



# The Voter



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## Caravan of Refugees in Exodus by Jim Hill

*The formal LWVUS position on immigration: Immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet economic, business, and employment needs; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises.*



In an epic exodus that originated in Honduras, thousands of men, women, and children are fleeing oppression and misery in Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador and making their way through Mexico toward America's southern border. They want to start new lives in a land that will afford them the security, prosperity, and opportunities for education and employment their homeland can no longer provide.

Some will seek Mexican citizenship, but most hope to be allowed into the United States.

Central Americans have suffered decades of crime, corruption, and violent abuse of civil rights. Honduras is a country of extreme economic inequality and massive poverty. With dangerous street gangs roaming the cities, it has one of the highest homicide rates in the world. On top of all that, the area has suffered devastating hurricanes and droughts. Sadly, this exodus is not unique in the world.

Across the globe similar humanitarian crises, spawned by the effects of global warming, severe poverty, and violence, are generating massive numbers of refugees. European nations have taken in hundreds of thousands of desperate Syrians fleeing war and starvation, but a growing resistance to accepting so many immigrants has unveiled the strain on Europeans' generosity. However great the strain, wherever refugees seek sanctuary, it is our moral obligation to help those in need. But what shall we do?

In deciding what to do, there are two important facts to remember. First, preventative solutions are far better than corrective ones. It is far better to recognize potential humanitarian problems early than to wait and suffer the calamities they eventually cause. Second, never assume that because you are advantaged today, that you will always be so. No one is immune to natural disasters or to economic collapse, no matter how rosy things may look in the moment. When refugees knock on our door, we must acknowledge our complicity if we didn't help when solutions would have been far easier. In their faces, we must recognize the faces we know so well: ourselves.

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# Registrar of Voters Releases First-Ever Voter Data Trends Report

SANTA ANA, CA - October 12, 2018 - [The Registrar of Voters released the inaugural 2018 Voter Data Trends Report today with voter data spanning the years 2004 - 2018.](#) The report is based on voter data maintained by the agency, which provides insights into the changing behaviors of Orange County's voters.

## Key Facts:

- There are more voters in Orange County than in 18 other U.S. states.
- Baby Boomers' participation in elections continues to increase while the Silent Generation decreases.
- 25% of voters have only participated in 1 to 2 elections.
- No Party Preference voters make up 27% of the current registration, up 3% in less than a year.
- Voters are abandoning polling places - usage has dropped 20% on average.
- Provisional ballots cast in 2004 was 1 in 100, now they represent 1 in 10.

## Quote by Registrar of Voters Neal Kelley:

"Orange County voter demographics have shifted over the past 14 years - and their voting tendencies and behaviors have changed as well". He continued, "Our Voter Data Trends report offers unique insight into the most significant changes".

**Access Full Report Here:** [2018 Voter Data Trends Report.](#)

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## California LWV Ballot Measure Qualifies for the 2020 Election

SACRAMENTO — A ballot measure that would overhaul the state's tax-cutting Proposition 13 by charging companies in the state billions of dollars more in property taxes will go before voters in 2020.

The measure, which is backed by community groups, education advocates and unions, qualified for the November 2020 ballot last month when the secretary of state determined that the supporters had gathered more than the needed 585,407 valid signatures of registered voters. Proponents call it the first proposed change in commercial property taxes to qualify for the ballot since Prop. 13 passed in 1978.

*"Californians now have the opportunity to reform a 40-year injustice," said Helen Hutchison, president of the League of Women Voters of California, one of the groups supporting the measure. "After five years of planning and strategizing, we have qualified a split-roll initiative for the ballot — an achievement once thought impossible."*



The League of Women Voters does not take positions on ballot propositions unless it has previously conducted nationwide studies on the related issues. After careful study and analysis of the issues behind these seven propositions, the League of Women Voters of California offers these recommendations:

- **YES on Prop 1: Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond**
- **YES on Prop 2: Homeless Housing Bond**
- **NO on Prop 3: Water Bond**
- **NO on Prop 4: Children's Hospital Bond**
- **NO on Prop 5: Property Tax**
- **NO on Prop 6: Gas Tax Repeal**
- **YES on Prop 10: Repeal Costa Hawkins**

Detailed arguments for these positions are available at [www.lwvc.org](http://www.lwvc.org).

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# President's Message

by Frann Shermet, LWVNOC President

As we start to think about the holidays, I hope you will keep our league in mind as well. October Lunch With League will be the last one of the year, and we will resume in January. Our speakers will address ethics, gun control, the census, and the press. You won't want to miss any of our Lunch With League events, and reservationist Lois Smith will be emailing you that information.

Many of you may have already received calls and emails from our Nominating Committee members regarding accepting positions on the Board of Directors. It is imperative that you consider serving in some capacity to insure the viability and livelihood of our organization. The Nominating Committee includes Satya Khouri, Barbara Orosz and Lois Smith. They will be happy to discuss what you can do to help.

Do you know about Tributes? They make a lovely holiday gift, go into the ED Fund and make someone smile. Talk to Paula Ames about it. She is in charge of Tributes.

Hope you had a Happy Halloween. Boo!



## *Internet Resources for Voters*

### **California League of Women Voters**

[www.ca.lwv.org](http://www.ca.lwv.org)

Our statewide organization

### **California Legislative Analyst**

[www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov)

Analysis of all ballot measures

### **California Secretary of State**

[www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov)

Official text of ballot measures, candidates'

statements, maps, dates, election returns

### **CA Voter Foundation**

[www.calvoter.org](http://www.calvoter.org)

Data on campaigns

### **Easy Voter Guide**

[www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org)

Concise facts on statewide propositions.

Multilingual

### **Inter-League Organization (ILO)**

<http://ocilo.ca.lwvnet.org/index.html>

### **League of Women Voters**

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

Our national organization

### **League of Women Voters**

#### **North Orange County**

[www.lwvnoc.org](http://www.lwvnoc.org)

Our local organization

### **League of Women Voters on facebook**

<http://www.facebook.com/LWVNOC>

### **LWV Vote 411**

<http://www.vote411.org>

### **LWV Education Fund**

<http://www.cavotes.org>

Information from the League about California elections

### **Orange County Registrar of Voters**

[www.ocvote.net](http://www.ocvote.net)

Election calendar, polling places, absentee

voting info, multilingual voting materials

### **Power of Democracy**

<http://www.powerofdemocracy.org>

Educating voters

### **Smart Voter**

[www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)

LWV California Ed Fund provides statewide

propositions, local candidates and issues, media links, and background materials.





## **How Long Have They Known?** by Jim Hill

At Columbia University a noted nuclear physicist addressed a symposium organized by the American Petroleum Institute and the Columbia Graduate School of Business. In attendance were government officials, economists, historians, scientists, and petroleum executives. The message was unexpected and very unwelcome. When you burn fossil fuels, you create carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide absorbs infrared radiation from the sun and raises the temperature of the earth's atmosphere. A ten per cent increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will melt the polar ice caps, raising sea level and flooding New York City and all other coastal cities in the world. The speaker was Edward Teller, sometimes called "the father of the hydrogen bomb." The year was 1959, nearly sixty years ago.

The American Petroleum Institute commissioned the Stanford Research Institute to examine the issue, and in 1968 the API received Stanford's report. Stanford researchers predicted significant temperature increases by the year 2000, accompanied by serious world-wide environmental changes carrying the potential for severe damage to the environment.

Since 1968, the API has chosen to follow a course of denial, diversion, and deceit, putting profit ahead of facing up to the truth we all wish were not so: the fossil fuel industry is an existential threat to life on earth as we know it. Meanwhile, evidence of the accuracy of Stanford's predictions of rising temperatures and extreme weather events can be seen almost daily in the news media.

The latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change calls for completely eliminating all burning of fossil fuels within the next thirty years. Here's the good news: meeting this goal will delay some of the consequences that are already inevitable, and it will buy us a future in which we can survive and even restore our planet to health. The bad news, though, couldn't be worse. Failure to stop burning fossil fuels will have devastating consequences. As we know, they have already begun.

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## **FPPC AdWATCH invites public to keep an eye on campaign ads**

The FPPC is providing the public a way to help make sure candidates and campaigns are providing proper disclosure on their political signs and other advertising. FPPC AdWATCH is a new tool on the FPPC website which provides a place where anyone can upload a picture of a campaign sign or a video of a campaign ad that they think may be questionable as to whether the ads contain the legally required disclosure.

“I’m extremely pleased to unveil this additional capability to help our Enforcement Division.” said FPPC Chair Alice Germond. “I’m always excited about creative ways for the public to be involved in the process of our democracy. This will help strengthen the integrity of the political process and to make sure there’s a level playing field for candidates and campaigns.”

One of the portals allows you to upload a picture of a campaign billboard or sign, either from a desktop or laptop or from their mobile device. The other portal accepts links to videos of campaign ads, whether on the Internet or television. The FPPC Enforcement Division will be able to view these ads quickly to determine if they contain the proper disclosure and take the appropriate action if they don’t. The portal allows the public the option to provide their name or to remain anonymous and report the ad without filing a complaint with the FPPC.

“The public deserves to know who’s paying for political advertising, and this will greatly help the Enforcement Division in our job of making sure the public is getting the correct information and that campaigns are following the law,” said FPPC Enforcement Chief Galena West.

This system is now active. Just go to the FPPC website ([fppc.ca.gov](http://fppc.ca.gov)) and you’ll find FPPC AdWATCH both on the home page and on the Enforcement tab (<http://adwatch.fppc.ca.gov>). Click there and you will be ready to put in your information.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) is California’s governmental ethics and campaign disclosure agency.

## **OOPS! Past Due** by Sharon Sorensen

Membership renewals were due by October 1st. If you haven’t sent in your \$65 renewal yet, there’s still time to mail your check to LWVNOC, P.O. Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834. If you have changed your address, phone number or email, please let us know. Just send a note to [membership@LWVNOC.ORG](mailto:membership@LWVNOC.ORG). Remember, student members are currently exempt from dues, and members who just joined during the summer won’t have to renew until next year! And for those who have paid - Thank You!

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**LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of NORTH ORANGE COUNTY  
 Membership Form 2018 - 2019**

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	Free	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 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**

For Treasurer's Use Only: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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