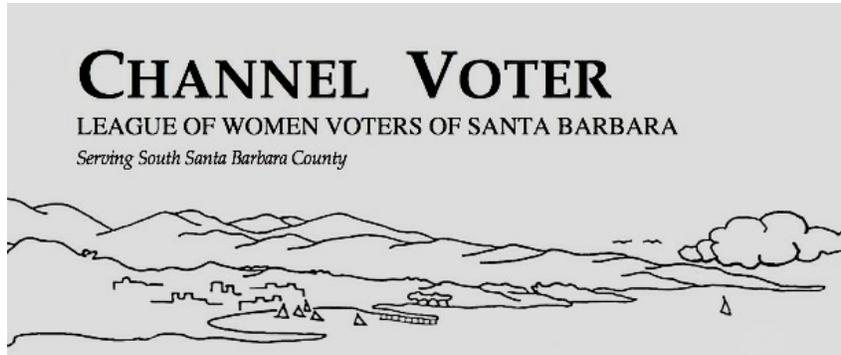


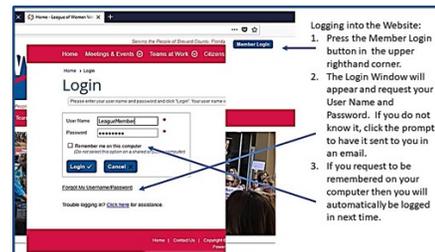
## Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.



*A new website, candidate forums, redistricting, bring your issues to the table, join a book club, and more*

### **We Have a New Website:** [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org)

LWVSB has implemented a new management system called Club Express. We now have a jazzy new website, a new color-coded calendar, and an up-to-date online member directory.



You should have received an email message from Club Express in mid-June with your new temporary username and password. The message welcomed you to Club Express and asked you to log into your new account and change your password (you can also change your username if you'd like). Check your spam folder or promotions folder – search for messages from Club Express. If you didn't receive a message from Club Express, or can't find it - no worries. Send an email message to [me](mailto:me) or call me at (805) 845-9219.

To access the online member directory, click on the Member Resources tab on the home page of our new website. (You must be logged into your member account to be able to access it since it's not available to non-members.) Then click on Member Directory (the third item listed) and press the Search button and the system will download all of our member records. If you have problems, contact me.

Revae Moran, Club Express Project Manager

**What Issues Do You Care  
About? Time to Plan  
Community Forums**

**Saturday, July 24 at 11am**



One of the liveliest and fun meetings of our League that I look forward to every year is referred to by a variety of names: Program Planning, Forum Planning, or Calendar Planning. Whatever you may call it, the goal is to identify topics for our monthly Community Forums that begin this fall.

The virtual planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 24 at 11 am, where we share our ideas and best thinking, roll them around and come up with a slate of topics. We typically plan about eight Community Forums around different current topics and issues that we are working with or studying. Generally, two or three League members will present an idea and then brainstorm possible titles or topics. Do YOU have a topic idea for a forum? Bring it on! Look for others to join you in helping create timely, informative subject matter. During the next few months, individual forum planning groups will organize and finalize their respective plans to include a polished presentation.

Our Community Forums usually are held on the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1:30 pm. We have a long history of hosting these community events, with written guidelines to help organize them. (Past forums can be viewed on our [YouTube Channel.](#))

Our first task, though, is to identify topics, outline each month's program, finalize details, and get each event on the calendar! So, think about what you would love to share with the Santa Barbara community and your fellow League members.

Please let me know that you want to attend so I can send you a Zoom link to the meeting. Send me an [email](#) or call me at (805) 451-4340.

P.S. It's also the time to consider scheduling a holiday party for December 2021, a Santa Barbara League birthday party for February 2022, and other events we might want to plan for the new year.

Pam Flynt Tambo, VP Program and Social Policy



## **Redistricting in Santa Barbara County Now is the Time to Get Involved**

In 2018 Santa Barbara County Ordinance 5051 §1 7/17/2018 was created by Measure G. Our League, (LWVSB) wrote the supporting statement for Measure G in the "County of Santa

Barbara Voter Information Guide."

That was the beginning of the story of the Santa Barbara County Independent Redistricting Commission (SBCIRC). The County sent out a request for volunteers to serve on a Commission of 11. The list was given to Joseph Holland, County Clerk Recorder Assessor, who selected a pool of 45 candidates. The Commission would then be created by the random selection of five Commissioners. Those Commissioners would then select five additional District Commissioners and one at-large Commissioner.

Ordinance 5051 stated the members should select Commissioners "to ensure that the commission reflects the county's diversity, including racial, ethnic, geographic, age and gender diversity." The Commission "shall also consider

political party preference, selecting applicants so that the political party preferences of the members of the commission, as shown on the members' most recent affidavits of registration, shall be as proportional as possible to the percentage of voters who are registered with each political party in the County of Santa Barbara."

As of June 10, five of these original Commissioners have resigned. Much time and energy has been spent on replacing them to maintain the balance aforementioned. The Commissioners have diligently made every effort to do so based on the original pool of 45 applicants presented to them.

Our League observed the initial drawing of Commissioners and each of the meetings of the Commission since October 2020. We have also spoken to them regarding transparency and the balancing of Commissioners.

The Commission has had many trainings including how to draw maps, what are "communities of interest", the Federal Voting Rights Act, Measure G, etc. These trainings can be seen by looking at the agenda [here](#).

The Commission is now embarking on its task of reaching out to the community. They have scheduled meetings in the Districts for the community to come in person. This is the schedule for July:

July 12: 6:15 pm

Location District 4 – TBD

July 9: 3 pm

Location District 2 – TBD

July 7: 6 pm

Location District 1

Meetings will be accessible via Zoom and in-person at Planning Commission Room, 123 East Anapamu St., Santa Barbara CA. Future dates will be posted on the website linked above.

NOW is the time for all of us in our League and in Santa Barbara County to become involved! Please show up for our Democracy and a fair districting process.

The City of Goleta will have its first district election for City Council in 2022. Three workshops are being held on creating these districts. For links to information and map tools, read [this article](#) in Noozhawk.

Lindsey Baker, Observer Corps Director  
ObserverCorps@lwvsantabarbara.org

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## **Gun Buyback Day Set for Aug. 21 – 8:30 am-noon**

The Coalition Against Gun Violence (CAGV) is planning a Gun Buyback Day on Saturday morning, Aug. 21 at the Earl Warren Showgrounds, 3400 Calle Real in Santa Barbara. They are seeking volunteers to hand out flyers and provide information. The Santa Barbara Police Department will be handling the guns!

CAGV is one of our Santa Barbara League of Women Voters partners. We'll have more information to share by Aug. 1, so save that date if you would like to volunteer. And, if there are any guns in your house that you no longer wish to keep, please consider donating them this year.

Pam Flynt Tambo

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## **Two Candidate Forums This Fall**

We will have two Santa Barbara City Candidate Forums in September – one for those running for Mayor, and one for the two Candidates (so far) running for the City Council seat in District 4.

Both will be held at the beautiful Santa Barbara Woman's Club, 670 Mission Canyon Road. The District 4 Candidate Forum is set for Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 6 pm; and the Mayoral race Candidate Forum is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 pm. Both will be covered by TV Santa Barbara (community access television channels 17 and 71), live-streamed on our Facebook page (@LWVSB), and recorded in both English and Spanish for later viewing via our YouTube channel. Don't miss them!

National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, Sept. 28. Mark your calendars as we will be calling for volunteers to staff the tables at our local libraries in Santa Barbara, Goleta, and Carpinteria. We'll have sign-ups as in past years where you can pick a two-hour time slot and help us register new voters and update the registrations of existing voters.

Revae Moran, VP, Voter Service

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## **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources**

For several years, the League at the national level has been creating Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resources and webinars for local and state Leagues. As you are interested and ready to engage, you are invited to sign-on and watch the approximately hour-long webinars. These usually are offered first as live events – often on the fourth Thursday of each month – so you may want to check for when the next topic is scheduled.

The link on the LWVUS site is at the bottom of the Home page and can be accessed [here](#).

Joanie Jones, DEI Chair

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## **Drive Clean with the League! Free Virtual Event**

Announcing the Drive Clean with the League, co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of California and Drive Clean California. The event will be presented four different times for your convenience. Come and invite your friends and family!

- Saturday, July 10 5-6 pm
- Wednesday, July 14, 6-7 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 16, 5-6 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 20, 6-7 pm

Learn more about the event and register [here](#).

Linda Phillips, State and National Action

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## **LWVSB Joins Other Organizations Asking UCSB for Housing Plan**

According to an article in the Independent, Sustainable University Now (SUN) — comprised of "heavy hitters in Santa Barbara's citizen watchdog community," including the Citizens Planning Association (CPA), Coalition for Sustainable Transportation (COAST), League of Women Voters of Santa

Barbara (LWVSB), and Santa Barbara County Action Network (SBCAN) — demand that Chancellor Henry Yang provide them a detailed plan by July 18 for how the university will resolve its housing shortfalls.

"There is perhaps no bigger contributor to Santa Barbara's present day housing shortage than its world-renowned university, which has repeatedly reneged on a 2010 agreement to build more units for students and staff."

To the full article, [click here](#).

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## Watch LWVSB Videos on TVSB Channels

League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Show - **English version:**

- **TVSB Channel 17**, "Voice" on Tuesdays 9 pm and on Fridays 2 am
- **TVSB Channel 71**, "Culture" on Wednesdays 9 pm on Thursdays 7 pm on Fridays 5 am, and on Saturdays 10 am

League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Show - **Spanish version:**

- **TVSB Channel 17**, "Voice" on Wednesdays 9 pm and on Saturdays 3 am
  - **TVSB Channel 71**, "Culture" on Mondays 7:30 pm, on Thursdays 3:30 am, on Fridays 3:30 pm, and on Saturdays 2 am
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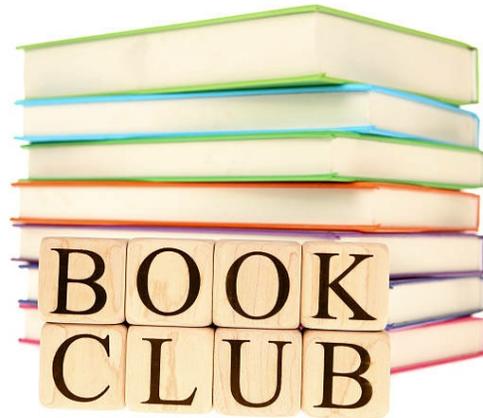
## BOOK CLUB ON ZOOM!

**LOCATION: Zoom**

**DATE: Thursday, July 8, 3-4 pm**

### BOOK SELECTION:

Tangled Up in Blue by Rosa Brooks  
This is a radical inside examination of American policing. From Georgetown University law professor to a cop working for the D.C.'s Metropolitan Police Department, Brooks wanted the kind of insider experience that would help her understand how police officers make sense of their work - and whether the world can be changed.



When we meet virtually we will talk about whether we want to continue on Zoom or meet in person--so think about what works best for you. To join the discussion on July 8, contact [elainerudin@me.com](mailto:elainerudin@me.com) for a Zoom invitation. We invite you to use your computer, iPad, laptop or Kindle to click on a link that Elaine will send you.

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## FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

Keep up to date with upcoming events and register [here](#). Meetings are by Zoom. All League members are welcome to join our Board and committee meetings as observers. Registration links are also in these articles.

**July 2, Friday** - Sustainable Communities - **10 am**

**July 8, Thursday** - Book Club - **3 pm**

**July 10, Saturday** - Board Meeting - **10 am**

**July 22, Thursday**- Social Policy Committee - **4:30 pm**

**July 24, Saturday** - Forum Planning Meeting - **11 am**

**Community Forums will resume in September after our usual summer break.**

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### **These Lifetime Members (50 + Years) were honored At the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2021:**

Ruth Ackerman  
Roxana Anson  
Marty Blum  
Barbara Godley  
Betty Goldwater  
Margaret Gordon  
Juliane Heyman  
Jean Holmes  
Bonnie Jensen  
Joan Kerns

Beverly King  
Elinor Langer  
Sheila Lodge  
Lillian Lovelace  
Constance Lynch  
Barbara Margerum  
Lessie Nixon  
Ecco Ochoa  
Linda Phillips  
Margaret Roff

### **In Memoriam: members we lost during the past year**

Lesley Alexander, May 27, 2020

Jean Bauman, September 7, 2020

Pat Peteler, Lifetime member, September 10, 2020

Jan O'Dowd, November 6, 2020

Dick Jensen, November 30, 2020

Karl Metzenberg, December 5, 2020

Bob Hannah, December 20, 2020

Ghita Ginberg, Lifetime member, February 20, 2021

Hal Conklin, May 21, 2021

### **Renewals and New Members**

Thanks to all of you who have renewed so far. For those who have not, see separate article about Club Express.

Please join me in welcoming these new members:

Elise McMillan  
Barbara Ben-Horin  
Joe Blum  
Michael Noling  
Rob Pearson  
Steven Solomon

If you have joined recently and I have missed your name, please [contact me](#) so that I may acknowledge you in the next Channel Voter.

## Membership Committee Forming!

Do you like welcoming new members? Planning social events? Helping to keep records? If any of these appeal to you, consider joining the new Membership Committee. We will brainstorm new ideas and work together to make our League the best it can be.

Gail Fairburn, Membership Director

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## Thank You!

For being a member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara

### Thanks to you . . .

More people will claim their voice in the democratic process

Our community will have access to nonpartisan  
candidate forums and information

Our voter base will reflect the diversity of our community

Our leaders will hear the voice of their people

### ***Thank you for defending democracy and empowering voters***

If you haven't renewed your membership—we need you!  
If you missed the opportunity to give when you renewed your membership,  
please consider giving now

Thanks Again!

*Together we will do great things!*

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