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JULY PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

Everything is "opening up." What does that mean? Back to normal? What is normal anyway?

The [League of Women Voters of California](#) just ended its first virtual convention. Although we missed the camaraderie, 62 local leagues participated and shared the exceptional work of committees that put on subject matter caucuses and workshops. It was extraordinary. The League has so much going on that it is hard to even describe. There are four general areas that were adopted by the [Convention](#) for education and advocacy. Are you interested in Making Democracy Work with a focus on Civic Education? Climate Change and Sustainability with a focus on Water? Housing and Homelessness? Criminal Justice Reform? Local leagues across the state are joining statewide committees to make a difference in these areas. We are happy to brag about the exceptional contributions of our own League members Teri Neustaedter (Homelessness) and Grace Peng (Water) who provided expertise and good judgment to their respective committees, and were both speakers in the workshops. I urge you to go to the state's [Post Convention Page](#) and be inspired by them and many others.

Our Beach Cities League ended this year with a final Membership meeting on June 22, 2021 put on by co-chairs Harriet Chase and Melen McBride and our Health and Wellness Committee. Dr. Donna Benton explained what is happening on the Governor's Master Plan for Aging - did you even know there was a plan? Catch the recording [Here](#) using passcode 1p\$pliX or on our [FACEBOOK page](#)

The answer to my initial questions is that our League is looking forward to a new and better "normal." Our Committees on Mental Health, Education, Water, Homelessness, Voter Services, Health and Wellness, our Observer Corps, Book Club and Mixers are all looking to engage more members. You can spend a little or a lot of time, but we value your ideas and input. If you care about any of these areas please contact the Committee Chairs (or me) and we can discuss how you can get involved and make it a better new normal!

JULY CALENDAR [CLICK TO LINK TO FULL CALENDAR](#)

Saturday, July 10 10am WIG Meeting

Water & Infrastructure Group Meeting (WIG) / [Zoom](#)

Discuss the executive summary in the City of LA and National Renewable Energy Laboratory's exciting roadmaps to 100% Renewable Energy. [LA100: The Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study](#)

[Click here for Zoom](#) For more information, contact Grace Peng gspeng.lwv@gmail.com

Monday, July 12 7:00pm – 7:30pm

Google Drive Tutorial / [Zoom](#)

In lieu of our regular board meeting, we're scheduling Grace to help with all of our members to enhance future computer skills!

[Click here for Zoom](#) For more information, contact Grace Peng gspeng.lwv@gmail.com

Tuesday, July 13 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Health & Wellness Committee / [Zoom](#)

Discuss our work in locating volunteers for [Westside Pacific Villages](#).

[Click here for Zoom](#)

For more information, contact [Harriet Chase](#) at hzchase@roadrunner.com or lwvbeachcities.org

Tuesday, July 27 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Health & Wellness / [Zoom](#)

Discussion of Dr. Donna Benton's talk on the CA Master Plan for Aging from June 22.

Update from Carol Kitabayashi, Exec. Director of the Westside Pacific Village.

Report on the highlights of the Council of Governments two Senior Services Working Group meetings (May 25 & July 27).

[Click here for Zoom](#)

For more information, contact [Harriet Chase](#) at hzchase@roadrunner.com or lwvbeachcities.org

Book Club is on summer break and will resume September 22nd with [The Premonition: A Pandemic Story Hardcover – by Michael Lewis](#)

The 3rd Thursday Mixer for July is cancelled. We look forward to meeting in person August 19th.

Notes from LWV California Convention

By Cynthia A. Cropper-LWVBC



"Intelligence plus character...that is the goal of true education"

Martin Luther King Jr.

What a powerful and educational LWVC Convention 2021! As a first time attendee and delegate, I was extremely proud to represent LWV Beach Cities. I was eager to learn about the possibilities of impacting change and hearing stories from exceptional volunteers who make sacrifices to impact those disenfranchised and under-represented communities. The LWVC Convention 2021, provided an abundance of information and links to further deep dive into areas such as Climate Change & Sustainability with a focus on Water Resources, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Making Democracy Work in CA, Environmental Justice, and Housing and Homelessness to name a few topics. The projects and efforts are ambitious but so many of our CA League members have stepped up and out for the challenge without hesitation. The passion, dedication, and phenomenal partnerships clearly are invaluable.

Initially, I was thinking to focus most of my attention in the Financial and Budget areas, as I have a Budget background, but I was very quickly immersed into the information related to the projects and the enthralling issues of Advocacy and Education.

I attended as a Delegate and was humbled that the LWVBC League would allow a fairly new member to be a part of the LWVC Convention 2021, as a future change maker. What an honor for me and I'm humbled for the opportunity to witness such greatness from LWV California. I also want to benchmark the LWV to use a new word, "Un-Housed" instead of "Homeless". This is a game changer and will take a change in the bylaws, but it's a way for us to be future change makers in the most humane and simple way. Changing the name could ultimately show signs of respect for our under-represented neighbors. President Carol Moon Goldberg strategically said "un-housed" and I certainly feel compelled to support using the word, thereby making a difference in our proper language moving forward.

Lastly, the LWV continues to grow League membership and has recognized an effort to seek out using and creating "Influencers" to aid in its ginormous efforts to continue the allegiance to Voters. The goal of the LWVC Convention 2021, was to provide an abundance of LWV websites with information, links, guides, tools, workshops, partnerships, and key takeaways to assist all League members and interested allies with efforts to be an Advocate and Educator for disenfranchised communities, to Empower Voters and to Defend our Democracy.

Thank you again LWV Beach Cities for the opportunity to represent our Beach Cities.

[Link to the convention website to access some of the workshops.](#)

Donations to Project: NEEDS



LWVBC Board with some of the donations to Project: NEEDS in Redondo Beach. The first in-person Board meeting in a long time!
(left to right Joan LeSage, Yvette Reiner, Barbara Arlow, Ann Kuhns, Dale Petrusis, Harriet Chase, Grace Peng, Jennifer Agliozzo, Teri Neustaedter, and Debra Estroff)

WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE



Water and Infrastructure Group (WIG) Meeting July 10th

Please join WIG via [Zoom](#) at

10 am on Saturday, July 10, 2021

Discuss the City of LA and National Renewable Energy Laboratory's exciting roadmaps to 100% Renewable Energy.

[LA100: The Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study](#)

We'll discuss the executive summary but you are free to read as many of the detailed chapters as you want. I already perused Chapter 10: Environmental Justice. It is impressively detailed and the pollution findings surprised me.

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 851 8857 6071

Passcode: 002936

For more information, contact [Grace Peng](mailto:gspeng.lwv@gmail.com) gspeng.lwv@gmail.com

Recurring Meeting Information

Topic: WIG meeting recurring link

(use the same one each time)

Every month on the Second Saturday

Jul 10, 2021 10:00 AM LA100 plan

<https://www.nrel.gov/analysis/los-angeles-100-percent-renewable-study.html>

Aug 14, 2021 10:00 AM Summer Vacation?

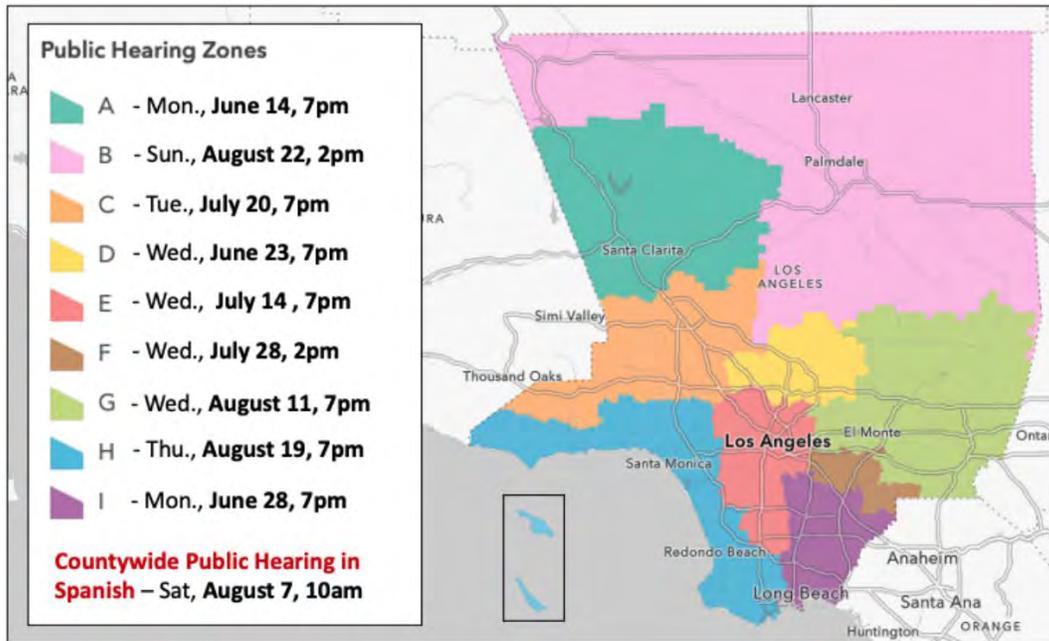
Sep 11, 2021 10:00 AM Suggestions?

Please download and import the following [iCalendar \(.ics\) files](#) to your calendar system.

ADVOCACY

SAVE THE DATE - August 19th 7pm

You're Invited to an Upcoming Redistricting Hearing



The redistricting process is well underway in California. To learn how to participate in the upcoming meetings or submit a public comment to the Commission, you can visit the [LA County Redistricting Commission website here](#) or view this flyer [crc-public-hearing-flyer-ver10.pdf](#)

To help you voice your opinion about your community, here is a [community of interest template](#) that you can use. [Here](#) is a hub of redistricting resources to help you stay engaged with the redistricting process.

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.

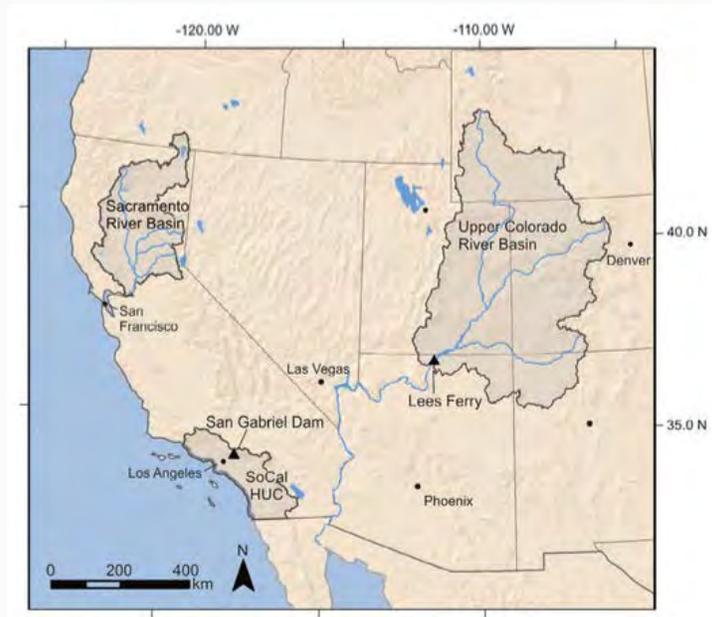
If you are interested, please contact [Dale Petrulis at dale.petrulis@gmail.com](mailto:dale.petrulis@gmail.com) or 310-694-6313.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

First Meeting of the Water and Infrastructure Group (WIG)

About 10 LWVBC members joined our first official Water and Infrastructure Group (WIG) meeting on May 15 to discuss SoCal water supplies. Before the meeting, we read (skipping the highly technical parts) an article from *the Journal of the American Water Resources Association*, *A Long View of Southern California Water Supply: Perfect Droughts Revisited*, by C.A. Woodhouse, D.M. Meko, and E.R. Bigio. Professor Connie Woodhouse was kind enough to give us a free copy of the article pdf so we didn't have to buy it from the journal. She was very happy that her paper was going to be read by LWV influencers.

[Click here to read more about what we learned and discussed.](#)



SoCal derives our water supply from a diversified mix of local and imported sources facilitated & subsidized by the Federal (CO River) and State (Delta) Governments. This three-basin water portfolio diversification has served SoCal well in the past but climate change has increased the likelihood that all three water basins simultaneously experience drought, aka a "perfect drought". Not only are droughts more frequent, they are more prolonged.

We skipped the WIG June meeting due to the LWV California Convention and will reconvene via Zoom at 10:00am on Saturday, July 10th to discuss the City of LA and National Renewable Energy Laboratory's exciting roadmaps to 100% Renewable Energy. [LA100: The Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study](#).

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Drive Clean with the League!



Event via Zoom (same program, multiple opportunities to participate):

Saturday, July 10 2021 - 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Wednesday, July 14 2021 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm

[DRIVE CLEAN WITH THE LEAGUE](#) [Read more](#)

Electric Vehicles come in all shapes and sizes. Join this online event, co-sponsored by the [LWV-California](#) and [Drive Clean California](#) to answer your questions about electric vehicles and ebikes.

You have four dates/times to participate - July 10 and 14, and October 16 and 20.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER HERE.](#)



SBCCOG Local Travel Network for the South Bay

***Did you know that half of all South Bay trips are less than 1 mile
and over 70% are less than 3 miles?***

We don't need to drive multi-ton vehicles carrying on average just over one person for every trip. [South Bay Cities Council of Governments \(SBCCOG\)](#) staff have created a plan to connect the entire South Bay with a network of roads that can be legally used by electric Local Use Vehicles (aka Micromobility) including motorized wheelchairs, e-bikes and golf carts.

In May 2021, the SBCCOG board of directors approved a Local Travel Network (LTN) plan. However, it is voluntary and implementation will be based on the priorities of each city. To ensure that it is not another missed opportunity like the 2011 adopted and then mostly ignored South Bay Bicycle Master Plan, we need your help.

[Learn more about Micromobility and the Local Travel Network using this StoryMap.](#)

We need more voices to stand up for the most efficient and least polluting travel modes.

Keep an eye on your city council's agenda. Whenever there is road work along part of the network, show up and make public comments in support of multi-modal travel to make private cars the last, rather than the first, choice.

LWVBC member **Grace Peng** (*blue pullover on the bike in the StoryMap*) can help you craft your own compelling mobility stories for public comment. gspeng.lwv@gmail.com

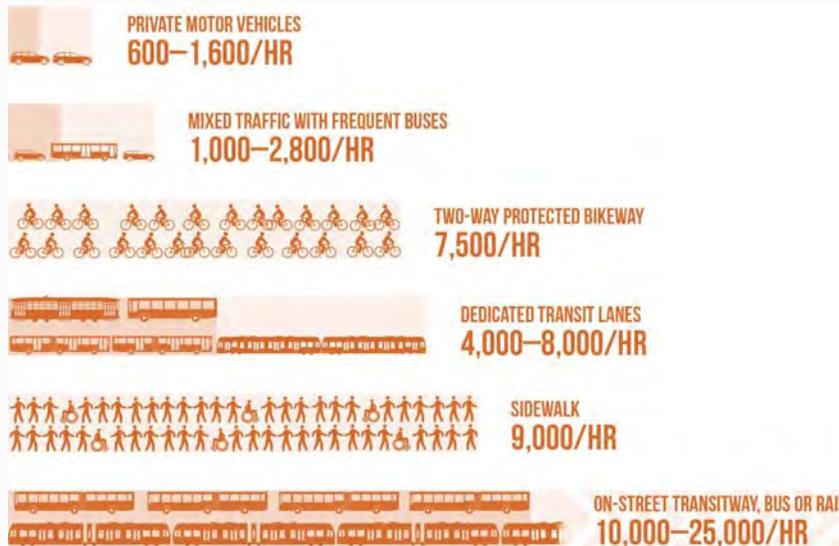


Image courtesy of National Association of City Transportation Officials

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

California's Master Plan on Aging: LWVBC's Zoom Presentation and Discussion



The LWVBC Health & Wellness Committee & MB Senior Resources Committee hosted a program 6/22/2021 on [The California Master Plan for Aging](#) presented by **Dr. Donna Benton, Director of the USC Family Caregiver Support Center**. Donna worked on the Governor's Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Master Plan for Aging.

She covered:

- *Why the plan is necessary*
- *Five goals in the final plan*
- *How to keep California departments accountable*
- *Recommendations for local actions to improve long term care, wellness, and mental health services*

[Click here for the Zoom Meeting Recording](#)

Access Passcode: 1p\$pliX

Asking for your help: Volunteers for Westside Pacific Villages



Do you know any groups, churches or organizations in or near Hawthorne who might be a source of volunteers for Westside Pacific Villages (WPV)?

The Health & Wellness Committee is partnering with Westside Pacific Villages (WPV) to find volunteers for WPV in Hawthorne. WPV provides a variety of free services so seniors can remain in their homes: driving, friendly visits, errands, tech support, yard work, household chores, walking buddy, minor home repairs, pet care, and more. Volunteers can set their own day, time, frequency and help in whatever ways they choose.

Please send your organizational contacts to Harriet Chase at hzchase@roadrunner.com (310) 545-1026.

WPV's executive director, **Carol Kitabayash**, is happy to do presentations and/or other meetings/discussions. Here is a wonderful article about Carol and WPV.

[For Westchester's Citizen of the Year, it's all about coming together to support seniors | The HomeTown News](#)

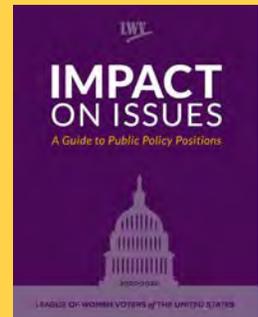
Where do we stand? Impact on Issues

2020–2022:

A Guide to Public Policy Positions of the
League of Women Voters

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

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.



Welcome New Members!

Margie Hoyt - Gardena

Pamela Roper - Inglewood

Malina Hills - Redondo Beach

Alli Jason - Los Angeles



Reminder: Please Send in your Annual Dues

The dues notices for July will be going out at the end of June.

Dues will be the following:

- \$60 for a regular renewing membership
- \$30 for a first year membership
- \$30 for a second member in the same household
- FREE for students enrolled in High School or college

You will receive a dues notice in the mail which is also a return envelope,
which can pay by check or on our website at lwvbeachcities.org/renew

Any questions about dues payments can be directed to our Treasurer, Susan Grebe at SCGREBE@GMAIL.COM or 310-546-7487.

<https://my.lwv.org/california/beach-cities/renew>

Indulge Your Interests! Get involved!

Our members join the League for many reasons and contribute their talents in a variety of ways. Listed below are the active committees within our Beach Cities Chapter, along with the contact person for each committee. Consider how you want to participate in 2021. One thing is for certain – our cities, states, and country need you now, more than ever!

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The more active you are in League, the more rewarding you will find it! You may also want to investigate our LA County Inter-League Organization (ILO) ([email Grace Peng](#)). And right now there are movements around Health Care and Criminal Justice at the state level, if these are areas you're passionate about, don't hold back! Participating on a task force beyond our local chapter can be an incredibly rewarding experience and can really help our chapter become more active regarding those topics. (email [Teri Neustaedter](#) for more information).



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