWV is encouraging all Americans to make a plan to vote this year.

Click here to read more.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

VOTER SERVICES

VOTER SERVICES NEEDS YOU!



The Voter Services Committee had its first meeting in February to discuss the scope of work to be done this year and identify volunteers to assist the committee chair with organizational work and presentations. There are four areas of emphasis for voter services: voter registration, candidate forums, pros and cons presentations on ballot propositions, and supporting Voter's Edge.

The League promotes voter registration at community fairs and at local high schools, both in the classroom and on campus in areas where students assemble. This year it is unclear whether we will be allowed on campus due to Covid protocols.

We also host candidate forums so that candidates may address the public, answering questions submitted in advance. There are strict guidelines on appropriate practices during candidate forums, including no campaign materials in the room and no "hot seat" questions intended to embarrass a candidate.

Pros and Cons are presentations that inform the public of the general content of each proposition, including what the supporters and opponents say, and who has provided funding for the campaign.

Voter's Edge is a League of Women Voters service that provides a free website for candidates to input their background information and position on issues. Our role at the local level is to inform local candidates of this service and encourage their participation.

Activities will begin in April and May with voter registration in the schools, if possible. We also may do a joint candidate forum in May with the Palos Verdes and Torrance LWVs for local candidates for state senate and assembly. In October we will be active with Pros and Cons and candidate forums for local offices.

We need volunteers for all these activities - Please send us your name and tell us what you are interested in doing!

Email: jeannehamiltonclaremont@gmail.com

NATURAL RESOURCES

Water & Infrastructure Group – It's not just about water!



Photo: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Please join WIG on the second Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30pm for an educational presentation and discussion on water, other natural resources and climate change issues.

Upcoming presentations:

March 10, 2022: Decarbonizing California's Economy: The Bigger Picture with Mohit Chhabra, Senior Scientist for Natural Resources Defense Council

April 28, 2022: Changing River Flows and Novel Ecosystems in the Los Angeles and Santa Clara Rivers with Melissa Von Mayerhauser of UC Berkeley

Add these events to your calendar! We hope to see you! If you have a topic that you would like to see covered, please email Kathy Kunysz at <u>irwinkunysz@sbcglobal.net</u> or Grace Peng at <u>gpeng.lwv@gmail.com</u>.

<u>Click here to visit the Natural Resources page</u> which has Zoom links, plus past recordings, and slides.

Click here for the WIG History and an interesting & informative summary of past presentations. (WIG History and Recap by Grace Peng)

HOMELESSNESS / HOUSING

Rent Relief - Do you know anyone worried about eviction?

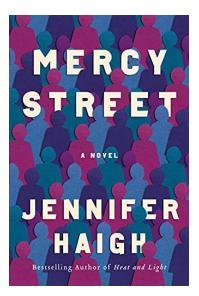
Keep this LA County Resource Guide prepared by our Council of Governments handy! It's a wealth of information to share with anyone who may be in jeopardy of eviction. Estimates predict up to half of all renters in our county could receive eviction notices. There is money available to keep them in their home (preventing an increase in homelessness!), but they cannot delay!

Get more information about Rent Relief

BOOK CLUB

March Book Club

Wednesday, March 23, 7:00pm



For almost a decade, Claudia has counseled patients at Mercy Street, a clinic in the heart of the city. The work is consuming, the unending dramas of women in crisis. For its patients, Mercy Street offers more than health care; for many, it is a second chance.

But outside the clinic, the reality is different. Anonymous threats are frequent. A small, determined group of anti-abortion demonstrators appears each morning at its door. As the protests intensify, fear creeps into Claudia's days, a humming anxiety she manages with frequent visits to Timmy, an affable pot dealer in the midst of his own existential crisis. At Timmy's, she encounters a random assortment of customers, including Anthony, a lost soul who spends most of his life online, chatting with the mysterious Excelsior11—the screenname of Victor Prine, an anti-abortion crusader who has set his sights on Mercy Street and is ready to risk it all for his beliefs.

Mercy Street is a novel for right now, a story of the polarized American present. Jennifer Haigh, "an expert natural storyteller with a keen sense of her characters' humanity" (New York Times), has written a groundbreaking novel, a fearless examination of one of the most divisive issues of our time.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Health & Wellness Committee Update

In 2022 the Health & Wellness Committee continues to focus on the older adult community in our service area (age 55+). Please read about our projects below and visit our webpage at https://wwbeachcities.org/health--wellness.html



We are assisting the **Westside Pacific Villages** (WPV) expand their pool of volunteers, especially in the cities of Inglewood and Hawthorne. Most of their senior services are supplemental to the services the clients are receiving from other resources (age 65+). The goal of WPV is to enable residents who prefer to remain in their own homes and communities for as long as they want (Goal 1 of the MPA). https://thewpy.org



The Master Plan for Aging (MPA) is now in the implementation phase of the Five Bold Goals for 2030. Goal 1: Housing for all Ages and Stages; Goal 2: Health Reimagined; Goal 3: Inclusion & Equity, Not Isolation; Goal 4: Caregiving That Works; Goal 5: Affording Aging. The California Department of Aging (CDA) is responsible for the implementation. We have been networking with the CDA and other agencies that are working with the implementation process. <u>https://mpa.aging.ca.gov</u>



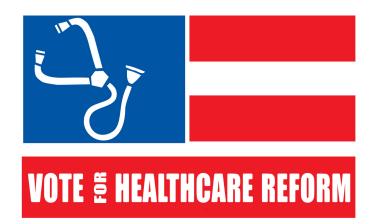
We have also been networking with cities in our area to become aware of and involved in the **AARP Livable Communities Program**. This program is embedded in the MPA. https://www.aarp.org To educate ourselves about the issues seniors are facing locally, we invited speakers from the County Department of Public Health (DPH) to talk about how COVID-19 has affected the seniors in Inglewood. We also invited the Program Manager from the city of Inglewood's HUD program to inform us about the housing issues of senior and low-income residents. View slides and video here: https://www.aero.org To educate ourselves about the issues seniors are facing locally, we invited speakers from the County Department of Public Health (DPH) to talk about how COVID-19 has affected the seniors in Inglewood. We also invited the Program Manager from the city of Inglewood's HUD program to inform us about the housing issues of senior and low-income residents. View slides and video here: https://www.aero.org/health--wellness.html

Read more here about Inglewood Services:

Curtis Tucker Center for Community Wellness (CCW) Inglewood https://dhs.lacounty.gov/curtistucker/ Inglewood Senior Center – Human Services Supervisor – City of Inglewood https://www.cityofinglewood.org/788/Senior-Services

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Join the LWV California Healthcare Interest Group



Are you interested in health care issues? Do you want to connect with others in the state advocating for health care reforms? If so, please join the LWVC HCIG.

The LWVC 2021 Convention's Caucus on Health Care generated interest in creating a statewide network of League members working on health care issues. They have finalized their mission statement, discussed goals, and are working on tools for education and advocacy. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7pm. To keep abreast of what this group is doing, join the LWVC HCIG Google Group — please send your request to:

HCIG 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.

Click here for the LWVUS position on healthcare: (pages 129-134)

Goals/Interests include: Behavioral/Mental Health in California; Develop a Toolkit of Resources on Healthcare Issues; 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. Any questions? Please contact Marian Shostrom at the Diablo Valley League <u>healthcare@lwvdv.org</u> or Margie Hoyt from LWV Beach Cities <u>margie.hoyt@gmail.com</u>.

EDUCATION

LWVBC College Scholarship Applications Are Being Accepted Now!



The Scholarship Committee will be offering seniors at Leuzinger High School an opportunity to apply for scholarship money for this coming year. Our small but mighty group designed a student scholarship application.

Leuzinger Counselor Donna McCoy oversees the college scholarship program and will publicize this opportunity to the seniors. Students have until April 1st to submit the online application. The committee now has an email address specifically for the scholarship applications and any possible questions: <u>BCLWV.Scholarships@gmail.com</u>. We are excited about this program and can't wait to start receiving those applications!

Our committee consists of Susan Grebe, Barbara Arlow and Mary Dillon. Special thanks to Chris Davis for developing an application that can be submitted entirely online.

MENTAL HEALTH

The Mental Health Committee Update

On Feb. 11th, the committee met with Ali Seward, <u>Beach Cities Health District's Director of Youth Services</u>.



Ali talked about all the services that BCHD provided to our schools, including Covid vaccinations and testing, substance abuse prevention, and mental health support.

She also announced a new project that BCHD is working on: a Wellness Center for youth ages 12-25 with a \$2 million grant. They are one of five entities to receive this grant in the state. The new center will follow an international model and provide wellness services, substance counseling, and college and career counseling. BCHD plans to partner with other area agencies to provide the services and will incorporate input from a Youth Advisory Board in its design.

Truly exciting news for our Beach Cities community!

New California Recycling Law

SB 1383 is a California Organics law that went into effect on January 1, 2022. It is part of a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants such as methane gas – one of the most potent greenhouse gases in the Earth's atmosphere.

The February Mixer started with a discussion on Voter Services, then the February Homeless Count, and ended with how to recycle food waste. Which left us hanging with more questions...

Have you started kitchen composting? Are you confused about the new organic waste recycling law and what to do with your food waste? Do you know what happens to your trash and recyclables?

Effective January 1, 2022, the <u>Short-Term Climate Pollutants Regulations</u> (SB 1383) set a target to reduce California's landfilled organic waste by 75% by 2025. Cities must establish organic (food waste and green waste) recycling programs for all residents & businesses. In addition, cities must facilitate a food rescue program.

Click here to learn more about different cities' programs and helpful resources.



Who to Contact

VOTER SERVICES: Jeanne Hamilton jeannehamiltonclaremont@gmail.com BOOK GROUP: Debra Estroff Debraestroff5@gmail.com. 310 308 3246 4th Wednesday of the month. (May vary due to holidays) MIXERS: Arnette Travis amettetravis@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. 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

> 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 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.

Where do we stand? <u>Impact on Issues</u> <u>2020–2022:</u> <u>A Guide to Public Policy Positions of the</u> <u>League of Women Voters</u>

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

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.







League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities

629 19th Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 310 379 6663 www.lwvbeachcities.org

Copyright © 2022 League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails? You can <u>update your preferences</u> or <u>unsubscribe from this list</u>.

