

All League members are horrified and deeply saddened by the tragedy of another mass shooting in one of our communities. The senseless loss of so many innocent people, the broken lives of so many families left behind leave us searching for reasons and solutions that have eluded our country for years. And while we search, the carnage continues in another place and another time. This time, once again, it was a school and many of the victims were children.

One of the main reasons the suffragettes marched, and the League of Women Voters came into being, was to give women the right to ensure the safety and well being of their children. Almost one hundred years later the details and the threats are very different, but women and families clearly are feeling that their children are not safe.

The League of Women Voters adopted a position in favor of limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of assault weapons in 1990. The position in brief reads:

“The League of Women Voters believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.”

The League at all levels – national, state and local – joins organizations all across our country in strongly supporting our students. Here is a list opportunities for you to raise your voice. As others arise or more details are available, we will email you and post them on our website, [lwvnoc.org](http://lwvnoc.org). Take advantage of all of them if you are inclined, but **please do something**.

### **March 14 School Walkout Day**

Join the California PTA and LWV and “Call Out” your federal legislators on March 14 to demand stronger gun-violence prevention legislation, including:

- Prohibit the sale and possession of assault weapons, including automatic and semi-automatic weapons
- Mandatory background checks
- Waiting periods for all firearm purchases

If your school will agree, pre-register students to vote

### **March 24 Great American Write-in 9:30-1:30**

Delhi Center, 505 E. Central Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707

Influence policy decisions by writing letters to legislators at this event.

### **March for Our Lives 1:30**

Orange County March leaves the Delhi Center after the Great American Write-in

### **April 20 Columbine Anniversary/Student Walkout**

**Watch your email or check [lwvnoc.org](http://lwvnoc.org) for additional information.**