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February Events

- **Member Mixer—2/20/20, 6pm—8pm, [Mother's Market and Kitchen](#), 1700 Rosecrans, Ave. Manhattan Beach**
Get connected with other league members. Contact Arnett Davis for more details.
- **Follow the Money: California's Budget: Education vs Everything Else - 2/24/20, 7-8:30pm, Mira Costa High School Small Theater**
The Education Committee is hosting John Chiang, former California State Treasurer, and a previous candidate for governor in 2018. He will be addressing California's prioritization of education through state funding. John Chiang will compare CA budget patterns with those in other states. Q&A session to follow the presentation.
- **February Book Club - 2/27/20, 7pm-8:30pm, St. Cross Episcopal Church, Hermosa Beach**
Come join the book club with lively discussion over [The Woman's Hour—The Great Fight to Win the Vote](#) by Elaine Weiss. Didn't finish, join us anyway and decide next month's book!
- **We Need Your Suggestions!**
Do you have an idea for a local program that would be of interest to our League members? All members of the LWV Beach Cities are encouraged to suggest topics for local programs in areas of interest. Recommendations may be sent to Barbara Arlow gerbar92@msn.com 310-379-6663 or to Joan LeSage sage.joan@gmail.com 310-854-2254.
- Questions? [Contact us anytime!](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

The LWVBC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Penny Markey, will soon begin the process of compiling a slate of Board members for the 2020-2021 program year. In this election year, the League will play an important role. We will be actively engaging our communities in the electoral process, conducting candidate forums, registering voters and more. We will be conducting forums and providing information on important civic issues as well as encouraging our citizens of all ages to vote!

If you've ever considered taking a more active role in the League, now is the time! We want to hear from you. We want to learn from you. Positions are available on the Board of Directors as well as various working committees such as voter services, membership, homeless, environmental, and education issues, etc.

After all, any organization is only as strong as its volunteers. If you're interested in helping with those efforts, contact Penny at pennymarkey@gmail.com or 310-379-9972.

- **Looking for a creative, flexible position?** We need Publicity, Photographers, and Newsletter contributors. Please contact Ashley Kruchdele at ashley.kruchdele@gmail.com
- **NEW POSITION! Newsletter Editor** Contact Ashley Kruchdele at ashley.kruchdele@gmail.com
- **Interested in Voter Service activities?** Contact Barbara Arlow gerbar92@msn.com or for Voter's Edge support <http://votersedge.org/ca> contact Joan LeSage sage.joan@gmail.com
- **Join a Social Policy Committee**
 - Education—Jeanne Hamilton jeannehamiltonclaremont@gmail.com
 - Housing/Homelessness—Teri Neustaedter tmufic@gmail.com
 - Natural Resources/Climate Change - Grace Peng spikey@gmail.com
 - Health and Wellness - Harriet Chase hzchase@roadrunner.com
- **Join the Book Club** led by Debra Estroff Dbestroff@mednet.ucla.edu
- **Meet up at a Member Mixer** set-up by Arnette Travis arnettetravis@gmail.com
- **Become a New Member Ambassador....** even if you are new! Welcome new members and invite them to league events. Contact Ann Kuhns annkuhns@verizon.net

Please send all membership updates and ideas to Ann Kuhns at annkuhns@verizon.net

In the News

- Keep an eye out for [Vote yes on Prop 13](#): Bonds for Schools and Colleges on the March 3rd ballot!
- History was made on January 15th, 2020, as Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) by passing the three-fourths threshold of support required from the states for a constitutional amendment.

Now we will urge Congress to remove the ratification deadline it imposed after passing the measure in 1972. The League of Women voters is advocating for Congress to eliminate or extend the ratification deadline on the ERA so it will become part of the Constitution as the 28th amendment.

As we celebrate the Centennial of the both the passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters (LWV), let us recall and honor those brave women who fought for their rights as equal citizens.

Read more about the history of the equal rights amendment at [Smithsonian Magazine](#).

Committee Updates



- **Education**—The Education Committee is examining two areas of interest for the year - [early childhood education](#) and the [impact of declining enrollment on low-income districts](#). If you are interested in participating with us on either of these topics, please contact [Jeanne Hamilton](#) for more information.
- **Health and Wellness** — The Health and Wellness Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 1:00 pm at Harriet's home. Our focus is on helping seniors in our service area to age well. We are planning to move on from presenting our goals to organizations and city departments in Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lennox to working with them in planning special projects for the seniors. At this meeting we'll be discussing possible projects. We welcome new members to our committee! Please contact Harriet Chase, Co-chair, for interest or more information at: hzchase@roadrunner.com. Contact [Harriet Chase](#) for interest.
- **Homelessness**— Our team meets every 6-8 weeks to work on educational updates for our members and local residents; we also coordinate support for service projects. Most team members work with other organizations actively involved with homelessness and housing, bringing that knowledge back to the League. Email [Teri Neustaedter](#) at tmufic@gmail.com or call (913) 568-5466 if you're interested in joining our group!
- **Natural Resources**— The natural resources committee supports on a local level the LWV policy to "Promote an environment beneficial to life through the protection and wise management of natural resources in the public interest." Climate change, clean air and water, and environmental justice are high priorities.

We analyze objective evidence including technical reports, research articles and government records. By understanding the past and present, we can determine the policies that can help us reach the future we want. Then we fight hard to get those policies enacted and implemented.

Because housing policy is climate policy, we work with the housing and homelessness committee. Pushing electeds to enact a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that follows the law and reduces carbon dioxide emissions instead of accelerating climate change has been the biggest priority in 2019.

For further questions, please contact [Grace Peng](#) (310-613-7432).

Stay Connected!

Like to add something to next months calendar? Please contact us by the following:

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