



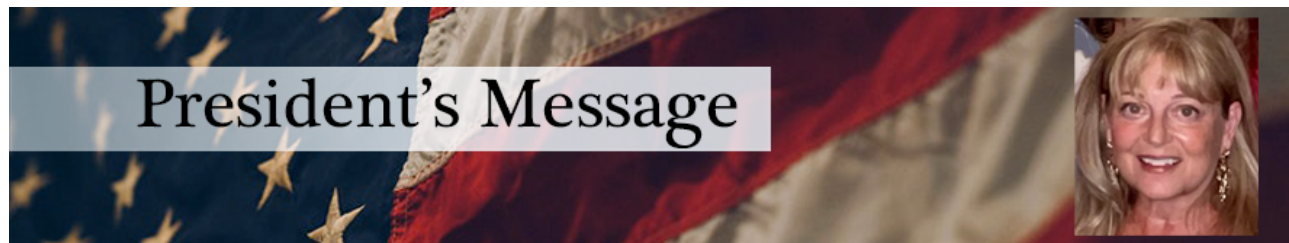
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## THE VOTER

Winter 2024

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Tonight I had time to read the latest blog (1/21/24) from my favorite historian, [Heather Cox Richardson](#); she hit on a key [LWV position](#) (pg 57).

**The end of January should mark the anniversary of *Roe v Wade*.** Instead, after nearly 50 years and a reversal of precedent, many states are severely limiting abortion. [Leaguers have jumped into action](#), working to find ways to reaffirm the constitutional right of privacy of an individual to make reproductive choices.

When I went to review what was in LWV's [Impact On Issues](#) on the topic, I came away with a couple of surprises. Not only does the resource clearly state that LWV supports an individual's right to privacy to make reproductive choices, it also outlines all the lawsuits LWVUS has been involved in to ensure that it's the individual's right to choose. **I had no idea how much the League has battled** to maintain that right over the years. I was also unaware there was an additional part of the position: Every US resident should have access to a basic level of quality health care at an affordable cost,

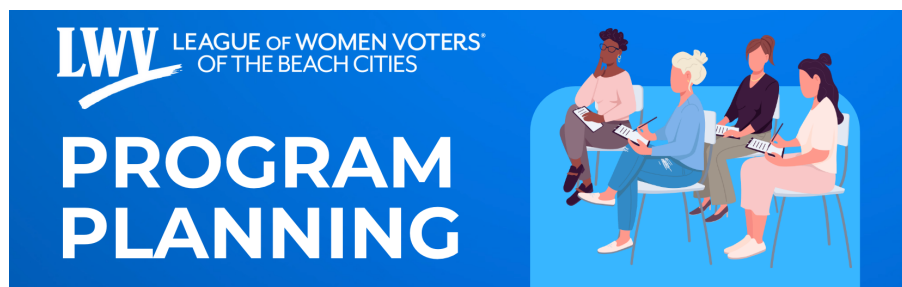
including abortion. Wow - amazing what you can learn late on a Sunday night - Certainly made me proud to be a LWV member!

Bringing this up because we all have our reasons why we joined the League. In our often divisive environment, and especially during this election year, it's easy to go down a rabbit hole and feel like nothing you do will make a difference. **But action, even of the smallest amount,** can help to board up that spiraling rabbit hole feeling! LWV offers many options, whether it's [registering voters](#), reading up on [Prop 1](#) so you can have an [educated discussion](#) with your friends, or joining one of the state's many [Interest Groups](#). What you do matters and can influence the future - Take Action!

Making Democracy Work - we all can play a part!

Hope to see you soon,

*Teri*



### Getting Everyone on the Same Page: Program Planning

It may have been raining outside, but the group who participated in this year's Program Planning session didn't let that dampen their enthusiasm for setting League priorities! This year we focused on National and County issues, and terrific discussion helped us narrow down what LWVBC will submit as our recommendation on both levels.

All aspects of Making Democracy Work remain our focus for the year at every level (National, State, County, Local). We agreed that Immigration should be considered as an additional national priority. LWVUS will combine every League's submissions to be voted on at Convention in late June.

Lively discussion about our County priorities led us to submit several recommendations. For [a New Study](#) in 2024-26, Mental Health was our #1 concern. We also agreed to drop *Population Impacts on a Sustainable County* after Grace Peng provided a brief overview of the position review she worked on. For [County Education and Advocacy](#), we were full of options! We will submit: Governance Structure/Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)/Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), Foster Care, Juvenile Justice, Aging/Master Plan on Aging. These will be voted on by the LA County Inter-League Organization (ILO) delegates at our March 23rd Convention.

Interested in representing Beach Cities at our National or County Conventions? We'd love for you to consider being our delegate(s)! It's a great opportunity to learn more about League. Contact [Ann Kuhns](#) for more information.



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## League of Women Voters of California Announces the Launch of VOTE411 in California



The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) is thrilled to announce an upgrade to its voter empowerment tools. Beginning with the 2024 election cycle, Californians looking for election information from the LWVCEF will use [VOTE411](https://vote411.org) as their new ballot planning tool.

VOTE411, a leading digital platform dedicated to electoral information, will offer voters in California a streamlined and intuitive interface to research candidates, understand ballot measures, and prepare to vote confidently. This shift signifies the League's continued commitment to empowering voters and making democracy work for all Californians.

To use VOTE411, simply visit [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org). Contributions to VOTE411 allow this tool to be available for ALL Californians, and support the LWVCEF in maintaining the platform.

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Ready for the California Primary? Download the [EASY VOTER GUIDE here.](#)



## TRI-LEAGUE BUFFET BRUNCH

*hosted by Palos Verdes League*

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

We will have a speaker from the Loyola Law School Project for the Innocent. Loyola's Project for the Innocent (LPI) is the only wrongful conviction clinic dedicated to serving Los Angeles County, the leader in felony convictions in a state where almost 700 individuals have been proven wrongfully convicted since 1989. LPI works to get those who are languishing in prison for crimes they did not commit out of jail.

Tickets: \$40 /person in advance by Feb. 1, 2024 or \$45 / person at the door (cash or check only)

Register and Pay Online at [lwvpalosverdes.org](http://lwvpalosverdes.org) (select PayPal twice to get to credit card option).

Or, if paying by check, please make check payable to LWVPVP and mail to: Cindy Kondon  
29910 Avenida Anillo, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275

**Please Register by February 1st, 2024**

Questions? Please contact Sara Harris [sara.d.harris@gmail.com](mailto:sara.d.harris@gmail.com) 310-916-5058



Speaker: JOE TRIGILIO

Executive Director of Loyola's Law School Project for the Innocent. Joe Trigilio took over as Executive Director after Laurie Levenson retired this year.

He will be speaking about the organization and the legislative bills they have won in advocating for restorative justice and how to evaluate judges and DA's who are running for office.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

The League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County  
**LA County Winter League Day 2024**

**WINTER LEAGUE DAY  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH  
10AM TO 12PM ON ZOOM**

**HOW TO EVALUATE  
JUDICIAL CANDIDATES**



**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT**

**GET THE INSIDE SCOOP ON  
HOW THE LA COUNTY BAR  
ASSOCIATION EVALUATES  
JUDICIAL CANDIDATES!**



**SUSAN SCHWARTZ, CHAIR  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR  
JUDICIAL ELECTIONS EVALUATION COMMITTEE**



[CLICK TO REGISTER FOR LA COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE DAY](#)



**SAVE THE  
DATE**



**MON,  
FEB 12  
4-5:30 PM**

**IN-PERSON  
& VIRTUAL**

# **LA DISTRICT ATTORNEY CANDIDATE FORUM**



**This forum is cosponsored by:**

- ACLU-SoCal
- DA Accountability Coalition
- Los Angeles City College
- League of Women Voters of Greater Los Angeles and Los Angeles County
- NAMI Greater Los Angeles
- NAMI Urban Los Angeles



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## **LA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY CANDIDATE FORUM**

**Monday, February 12**

***By League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County***

**Join us at this exciting event! Do your part to support informed voting - bring a friend!**

**Monday, February 12 · 4 - 6pm PST**

**Los Angeles City College**

**855 North Vermont Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90029**

### **Candidate Forum: LA District Attorney**

[Register to Attend In-Person](#)

[Register for Virtual Streaming](#)

[Submit a Question](#)

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## **CA Senate primary debate on Feb. 12**

The hour-long debate airs live on Monday, Feb. 12 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

television stations serving the state of [California](#) will host an exclusive multi-platform debate involving Adam Schiff, Steve Garvey, Katie Porter, and Barbara Lee, the top four candidates for U.S. Senator from California. Get more info [here](#).

The five major contenders have different track records and proposals on some of the biggest issues facing California. They're trying to position themselves to appeal to sizable voting blocs before the March 5 primary. [Learn more about where they stand on the issues](#).



The candidates participating in the Feb. 12, 2024 U.S. Senate primary debate on Nexstar Media Group's California Stations.

**Missed the January 22nd candidate debate? [Watch it here](#).**

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## Event Calendar 2024

Please visit the [website calendar](#) and event pages for more information and registration links. [lwvbeachcities.org](http://lwvbeachcities.org). Our regular monthly meeting are posted there.

### JANUARY

**1/25 Thu Can We Trust Our Elections?** 7:00pm - 8:30pm Zoom By LWV Santa Clara County. [Register here](#).

**1/27 Sat LA County League Day** [How to Evaluate Judicial Candidates](#) 10:00am – 12:00pm Zoom [Register Here](#).

### FEBRUARY

**2/3 Sat Tri-League Brunch** 9:30am – 12:00pm at the Depot Restaurant in Torrance. Speaker: Joe Trigilio, Executive Director of the [Loyola Law School Project for the Innocent](#). [Event Information](#) [Register Here by Feb. 1st](#)

**2/10 Sat Water & Infrastructure Group (WIG)** 10:00am Stormwater Retention Storage Open Garden Tour & Workshop RSVP for address [gspeng.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:gspeng.lwv@gmail.com)

**2/12 Mon LA District Attorney Candidate Forum** By League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County. 4:00 - 5:30pm [Register to attend](#) In-person or Virtually

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES THIS YEAR

**3/5 Tue Presidential Primary Election** Same Day Voter Registration, known as [Conditional Voter Registration](#) is

available up until Election Day.

3/23 Sat LA County League Convention 9:30am – 1:30pm

6/1 Sat LWVBC Annual Meeting & Lunch 9:30am – 12:30pm

6/27 - 6/30 [LWVUS National Convention](#) hybrid

7/27 Sat LA County League Day 10:00am – 12:00pm

9/14 Sat LA County League Day 10:00am – 12:00pm

## Stay Informed

[CLICK HERE TO FIND MORE GREAT EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR](#)

### Network News

Dedicated to: **Building trust within our democracy** | **Reducing the spread of disinformation** | **Promoting civil dialogue**

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#### LWV/NICD Civil Discourse Network

Dedicated to promoting civil dialogue, reducing the spread of disinformation and building trust within our democracy



## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### Health & Wellness

The HWC members are doing a deep dive into the six cities our League covers (Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach) to learn about the programs and activities provided for older adults based upon the AARP Livability 7 Metrics (Housing, Neighborhood, Transportation, Environment, Engagement, Health & Opportunity).

The final report will include key findings and challenges about the services provided for Older Adults in our six cities.

Next Zoom meeting: February 27, 1-2:30 pm

For questions, contact [Harriet Chase](#) or [Bonnie Yatabe](#).



## Voter Services



# 2024

★★ MARCH PRIMARIES ★★

South Bay voters will be asked to decide on several important issues during the March election. Primaries for presidential candidates, U.S. senate and congressional districts, state senate and assembly districts, and county supervisors will be on the ballot. The following positions representing the beach cities area will be on the primary ballot March 5: U.S. Representative, 36th and 43rd District; CA State Senate, 35th District; CA State Assembly, 61st and 66th District; LA County Supervisor, 2nd District.

**California Proposition 1, Behavioral Health Services Program and Bond Measure**, would change how revenue from the 1% tax on income above \$1 million is spent under the law, including requiring 30% be allocated to housing intervention programs. It also authorizes issuing \$6.4 billion in bonds to fund housing for homeless individuals and veterans, including \$4.4 billion for mental health care and drug or alcohol treatment facilities and \$2.0 billion for housing homeless persons.

Locally, voters within the Manhattan Beach Unified District boundaries will decide whether to approve Measure MB, which would extend the existing parcel tax of \$225 for another six years. The funds are used to maintain smaller class sizes through supporting existing faculty and staff positions, according to the district.

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## Water & Infrastructure Group (WIG)

### Stormwater Retention Storage Open Garden Tour & Workshop

**Saturday February 10, 2024 10 am**

*(First Day of Lunar New Year 2024)*



Come tour a garden where 2/3 of the parcel is impermeable, but most of the stormwater is moved to the vegetated areas. Chat with others over light refreshments. Talk to Mike Garcia of Enviroscope, Brianna Egan of the RB Community Garden, Grace Peng of LWV Beach Cities.

Learn how your roof can multiply the rainwater your landscape plants receive from each storm. Then add a few inexpensive tools: downspout diverters, edging, bins & buckets, bricks and boards. For ~\$100 and a few cubic feet of dry season storage space and take very little space when stored during dry weather.

RSVP to [LWV Beach Cities Natural Resources Director](#) for address of private residence.

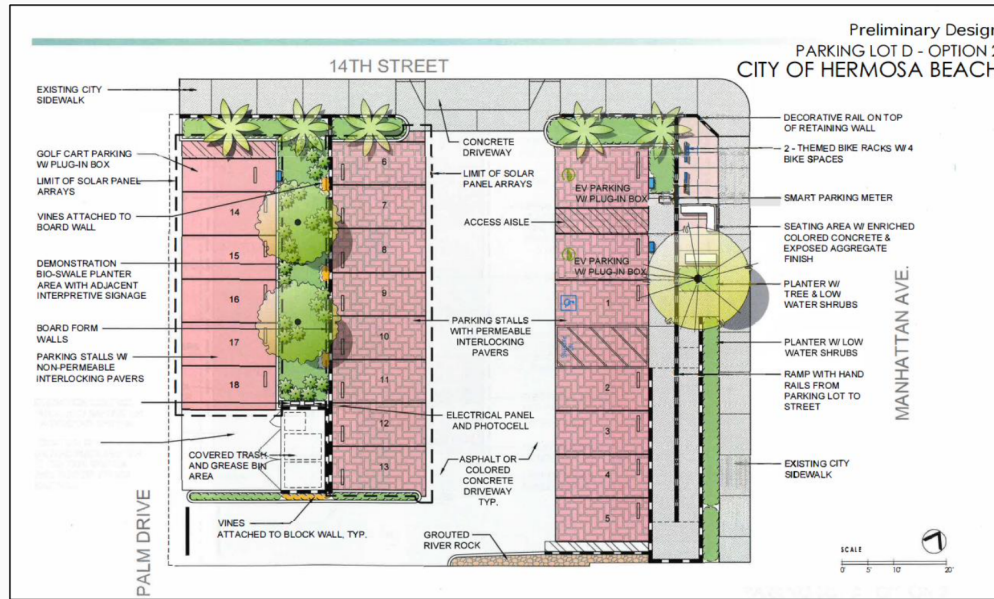
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**More about stormwater retention.**



Urban stormwater runoff picks up pollution from parking lots and roadways, and sends them into waterways, estuaries and coastal waters. It is such a difficult and expensive problem that Los Angeles County Supervisors put a tax measure on the ballot to help us pay for it. Voters approved Measure W and agreed to pay a parcel tax based on the square feet of impermeable area on their parcels.

Measure W: LA County's Safe Clean Water Program then returns the money to jurisdictions to pay for projects such as the \$423,950 awarded Hermosa Beach (\$1,040,600 total project cost) to remodel the 0.21 acre Parking Lot D at the corner of 14th St and Manhattan Ave or the \$4.3 Million awarded Redondo Beach to put in underground storage tanks and dry wells below Fulton Soccer Field.



As climate change makes rainfall less frequent but more intense, we will have to keep building ever larger and more expensive stormwater systems if we don't slow down the "burstiness" of stormwater flows. Due to climate change and other factors, LA regional water users will also need to use less water while paying more to keep our water supply clean and reliable.

You can save money on your tax and water bills by using simple and inexpensive measures that keep stormwater that falls on your property on your property. This reduces the need for (and size of) expensive public stormwater investments while reducing the amount of water you need to apply to irrigate your garden.

### No Space? No Problem!

You don't need rain barrels to hold water when your soil can do it for free. Instead of diverting rainwater from your downspout into a rain barrel, just hook up a hose and send it directly into the soil, a process called *Retention Storage*. [Stormwater retention can earn a Measure W tax credit.](#)

By moving water from impermeable places on your property to landscaped areas, your plants will enjoy soft rain water that can leach away salt buildup from irrigation with hard water. Deep watering will also help plants develop deeper root systems, that help reduce the need to apply irrigation water.



## VALENTINE'S DAY SERVICE PROJECTS

Drop Off at Chris Davis' House by 2/11  
1640 21st Street, Manhattan Beach  
310/529 9120

[chrisdavis.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:chrisdavis.lwv@gmail.com)

*Click on the titles to get more information about these groups*

### GRASS ROOTS NEIGHBORS

Bring a pantry staple, household supplies and personal hygiene supplies for our less fortunate neighbors.

- Pantry staples such as cooking or olive oil, spices, sugar, coffee, tea, and snacks food such as goldfish crackers or pretzels
- Household supplies such as laundry detergent, dish soap, and surface cleaner
- Personal Hygiene supplies: pads and tampons, soap, razors, shampoo and conditioner, and toothpaste
- Baby wipes and diapers: diapers sizes 4-6 and pull ups (all sizes).

### TEAM BROWNSVILLE

Coats and jackets for adults and children are especially needed right now. Let's fill up a 70 pound box (or two!)

You're the best! Thanks for making the League of Women Voters the outstanding grass roots organization it is!

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## DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS YEAR'S NON-EVENT

**Where:** Your home!

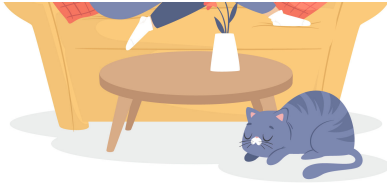
**When:** Whenever!

**What:** A gala where the honoree, sponsor, and entertainment is YOU!

**Attire:** Casual-casual. Pajamas preferred. Sweatpants are an acceptable alternative.



Instead of the traditional fund-raiser that makes demands on time for planners and attendees, our **League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities** hosts an **Annual NON-EVENT** that lets you to provide support without leaving home. This saves guests and the organization both time and money by not going through the extra effort of organizing and attending an actual event. Look for your Non-Event letter in your snail-



mail box soon!

"We are so excited to have you **not attend!** Cocktail hour **will not start at 5:30** and **no one is going to give a speech at 7:00 pm.** In lieu of attending this event that **no one else will be attending,** we respectfully request you do something else nice for yourself."

Your past contributions have enabled us to continue our program of voter registration, candidate forums, citizen education, school outreach, special events and advocacy activities.

Every contribution, small or large is appreciated! Go online to [LWVbeachcities.org](https://www.lwvbeachcities.org) – [Donate](#) or use the return envelope that comes with your letter. You can mail your check to 629 19th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

Be sure to enjoy your own personal non-event! LWVBC is a charitable 501C3, so your contributions are tax deductible.

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## New Members

Please welcome the following new members who have joined since September 2023:

- Christine Cronin-Hurst of Manhattan Beach
- Piper Flaherty of Redondo Beach
- Jonathan Wicks of Hermosa Beach
- Lisa Frazza-Cortiula of Inglewood
- Bev Morse of Redondo Beach



## Nominations are open for LWVBC Board Members

Would you like to meet more members and contribute to the league?

Consider nominating yourself as well as others!

The term starts at the Annual Meeting in June.

Please send nominations to Ann Kuhns [akuhns.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:akuhns.lwv@gmail.com) by March 1<sup>st</sup>

## Advocacy Interest Groups

Interested in joining a State Interest Group? [Click here to check out](#) the wide range of groups available.



**What are Interest Groups?** Interest Groups include members of multiple local Leagues who are interested in a specific topic. They provide a forum for members to support each other in exploring advocacy and educational work around their specific topic of interest, always in line with California League [advocacy positions](#) and the [One Voice](#) policy. Members of an interest group can find and share resources, discuss experiences, and best practices, and provide support across local Leagues.

Advocacy Interest Groups are growing in the areas of Criminal Justice Reform, Healthcare, Housing and Homelessness, Climate Change, Water, and Immigration.

Please send Adrianna an email ([achampagne@lwvc.org](mailto:achampagne@lwvc.org)) for assistance in joining a group.



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