

Member Spotlight

CHRISTINE CASERES



For Christine Caseres, women in politics is a proud family tradition. Given that her great-grandmother was a 1918 suffragette activist and her grandmother and mother served as presidents of NOW chapters, her leadership in the LWVJoCo seems inevitable.

Christine Caseres, a League member for five years, co-chairs the our natural resources committee. She moved with her husband and two children from Southern California to Olathe in 1998. She earned a chemistry degree from California State University—Long Beach and a master’s degree in education from Avila University. She worked in environmental compliance for CalEPA, as middle-school science teacher in Kansas City and then a technician with SAFC Biosciences before accepting her current position as Associate Scientist in research and development at MilliporeSigma. Her extensive experience as well as her passion for protecting the environment make her eminently qualified to chair the natural resources committee.

The natural resources committee, which meets monthly, worked tirelessly in 2018 on education and advocacy supporting the Clean Power Plan. Currently, Christine and co-chair Barbara Adamson are leading the team as they develop the agenda for the rest of 2018 and 2019.

Christine appreciates LWV for enabling women and men to get to know and work with others who focus on issues and are able to work together in an intelligent way. She is inspired by the women and men she meets and appreciates the League’s focus on activism and community education.

When asked about her vision for the League’s future, she feels that the organization needs to become more accessible to a younger generation. She notes that we need to realize the League’s work and structure are complicated and spend more time explaining the reason for our structure and procedures to new and prospective members.

Christine thinks the strength of the organization is demonstrated by the quality of its monthly programs and its efforts to reach, register and educate voters.