



Restoring the Voting Rights Act will Strengthen Democracy

by Sarah Courtney, LWVUS



WASHINGTON – The League of Women Voters is proud to support H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA) which will restore sections of the Voting Rights Act that the Supreme Court stripped in the *Shelby County v. Holder* decision in 2013. Today [2/27/2019] League of Women Voters CEO, **Virginia Kase** released the following statement in support of this critical bill:

The right to vote is a sacred pillar of our democracy, central to the mission of the League of Women Voters, and why we deeply support the Voting Rights Advancement Act (VRAA).

More than 50 years ago, we saw the most sweeping advancement to voting rights with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which made racially discriminatory voting practices illegal. Since the court's decision in 2013, voters across the country have faced issues at the ballot box including unlawful purges, shortening of voting hours, and the closing of polling places in communities with large populations of voters of color.

With the introduction of this bill, it is time for Congress to update the Voting Rights Act and restore the vote for millions of disenfranchised voters.

The VRAA will strengthen our democracy by ensuring that race is not a factor in determining who has access to the ballot box. It is time to move forward with this bill, and the League of Women Voters implores all members of Congress to support this important legislation.



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New Member Orientation at Lunch with League

by Frann Shermet, President of LWVNOC

There will be a New Member Orientation immediately preceding the March Lunch With League on Thursday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. at Coyote Hills Golf Club, 1440 Bastanchury Road in Fullerton.

Board Members of the North Orange County League will give brief presentations of what they and their teams are responsible to accomplish during their two year term. New and continuing members can join existing teams if they are interested in the various activities the League has to offer.

If you are new to our League, this will be the most enlightening way to learn how to get involved to help "Make Democracy Work." Get to know your fellow Leaguers and join a team.

A buffet lunch will follow and is optional, but you will need a reservation. The cost is \$20.00. Also there will be a dynamic speaker. Please plan to join us for a fun and informative event.

Please let me know if you will attend by emailing me at fshermet@gmail.com.

Tributes

Tributes can honor a person for an exceptional event, help to observe a special occasion, salute to a deserving friend or a colleague, or serve as a memorial for a love one. For publication in the Voter, send tributes along with a check to the LWVNOC Ed Fund, Paula Ames, Tribute Coordinator, P.O.Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834. For more information call Paula Ames at (714) 626-0262 or visit our website at www.lwvnoc.org.



Anita Larsen by Richard Larsen

Anita Larsen passed away at the age of 84 after a fifteen year bout with damned cancer. She is survived by her husband of 63 years Richard and two sons and a granddaughter. Her daughter passed away in 2017 from cancer.

Anita was active in the LWV and also at OLLI at CSUF. She taught history at LaHabra High School for 38 years and loved books and travel. She traveled to several countries in Europe and even the Soviet Union, but France was her favorite, 27 times. Her travels also took her to China, India, Viet Nam, and South Africa. She loved people and cultural experiences.

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A Tribute to Anita Larsen from her friends at Read with League:

We'll miss her vibrant, insightful commentaries.



Advocacy Teach-in and Tune-up by Sharon Sorensen

LWVC invited Southern California Leagues to attend an Advocacy Teach-In & Tune-Up on Saturday, February 9th in Los Angeles. This highly informative presentation took a deep dive into the difference between being political and being partisan; emphasizing that critiquing is not partisanship and that we should hold elected officials accountable. As an example, the Schools & Communities First campaign states that the League and other organizations “have submitted a ballot measure to protect California from the Trump federal tax giveaway for millionaire, billionaire, and corporate landowners like himself.” It was explained that without naming politicians and using edgy words like “giveaway,” the message is wishy washy and that depending on who your audience is, we should not be fearful of using bold language so our message reaches and moves people.

LWVC also provided an overview of the Advocacy Team who review bills before the California legislature and ballot initiatives before voters. The League only takes positions based on current program [positions](#) and/or on [League principles](#). Positions are developed based on member [study and consensus](#). The Advocacy Team plays a key role in influencing public policy in Sacramento, and all League members are invited to join! Newcomers are welcome to join the Advocacy Team through a process designed to train and provide resources, while connecting them with mentors to help develop skills and expertise. Chris Carson, LWV National President, also in attendance, stressed that the Advocacy Team provides the “there, there” that people are often looking for when joining voting or advocacy organizations, emphasizing, “NOBODY else does it like this!”

The legislative calendar goes from January through September, with most of the action starting in March and ending in August. Various Advocacy Team roles have been established to ensure a smooth and efficient process, maximum impact, and a satisfying volunteer experience. The roles include Legislative Analysts, who are the backbone of the team, and Position and Area Directors, who provide leadership, build the team, and ensure appropriate training and support, while managing and tracking the team and the status of legislative action.

After lunch we learned the steps involved in the legislative process through a fun, hands-on interactive exercise before getting into some of the nitty-gritty of bill analysis. If you were unable to attend the Teach-In but are interested in joining [the team](#), please email [Andrew Muse-Fisher](mailto:Andrew.Muse-Fisher@lwvc.org) at amusefisher@lwvc.org to let him know. LWVC is developing a set of online training modules that will replicate most of the information provided at the Teach-In; in the meantime, the [LWVC Advocacy Dashboard](#) houses many of the materials used.

ILO Looking to Fill Two Leadership Roles

by Kay Bruce

At this time we have President and Treasurer incumbents who plan to run for another term, but we need to fill two other positions, Vice President and Voter Service. The Vice President will be expected to take over as President for the 2021-2023 term. Working with current president, Sue Guilford, for two years will provide our next VP with lots of experience and expertise in filling the president role. Heading up Voter Service during the 2020 elections will mean lots of training and delivery for voting.

Being on the ILO Board is interesting, diverse, and challenging. The meetings at St. Joseph's Convent in the city of Orange are once a month for ten months with July and December dark. If anyone is interested please call Maggie Smythe at 714-289-1125 or Deborah Vagts at 714-390-3852 or Kay Bruce at 714-345-1595.

Think about it, just do it.....

Lunch With League

by Marge Imbler

With all the wonderful rains that we have been experiencing, our **March Lunch With League at Coyote Hills Country Club**, 1440 E Bastanchury Road in Fullerton 92831, should show us all the beautiful greenery surrounding us on the golf course. Join us on Thursday, March 28. We always gather at 11:00 a.m. for conversation and coffee. Our lunch and program will start at 11:30. The cost is \$20.00. Payment can be made with cash, check, or credit card.



Our featured speaker is **Ms. Alex Aguirre** from the **Brady Campaign, Orange County**. Ms. Aguirre has been involved with the Orange County Chapter of the Brady Campaign since 2012. She has a Masters in Public Policy from the University of California, Irvine and is getting her PHD in Criminology, Law and Society at the same institution. Alex has worked many years to educate and advocate for more gun sense laws locally and nationally. Her research focuses on communities impacted by violence, including gun violence, and ways decision makers formulate policies to protect communities.

Reservations: Email us at lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org prior to 10:00 AM on **Tuesday, March 26**. You may also call us at 714-254-7440.

Guidelines:

1. Los Coyotes requires our reservation count by 10:00AM on the Tuesday before the luncheon.
2. No reservations or cancellations can be accepted after the above date.
3. A reservation made is a reservation paid. This includes late cancellations.

March

- 12 Tuesday** **Read with League** **Educated** by Tara Westover. Reviewed by Marcy Fry. For more information please contact Penny Brown at (714) 828-4668 or at LibraryPRB@aol.com. Hosted by Marcy Fry and Lucina Moses at the home of Marcy Fry.
- 1:00 pm**
- 20 Wednesday** **Board Meeting** All members welcome. Located at the North Orange County ROP office at 385 N. Muller Street in Anaheim. We will be meeting in the Multi-purpose Room.
- 10:00 am**
- 28 Thursday** **Lunch with League** At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 Bastanchury Road, in Fullerton. Our speaker is Alex Aguirre, from the Brady Campaign. He will speak on legislation to prevent gun violence. Lunch is served at 11:30. The cost of lunch is \$20. Email reservations to lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org
- 9:30 am** **& New Member Orientation**

April

- 9 Tuesday** **Read with League** At the home of Jim and Karen Hill. **How Democracies Die** by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt. Reviewed by Jim Hill. For more information please contact Penny Brown at (714) 828- 4668 or at LibraryPRB@aol.com.
- 1:00 pm**
- 17 Wednesday** **Board Meeting** At North Orange County ROP located at 385 N. Muller Street in Anaheim. The meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. All members are welcome.
- 11:00 am**
- 25 Thursday** **Lunch with League** At Coyote Hills Golf Course, located at 1440 Bastanchury Road in Fullerton. Our speaker is Rachel Otair, Program Manager at Waste Not for OC. The cost of lunch is \$20. Email reservations to lunchwithleague@lwvnoc.org
- 11:00**

LWVNOC Meets with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva

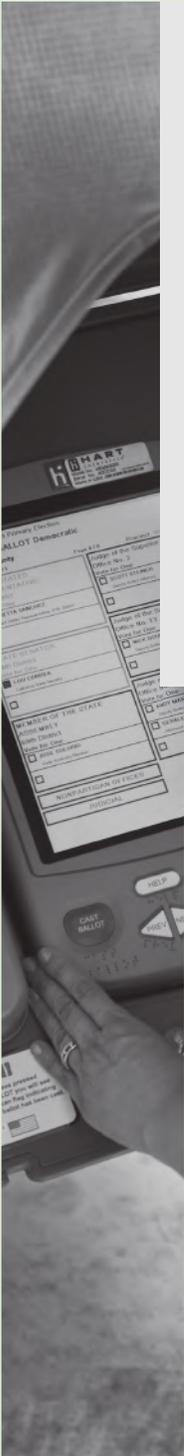
by Mary Fuhrman

Our LWVNOC interview team met with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva to discuss local redistricting commissions, California water resources, and closing the achievement gap with pre-school classes. The team members are Cheryl Zimmerman, Mary Fuhrman, Deborah Makin, and Monika Bloom.



NOTICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3

The special election to fill the Board of Supervisors seat vacated by Todd Spitzer, the new OC District Attorney, will be held this month. In addition to your usual methods of voting, Pop-up voting centers will be available at the times and locations indicated below. For any questions about voting in the special election, visit <https://www.ocvote.com> for answers.



EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING!



Pop-Up Voting Service Centers Open March 8 thru March 11

Hours and locations change daily - see below for details

Services offered in our Pop-Up Voting Service Centers

Drive-thru ballot drop-off (at select locations) • Secure vote-by-mail ballot drop off
In-person polling place voting • Replacement ballots • Voter assistance • Voter registration

Friday, March 8, 8:00am–5:00pm	Saturday, March 9, 9:00am–1:00pm
Yorba Regional Park 7600 East La Palma Avenue Anaheim, CA 92807 Located in parking lot 6 at the main entrance. Parking is available in the same lot.	Orange Home Grown Farmer's and Artisans Market 303 West Palm Avenue Orange, CA 92866 Located in the parking lot of Chapman University Becket Building, Parking is available in the public lot at the corner of Cypress St. and Palm Ave., adjacent to the railroad tracks.
Sunday, March 10, 8:00am–5:00pm	Monday, March 11, 7:00am–8:00pm
(Drive-thru ballot drop-off) East Anaheim Community Center 8201 East Santa Ana Canyon Road Anaheim, CA 92808 Located in the East Anaheim Branch parking lot off East Santa Ana Canyon Road. Parking is available in the same lot.	(Drive-thru ballot drop-off) Irvine Civic Center 1 Civic Center Plaza Irvine, CA 92606 Located on the front lawn, accessible through the main lobby. Parking is located in front of City Hall.



For more info, visit [ocvote.com/early](https://www.ocvote.com/early)

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

by Kay Bruce

Six North Orange County Leaguers embarked on a two-day bus tour of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California under the direction of Director Linda Ackerman. The Metropolitan Water District is a consortium of 26 cities and water districts that provides drinking water to 19 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties.

Our first stop was at the Diemer Treatment Plant in Yorba Linda where we saw water from both the Colorado River Aqueduct and the State Water Project. The plant has been retrofitted for ozone treatment.

A stop at the Salton Sea (the overflow of the Colorado River in 1903) which covers 365 square miles allowed us to see the largest population of migratory waterfowls outside of the Everglades. This water is 1.5 times saltier than the ocean.

We then ventured to the Copper Basin and the Whitsett Pumping Plant. This is the beginning of the Colorado River Aqueduct pumping plants that lift water over 1,600 feet to deliver it to Lake Mathews in Riverside County. The pumps are submerged; the water enters the plant about 15 feet below the surface of Lake Havasu.

Parker Dam, located below the junction of the Colorado and Bill William Rivers, is the world's deepest dam. Behind the dam is Lake Havasu covering 39 square miles.

The Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) is a 242-mile system of aqueduct, tunnels and siphons. The tunnels vary from 338 feet to 18.3 miles, comprising 38 per cent of the aqueduct length. The CRA has about 63 miles of lined canal, approximately 55 feet wide at the top, and 20 feet wide at the bottom, and 11 feet deep at the center.

There were 34 guests on the tour with all meals, lodging, and transportation provided. The lecturers were excellent. Those attending were Ellen Ballard, Tom and Donnette Gilliman, Sherlan Neblett, Mal and Kay Bruce. For more information about the Inspection Tours go to www.mwdoc.com/water-education/water-inspection-trips/.



Colorado Aqueduct Canal



Parker Dam



Pipes at the Whitsett Pumping Plant

HOMELESSNESS 101


**UNITED TO END
HOMELESSNESS**

United to End Homelessness and Cal State Fullerton have put together a presentation on homelessness.

Homelessness has reached crisis levels both locally and nationally. Many factors, including misinformation and myths, contribute to this growing problem.

This Homelessness 101 presentation will provide information and answer some of the most frequently asked questions about this issue.

**What causes people to become homeless?
What is the current state of homelessness in Orange County?
How can homelessness be solved?**

By the end of this session, you will become familiar with many of the approaches, philosophies and terminologies associated with homelessness. In addition, you will gain a better understanding of the homeless system in our community, including the most up-to-date statistics and best practices for solving homelessness in Orange County for good.



Led by:
Becks Heyhoe
Senior Manager,
United to End
Homelessness Orange
County United Way

Monday, March 18, 2019

Lunch - 11:45 a.m.

Program - 12:00-2:00 p.m.

TSU Titan Theater

800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92831

Empowered by



Registration is required and space is limited. RSVP to: https://fullerton.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6PZdUfTUBAKJBsN

Questions?

Please contact Jeanne Tran, 657-278-7295



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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 <input type="checkbox"/>	New member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____		
Additional household member	\$32.50	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____		
Student member	Free	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	New member <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____		
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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