



The Voter



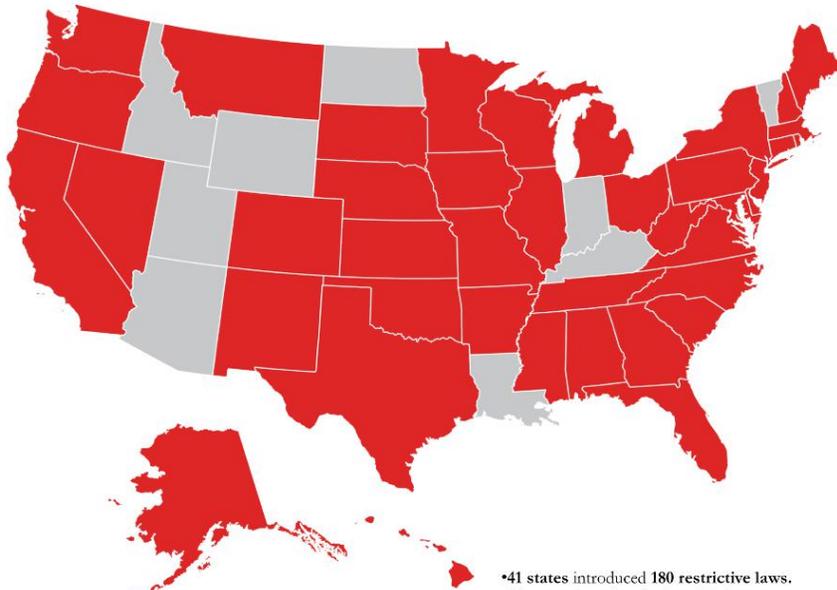
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Demand Action to Protect Our Right to Vote

by Chris Carson, President LWVUS

States with restrictive voting legislation introduced since 2011



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- 41 states introduced 180 restrictive laws.
- 34 states introduced photo ID laws.
- 17 states introduced proof of citizenship requirements.
- 16 states introduced bills to limit registration.
- 9 states introduced bills to reduce early voting periods.

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It's been 53 years since the Voting Rights Act (VRA) was signed into law by President Johnson. And it's been five years since the U.S. Supreme Court gutted essential provisions in the law in the decision of *Shelby County v. Holder* that has led to countless attacks on the voting rights of Americans. Now is the time to put those protections back in place.

[Will you stand with us and tell Congress to protect our right to vote?](#)

Since the decision in *Shelby v. Holder*, millions of voters have been purged from the voter rolls across the country. Legislatures in states across the country have also worked to establish institutional obstacles at the voting

[See **Right To Vote** on page two.]

booth by placing restrictions on early voting, minimizing polling locations in underrepresented communities and mandating discriminatory voter photo ID requirements.

At the same time, special interest, dark money groups are pouring cash into our elections, drowning out the voices of voters everywhere. They're finding candidates to elect who will push their shady agendas to threaten public health and safety. And that's not even scratching the surface of dark money's influence: Reproductive rights, gender equity, climate change, workers' rights, health care and more are all under attack.

[Right now, we are working with our partners to recruit 100,000 activists to stand up and demand Congress take action to protect every vote.](#)

Congress must safeguard our elections: End gerrymandering, fix our campaign finance system and prevent the corrupting influence of dark money groups. Our future is at stake – and your voice is more important than ever before.

[Demand action! Add your name to tell Congress to protect our right to vote!](#)

Not voting is not a protest. It is a surrender. Keith Ellison

A Message from Virginia Kase, CEO of LWVUS

Two weeks ago I started in my new role as CEO at the League of Women Voters of the United States. When I think about the history of this organization, I am proud to see so many women running for political office this year. And I want you to know that I am committed to our mission today: **Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.**

Part of my motivation for taking this position is to provide women with an opportunity to be heard, especially those who are often overlooked. I want young women to know that there's no one way to achieve their aspirations. Everyone's path is different. You see, I did not have a traditional path to executive leadership.

I was a teen mom. It took me eight years to finish my college degree, while juggling two jobs and raising my sons. I started my career as a community organizer working with gang members in Hartford, Connecticut. As an activist, I am passionate about social justice. As an American, I've always believed that America is great, but that we're on a continuing journey as a country to become even better with each generation that passes. What drew me to the League was its commitment to creating that more perfect democracy and its renewed commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

At a time when division and hatred threaten the fabric of our society, the League welcomes all people, regardless of background, to play a part in this great democracy. Because every vote matters—and we are *all* equal at the ballot box. Thanks for trusting in me. We are going to do great things together!



Virginia Kase, CEO of LWVUS

LWVC's Ballot Proposition Endorsement Strategy

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

For More Information:

- League of Women Voters of California, [Our Work](#) (LWVC position statements and action policies as well as our current priorities for education and advocacy)
- League of Women Voters of California, [Legislative Priorities](#)
- League of Women Voters, [Our Work](#) (LWVUS statements of position and priorities)

The League of Women Voters of California Recommends November 6, 2018 General Election

PROP 1 Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond

YES

California is experiencing a housing crisis. The state's extreme shortage of affordable housing has life and death consequences, especially for people with low incomes. Housing instability has been linked to public health crises, food insecurity, and developmental problems in children. Prop 1 will build and preserve affordable homes, including supportive housing, for veterans, working families, people with disabilities, Californians experiencing homelessness and others struggling to find a safe place to call home. It will authorize \$4 billion in general obligation bonds, to be used to support these affordable housing programs. It would also leverage federal dollars for construction of new housing. **Vote YES on Prop 1.**

PROP 2 Homeless Housing Bond

YES

A quarter of the nation's homeless reside in California--over 130,000 people. A significant percentage of our homeless population suffers from mental illness. Prop 2 allows the use of unspent money, originally allocated through a 2004 measure to fund mental health services, to be used to address the problem. If passed, the unspent money would be used to provide permanent supportive housing for people who need mental health services, and are either currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. **Vote YES on Prop 2.**

PROP 3 Water Bond

NO

It is essential that California manage and develop water resources in ways that benefit the environment, and that the environmental focus emphasizes both conservation and use-appropriate high water quality standards. However, this bond is **not** the way to accomplish those goals. While the League of Women Voters of California supports the use of long-term debt (bond measures) to finance capital projects, this measure has a number of fatal flaws, including:

- 1 • Shifting the cost for water from the end users to California taxpayers;
- 2 • Reducing state money available for other critical state programs like education, affordable housing, and healthcare;
- 3 • Failing to provide for adequate project oversight and financial accountability. **Vote NO on Prop 3.**

[See **LWVC Recommends** on the next page.]

PROP 4 Children’s Hospital Bond

NO

While the League of Women Voters of California supports quality healthcare for all Californians, Prop 4 would use \$1.5 billion in public, general obligation bond money to support privately-owned children’s hospitals, along with five children’s hospitals in the University of California system. State funds should not be used to support private facilities. This principle stands even when, as is the case in this measure, the facilities serve severely ill children. The bond money would be used for construction, expansion, renovation, and equipment projects. These are capital improvements that could be funded either through revenues the private hospitals generate or through capital campaigns (where, for example, a building is named after a donor). **Vote NO on Prop 4.**

PROP 5 Property Tax

NO

Property taxes are the major source of funding for schools and local services. Prop 5 is a costly constitutional amendment that would reduce funds for schools and local services by \$1 billion per year. In exchange for that \$1 billion a year, Prop 5 would provide special tax benefits to some property owners. It does nothing to help low- income seniors, or families struggling to find housing. Seniors already have the ability to keep their tax break when they downsize. Prop 5 drains California’s coffers of money that is essential to schools and communities.

Vote NO on Prop 5.

PROP 6 Gas Tax Repeal

NO

California is in critical need of highway and local street repairs and maintenance, and improvements to mass transit and transportation. Prop 6 would repeal the recently-enacted 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, amounting to a loss of \$4.7 billion in annual funding. The measure would also add a constitutional amendment requiring any fuel or diesel taxes to be approved by voters, limiting the legislature’s ability to address California’s serious infrastructure needs. Passage of this repeal measure would have significant negative impacts and leave our state structures vulnerable, especially during natural disasters. **Vote NO on Prop 6.**

PROP 10 Repeal Costa Hawkins

YES

Multiple strategies are needed to address the significant housing shortages and inequities that exist across California. While this rent control measure offers little systemic progress, and may not result in adding new affordable housing units, it does allow local communities to respond to the housing crisis in ways that are appropriate for each of them. We support providing local communities with this control.

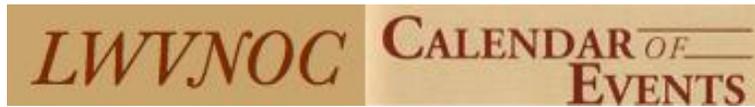
Vote YES on Prop 10.

Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC is taking **no stand** on

Prop 7 (Daylight Savings Time), **Prop 8** (Dialysis), **Prop 11** (Ambulance Drivers), and **Prop 12** (Farm Animals). **Prop 9** was removed from the ballot.

Vote with the League on November 6!





SEPTEMBER

- 11 Tuesday 1:00 pm Read with League The Catcher Was a Spy: The Mysterious Life of Moe Berg by David Dawidoff. Reviewed by Lois Smith. For more information see the ad below or contact Penny Brown at (714) 828-4667 or email to LibraryPRB@aol.com.
15 Saturday 10:30 am Kick-Off Meeting & Lunch with League 1 Black Gold Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Our only fund raiser of year is a terrific silent auction. Come at 10:30 to see what is offered this year. Our speaker will be Neal Kelley, Orange County Registrar of Voters. He will speak on the status of voting in Orange County. See the article in this Voter. Cost of lunch is \$30. Email reservations to lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org.
19 Wednesday 10:00 am Board Meeting North Orange County ROP, 385 N. Muller Street, Anaheim, in the Multipurpose Room. All members are welcome.

OCTOBER

- 9 Tuesday 1:00 pm Read with League Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America by Nancy MacLean. Reviewed by Jim Hill. Hosted by Jim and Karen Hill. For more information please contact Penny Brown at (714) 828-4667 or online at LibraryPRB@aol.com.
17 Wednesday 10:00 am Board Meeting North Orange County ROP, 385 N. Muller Street, Anaheim, in the Multipurpose Room. All members are welcome.
25 Thursday 11:00 Lunch with League Coyote Hills Golf Course, 1440 E. Bastanchury Road, Fullerton, CA 92831. Pros and Cons of the November election ballot measures. Cost of lunch is \$20. Email for reservations at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org.

Read With League by Penny Brown

At the last RWL meeting we discussed Astrophysics For People in a Hurry by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Our discussion was ably led by Ed Smith, and I think we all came away with renewed appreciation for the science of astrophysics. Lucina Moses kindly provided goodies, which we all enjoyed.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th at 1:00 pm at the home of Frann Shermet. Lois Smith will be leading the discussion. We will be reading The Catcher Was a Spy; the Mysterious Life of Moe Berg by Nicholas Dawidoff. This is the fascinating story of Moe Berg, the only major-league baseball player whose baseball card is on display at the headquarters of the CIA because Berg was much more than a third-string catcher who played on several major league teams between 1923 and 1939. Educated at Princeton and the Sorbonne, he was reputed to speak a dozen languages (although it was also said he couldn't hit in any of them!) and went on to become an OSS spy in Europe during World War II.

If you would like to join us, we welcome new members. Contact Penny Brown, LibraryPRB@aol.com or 714-828-4668.

Lunch with League

by Marge Imbler

Our kickoff luncheon for the 2018-2019 LWVNOC year will be held on **Saturday, September 15, 2018**. We will be gathering at the **Black Gold Country Club, 1 Black Gold Dr., Yorba Linda 92886**. The fun begins at 10:30 with a chance to browse and bid in our silent auction. There are always wonderful and interesting items. Lunch will start at 11:30. **Luncheon is \$30.00 payable by cash, check, and this year, we are accepting credit cards.** We also will be accepting memberships for the new year. So gather family and friends and come to our wonderful event.

We are so excited to have Neal Kelley as our featured speaker. Mr. Kelley is the Registrar of Voters for Orange County, the fifth largest voting jurisdiction in the United States, serving more than 1.5 million registered voters. As the Chief Election Official, Kelley has led the Registrar of Voters' office through the largest cycle of elections in the County's 129-year history. He has been the recipient of numerous state and national awards for election administration and was recently awarded the "Public Official of the Year" award by the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks.

Kelley is an appointee of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Government Coordinating Council (GCC), which helps to oversee the protection of the nation's election infrastructure and serves as a member and past chair of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Board of Advisors. He is also a member of the EAC Voting Systems Standards Board and the Technical Guidelines Development Committee. In addition, he serves as a member of the 2018 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on the Future of Voting.

Mr. Kelley is past president of the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO) and also past president of the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC).

Mr. Kelley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and management from the University of Redlands and an M.B.A. from the University of Southern California.

Reservations: Email us at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org prior to **12:00 PM Sat., Sept. 8th**. For more information, please check our website: www.lwvnoc.org or call us at 714 254 7440

Guidelines:

- 1) A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.
- 2) All mail-in reservations must be received by Fri. Sept 7th.
- 3) No reservation or cancellations can be accepted after the above date.



Registrar of Voters, Neal Kelley

How to Identify Ethical Candidates for Public Office

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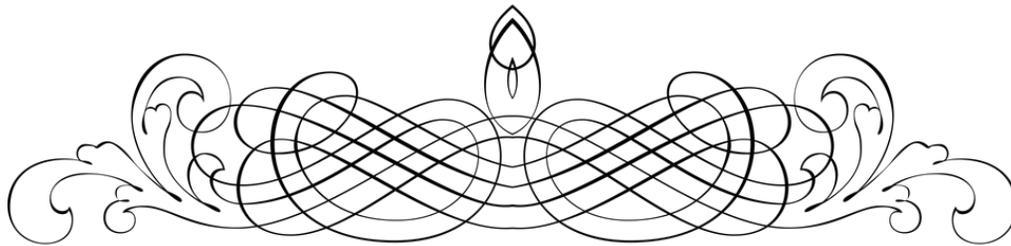


I am the Director of the Government Ethics Program at the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at Santa Clara University. I wanted to let you and your members know about a free online short course we are offering entitled, "Vote for Ethics: A How to Guide for Voters."

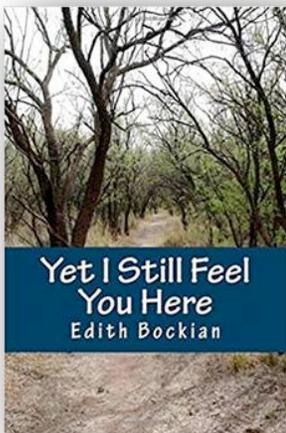
Studies show that voters want to vote for the candidate that takes the high road--the one who tells the truth, is forthright about where he or she stands on issues, is independent, and doesn't engage in dirty, attack-style politics. But how do we encourage candidates to campaign ethically? By letting our votes speak for us. We need to send a message that the ethical campaigner is the one who will get our vote. In order to do that, however, we first have to be able to identify ethical candidates. The purpose of this short course is to give voters the tools to do that.

Interested voters can enroll at:

<https://www.canvas.net/browse/santaclarau/courses/vote-for-ethics>



Edith Bockian, LWVNOC's Resident Poet by Lois Smith



Our long-term, honorary member, **Edith Bockian**, has had her latest poetry collection published. It is called "Yet I Still Feel You Here." It is a beautiful collection of poetry from different times of her life and is dedicated to the memory of her husband, Al Bockian. It is available on Amazon at this address:

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=Yet+I+still+feel+you+here



Edith at the age of 15

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Individual member	\$65.00	Renewal ___	New member ___	\$ _____		
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	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	other	\$ _____
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	\$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 am not able to participate in League events but wish to support the work of the League by renewing my membership or by making a donation. Comments: _____

Please send this completed form with your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834

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