



# The Voter



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## Commerce Department Undermines 2020 Census

by Chris Carson, President LWV

*Every ten years since 1790, the United States has conducted a national census of every person living in the country to determine accurate apportionment of Congressional districts and to help determine accurately proportional funding across the fifty states of various government policies.*



Last month it was announced that the Commerce Department has made the decision to include a question pertaining to citizenship in the 2020 Census.

Make no mistake: this decision isn't about improving demographic data on citizenship.

It's designed to frighten immigrants—citizens and non-citizens alike—so they won't participate in the Census. It's a blatant political maneuver meant to disenfranchise these groups and deny them equal representation.

**Including this question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our democracy.**

For more than 200 years, the Census has collected information about the geographic distribution of our population, so we can provide representation and invest in our communities equitably.

Without a complete count of our nation's people, businesses will not have the tools to make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving.

The United States Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States – not all citizens. Non-citizens are an integral part of our economy and need to be included in the 2020 Census to paint a complete picture of our great country.

**The clock is ticking toward 2020.**

[Stand with us as we call on Congress to take action](#) to correct this issue before it's too late.

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## **For the June 5, 2018 Primary Election, The League of Women Voters Recommends**

### PROP 68 California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act

This measure would authorize California to issue general obligation bonds, with the money used to finance state and local parks, water conservation measures, water reliability to disadvantaged communities, and flood protection projects. California parks provide open space and recreation, improving health and community well-being. The water projects funded by this bond are forward thinking and are a key part of our state response to climate change.

**Vote YES on Prop 68.**

### PROP 69 Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes

If passed, this constitutional amendment would ensure that the existing transportation revenues we pay at the pump and when we register our vehicles can ONLY be used for road and transportation improvement projects. This amendment protects these transportation funds by prohibiting the state legislature from using these revenues for non-transportation purposes. Prop 69 protects existing taxes and fees we are already paying. It does not raise taxes one cent. The League supports measures to ensure adequate revenue to support needed services, including safe roads and good public transportation.

**Vote YES on Prop 69.**

### PROP 70 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund

This measure would add a requirement that two thirds of legislators approve the first appropriation of any money collected from the sale by CARB (California Air Resources Board) of cap-and-trade allowances after 2024. At a time that we need efficient and effective investments in climate change solutions, this requirement could lead to deadlocks, inefficiency, and poor decisions.

**Vote NO on Prop 70.**

### PROP 71 Effective Date of Initiatives

Currently, an initiative that is approved takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Election results are not officially certified until five weeks after the election. While most election results are clear shortly after Election Day, that is not always the case. Prop 71 would provide that an initiative would take effect five days after the Secretary of State certifies the election results.

**Vote YES on Prop 71.**

### PROP 72 Property taxation: new construction: rain water capture system.

This measure would allow an exclusion from additional property taxes for construction or installation of rain water capture systems. These systems capture, store, and use otherwise wasted rain water for landscape irrigation and similar uses, saving more conventional water for personal use. With traditional water sources becoming less dependable, this is one more way we can diversify sources of usable water.

**Vote YES on Prop 72.**

## **VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON JUNE 5!**

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## April

**9 Monday**                    **Pros and Cons & Candidates**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**   **Forum Workshop**

At the Fullerton Joint Union School District Office, located at 1051 W. Bastanchury Road, in Fullerton.

**10 Tuesday**                **Read with League**  
**1:00**

**Closing the Courthouse Door: How your Constitutional Rights Became Unenforceable** by Erwin Chemerinsky. (Yale University Press 2017) 280 pages. A leading legal scholar explores how the constitutional right to seek justice has been restricted by the Supreme Court. Reviewer: Barbara Dunsheath. Host: Penny Brown. For more information please contact Penny Brown at (714)828-4667 or at [LibraryPRB@aol.com](mailto:LibraryPRB@aol.com).

**11 Wednesday**            **Executive Board Meeting**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

At the home of Karen Hill

**18 Wednesday**            **Board Meeting**  
**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

At the Fullerton Joint Union School District Office, located at 1051 W. Bastanchury Road, in Fullerton. Everyone welcome.

**26 Thursday**              **Lunch with League**  
**11:00 am**

At the Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 E. Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Jan Wagner will present the Pros and Cons of the five propositions on the June ballot. The cost is \$20 per person for lunch. For more information see the Lunch with League column below. To make a reservation just email to [lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org) or call (714)254-7440.

## Lunch With League by Marge Imbler

April is a wonderful month to join us for Lunch with League. If we are lucky, the rains have come and made our grass a little greener and flowers are showing their wonderful colors again. The best way to celebrate all the natural beauty is to join us for lunch at the Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 E. Bastanchury Rd. in Fullerton 92831. We will be meeting on Thursday, April 26, at **11:00** for socializing and the lunch and speaker will start at 11:30.

This month we are privileged to have Jan Wagner, past president of our league, as our speaker. Jan will be leading a discussion of the pros and cons of the 5 propositions that are on the June ballot. Several league members will be assisting her. This will prepare you to vote in the upcoming June primary. It promises to be an enlightening discussion.

**Reservations:** Email us at [lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org](mailto:lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org) prior to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 24th. For more information, please check our website, [www.lwvnoc.org](http://www.lwvnoc.org) or call us at 714-254-7440.

### Guidelines:

- 1) Los Coyotes requires our reservation count by 10:00 AM on the Tuesday before the luncheon.
- 2) No reservation or cancellation can be accepted after the above time.
- 3) Any mail-in reservation must be accepted by the Monday before the lunch.
- 4) A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.

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# Court Slays Pennsylvania Gerrymander

by Chris Carson, Pres. LWVUS

Last month in a victory for Pennsylvania voters, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to block the recently redrawn Pennsylvania congressional districts from moving forward. <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/lwvpa-statement-supreme-court-upholding-new-maps>

This is a huge victory for Pennsylvanians. Moving forward, the votes of Pennsylvanians will not be diluted by the unconstitutional extreme partisan gerrymandering of its congressional districts. In the 2018 election, voters will be voting under new, fairer maps.

Yesterday's decision was also a huge victory for the League of WomenVoters. The League in Pennsylvania initiated this lawsuit in the summer of 2017 because voters deserve the right for their voices to be heard regardless of party affiliation or address.

This victory is an important first step toward slaying the gerrymander. With yesterday's decision, voters can focus on educating themselves on the candidates and issues on their ballot while making sure they are registered and plan to vote on May 15. <http://www.vote411.org/>

This success is just one of the many steps that are being taken in Pennsylvania and in other states across the country in our work to reform redistricting. The League will continue to fight for fair maps by passing legislation and supporting citizen reforms to implement an independent redistricting process.

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This is the 1812 Massachusetts apportionment map that popularized the term gerrymander.



Mary Fuhrman, Sharon Quirk-Silva, and Frann Shermet

## Legislator Interview

by Mary Fuhrman

Each year in February-March, LWVC asks local leagues to interview their state legislators on three issues. This year we were able to see Assemblywomen Sharon Quirk-Silva and the staff of Senator Josh Newman who later relayed his answers. We were not able to get an appointment with Assemblyman Philip Chen.

The questions this year concerned Bail Reform, CEQA reform, as it affects affordable housing, and the need to plan for predicted sea level rise that will affect the state infrastructure.

We relayed their answers to the California League, so that our lobbyist will have current information about these legislators' beliefs before calling on them. Many thanks to Fran Shermet, Kristina Fruneaux, Wanda Shaffer, and Sharon Sorenson for helping on this activity.

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# OC Board of Supervisors Report, February 27, March 13 and 27 Meetings

by Wanda Shaffer, ILO

**February 27 meeting:** This was the first meeting held since the change in the public address rules. The public now may address the BOS at the beginning of the meeting if they wish to speak on an item from the “Consent Calendar.” Then when the “Discussion Items” are to be started, they may also ask to address the Board. Usually after a lunch break, the Board returns and announces “Closed Session” items that can be made public and once again, the public may speak on items they feel are important to them.

The public’s three chances to speak must be requested in writing and presented before the item comes up for Board discussion.

At this first meeting of the new rules, no persons spoke before the Consent Calendar or during the Discussion Items. A few irate citizens said they did not know of the new ruling and were unhappy with having to wait until after lunch to speak. This observer thought it went well.

\*\* The meeting was mainly made up of discussions and votes on grants, contracts, amendments, and department reports.

\*\* Of interest, however, was the Consent Calendar item on the OC Fraud Hotline annual report. The public and county employees can report welfare fraud, misconduct of an employee, employer, contractor, etc. This can be done by phone or email, and both can be anonymously submitted, if desired, through [www.ocgov.com/services/fraud/](http://www.ocgov.com/services/fraud/) or by phone by calling 714-834-3608. The phone caller will receive a password and a “callback” date for possible further details. The Fraud Hotline Team can have an outgoing written message to the filing party asking for more information, but still preserve the right to anonymity.

The OC Fraud Hotline was established Sept. 1994. It was inactive during the County bankruptcy and then reinstated May 1996. The OC Internal Audit Dept. “enhanced and improved” it from Dec. 2004 until the Department was eliminated August 2015. Now the OC County Counsel Office is responsible for the administration of the OC Fraud Hotline. The annual report for 2017 states the number of cases amount to approximately the same as the years 2014-2017.

44 cases acted upon.

131 cases referred to appropriate depts., (DA, Soc. Services, Auditor/Controller.

201 telephone referrals

14 Non Actionable items.

46 Fraud Hotline cases were closed.

16 (35%) were substantiated.

136 (68%) were not substantiated.

You might like to copy the phone number and email address offered in this article and share with friends. Visit the [ocgov.com](http://ocgov.com) website for instructions.

**March 13 meeting:** Over \$60,558,000 spent on various contracts for county services. Many of these contracts were for 2 or 3 years. The final agenda is made public on the close of business on Friday before the Tuesday meeting. There were 10 new items added and 7 items either deleted, continued, or revised.

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**March 27 meeting:** Many, many unhappy NIMBYs from Irvine, Laguna Niguel, and Irvine spoke against BOS sites suggested for homelessness solutions. This topic will be continued!

ORANGE COUNTY IS THE FIRST CALIFORNIA COUNTY TO OFFICIALLY OPPOSE STATE LAW, SB 54, WHICH MADE CALIFORNIA A “SANCTUARY STATE” FOR IMMIGRATION. THE O.C. RESOLUTION “CONDEMNS THE STATE LAW THAT RESTRICTS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ENDANGERS PUBLIC SAFETY.” COUNTY COUNCIL IS DIRECTED TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION. The vote was 4 -0; Chair Do was absent. This was a very long meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Most of this time featured raucous two-minute speeches from supporters and opposers, and a three-minute speech offered by U.S. Rep.. Dana Rohrabacher. **(The OC LWVs spoke in opposition of this resolution.)** It should be noted that Los Alamitos city council also denounced SB 54, known as the “CA Sanctuary State law. Other OC cities are also discussing opposing SB 54, including Yorba Linda, Buena Park, Huntington Beach, and Mission Viejo. Our readers might consider attending and speaking at their next city council meeting.

The OC Health Care Agency has an agreement with Children’s Hospital of Orange (CHOC) for Inpatient Mental Health services for Youth, ages 3-17. This 2-year agreement for \$1,125,000, will provide services for younger patients. Parents will have accommodations to stay with their child patient. There are already 32 beds for teenagers.

Dear Reader, you are invited to attend a BOS meeting with me. The April meetings are scheduled on Tuesday 10 and 24. We can have lunch afterwards.

## Frann Shermet Receives Women of Distinction Award

LWNOC President Frann Shermet met with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva and State Senator Josh Newman to receive recognition as a woman of distinction for 2018. She is a passionate advocate for the health and welfare of children and the elderly and an avid supporter of education and the arts. She has held leadership posts in numerous community organizations in Cypress, Long Beach, Los Alamitos, and Orange County. In 2011, Frann was named Cypress Citizen of the Year. The plaque she received identifies her as a role model who has demonstrated the positive impact one determined individual can make on the world.



Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva, LWNOC President Frann Shermet, and State Senator Josh Newman

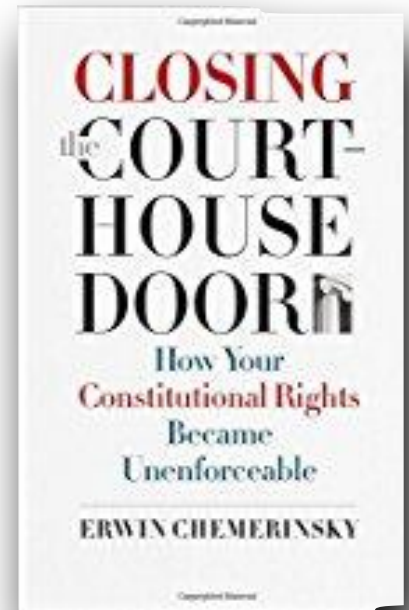
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## Read with League by Penny Brown

Read With League's April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm at the home of Penny Brown. Barbara Dunsheath will be leading the discussion. We will be reading and discussing **Closing the Courthouse Door; How your Constitutional Rights Became Unenforceable** by Erwin Chemerinsky, the distinguished legal scholar and dean of the University of California Berkeley School of Law. The Supreme Court's decisions on constitutional rights are well known and much talked about, but individuals who want to defend those rights need something else as well, access to courts that can rule on their complaints. And on matters of access, the Court's record over the past generation has been almost uniformly hostile to the enforcement of individual citizens' constitutional rights. The Court has restricted who has standing to sue, expanded the immunity of governments and government workers, limited the kinds of cases the federal courts can hear, and restricted the right of habeas corpus.

**Closing the Courthouse Door** is the first book to show the effect of these decisions, which, taken together, add up to a growing limitation on citizens' ability to defend their rights under the Constitution.

Our group welcomes new members. For more information, contact Penny Brown at 714-828-4668 or [libraryprb@aol.com](mailto:libraryprb@aol.com)



## Remarks delivered to the OC Board of Supervisors March 27, 2018

by Sue Guilford, ILO President

*Note: because the time allotment was changed to only 1 minute, I had to heavily edit the following.*

League of Women Voters supported SB 54, now known as The California Values Act. We hope that you, our County Supervisors, will join us in supporting The California Values Act.

The League took this action because we believe that our communities are safer when all individuals can access services from and engage with government agencies without regard to their immigration status.

The League of Women Voters supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship, by paying taxes, learning English, studying civics, and meeting other relevant criteria. While policy reforms, including a path to legal status, remain unachieved, the League does not support deporting unauthorized immigrants who have no history of criminal activity. The League believes that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination. The League also believes in protecting families, and in supporting their unification throughout the immigration process.

This is not about protecting felons or other dangerous individuals from the law. The California Values Act mandates guidelines for turning over to federal authorities all violent felons or those with prior convictions for violent felonies. For other individuals who are evident threats to our communities, it requires a judicial warrant or judicial probable cause determination prior to coordinating with federal authorities, thus ensuring a minimum level of due process. It provides that state and local resources and personnel would not be used for immigration enforcement purposes, except for specific and reasonable exceptions.

Please join the League in supporting, NOT opposing, The California Values Act.

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**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY  
 Membership Form 2017 - 2018**

Name(s) of Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Individual member	\$65.00	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
Additional household member	\$32.50	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
Student member	\$32.50	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
Additional donation to League (To cover our operating expenses, etc.):						
	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
Donation to Educational Fund (Separate tax-deductible donation):						
	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
Total enclosed (Make checks payable to LWVNOC.) Thank you.					\$ _____	

**How can you serve the League? How can the League serve you?**

Please complete this member survey. Circle your choices or fill in the blanks.

Our areas of emphasis this year are: **Voting Issues, Civic Engagement, Education, and Housing and Homelessness.**

I am interested in working on: \_\_\_\_\_

I would also be willing to work on special events and other League projects. Yes No

I have special skills (for example: graphic art, computers): \_\_\_\_\_

I am currently: Working \_\_\_ Retired \_\_\_ My job/profession: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to attend League events: During the day In the evening Weekdays Weekends

Suggestion for an activity or speaker: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation, but I am currently unable to participate in League events. Yes No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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