



Winter 2024



EMPOWERING VOTERS DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first 2024 Voter, Winter Edition, which will be published on a tentative, streamlined schedule of about 4-5 times per year--with each changing season.

We at League are mourning the sudden passing of our matchless leader, Dr. Deborah Turner, president of the LWVUS. Read more about Dr. Turner [here](#). You may also watch the video of her memorial service by clicking [here](#).

We also lost a respected leader of our own, Margaret "Peggy" Dornish, who served as co-president of LWVNCSD for 5 years. This [link](#) will take you to our page honoring Peggy.

These passings have me reflecting about our work and our mission. Though the seasons change, and the years march on, here at League our commitment to empowering voters and defending democracy is unwavering. It's no small task and requires a dedicated team of volunteers to deliver on our promise:



- **Jill Cooper, Carol Jensen, Sandy Gereaux** led a small but mighty team, including our friends from [Third Act](#), to reach over 500 students at El Camino High School in Oceanside on January 31. To get involved, [see below](#).
- **Mandy Butler**, our Pros and Cons Chair, has been out in the community and on ZOOM, delivering presentations on Prop 1, the only statewide measure on the ballot in the March primary election.
- **Vic White** and I spent a morning on January 29 at the **Vista Detention Center** registering around 50 detainees, all of whom were military veterans.

That morning at the **Vista Detention Center** was, for me, a moving experience--seeing a roomful of men, of all ages and ethnicities, who have previously served our country, eager to register and solemnly deliberating their eligibility to register. I was proud to be there, representing League, which supports voting rights for people caught up in the criminal justice system. They are *still* citizens and

supports voting rights for people caught up in the criminal justice system. They are *still* citizens and still deserve the right to have a say about who will represent them.

So much opportunity for us to make a difference in our community. But gaps in our organization--the lack of a Voter Services Leader, for example, in an election year, no less--means that we may leave good work, necessary work, undone. I hope someone reading this will consider lending a hand. As you've undoubtedly heard some wise woman say, *many hands make light work*. Just reply to this email if you're interested--even if it's only to get more info.

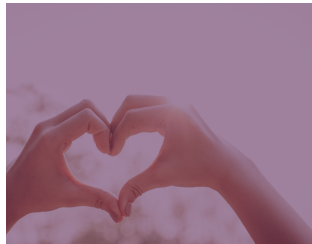
In any case, thank you for your helping hands, in whatever manner you offer them. Whether it's through membership dues, a donation, or volunteering your precious time, we appreciate you.

As always, check our [website](#) for info about events, meetings, recent advocacy and communications. If you are not a member yet, [join now](#) or [donate](#) to become a part of our community. Help us continue to do our work of ensuring an informed electorate and a strong democratic government that works for everyone.

Onward,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosette Garza". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'S' at the end.

P.S. This [essay](#) appeared in the SD-UT the day before my visit to the Vista Detention Center. Written by a previously incarcerated young woman, currently attending USD, she speaks eloquently about why she should not be defined by the mistake that landed her in the criminal justice system.



P.P.S. This just in from the Registrar of Voters: ***You are invited to send one representative from LWNCSO for the ROV's Public Logic & Accuracy (L&A) Test on Tuesday, February 20 at 1pm for approximately 2 hours.*** If you are interested in seeing how ballots are counted and verified and the tests done prior to each election, let me know by responding to this email.

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New Members

Terry A. Carlsbad
Olivia B. Vista
Claire C. San Marcos
Lucas C. Carlsbad
Charlotte C. Oceanside
Sheila D. La Jolla
Diane H. San Diego
Kim L. Cardiff
Ray M. Carlsbad
Melanie M. Encinitas
Kathy R. Carlsbad
Judy R. Encinitas
Marcia W. Encinitas
Anne W. Poway

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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Recent Advocacy

Jan 22--LWVNCSD and LWVSD oppose County Resolution in Support of Prop 1, Rebuilding California's Mental Health System

Feb 4 --LWVNCSD and LWVSD support proposal to make available unused County land for emergency shelter solutions

Become a Part of our Voter Services Team!



To sign up or for more info, contact:
[Mandy Butler](#), Pros and Cons Chair
[Elizabeth Brady](#), Candidate Forums
[Julie Ann Sih](#) VOTE 411
[Jill Cooper](#), Youth Voter Initiative
Voter Registration & Outreach OPEN--Contact [RoseKe](#)

More Opportunities to Make a Difference

Serve on our **Observer Corps**, attending a city council or school board. Observers are critical to our ability to monitor important issues and to hold our elected officials accountable. Requiring attending 1-2 monthly meetings in person or remotely, it's easy yet important. Contact [Connie Ulrich](#) for more info.

Join the **Events Committee**. Can you help find a venue? Organize the refreshments? Plan the program? If any of this sounds fun to you, please contact our Events Chair, [Mona Pastor](#).

Do you have any **PR, communications** or **tech skills**? Even a little? We need a newsletter editor, someone to handle once a month e-mail blasts or someone to handle occasional website updates. Contact [RoseKe](#) if you are interested.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the Date!

**March 20, 2024
6:00-8:00pm
Carlsbad**

Join your League friends for a fun and informative evening, post-primary election, to learn about ranked choice voting. Heavy appetizers and beer flight tastings are on the menu. We will use ranked choice voting to "ale-lect" the favorite beer from a tasting flight. Featured presentation from CalRCV. Date is still tentative but likely. Stay tuned for details!



Webinar: Come Get Your Civics On!

**A Three Part Series
Presented by the LWV Sonoma County**

The LWV of Sonoma County is pleased to be offering a free 3-part webinar to help people learn about their government.

- **Feb. 6 at 6pm on ZOOM:** California State Government. David McCuan Ph.D.

Do you know what Democracy is? It's us! If we don't know what's going on, if we don't know how our government works, then we forfeit our political power to other people.

• Get Up To Speed Quickly & Easily
 • 3 Sessions in Feb & March
 • All on Zoom, Tuesdays at 6pm
 • Free but Registration Required
 • Everyone is Welcome.
 • Register for Each Event Separately at lwvsonoma.ORG

The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County is pleased to present:

California State Government How It Works Tues, Feb 6, 6pm, Zoom David McCuan, PhD Political Science Professor, Sonoma State University	How an Idea Becomes a Law Tues, Feb 20, 6pm, Zoom Logan Pitts, MPA Senior Field Representative & Senior Legislative Aide California State Senate	How City & County Government Work Tues, March 12, 6pm, Zoom Steve Rabinowitsh Instructor Emeritus Santa Rosa Junior College
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For More Info & To Register, See ➡ <https://lwvsonoma.ORG>

State Government, David McCuan, PhD, Sonoma State University **TONIGHT!**

- **Feb 20 at 6pm on ZOOM:** How An Idea Becomes a Law, Logan Pitts, Sr. Legislative Aide, Ca State Senate
- **Mar.12 at 6pm on ZOOM:** How City and County Government Work: Steve Rabinowitsh, Instructure Emeritus, Santa Rosa Comm. College

Register for one, two or all three!

[Register here](https://lwvsonoma.ORG)

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NEWS AND UPDATES

Vote with the League NO on Proposition 1

Mental Health Care Addiction and Treatment Reform &
Bonds to Build Places for Treatment and Supportive Housing

The League is strictly non-partisan, which means we never pick sides when it comes to political parties, candidates for elected office or elected officials. However, we do take positions on **issues**. The LWV California is recommending a NO vote on Proposition 1, which will amend the Mental Health Services Act. Read more about the League's rationale [here](#).



2024 PROGRAM PLANNING

Selecting a Priority





Members: Have Your Say!

Recommending a Priority Issue LWVUS 2024-26

Continuing the Discussion on Feb. 15

Look for an email soon with a link to the video recording of the meeting held on February 3, along with a survey to provide us with your **choice of priority issue to recommend to LWVUS**. The process we've adopted this year allows **all** members to have a say--not just those attending the meeting. Complete the survey by March 1, and make your voice heard!

All members are invited to take part in further discussion of the recommended priorities at the Carlsbad Unit Meeting on **Thursday, Feb. 15 at 12:30** at the **Leucadia Wastewater District Offices, 1960 La Costa Ave., Carlsbad**.

Proposals for recommended priorities include climate change, immigration, mis- and dis-information, and gun violence prevention, among others.

Questions: Contact [Connie Ulrich](#), Program Chair or reply to this email.

MIS- AND DISINFORMATION GRAPHICS & GUIDANCE

Guidance for combating mis- and disinformation and Instagram graphic series.

Members at the recent Program Planning meeting indicated concern about mis- and dis-information. In 2022, the League launched a Truth in Democracy project and has some valuable resources we can all use to combat mis- and dis-information. Click [here](#) for more info and tips about how to combat this growing problem in our political discourse.

LWVNCSD Committee and Unit Meetings

For a full listing and details of all unit meetings, committee meetings and events, go to our [website](#) or directly to our calendar [here](#).

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Register for this program and earn money for LWVNCSD at no extra cost to you! Thank you!

[Sign up here](#)



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