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A Message from our President by Pearl Mann, LWVNOC President

Our program focus for the past two years has emphasized Voting Rights, Education, Homelessness and Affordable Housing, and Civil Discourse, but we anticipate some additions this year. LWVNOC will be involved in informing the public about our new Voting Centers, the 2020 Census, and efforts to slow the climate crisis. We will continue providing voters with Pros and Cons information, sponsoring candidate forums, registering new voters, providing observers to city council and county supervisor meetings, and advocating needed reforms to make elections fair and accessible.

Our officers and board of directors are planning for increased diversity, inclusion, and equity in our activities and our membership. We hope to involve more members and reach out to other organizations with similar interests. More help is always needed to expand our mission to educate and empower voters and improve our government at all levels. I urge each of you to get involved and share your ideas to further our mission. Inspire us!



Pearl Mann, Pres. LWVNOC



Advocacy Action by Mary Fuhrman

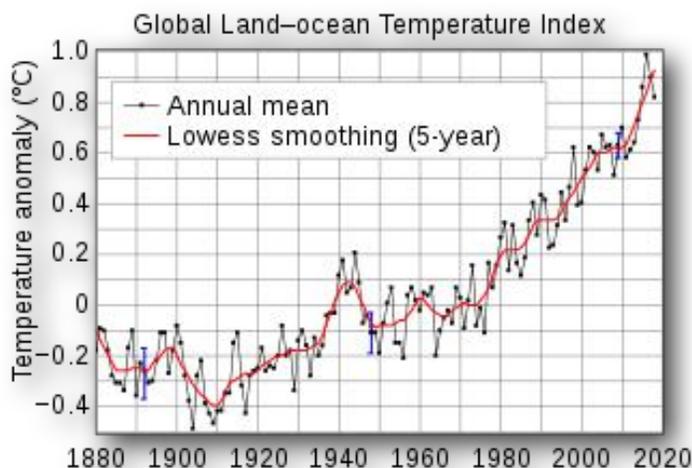
Gloria Chun Hoo of the LWVC board has asked for our help in advocating for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 6, which would restore the right to vote to Californians on parole and would update provisions in the state election code. The League intends to contact all California state legislators to urge their support for this legislative initiative to amend the California Constitution.

Jan Urban from our league, who has been active in women prisoner outreach, will be joining with representatives from ACLU and Prisoners With Children to discuss the matter with Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva.

If ACA 6 qualifies for the ballot by enough votes, it could be on the March primary ballot.

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Give Mother A Vote by Sue Fisher

Our climate is changing. However much some may try to deny or dismiss this, it is our reality. Storms are more powerful. Heat waves, droughts, and unusual rain patterns are increasing. Coastlines are eroding from flooding and the rising sea level. Several places around the world have already lost land (1).

The Caribbean islands of St. Kitts and Nevis have already lost about a quarter of their land mass since 1961. Ecuador has lost over 10 percent and Vietnam nearly 5. States with coastal areas in the United States continue to be threatened, especially Florida and New Jersey. California, with its long western shore, already has thousands of homes and communities at risk, with many more to follow. (2)

While the loss of homes is devastating, the effects of climate change are even greater when combined with its potential effects on crop production, an increase in the spread of disease, and the disproportionate effect on people who already face physical and economic disadvantages.

The denial of climate change and the accompanying refusal to engage in any meaningful actions to combat it at the federal level acutely threatens our future. Specifically, the lessening of environmental protections and the lack of support for science combine to push the importance of our environment into the background. Yet, threats to crops by increased drought and flooding, as well as threats to clean air and water should make environmental concern a priority.

Recent tax cuts only further the national debt and widen the wealth gap. While this gives short-term financial gains for some, it ignores the need for long-term climate-sensitive investments. Hardening the defenses of communities in fire or flood-prone areas or entirely relocating them is expensive and requires programs at the federal level to do so. Additionally, the most disaster-prone areas are often inhabited by impoverished people who lack the financial resources to move elsewhere or to take measures to improve their chances of survival.

We can change this, but it needs to happen now. Call your representatives to get climate change back on the national stage. Act locally to reduce your carbon footprint (3). Remind people that climate change is already affecting the way they live and that we need their vote to address this. Remind them, too, that short-sighted politicians will be long gone, but every generation after them will suffer the consequences unless we choose representatives now who will protect our future. Mother Nature is old and wise, so please, give her a vote.

1. <https://www.ecowatch.com/sea-level-rise-countries-vulnerable-2602886224.html>

2. <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/sea-level-rise-will-threaten-thousands-of-california-homes/>

3. <https://carbonfund.org/reduce/>

Sign our pledge to vote YES for Schools & Communities First in 2020!



[SIGN THE PLEDGE](#) - vote YES on Schools and Communities First in 2020! While big corporations have raked in record profits, our schools, first responders, healthcare, and vital community services have been starved of funding. In 2020, voters have a chance to change that. [Make your voice heard, commit to vote for Schools & Communities First in 2020.](#)

What's this campaign all about?

This measure will reclaim \$11 billion every year for our schools and local communities by ensuring that corporations and wealthy property owners pay their fair share. We're joining together, going all in for all of us to stop big corporations from cheating our communities - but we need your help.

[Add your voice and commit to vote YES for Schools & Communities First in November 2020.](#)



LWV SoCal Climate Change Forum

by Diz Smith, LWVC Climate Change Program Director

Summary: Forty members of the League of Women Voters gathered June 22 in Pasadena to unite for local and state action on climate change. The forum was hosted by the LWVC [Climate Change Task Force](#) and attended by members of ten local Leagues, primarily from the Los Angeles Basin.

We focused on four areas for action:

- [Carbon Drawdown](#) using the ranked list of solutions for Hawken's book, [Drawdown](#)
- [Climate Activism](#) by partnering with organizers, media and particularly youth
- [Moving to All Electric](#) in cities with local sponsored events
- [Transportation-Housing-Land Use](#) by engaging with local groups and monitoring plans

Resolved: The participants unanimously agreed that we must work to assure climate questions are included in the upcoming Presidential debates at all levels. A similar forum for Northern California Leagues is planned for September in Sacramento, and a third in the San Diego area at a later date.



How is Voting Changing?

by Karen Hill

The California Voter's Choice Act authorizes specified counties to conduct "Vote Center" elections, and Orange County is lucky to be one of them! Polling places are replaced by Vote Centers and vote by mail Ballot Drop Boxes. All registered voters will receive a vote-by-mail ballot. They will have myriad choices to deliver their vote. Voters can simply mail it off; it needs no stamp. They may deliver it to one of the 110 secure Ballot Drop Boxes placed throughout the county. Or they may go to any of the Vote Centers in the county.

Any voter can go to whichever Vote Center is most convenient for them. Each center has a well-trained, professional, helpful staff that will answer any of your questions. The Vote Centers will be open for multiple days before the election. The services include:

- Register, update your address, or change your party
- Vote in-person or drop off your ballot
- Get a replacement ballot
- Receive language assistance
- Use accessible ballot making devices

The new system is more convenient, more efficient, and has increased security. Plus, it has the added benefit of being cost effective. It will save the state money. If you are interested in learning more about it, visit ocvote.com

Ready OC Orange County's Emergency Preparedness Resource

Be Informed

The vast majority of Orange County residents have not made any preparations for an emergency. What about you? Are you ready?

Learn more about why you should be prepared...and what you can expect in local emergency situations.

1. [Why Prepare](#) Why should you prepare for emergencies before they happen?
2. [Know What Can Happen](#) Learn about the [top 5 disasters](#) most likely to strike Orange County — and [additional natural and man-made disasters](#) that could occur. If an earthquake started rumbling or you noticed smoke in the hills on your commute, what would you do first?
3. [Subscribe to AlertOC](#) AlertOC is a mass notification system to keep Orange County, California residents and businesses informed of emergencies and certain community events. If you live in Orange County, you should subscribe.

Date and Time	Place	Description
Tuesday, August 13, 2019 1:00pm	Hosted by Frann Shermet	Read with League. "Reporter: A Memoir" by Seymour M. Hersh.
Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:00-2:00	North Orange County ROP 385 N. Muller St. Anaheim, CA 92801	Strategic Planning Retreat.
Wednesday, September 18, 2019 10:00am	North Orange County ROP 385 N. Muller St. Anaheim, CA 92801	Board Meeting. All members are welcome.
Saturday, September 21, 2019 10:30am	Black Gold Golf Club 1 Black Gold Drive Yorba Linda, CA 92886	Kickoff Luncheon/Silent Auction. Speaker will be Chris Erskine, nationally known humor columnist. He is the popular LA Times "Middle Ages" columnist. He also writes for the Sports, Travel, and Saturday sections and edits on the paper's Features staff.

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, mail tributes along with a check to the LWVNOC Ed Fund, to Patti Chikahisa, Tribute Coordinator, P.O.Box 3073, Fullerton, CA 92834.

A tribute from Marguerite Lyon to Frann Shermet and Deborah Vagts for two years of great leadership as President and Vice President of LWVNOC.



2020 CENSUS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Census is a count of every person living in the U.S. every 10 years. The count is mandated by Article 1, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution to ensure residents in every state receive fair representation and resources.

WHY IS THE 2020 CENSUS IMPORTANT?

-  It's about making sure every voice in your community is counted
-  It's about resources for your community (schools, free lunch programs, college grants, housing vouchers and more)
-  It's about fair representation in local, state and federal government

HOW IS THE CENSUS DATA USED?

-  By law, U.S. Census data cannot be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies
-  By law, U.S. Census data cannot be used to determine eligibility for government benefits
-  Census data is used to advocate for more resources for community members
-  Census data is used to inform public safety, and the building of new schools and hospitals
-  Census data is used to decide where to open companies and businesses, which creates jobs

2020 TIMELINE

- MARCH 12**
Self-response begins with an invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
- ⋮
- MARCH 16 – 24**
A reminder letter will go out to those who have not responded
- ⋮
- MARCH 26 – APRIL 3**
A second reminder postcard will be sent out
- ⋮
- APRIL 1**
Census Day!
- ⋮
- APRIL 8 – 16**
A reminder letter and paper questionnaire will be sent out to households who have not responded
- ⋮
- APRIL 15 – JULY 31**
Non-response follow-up begins. Census-takers begin to visit homes through July
- ⋮
- APRIL 20 – 27**
A final reminder postcard will be sent

NEED A PART-TIME, TEMPORARY JOB WITH FLEXIBLE HOURS AND GREAT PAY?
Apply to be a manager, office clerk, address canvasser, or Census-taker at 2020census.gov/jobs.
Pay ranges from \$15 to \$50 per hour.

[OCGOV.COM/CENSUS2020](https://ocgov.com/census2020)

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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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