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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members and Friends of LWVVC:

With your busy schedules, we want to be sure you save a place on your calendar for the great things we have planned for the next few months.

On May 6, LWVVC is co-sponsoring, together with Ventura College, a public forum on climate change entitled "*Climate Change Is Here to Stay...So What's Next?*" The forum will be held at Ventura College from 9:30 am to 12:00 in the new Applied Science Center building

theater. California has been a leader in recognizing climate change and committing to long-term climate action. Come and learn more about what is happening and what can be done through scientific research, investment, and community action. Invite friends and students to join you.

June 1-4 is the date of the League of Women Voters of California Convention in Sacramento. All League members are invited to attend. Among others, Pat Butler, Pat Essick, and Betsy Patterson have already registered to attend. Join them by registering now. Look on our web page on the [Calendar](#) for a link to Convention information.

On Saturday, June 24, from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Oxnard Courtyard Marriott, we will be hosting our own (LWVVC) Annual Meeting and luncheon. Among other business, we will elect new officers for 2017-2018. In addition, Dr. Herb Gooch, Professor of Political Science from California Lutheran University will be our guest speaker on the topic of, "California Versus the Nation". Our own David Maron will also share the latest trends and changes in Ventura County from this year's "*State of the Region Report 2017*", put out by the Civic Alliance.

Now is a great time to get to know your representatives and let them know how you would like them to vote on issues that are important to you. Our voices count individually and as an organization. To that end, thank you Karen Savitt, Betsy Patterson, Carol Lindberg, Helen LaMonte, and Pam Pecarich for participating in the yearly legislative interviews conducted on behalf of LWVC. We have interviewed Jacqui Irwin (Assembly District 44), Monique Limon (Assembly District 37), Henry Stern (27<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District), and Salud Carbajal (24<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional District). These interviews help us understand what they are most interested in, most versed in, including what committees they serve on and in what capacity. If this sounds interesting, join us next year.

Yours in League,

Betsy Patterson & Pat Essick  
Co-Presidents

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# ➤ SPECIAL EVENTS ◀



**Saturday, May 6 - Public Forum "Climate Change Is Here to Stay...So**

**What's Next?"** - 9:30 am to 12:00. Location: Ventura College, Applied Science Center Building Theater, 4667 Telegraph Road Ventura. Click [here](#) for a map of the campus. The Applied Science Center is in the lower right hand corner of the map to the left of the East Parking Lot (find "ASC" and you've got it). LWVVC and Ventura College are co-sponsoring this program. Speakers will be:

- Dr. Lea, professor of climate change and an environmental geologist from UCSB will speak on the realities of climate change.
- Dr. Suh, professor at the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at UCSB will address the economic implications of climate change.
- Jim Hines, President of the Los Padres chapter of the Sierra Club and Sierra Club Washington lobbyist will speak about local and state climate change issues and the work the Sierra Club is doing. Attendance is free and open to the public.



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**Speaker** - 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. Location: Marriott Courtyard, 600 E. Esplanade Dr, Oxnard. The meeting will be followed by a plated lunch (menu TBD) at a cost of approximately \$30. Details to follow on entrée choices and where and when to RSVP. *You may attend the meeting and listen to the speaker without purchasing lunch.*

9:30 am  
10:00 to Noon  
Noon  
12:30 to 1:30

Coffee/tea/pastries  
Business Meeting  
Luncheon

Dr. Herb Gooch of California Lutheran University will speak on "*California v. the Nation*". David Maron will update us on the "State of the Region Report 2017" published annually by the Civic Alliance.

## Future of California Elections

### Advancing Momentum: Moving Our Democracy Forward

On March 9, the Future of California Elections (FOCE) held its 2017 Conference entitled, "Advancing Momentum: Moving Our Democracy Forward". Pat Essick and Sage Intner attended the event to learn what the six-year-old organization (made up of election administrators, election reform advocates, and civil rights organizations) could teach us about the future of California elections.

- ▶ The Honorable Alex Padilla, California Secretary of State (2015-to present) and former California State Senator (2006-2014) gave the opening presentation. He stressed that his priority for future elections here in the

state is to support further modernization and to ensure the participation and engagement of all voters. He then went on to highlight some recent significant changes.

- ◆ We now have a statewide electronic voter registration database, VOTECAL, that enables immediate on-line access to voter registration information at polling places.
- ◆ In 2016, we had our highest number of registered voters ever, 19.4 million, higher than 46 other states. We also had one million more registered voters than in 2008. More than 14.6 million people voted in the 2016 election.
- ◆ In 2008, 41% of voters voted by mail, by 2016 that number had increased to 57%. Great strides have been made in reducing the number of rejected vote-by-mail ballots. In 2008, 2.1% were rejected (signature problems, received too late) whereas by 2016, only .7% were rejected.
- ◆ In 2015, AB1461, the Voter Motor Law, was passed which enabled people to automatically register to vote when applying for a driver's license or state ID card. The law resulted in an increase in registered voters.
- ◆ 16 and 17-year-olds can now preregister to vote on-line and 10,000 felons have been re-enfranchised.

Mr. Padilla closed his remarks by reflecting on how, since 2010, 20 states have made registering to vote more difficult whereas here in California we are doing just the opposite. He then asked the audience to help dispel claims that there was voter fraud in the last election. As of March 9, 2017, there have been zero cases of illegal non-citizens voting.

### **A Close Look at SB450 – The California Voter's Choice Act**

Signed into law in 2016, the California Voter's Choice Act allows California counties that opt-in to move from offering traditional precinct site voting to an election system using a combination of vote-by-mail balloting and voting centers. So far only five counties are likely to come on-line in 2017, and it is possible that not all counties will be able to handle each aspect of the program.

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▶ According to Neal Kelley, Registrar of Voters in Orange County, because of Orange County's relatively small geographic size and dense population, they will attempt to roll the program out sometime in 2018. Among other things the roll out involves encouraging voters to vote by mail, setting up a system for early voting at vote centers around the county, and setting up secure ballot drop-off boxes. In Orange County, this new system would reduce the number current precincts they would need to staff from 150 to just 7. Implementation would also greatly reduce the number of provisional ballots and help speed the count. Bilingual assistance could be provided at each precinct and voting officials could use VOTECAL to check voter information and register voters same-day.

County officials would need to work out placement of the voting centers and drop boxes so that no one needs to travel too far, access is easy, and the needs of disabled voters are met. For example, very large, geographically spread out counties with sparse population areas and geographic barriers may find placing and manning voting centers much more difficult. Consideration would also have to be given to unique issues affecting some voter populations (e.g. Hispanic voters often distrust the concept of vote-by-mail and prefer to hand deliver their ballots).

▶ We heard from Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, Travis County Texas (home of the city of Austin) about how she was forced to turn to voting centers when redistricting efforts would have reassigned almost every citizen in her county to a new district and polling place, thereby causing a huge headache for voters and likely resulting in large numbers of provisional ballots. The voting centers turned out to be a perfect solution: voters were happy and there were few provisional ballots cast.

▶ Joseph Gloria, Registrar of Voters, Clark County Nevada (home of Las Vegas) noted that voting centers have been very popular in his jurisdiction and have resulted in increased voting in his county. Clark County partnered with grocery stores, malls, post offices, schools, and put up construction site trailers in less populated areas for voting centers. Their idea was to take voting to the people. Voters are happy with the flexibility it provides them and voter participation is up.

### **The California Voting Rights Act - Empowering Communities**

The California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) has given minority groups a powerful tool with which to compel jurisdictions to switch from at-large to single-member districts so that neighborhood representation results in the ethnic and racial diversification of local governing boards. At the FOCE conference, a panel of community advocates and their attorneys who have used the CVRA to ensure that minority voters have an equal opportunity to elect representatives in cities, school boards, and special districts throughout California, spoke of the value of CVRA and how it has resulted in increased voting, among other things.

I found the next sessions to be inspiring and eye-opening as they addressed what was for me, the missing piece. That is, although it is easy to register people to vote, getting them to actually do so is much tougher.

▶ Pablo Rodriguez, Executive Director, Communities for a New California Education Fund (CNC), described how the demographics of Merced and its 95,330 voters had changed. In 2013, all local government officials were white men from the affluent part of the community. In 2015, however, that began to change when the city was instructed to break itself in to 6 districts that represented the people who lived in them. CNC, which operates mostly in the central valley and rural parts of California, strives to make government and the economy work for all citizens. In the case of Merced, CNC representatives called all the constituents located in areas where voter participation was low and asked them, “Will you join? Will you vote?” They canvassed constantly to find out what people wanted (swimming pools and parks), and then created a series of advisory committees to work on those issues. They also spent time educating the community about state law, the election system, and mass communication. By the time of the 2016 election, 3 of the 7 local seats changed hands to better represent the community. To this day, CNC continues its canvassing efforts and works to help communities organize themselves. In addition, voter participation in the previously underrepresented parts of Merced is way up.

▶ Denise Hulett, National Senior Counsel for the Mexican American Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), pointed out that while you cannot stop prejudice in the voting booth you can make a difference by changing “open” or at-large districts in to single member districts. Most municipalities do not fight CVRA cases because they are so easy to prove. As of 2016, the number of district elections in cities of over 100,000 have doubled, and 80% of those have proportional representation.

▶ Jonathan Paik, a 2nd generation Korean from Anaheim, Orange County spoke of how he, at age 26 (he is now 29) filed a CVRA suit in Anaheim. He said this law is so very important in a conservative stronghold like Anaheim. He prevailed and it took eight community meetings to draw up districts - they are still working to loosen the log jam.

▶ The last speaker on the effectiveness of the CVRA was Mickie Solorio Luna, City Council Member, City of Hollister. She had a very interesting story to share about how Hollister was able to get Hispanics represented on the School Board after 33 years without one elected Hispanic even though 70% of the district population was Hispanic. Hollister has gone to district voting and a more representative government. Among other things they formed lots of partnerships, in particular with the League of United Latin American Citizens and the School District.

At the end of a long day, my take away from the conference was to look for ways to partner, listen, encourage action, and explore ways to utilize the CVRA to encourage more voter participation and a better more representative government that works for all constituents.

# Where Do Things Stand Regarding Cannabis?

## Post November Elections, Where Are We?

Curious or confused about what's happening locally with regard to medical and adult-use cannabis laws? This issue is definitely a hot topic at both the local and state levels.

In 2015, Governor Brown signed three bills into law (AB 266, AB 243, and SB 643) which together comprise the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act ("MCRSA"). MCRSA established a State licensing scheme for commercial medical cannabis uses while protecting local control by requiring that all such businesses have a local license or permit to operate in addition to a State license.

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the "Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act" ("AUMA"). AUMA decriminalizes cannabis and cannabis-related products in California. AUMA also mandates that a statewide regulatory system for operating adult-use marijuana businesses be operational by January 2018, and allows local jurisdictions to either prohibit marijuana related businesses or adopt local regulations permitting such businesses.

The state legislature has now introduced dozens of bills to reconcile these two regulatory schemes into a more cohesive framework and clarify many details missing in the original legislation.

Here's a breakdown of those cities where there has been recent local action on this issue:

**Fillmore:** This is the only city in the county to vote against Prop 64 which legalized cannabis for adult use in November. The city also passed a tax on retail sales and cultivation just in case businesses were ever allowed to operate there, although all commercial marijuana operations are currently banned. Fillmore is the first city in Ventura County and one of the first in the state to implement a licensing scheme for small-scale, personal cultivation which is now legal for adults in California - up to 6 plants per household. Anyone wishing to grow for personal use must pay a \$176 fee for the permit (to be renewed annually for \$40) and comply with security and building requirements.

**Ojai:** Ojai has never officially banned medical cannabis businesses but there is no permitted use for them. It is the first city in the county to have taken steps to study and revisit the issue. The city passed an urgency ordinance on November 15, 2016, to allow permitting of up to 3 appointment-only dispensaries, and 3 delivery services. The City Council is meeting on April 11, to discuss the applications received and permitting process going forward.

**Oxnard:** City Council discussed forming a study group which would provide policy direction to staff on future marijuana regulations at their March 28 meeting (as this issue of VOTER was going to print). Under the city's existing regulations, medical dispensaries are banned and outdoor cultivation/deliveries of commercial and medical marijuana are also prohibited.

**Port Hueneme:** In January 2016, City Council voted to continue its prohibition on all medical marijuana although they have considered allowing medical dispensaries on several occasions in the past. A subcommittee has been formed to examine the matter and propose a revised ordinance March 22. Further revisions will also address manufacturing and cultivation. Staff is now conducting a CEQA review of the ordinance and will schedule a future agenda time to revisit the ordinance. The draft ordinance is available on the city of Port Hueneme's website.

**Thousand Oaks:** On March 28, the City Council held a marijuana policy workshop to gather public input about regulating cannabis businesses. The city is also conducting a 2017 Community Attitude Survey, which

includes a new section for marijuana policy. The survey will be conducted in two phases with the first phase of 400 randomly selected residents currently underway, and the second phase using an online version open to all residents in May 2017. Results of the phase one survey will be presented to City Council at the Goal Setting on May 9, 2017. A dedicated webpage on the city's website, [www.toaks.org/marijuana](http://www.toaks.org/marijuana), provides information on state and local medical and non-medical marijuana policy as well as an option for residents to submit online. The city has contracted with HdL Companies as a taxation consultant on this issue.

**Ventura County:** County Supervisors discussed this issue during its March 21, meeting, ending in a 3-2 vote essentially rejecting proposals to amend land-use laws which would permit two dispensaries, and limited cultivation and processing permits. The businesses currently are prohibited in the unincorporated county. It is unclear whether staff will be directed to return with revised proposals or if the issue has stalled indefinitely. Supervisors indicated their interest in having more participation from the cities and not be the sole provider for the county's medical marijuana needs.

Submitted by Chelsea Sutula, Ventura

## LWVVC Interviews Jacqui Irwin...



### League Members Interview Jacqui Irwin, Assembly Member for District 44

Pat Essick, Betsy Patterson and Carol Lindberg interviewed Assembly member Irwin on Saturday February 25th in Thousand Oaks; Pam Pecarich accompanied them to play the role of Recorder. We found Ms. Irwin to be open minded and knowledgeable; we all enjoyed meeting her and discussing the issues we'd been assigned by the state League.

Carol asked what legislative measures she would support to ensure adequate and stable funding of election administration in California. Carol proceeded to describe the issues the state league is concerned about – unfunded mandates from the State, aging voter equipment, the cost of special elections, and the absence of a local revenue source for these costs post-Prop 13. The Assemblywoman expressed her support for solutions but was not aware of any pending legislation to address these issues; she suggested the League advocate for funding, and advise us and legislators about specific bills.

Betsy followed up with a discussion of the issues facing higher education and the challenges of enrolling more students at California's State Universities and University of California campuses with limited resources available. Betsy also raised the special issues facing CSU Channel Islands with transfer students being denied at CSU Northridge and CSU Channel Islands receiving no funding for filling these slots. ASM Irwin is well aware of these issues as a member of the Budget Committee and the Subcommittee for Education Finance, along with the Higher Education Committee. She supports funding for higher education. She did not think a bond issue to fund infrastructure needs at the CSUs and UC system would receive adequate public support. She urged us to lobby the Governor and Legislature to increase the number of slots funded.

Pat concluded with the question on which legislative proposals she would support to ensure enough good quality water is available for municipal and industrial uses, agriculture and the environment in the face of over-stretched supply and different climate conditions? ASM Irwin proved to be very knowledgeable on water issues, acknowledging that they are complex. However, she believes the only sensible solution for insuring a safe and steady supply of fresh water is to build the twin/dual tunnels to move the water from the confluence of the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers around the Delta. Her engineering expertise was evident in discussing the multiple approaches to solving the problem, including using Prop 1 money to build more storage capacity. She said the Sites reservoir would probably get built, though it is a long process. Locally she is aware that several

projects for conservation, recycling, and recharge of groundwater have been funded out of Prop 1 monies. Desalinization is very expensive and would best be used to clean up poor quality groundwater. She thinks Ventura County is ahead of the curve in meeting the 2014 requirements for sustainable groundwater management. As to fracking, which she does not support, and the related use of groundwater, she suggested it needs to be looked at on a case by case basis.

Assembly member Irwin's own priorities include mental health services for veterans as chair of the Veterans Committee as well as higher education. She is also very involved in Cybersecurity issues, believing security in this realm is key to maintaining our democracy.

Submitted by Pamela Pecarich, Board Member

## ...and, Representative Salud Carbajal...



### Observations from Our Interview with Representative Salud Carbajal

Congressman Carbajal represents California's 24th District. Since redistricting, the 24th encompasses all of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties and, the Los Padres National Forest in Ventura County.

During the course of our interview, Rep. Carbajal gave us his views on the future of education in the United States and California; voting rights challenges; limited water resources; climate change threats; the BRIDGE Act (Bar Removal of Individuals Who Dream and Grow our Economy) which would provide temporary relief from deportation and work authorization to undocumented youth; immigration in general; and access to affordable healthcare.

He stated his position that education should be affordable and accessible to all students; that voting rights decisions as they currently stand have left the most vulnerable voters unprotected and under-represented; and that California needs to develop a thoughtful and comprehensive water security plan including recommendations for development of alternative water sources.

He expressed his concern that cuts proposed in the federal budget threaten, among many other things, the scientific community and the study of the climate. Regarding immigration, Rep. Carbajal noted his intention to introduce legislation to protect The Dreamers and to continue the promises made by the Obama Administration. He expressed added concern that some ICE agents are being especially zealous by targeting individuals who have only committed minor infractions.

A few other positions and observations made by the Congressman during our interview:

- The Trump Administration's current health care proposal will leave individuals in worse shape than they were since adoption of the Affordable Care Act.
- We must defend our democracy by standing up to foreign interference with our elections.
- We must support civil, religious, and voting rights.
- It is important to encourage peaceful negotiations with our allies and enemies.
- The current federal budget proposal needs better balance including increased support for the EPA, education, the Paris Agreement (dealing with greenhouse gases emissions mitigation, adaptation and finance starting in the year 2020), alternative energy, and healthcare.

Submitted by, Karen Savitt, Board Member

## ...and, Monique Limon.

### LWVVC and LWV Santa Barbara Interview Assembly Member Limon



On March 11, members of LWV Santa Barbara and LWV Ventura County met to interview Monique Limon (Assembly District 37). Following is a thumbnail sketch of just a few of the issues discussed during the interview.

**Education:** Discussed necessary action in the event a voucher system is adopted. Assembly member Limón stressed the need for local student access to schools within the University of California and California State University systems. One idea would be to increase the number of satellite campuses. Ms. Limon also noted the importance of finding a solution to the chronic problem of student debt.

She presented on the Degrees-Not-Debt budget package this month to address holistically, college affordability not just for tuition, but for books, housing, and other expenses that go along with attending college as well. She has also authored a bill that tackles several facets

of the issue of student hunger.

**Environment:** While there is great uncertainty at the federal level, Ms. Limon reinforced her view that California must remain committed to the environment and combating climate change.

**Healthcare:** Federal proposals have caused continuous changes in California health care funding. Assembly member Limón is concerned about the possibility of Californian's losing access to crucial healthcare services. There is currently a single payer bill proposed in the Senate.

**Water:** Water distribution issues vary widely across California. For example, the Central Coast is facing a different water situation than other parts of the state. Finding solutions that meet our needs, and working with other regions in the State will be a challenge but Ms. Limon intends to continue exploring ways work together.

Assembly member Limón indicated her intention to explore alternative methods of water reclamation. If local jurisdictions are willing to work on the issue, they could arrive at a model other regions in the state could employ as well. This is another area in which we must all work together. She also expressed her concern that restrictions tying the hands of legislators regarding testing for chemicals must change.

**Election issues:** Among other things supports the idea that ballots mailed on election day be counted including, those mailed without postage.

Ms. Limon provided a very informative and interesting interview.

Submitted by Karen Savitt, Board Member

# LWVVC Program Planning Committee Update

## Committee Wraps Up Plans for Public Forum on Climate Change

On March 21, the Program Committee (Pat Essick, Steve Lattimore, Carol Lindberg, Maria Runyon, Karen Savitt) met to finalize details for our upcoming climate change forum and talk about ideas for future programs. The Climate Change program is being co-sponsored with Ventura College and will be held on Saturday May 6, (see Special Events above or check the Calendar on our website). The Program is free and open to the public. The following speakers have been lined up:

**David Lea:** Professor of Earth Science, Affiliate Faculty in the Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at U.C. Santa Barbara. Professor Lea, for whom global climate change is a major research interest, will provide a detailed overview of the nature of climate change and the dangers it poses.

**Sangwon Suh:** Professor of Corporate Environmental Management, Industrial Ecology, and Life Cycle Assessment, Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the U.C. Santa Barbara. Professor Suh, an environmental engineer and PhD in industrial ecology, will address the economic problems posed by climate change including ways of dealing with them – including the surprising possibility of major contributions from the investment community.

**Jim Hines:** Chair, Los Padres Chapter, Sierra Club. Chapter Chair Hines will focus his remarks on three topics: What are the impacts of climate change on our natural world, including Ventura County? How will current congressional legislation impact federal lands, waters, and protected wildlife in Ventura County? What can individual citizens do to fight against legislation they view as damaging to the environment?

I am grateful to our speakers for generously giving of their time and expertise; only because of such contributions can the League carry out its mission of educating voters, including ourselves. I would also like to thank our terrific program committee.

Steve reported that the Social Concerns Action Committee of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Santa Paula is interested in arranging a gathering (perhaps somewhat like a brown bag lunch) to provide information to citizens about the difficulties faced by immigrants, especially the undocumented. The church was hoping that LWVVC would consider co-sponsoring such an effort however after some discussion the Committee decided to wait until we have more time for planning.

Submitted by, Steve Lattimore, Program Committee Chair

## LWVVC BOARD DOINGS

All members are encouraged to attend monthly LWVVC Board meetings. See Calendar below or check out our web site for the when's and where's. Come and see what your Board is doing and learn about projects that are in the works.

### Notes from March Board Meeting

#### Topics Covered and "To Do" List:

- Treasurer's Report - Bob Lowe reviewed our accounts and gave us a status report on our application for 501(c)3 tax exempt status. A Budget Committee has been put together to begin the work of constructing a budget for next year.

- President's Report and Action Items – Pat Essick updated us on the LWVVC Scholarship to be awarded to a student from Moorpark College. Re. Action, a Nominating Committee has been formed to begin the process of recruiting members for next year's (2017 - 2018) Board.
- Board discussed plans and arrangements for the upcoming (in June) LWVVC Annual Meeting including possible speakers. Board also selected delegates to represent LWVVC at LWVC's Annual Convention in June.
- Legislative Interviews - Pam Pecarich has coordinated interviews with other Leagues where relevant and volunteers were selected to handle interviews unique to Ventura County.
- Membership - Pat Butler reported that we have two new members, thank you Pat!
- Program - Steve Lattimore reported that the Program Committee is well on its way towards wrapping up plans and speakers for our Climate Change program.

Submitted by Judy Murphy, Secretary

## COME MEET LWVUS PRESIDENT CHRIS CARSON

lwg santa barbara holding garden party to honor chris

Join us at our Garden Party. Refreshments and good conversation.  
Buy your ticket now or sign up to be a sponsor

Don't miss your chance to hear from LWVUS President Chris Carson!



GARDEN  
PARTY  
SATURDAY, MAY 13  
FROM 3-5PM  
Featuring LWVUS President  
**Chris Carson**

\*Sponsorship Opportunities Available

**Location:** *A Beautiful Santa Barbara Garden*  
(address and directions will be provided to those who RSVP)

**Price:** \$50 (includes refreshments & two drink tickets) \$40 for early registration by April 1

**RSVP:** Write a check to LWV of Santa Barbara and note "Garden Party" in the memo line

League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara  
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(For more information: [email](#) or call 805-881-3396)

## VOLUNTEER A LITTLE TIME

• lwvvc needs you! •

*If you have some time and are interested in volunteering a bit of it for the good of the League, following is a list of projects that could use your help. **If interested in getting involved, send an email to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org) and let us know what you would like to do, someone will follow-up.***

- ▶ **May 6, Program on Climate Change.** Anyone who would like to help with the forum (setting up, greeting, collecting questions, refreshments) Please send us an email or call or email Steve Lattimore. The Program Committee's next meeting will be at Noon on April 4. See Calendar below or on our website for location.
- ▶ **Advocacy, Voter Registration, Program Committee, join a Committee and get active.** Send us an email and let us know if you'd like to get involved
- ▶ **Articles for the VOTER.** We are always looking for articles to include in the VOTER. Anyone who has a piece they think would be of interest to our members should send it to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org). VOTER deadline is one week prior to ending of every month.

*Working on a project for the LWVVC and need some help? Send an email to [info@lwvventuracounty.org](mailto:info@lwvventuracounty.org) and tell us what you need and we'll include it in the next VOTER. Please include dates, location, time of day.*

## THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

• all league meetings are open to the public •

## CALENDAR

- ▶ **Wednesday, April 5 - Program Planning Committee Meeting** - Noon. Location: Mimi's Café, Pacific View Mall (edge of the mall parking lot), 3375 E Main St, Ventura. All are welcome and anyone interested in volunteering to help with our upcoming climate change forum are especially welcome. Wrapping up plans for our upcoming Climate Change Forum.
- ▶ **Tuesday, April 11 - LWVVC Board Meeting** – 11:00 am to 1:00 pm (please be prompt). Location: Ventura College of Law, Classroom #1 located off the Courtyard, 4475 Market Street, Ventura (parking in the rear).
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 19 - LWVSB Community Forum: Climate Change** - 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Location: Louise Lowry Davis Rec Center, 1232 De La Vina Street, Santa Barbara.

▶ **Thursday, April 20 - 25th Annual Water Symposium - Association of Water Agencies of VC.** "Collaborative Collisions...The New Chaos". Location: Courtyard by Marriott, 600 E Esplanade Dr., Oxnard. Click [here](#) for agenda and to register. There is a \$245 fee (before April 14) for non-AWA members.

“California presents good examples of the potential for conflict inherent in a system of overlapping governance, with State mandates frequently at odds with water-supply realities at the regional level, and centralized directives. What's the correct scale for planning and decision-making? Is it best to have one body coordinating and calling the shots or smaller units basing their decisions on what's best for them?”

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▶ **May 17 - LWVSB Community Forum: Education Santa Barbara** - 12:00 to 2:00 pm. Location: Faulkner Gallery, 40 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara.

▶ **Thursday, June 1 thru 4 - 2017 LWVC Convention** - Location: Sacramento. For California Leaguers, attending the state convention in our capitol city is not to be missed. And, the 2017 LWVC Convention will continue that tradition. See our Calendar on the LWVVC website for links to more information.

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10:00 to Noon	Business Meeting
Noon	Luncheon
12:30 to 1:30	Speakers: Dr. Herb Gooch of California Lutheran University will speak on " <i>California v. the Nation</i> ". In addition to Dr. Gooch's luncheon speech, our own David Maron will update us on the "State of the Region Report 2017" published annually by the Civic Alliance.

