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The Mid-Term General Election is on Tuesday, November 8.
Redondo Beach's Special Election is on Wednesday, October 19.

Important Dates for General Election:

- **October 10, 2022: Ballots mailed from County**
- **October 24, 2022: Voter Registration deadline**

Mailed ballots: Must be postmarked on or before November 8, 2022, and received by your county elections office no later than November 15, 2022.

November 8, 2022: Election Day

How do I find out about the candidates?

Go to votersedge.org and put in your zip code. This LWV sponsored website provides information on the candidates.

How do I vote in the General Election?

Every registered voter in California will receive a ballot in the mail, about a month before the Tuesday, November 8 election. Register to Vote at registertovote.ca.gov. Don't know if you're registered to vote? Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your registration status or register to vote.

You have 3 ways to vote:

1. VOTE BY MAIL

- You can fill it in and mail it back as soon as you receive it. Return ballots are pre-stamped; no postage needed. Mail your ballot back early because it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, NOVEMBER 8.

2. DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT

- You can drop off your ballot at any voting location in LA County no later than 8 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8.
- Take it to a Vote Center before or on Election Day. For early voting locations, go to www.vote.ca.gov
- Drop it in an official Drop Box. List of drop-off locations available at www.lavote.gov prior to each election or visit your city website

3. VOTE IN PERSON

- Check your Vote Center location on the Registrar's website www.lavote.gov or at www.votersedge.org/ca. Early voting begins October 29. Check early voting locations on the Registrar's website.

On Election Day, all locations are open from 7am to 8pm.

At in-person voting locations you can:

- Vote in person.
- Drop off your completed ballot.
- Vote with an accessible voting machine.
- Get help and voting materials in multiple languages.

For more voting information, check out these sites:

- Register to vote: registertovote.ca.gov
- Find your voting location: findmypollingplace.sos.ca.gov
- Get the facts before you vote with **Voter's Edge**, the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund and MapLight's online ballot lookup tool: votersedge.org.



REDONDO BEACH SPECIAL ELECTION – Wednesday 10/19/2022

A Special Election has been called for Wednesday, October 19 for:

- A city-wide ballot initiative measure to adopt a Cannabis Regulation ordinance (Measure E);
- A recall for Councilmember Zein Obagi, Jr. representing Redondo Beach District 4, and
- Election of a candidate in the event the Recall prevails: Redondo Beach Council District 4 candidate: Tonya McKenzie

SPECIAL ELECTIONS FAQs

Election Deadline October 19, 2022

Who's running it? RB City Clerk

What's on the ballot? City-wide: Cannabis initiative and District 4: Council member recall

Who can vote? Redondo Beach voters

How do I vote by mail?

Vote by Mail ballots automatically sent out to all registered voters ~30 days before Oct 19


How do I return my ballot?

- US Mail: Must be postmarked by October 19 and received by October 26, 2022
- Drop off in person at Redondo Beach City Clerk's office
- Dropbox: Any one of 4 LA County-run dropboxes in Redondo Beach, but turn your ballot in early for redirection to RB or else they may not be counted!

How do I vote in person?

At the Redondo City Clerk's Office for some period (to be announced) Phone: (310) 318-0656 M-F 7:30 to 5:30 except closed on Oct 7. Open until 8pm Oct 19.

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

 City of Redondo Beach	
NOTICE OF ELECTION	
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an all-mailed ballot Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Redondo Beach on Wednesday, October 19, 2022, for recall of Officer, Officer if recall prevails, and Measure as follows:	
Shall Zein Obagi, Jr. be recalled (removed) from the office of Member of the Redondo Beach City Council representing District 4?	YES
	NO
For a Member of the Redondo Beach City Council representing District 4 To succeed Zein Obagi, Jr. if he is recalled. Term Ending March 31, 2025 (Followed by the list of candidates qualifying for this office)	Vote for ONE
AN INITIATIVE ORDINANCE TO (1) ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF THREE CANNABIS RETAILERS IN REDONDO BEACH; (2) REPEAL THE CITY'S PROHIBITION ON COMMERCIAL CANNABIS ACTIVITY (EXCEPT FOR DELIVERIES OF MEDICINAL CANNABIS) AND ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL DISCRETION TO LEGALIZE OTHER CANNABIS USES; AND (3) IMPOSE OPERATIONAL, DESIGN, AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS ON SUCH BUSINESSES.	YES
Shall a measure repealing Redondo Beach's existing prohibition of all commercial cannabis activity; allowing three cannabis retailers within city limits; allowing the Redondo Beach City Council discretion to legalize other cannabis uses; and imposing operational, design, and location requirements on such businesses, be adopted?	NO
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA Eleanor Manzano City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach Easy Reader Inc/Redondo Beach News/July 28, 2022/RD22-052	

Presidents' Message



Presidents' Letter

September marks the start of many league activities focused on the upcoming elections. Yes, plural elections! Redondo Beach is having a special election on October 19th and of course the mid-term is November 8th.

The Voter Services Team spearheaded by Jeanne Hamilton is organizing Pros and Cons forums, candidate forums, and voter registration events. Please reach out to [Jeanne](#) if you want to help!

Mary Dillon and her Voter's Edge team is gearing up to contact candidates for information. If you want to help, please contact [Mary](#). All you need is your phone and email skills.

Many thanks to Dale Petruilis for hosting the September board meeting and postcard writing campaign at her lovely home. Thank you Alli Jason, Sara Rowley, Allison Pease, Chris Davis, Ruth Hart, Susan Grebe, Yvette Reiner, Mary Dillon and Harriet Chase and others who wrote postcards to Texas corporations asking them to take action on women's reproductive rights.

Looking for ways to connect? Please stop by our booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair 10/1-10/2 to meet other league members! Want to know about other league activities? Visit our [website](#) at [lwvbeachcities.org](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) @LWVBC, [Facebook](#) LWVBC, [Instagram](#) lwv_beach_cities and [YouTube](#).

Looking for a way to make a difference? Our members are active in education and advocacy that supports league positions. Are you interested in Climate Change, Natural Resources, Housing, Transportation, Homelessness, Education, Health, Senior Issues, or Local Government? Please contact us or any of the board members to get involved. Have a passion for another issue or ideas for a league event? Please let us know!

We can all be inspired by the tireless efforts of members at the local, state, and national level who advocate for a better world.....we are filled with hope for the future.

Let's all take action during this election season!

Teri and Ann, Co-Presidents

[Teri Neustaedter](#) [Ann Kuhns](#)

TORRANCE'S RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS

*The League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities,
Torrance Area, and Palos Verdes Peninsula/San Pedro*

TRI-LEAGUE BUFFET BRUNCH

Keynote Speaker: Viet Hoang
Deputy City Manager for Torrance



The Torrance Area League hosted the Tri-League Buffet Brunch at The Depot Restaurant in Torrance on Sept. 24th — it was wonderful to have 50 attendees from throughout the South Bay! Keynote speaker Viet Hoang, Deputy City Manager for Torrance, discussed the city's response to homelessness, including its Street Outreach Team and 3290 Housing Village (temporary/transitional housing; 40 individual small homes. This is similar to Redondo Beach's 15 tiny homes.) [Read more here.](#)



MANHATTAN BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES FORUM

Recorded on Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Sponsored by: League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities and the Easy Reader News



Watch the Candidates forum



VOTING RESOURCES

WHAT IS VOTER'S EDGE?

Voter's Edge is an online ballot lookup tool that provides in-depth information about what's on your ballot in English and Spanish.

Voters can enter their address to get a personalized list of candidates, including biographies, top priorities, who supports each candidate, and more. Voter's Edge also includes an FAQ section that includes election dates and a wide range of common voter questions.

[With Voter's Edge, you have all the election information you need at your fingertips.](#)

With Voter's Edge California, voters can:

- Access their full, personalized ballot by entering their address.
- Get in-depth information on candidates, measures, and who supports them.
- View candidate biographies, top priorities, answers to questions, photos, policy videos, endorsements, and detailed information about who funds their campaigns.
- Browse unbiased explanations of ballot measures; find out who supports, opposes, and funds them.
- Check where, when, and how to vote, including information on their local polling locations.
- Keep track of their choices to make voting easier.
- Share information about the election with friends and family.

Coordinators and other volunteers are vital to the success of Voter's Edge California. These volunteers work tirelessly to ensure Voter's Edge California offers an abundance of accurate, high-quality information to voters.

The History of Voter's Edge California

The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund produced one of the nation's first election information websites, SmartVoter.org. Since 1996, the Smart Voter

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UNBIASED INFORMATION
ON CANDIDATES
& BALLOT MEASURES.

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OF THE BEACH CITIES

project has been California's premier online source for authoritative, nonpartisan coverage of election contests, candidates, and ballot measures.

About the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund

The LWV California Education Fund conducts voter service and civic education activities. They are a nonpartisan nonprofit educational organization, which:

- Builds participation in the democratic process.
- Studies key community issues at all government levels in an unbiased manner.
- Enables people to seek positive solutions to public policy issues through education and conflict management.

[Go to: votersedge.org/ca](https://votersedge.org/ca)

Thank you to Mary Dillon and her team at League of Women Voters Beach Cities!

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE

Read our ballot measure information!



Prop 1: Reproductive Freedom

SUPPORT

A recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court held that the U.S. Constitution does not protect the right to abortion. While access to abortion is no longer federally protected and is under attack across the country, we can safeguard access in California. Proposition 1 will amend the California Constitution to enshrine the fundamental right to choose an abortion, use or refuse contraceptives (birth control), and make individual decisions on reproductive health. These rights are consistent with existing state laws and our state constitutional rights to privacy and equal protection.

[Read more](#)



Prop 31: Yes or No to Banning Flavored Tobacco Products

SUPPORT

In 2020, California passed a law banning the in-person sale of flavored tobacco products, like candy-flavored e-cigarettes and menthol cigarettes, at stores and vending machines. Sellers violating the law would be subject to criminal misdemeanor prosecution. A YES vote on Prop 31 is a vote to keep the ban in place. More than two million middle and high school students in the U.S. use e-cigarettes which deliver large doses of addictive nicotine. In California, 96 percent of high school e-cigarette users choose flavored products.

[Read more](#)

Prop 26: In-Person Sports Betting in Tribal Casinos

NO POSITION

[Read more](#)

Prop 27: Online Sports Betting

NO POSITION

[Read more](#)



Prop 28: Funding Arts and Music Education

NEUTRAL

The League strongly supports a high-quality public education system in California. Because of a variety of voter-supported initiatives which limit and prescribe state and local spending, California does not provide the level of financial support for its schools that the League considers adequate. This proposition would provide additional financial resources (about \$1 billion per year), specifically for music and arts education.

[Read more](#)



Prop 29: Kidney Dialysis Clinics Requirements

NEUTRAL

This measure would require operators of chronic dialysis clinics to have a minimum of one licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant at a clinic whenever patients are being treated, offer the same level of care to all patients regardless of how payment is being made, and make reports about dialysis-related infections to the state's health department, in addition to submitting federal agency reports containing the same information. Consent of the California Department of Public Health would be required prior to any clinic's closure or reduction of hours of operation.

[Read more](#)



Prop 30: Income Tax on Millionaires for Electric Cars

NEUTRAL

Prop 30 would increase the income tax for very wealthy Californians, and use the proceeds on programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and wildfires in the state. The initiative includes thoughtful proposals for moving to electrify our transportation, including incentives and education, requirements for improving charging infrastructure for all road vehicles, and improving the electric grid to meet increased demand. The League supports these goals and proposals. The need to make significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions is clear.

[Read more](#)

Ballot Measures

We only take positions on ballot measures based on current program positions and/or on League principles. Positions are developed based on member study and consensus. We have many positions, and many opportunities to act, so how does our board determine when to take action on statewide ballot measures, and on which items?

Endorsement Strategy

Because the League's resources are limited, we try to be strategic about how we endorse measures.

We want to make sure:

- that it is something that we really can endorse (that it isn't still in a nebulous state)
- that it isn't going to change in some way that will make us have to either withdraw our support or otherwise backpedal

If there is going to be some kind of campaign, we also want to be given a strong voice in the campaign messaging.

We are involved in some campaigns from the very beginning (redistricting, clean money), but frequently wait to see whether a measure qualifies for the ballot before endorsing.

Some of the other factors that we consider when looking at a ballot measure include

- the reality of its passage (is it really worth putting our energy into this?)
- who else is working on it (can we realistically be in a coalition with these organizations?)
- overall campaign strategy (is there a total plan, and can the League take an effective role?)
- whether we want to make a statement of principle on an issue

To read the reasons behind the recommendations go to lwc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations

VOTER SERVICES COMMITTEE UPDATE

It's peak election season, so the Voter Services Committee has been very busy.

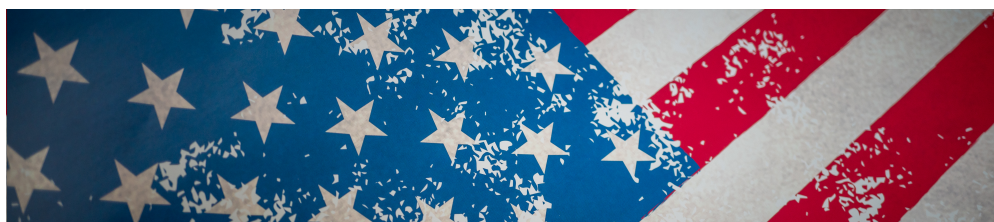
In September we participated in the LA County League Day training for Pros and Cons presentations. We've done voter registration at the Manhattan Beach Farmers Market, El Camino College, Redondo Union High School, Mira Costa High School, CSU Dominguez Hills, and will be at the upcoming Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair.

We hosted the Manhattan Beach Unified School District Board of Education candidates forum on September 21 to a very large crowd. (Watch the video in the article below.)

In October, we begin Pros and Cons presentations for the Machinists Union, Manhattan Beach seniors, Hermosa Beach Women's Club, AAUW, Soroptomists, Manhattan Beach Community Church (*open to the public 10/15 10:00am*), Manhattan Beach library (*open to the public 10/19 5:30pm*), and El Camino Associated Students.

There will two more candidates forums, both in Hawthorne, for city council, city clerk and treasurer. Many thanks to the dozens of volunteers who make these events happen. We couldn't do it without you.

Contact Jeanne Hamilton, jeannehamiltonclaremont@gmail.com if you want to get involved with our efforts to get out important election information.



Democracy Doesn't Save Itself

You get it. You recognize that democracy is fragile and you joined the LWV to help protect it.

In order to inoculate our society from misinformation and conspiracy theories, we need informed people armed with the facts and evidence to block the chain of transmission of misinformation. This is especially crucial in local politics due to the collapse of local newspapers and the dearth of non-partisan and analytical information.

Now what? How do you take the next step and get involved with the work?

There is a level of league for each level of government. You joined LWVBC, which means you are automatically a member of LWV LA County, LWV California and LWVUS.

If your passion is local governance, then become an observer of local government meetings and/or join one of LWVBC interest groups: Education, Housing/Homelessness, Social Policy/Aging, Water/Infrastructure. Sign up for the email list for one or more of the interest groups and attend when you can/wish.

If you are looking for community, we hold monthly book club meetings and agenda-less socials. Even if you haven't read the book, come for the discussion on the book topic and learn with us. Come to the socials and make some new friends.

If you are interested in issues at the County, State or National level, contact them to be added to the email list and to get invited to the meetings (almost all held virtually). The LWV Issues page shows all the areas we are involved in and contact info. They can also refer you to LWV at another level. LWVBC has several groups working in Government (Redistricting, Voter Services), Social Policy (Education, Health & Wellness, Housing and Homelessness) and one in Natural Resources. All of our groups would welcome new members. If you want to start another group, let the president know.

If you have the time and interest, come to board meetings even if you are not a member of the board. At our monthly board meetings, we plan educational programming and discuss policy goals and local issues that may require LWV advocacy action. If you see a local issue that needs addressing, please bring it to the board president, advocacy chair, and any board members who cover the area. Our names, contact info, and portfolio assignments are in the LWVBC directory. For instance, I cover the Natural Resources portfolio at both the local and county levels, which includes air, water, pollution, transportation, and climate change. It overlaps greatly with Teri Neustaedter's portfolio of Housing and Homelessness through land-use and zoning.

If you have special skills, volunteer to work off-board on specific issues. Speak a language other than English? Law? Contracts? GIS? Science? Data Analysis? Communication? Investigative journalism? Education? Medicine? Let us know because we often need off-board help when issues arise.

Anyone can submit articles for inclusion in the LWVBC Voter newsletter. Do you have an idea for an article? Contact the editor, Chris Davis

Women's Reproductive Rights

More Important than ever.

Take Action on Women's Reproductive Rights

Reproductive Rights Discussion

September 28, 4:00pm

St. Cross Church in Hermosa Beach, Room 5

Reproductive Rights Discussion: Bring an article about the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade and its implications.



Women's March

Saturday, October 8, 2022

10:00am to 12:00noon

Veterans Park, 309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach, CA

With the mid-term election just weeks away, the voices of Redondo Beach will join with millions of others in opposition to the denial of women's reproductive rights.

EVENT CALENDAR 2022

SEPTEMBER

Sept 27 Tu Health and Wellness Committee 1:00pm Zoom All Members Welcome

Sept 28 Wed Book Club/Discussion Group 4:00pm at St. Cross Church in Hermosa Beach Room 5 Bring an article or opinion about The Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe vs. Wade. **Special Bonus:** Documentary Viewing 5:00-7:00pm **"Lead Me Home"** - 40 minute Homelessness Documentary with directors afterward. *More info will be emailed.*

Sept 29 Thu Candidates Forum - El Segundo School Board Candidates at 6:30pm in the El Segundo High School Auditorium. Presented by El Segundo Council PTA

OCTOBER

Oct 1-2 Sat Sun Voter Registration Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair 10:00am - 4:30pm

Oct 4 Tu Observer Corps Training 12:00 - 12:30pm League members can attend online training from LWV San Francisco RSVP Questions about LWVBC Observer Corps? Contact Grace Peng at gspeng.lwv@gmail.com

Oct 8 Sat Women's March for Reproductive Rights 10:00am to 12:00pm at Veterans Park, 309 Esplanade, Redondo Beach

10/12 Wed Board Meeting 3:00pm St Cross Church Room 5. All members are welcome.

10/15 Sat **PROS and CONS** - learn about the Ballot Measures 10:00am at the Manhattan Beach Community Church. Open to the Public.

Oct 19 Wed **Redondo Beach Special Election**

Oct 19 Wed **PROS and CONS** - learn about the Ballot Measures 5:30-7:00pm Manhattan Beach Library 1320 Highland Ave. - Open to the Public.

Oct 20 Thu Third Thursday Mixer 6:30 - 8:30pm California Pizza Kitchen in Manhattan Beach. Stop by and bring a friend!

Oct 24 Mon Last Day to Register to Vote for the November 8, 2022 General Election

Oct 26 Wed Book Club/Discussion Group Climate Change 4:00pm at St. Cross Church in Hermosa Beach Room 5

Oct 30 Sun PROS and CONS - learn about the Ballot Measures 8:30am at the Manhattan Beach Community Church 303 Peck Ave., MB. Open to the Public.

NOVEMBER

Nov 8 Tu **ELECTION DAY! Local and National Elections**

Some activities may only be on Zoom. Check our Facebook page and website Calendar listings for zoom links and additional information. Get more details at lwvbeachcities.org/calendar



Our most recent LWV Beach Cities Board Meeting included a postcard-writing session for Women's Reproductive rights.



September's Third Thursday Mixer @ California Pizza Kitchen in MB! Lots of fun, food & great company! Please join us at the next one.



Visit our Booth at the Manhattan Beach Hometown Fair on October 1st and 2nd.
Voter registration and information!

Welcome, New Members!

Please welcome the following new members who have joined since mid-July:

Andrea Norcross of Los Angeles, Allison Pease of Redondo Beach, Elaine Trotter of Hermosa Beach.

New student members: Sara Rowley, Kaitlyn Fukumoto, Brianna Egan, and Elisa Forino.



Who do I contact for information? LWVBC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2022–2023




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