

June 2020

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<u>Letter from the LWV Beach Cities Co-Presidents</u>





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

Rejoice! Alas!

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 lowa 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 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

Student Representative at Da Vinci Schools

voter registration and community service GLORIA PEREZ

June Events Annual LWV Meeting: 6/13/2020, 10-1pm, Via Zoom

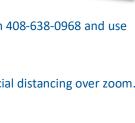
virtually via zoom. Please have your packets printed and downloaded prior to the meeting.

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 ome 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 <u>One Mighty and Irresistible Tide: The Epic</u>

will be sent out with the zoom invite.

We Need Your Suggestions!

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



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!

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

Struggle Over American immigration, 1924-1965, by Jia Lynn Yang. An email

LeSage 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

registered students to vote.

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

CONGRATUATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION!



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,

Union. They volunteered at member meetings, attended the fall tri-league and January Centennial meetings, collected sanitary pads for distribution to the needy, and

"designation" field, scroll down and select St. Margaret's Community Services - 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

counseling and health services, and legal aid, among many others. The Health & Wellness Committee has visited this multi-purpose location and spoken with

The Center is currently seeking monetary donations for safety and cleaning supplies, and baby formula and wipes. There are two ways to donate:

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. <u>Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority</u> will soon make available the 2020

Homeless Count Numbers. Should you see someone in distress, contact LA-

South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness coordinates the homelessness

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

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; 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

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

Universal masking is the norm in Asian capitals, which have decreased

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

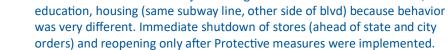
Worldwide, there has been a huge rush to bikes and ebikes.

and Canadian cities have done.

transmission rates significantly.

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-andcorona.html Working class/poor Asian American neighborhoods experience much lower infection rates than other adjacent neighborhoods matched for income,

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 hzchase@roadrunner.com/310-545-1026.



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

these topics, please contact <u>Jeanne Hamilton</u> for more information. • Health and Wellness — The Health and Wellness Committee will be

for AARP's 2020 Community Challenge. Please contact Harriet Chase for interest: Stav Connected!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'

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

- **ONLINE:** Visit the <u>Catholic Charities website</u> On the website choose the Center.

HOP for help.

people.

its impressive executive director at length.

website or contact vvillalobos@ccharities.org to apply. Thank you for your consideration! <u>Homelessness & Housing Update:</u>

efforts of service groups in the South Bay. They are a great resource if you know someone in need.

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.

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

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.

Scientists know that correlation does not imply causation. But it is not ethical

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

what's new online or on Facebook!

LWV of the Beach Cities