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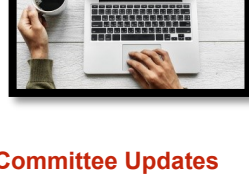
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Letter from the LWV Beach Cities Co-Presidents

The world may have gone crazy, but some things do not change. We still need to support and care for each other and the things we believe in. So our League will follow social distancing and health directives, and we are finding ways to continue!

The extremely important, once in ten years, 2020 census is in progress. Urge your family, friends and community members to complete the form.

Our Health and Wellness Committee held the first "Zoom" meeting for our League and everyone figured it out (try it- easier than you think!) and got on line. Thank you Harriet Chase for your leadership! This committee has been making amazing progress on working with Inglewood and Hawthorne to develop age-friendly communities working with AARP and local community leaders.

Our Book Club Zoom meeting included Susan Kane, the author of Prison Nurse. Read on for the next book and meeting date!

Our next Board meeting will be a Zoom meeting on April 13, at 7pm. Feel free to join us and share any ideas you may have.

Stay safe! Stay well! Stay positive! Stay active! Read on and join in!

- Barbara Arlow and Joan LeSage
Co-Presidents of the LWV Beach Cities

Thank You for your Generosity for the March Non-Event Contributions!!

Jeanne Hamilton	Melen McBride	Vanessa Poster
Joan LeSage	Jane Munson	Carole Wagner Vallianos
Jan Nathanson	Patti Neumann	Carolyn & Ray Waters

April Events

- **Board Meeting - 4/13/20, 7-9:30pm Via Zoom** ([Click Here to Join](#))
Meeting ID: 410 978 5939
Password: LWVBC
- **April Book Club - 4/23/20, 7-8:30pm, Via Zoom**
Come join the book club with lively discussion via Zoom (Virtual platform) over [*No Visible Bruises: What We Don't Know About Domestic Violence Can Kill Us*](#) by Rachel Louise Snyder. Didn't finish, join us anyway and decide next month's book! We will send a link prior to the meeting to join.
- **US Census:** Don't forget to complete the census at my2020census.gov
- **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](mailto:Barbara.Arlow@msn.com) gerbar92@msn.com 310-379-6663 or to [Joan LeSage](mailto:Joan.LeSage@gmail.com) 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.

- **Join the board by becoming the Secretary to the Board!** The League's longtime secretary to the Board is leaving her position. It is an important leadership post. We need a person who is able to attend the monthly Board Meeting; take notes and compile minutes. Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7pm.
- **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 hychase@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 arnettettravis@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

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 via Zoom **TBD**. 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. Please contact Harriet Chase, Co-chair, for interest or more information at: hychase@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](mailto:Teri.Neustaedter@gmail.com) at tmufic@gmail.com or call (913) 568-5466 if you're interested in joining our group!

- **Natural Resources**—

A major water report by UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation was published: Community Water Systems in Los Angeles County: A Performance Policy Guide Full report [here](#).

Our drinking water supply is generally very safe and much safer than other parts of the country and CA. Maximum Contamination Load (MCL) violations are exceptionally low and concentrated in rural sites along the northern border of LA county.

About 2% of Californians lack access to clean water. ~1600 customers in LA County have high levels of arsenic in their tap water. People living in mobile home parks are more likely to be affected.. Consolidation of water agencies (as larger agencies absorb smaller ones) has helped make drinking water safer. [\(Source\)](#)

Water cost burden continues to be a problem as water costs have gone up faster than income and general inflation. [\(Source\)](#)

See project results page in report for a [link](#) to full data.

The California Water Board released a [report](#) on low-income water affordability to satisfy AB401; related to AB685 and SB200:

Options: (LA Water Board recommendations)
Direct bill assistance does not help renters whose water bill is included in rent.

Renters' water credit gives help once a year while water bills are monthly and poorer families move more frequently.

Crisis assistance can be added to either option 1 or 2 and can keep the water from being shut off.

Set financial assistance per household assumes 3 people at 49 gpd (gallons per person per day) and does not take into account household size.

California's use of Colorado river water in 2019 was the lowest since 1950 due to ample Sierra snowpack and SoCal rain in the winter for 2018/2019. [\(Source\)](#)

The efficiencies of urbanization have completely decoupled water use from population and economic growth. Urban water use per capita has dropped so much in LA County that many areas are already hitting the CA targets of 55 gpd indoor water use a decade early. Because indoor water can be recycled while outdoor landscape water is consumed, replacing a single family home with a large yard with multi-unit housing would actually save water. LWVC policies about housing & water should be updated to reflect this new reality.

Oil refineries use large amounts of (recycled) water for cooling. Half of that water is consumed through evaporation; the other half is sent to sewage treatment plants and can be recycled. Using less gasoline will reduce our regional water use.

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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