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## Letter from the LWV Beach Cities Co-Presidents

Rejoice! Alas!

Rejoice because we will have an Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 13!

Alas- because it will be a Zoom meeting, but positive proof that we are resilient and we will continue. (Our book club just read about the history of the Suffragists and clearly we follow a lot of extraordinary people who would never give up!). If you haven't tried Zoom this is your chance. Try signing in about 15 minutes early so you have a little time to figure it out. We have had Board meetings, Happy Hour Mixers, Book Club and committee meetings on Zoom. It works! In today's world of sheltering in place it is so fun to actually see other people- so please join us.

Our Annual Meeting is an important meeting and we need to have a quorum in order to conduct business so we need you to attend! We will be electing officers, setting the budget and program for next year. Now is the time to let us know what you want this League to be doing!

Also, we are having a fantastic speaker at 12:00 - Dr. Michele Devlin is going to talk about Coronavirus From the Frontlines! Michele is from CA, but now she is a Public Health professional working on COVID on the "ground" in the packing plants of Iowa and the Navajo Nation reservations. She will share the actual facts! There will be time for Q and A's.

You should have received an email from Barbara or by mail with the "Kit". Contact [sage.joan@gmail.com](mailto:sage.joan@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Stay healthy! Stay safe! Stay connected!  
See you on Zoom!

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

## 2020 Recipient of the LWV Beach Cities Scholarship for voter registration and community service

**GLORIA PEREZ**

**Student Representative at Da Vinci Schools**

## June Events

- Annual LWV Meeting: 6/13/2020, 10-1pm, Via Zoom**  
Join as we elect new officers, approve the next fiscal year budget, approve by laws changes, and help decide program focuses for the upcoming year—all virtually via zoom. Please have your packets printed and downloaded prior to the meeting.  
Download Zoom app on phone or computer or call in 408-638-0968 and use #4786303635
- Member Mixer: 6/18/20, 7-8:30pm, Via Zoom**  
Come meet new people while still practicing safe social distancing over zoom. Watch your emails with a zoom link.
- June Book Club - 6/23/2020, 7-8:30pm, Via Zoom**  
Join the LWV book club as they read *One Mighty and Irresistible Tide: The Epic Struggle Over American immigration, 1924-1965*, by Jia Lynn Yang. An email will be sent out with the zoom invite.
- Need Covid 19 information and local resources?**  
This comprehensive guide was put together by One Degree and Cal State Los Angeles Masters of Public Health students, and is being updated regularly. Check it out and keep it [bookmarked!](#)
- 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!](#)

## Student Representatives



Beach Cities' had student representatives at 3 high schools: DaVinci Schools, Mira Costa and Redondo Union. They volunteered at member meetings, attended the fall tri-league and January Centennial meetings, collected sanitary pads for distribution to the needy, and registered students to vote.

Thank you to Arielle Hershkowitz, Collette Tibbets, Emily Krigsman, Gloria Perez, Lauren Krause, Leila Ghazvini, Megan Yeh, and Samantha Aldover.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION!

## Committee Updates

- Homelessness—**  
[St. Margaret's Center](#) in Lennox provides relief, dignity and support to low-income persons in crisis and assists individuals through case management and skills development to become more self-sufficient and to achieve economic security. The Center's services include food assistance, emergency rent, counseling and health services, and legal aid, among many others. The Health & Wellness Committee has visited this multi-purpose location and spoken with its impressive executive director at length.  
The Center is currently seeking monetary donations for safety and cleaning supplies, and baby formula and wipes. There are two ways to donate:  
 - **ONLINE:** Visit the [Catholic Charities website](#) On the website choose the "designation" field, scroll down and select St. Margaret's Community Services Center.  
 - **CHECK:** Mail directly to St. Margaret's Center. 10217 S Inglewood Ave, Inglewood, CA 90304

If you might be interested in volunteering, please visit the [St. Margaret's](#) website or contact [yvillalobos@ccharities.org](mailto:yvillalobos@ccharities.org) to apply.

Thank you for your consideration!

### Homelessness & Housing Update:

Plans are underway to transition those in [Project Roomkey](#) (homeless seniors who are not infected with C19) to a [post-pandemic housing program](#). In Sacramento, our legislators are focused on new bills to assist with C19, as well as [Housing, Homelessness](#) and Wildfires/Drought.

A LWVC Homelessness Task Force is close to finishing an Action Policy for local leagues to use as a to guide advocacy efforts.

[Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority](#) will soon make available the 2020 Homeless Count Numbers. Should you see someone in distress, contact [LA-HOP](#) for help.

[South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness](#) coordinates the homelessness efforts of service groups in the South Bay. They are a great resource if you know someone in need.

Are you interested in learning more about the homeless? [The Invisible People](#) website lets you hear their stories, and helps you understand what they face on a daily basis. Take 5 minutes to listen – help us change the story of homelessness. Contact Teri Neustaedter if you're interested in joining our committee: [tmufic@gmail.com](mailto:tmufic@gmail.com); 913 568 5466.

- Natural Resources—** Written by Grace Peng  
Because of the link between air pollution and COVID-19 mortality, governments around the world are trying to keep people from getting back into cars. Overview: <https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/covid-pm>  
Paper: <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.05.20054502v2>

The US is the only country that has people actively advocating for moving away from transit towards single occupant cars as a way to avoid spreading germs. That would elevate pollution levels and potentially kill more people.

Asian and European cities are running more frequent (and emptier) transit, so that physical distancing is possible. They are using dedicated right of way (bus lanes) so that buses move faster and people spend less time on buses. If you speed up a bus by 2x, say from 9 mph (typical in LA) to 18 mph, then you can double bus frequency without adding more buses or drivers. This reduces everyone's travel and exposure times.

They are also rapidly deploying bike lanes so shorter trips can be done by bike. Worldwide, there has been a huge rush to bikes and ebikes.

Taipei has had 50% decrease (normal 43%) in transit ridership, slight dip in car traffic. The rest of the trips were shifted to walking or biking or staying home.

In contrast, Metro LA is running on less frequent Sunday schedules, which are getting very crowded. Bus ridership is down 60%. Trains down 70%. They are running 60' instead of 45' buses so that more people can safely distance on buses. Adding buses back in to between a Sat and Sun schedule. LA has not been adding bike or bus lanes, as European, Asian, Latin American and Canadian cities have done.

Universal masking is the norm in Asian capitals, which have decreased transmission rates significantly.

In the US, masks have become controversial, just like vaccines, climate change, car dependence and urban infill housing.

Scientists know that correlation does not imply causation. But it is not ethical to perform any experiment that would infect someone with COVID.

Biostatisticians and epidemiologists have deep expertise in using carefully designed analysis (matched controls, control of confounding factors) techniques.

They have explained why some areas are hit much harder than others. It's not just density, it's behavior.

<https://thecity.nyc/2020/05/the-life-and-death-divide-between-flushing-and-corona.html>

Working class/poor Asian American neighborhoods experience much lower infection rates than other adjacent neighborhoods matched for income, education, housing (same subway line, other side of blvd) because behavior was very different. Immediate shutdown of stores (ahead of state and city orders) and reopening only after Protective measures were implemented.

Masks and PPE, going out only for work and supplies.

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

- 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 (Meeting ID 392-661-2486) on Tuesday, June 23rd at 1pm. Our focus is on helping seniors in our service area to age well. The committee has been working with Inglewood and community leaders to assist in preparing a proposal for AARP's 2020 Community Challenge. Please contact [Harriet Chase](#) for interest: [hzhase@roadrunner.com](mailto:hzhase@roadrunner.com)/310-545-1026.

## Stay Connected!

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

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