



The Beach Voter

League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities

Serving El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach & Redondo Beach

Homeless In the South Bay

Issues and Answers

Monday January 28, 2019 7:00-8:30 pm
Hermosa Beach Community Center 710 Pier Ave.

Get updated on local progress against homelessness and discover who the homeless really are.

Doors open at 6:30pm: South Bay Coalition to End Homelessness and Interfaith Harbor Services tables will be available for questions and to provide information about their service providers

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Janice Hahn, LA County Board of Supervisors, 4th District

LA County Measure H Homeless Initiative Update: what's been done, what's to come

Shari Weaver, Director of Coordinated Entry System, Interfaith Harbor Services

Who are the homeless in our neighborhoods?

George Gabriel, Chair, Manhattan Beach Homeless Task Force, and

MB Outreach Team (LA County Mental Health Team, MBPD Homeless Team)

(This city task force leads a joint effort between the three beach cities)

What are our cities doing about homelessness? How do our outreach teams handle reports?

All speakers will be available for questions and answers. Questions will be submitted via 3x5 cards.

Free All Welcome – invite friends and neighbors



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To become a member: Send check in the amount of \$30.00 (first time members introductory rate) payable to "League of Women Voters Beach Cities" to Susan Grebe at 629 19th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.

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From the LWV-Beach Cities Co-Presidents:

We hope that everyone had some fun over the holidays -- but now it's back to work!

Both Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach are holding City Council elections in March. Redondo is also electing its City Treasurer, City Clerk and School Board members. Check out votersedge.org for information about the candidates.

Our Homeless Committee, led by Teri Neustaedter, is putting together an informative program, "Homeless in the South Bay" on January 28 at the Hermosa Beach Community Center. Supervisor Janice Hahn will be there to explain how money is being spent and our local police and the Homeless Task Force will explain what is really happening in our Beach Cities. We hope you and your friends will attend. (See enclosed flyer.)

Our new book club's first book, *Evicted* will be discussed on January 31 at St. Cross Church, Room 5. The discussion will be insightful and you can help choose the next book!

This *Voter* has particulars on our activities. Read and mark your calendars!

Barbara Arlow and Joan Le Sage

Want to make a difference?

Join the LWVC's grassroots action network to advocate on the issues you care about in your community. Sign up at lwvc.org.

A full summary of the LWVC's advocacy can also be found on their website. The report is updated in real time during the legislative session at lwvc.org/legislation.

The Beach Voter . . . on-line

If you are currently receiving our newsletter, *The Beach Voter*, via the post office and would like to receive it on-line, please email Barbara Arlow, gerbar92@msn.com.

Committee Reports

Health & Wellness Committee — Harriet Chase, Co-Chair

The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12, 1:00 PM at Harriet's home. New members are welcome! If interested, contact Harriet: hzchase@roadrunner.com or 310-545-1026.

LWV-Beach Cities Book Club Meeting — Debra Estroff, Chair

On Thursday, January 31 at 7:00 PM the Book Club will meet to discuss *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond in Room 5 at St. Cross Church. For questions, contact Debra Estroff (dbestroff@mednet.ucla.edu).

Future Book Club meetings will be on the last Thursday of every month (usually) from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. If you would like to mark your calendar, Room 5 has been reserved for Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 24, and December 5. All are welcome!

A Big Thank You...

...to everyone who contributed to the Project: NEEDS collection in December. We raised \$150 — enough to fund half of a Tuesday meal! — as well as provided many bags of groceries to stock their food pantry shelves. Most appreciated by the Project: NEEDS staff!

If you have any gently used men's clothing or shoes (M, L, XL+), or would like to donate new socks or underwear, please email me at tmufic@gmail.com and I'll pick it up for them. Thanks again! and happy new year!

---Teri Neustaedter, Homeless Committee Chair 913 568 5466

We Need Your Suggestions!

Do you have an idea for a local program that would be of interest to our League members? All members of the LWV Beach Cities are encouraged to suggest topics for local programs in areas of their interest. Recommendations may be sent to Jan Nathanson, rjnathanson@yahoo.com, (310) 643-6247 or to Diane Wallace, dmbarkwall@gmail.com, (310)546-1425.

State Program Planning Recommendations

Members arrived early on December 8th at Henrietta's home to mingle, enjoy a holiday luncheon and most importantly, to discuss the state program for the next two League years.

Instructions from the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) board mirrored the LWVUS advice that the time has come for the League to modernize and meet the needs of this new era. Your local board members agreed to limit discussion to a selective number of issues in the areas of Government, Natural Resources and Social Policy. Two specific issues under the "Government" umbrella were recommended for concurrence (see Updated Positions on page 7). One, Criminal Justice Reform, was reviewed in detail, with Barbara Arlow and Joan Le Sage as leaders. The other, Voter Representation/Election Process, did not arrive in time for the December meeting, but was reviewed and accepted at the January board meeting.

Concurrence can be requested if an issue is studied and consensus reached at one League level and then approved by local Leagues at the appropriate convention. The recommended Criminal Justice Reform position was drafted by a statewide task force consisting of a representative of each local League in California and members of the LWVC board. They reviewed national, state and local positions already adopted. Our League board recommends adoption with a few changes in wording. The Voter Representation/Election Process position, which the board also endorsed, is offered by LWV-Sacramento. If you would like to read the positions in full, or have questions or input before the March 1st deadline, you may contact Jan Nathanson by email at rjnathanson@yahoo.com or call 310-643-6247.

Diane Wallace led the discussion on Natural Resources. Positions on Water, Air Quality and Climate Change were reviewed. It is recommended that they be retained, with the following suggestions:

Water: Support measures that assure accountability, State oversight and sustainable funding for the regional Water Boards

Climate Change: Provide leadership to support practical measures to reduce carbon emissions and their impact and promote public awareness.

The Social Policy discussion, led by Harriet Chase under time constrictions, covered less than all positions, but strong consensus was to support measures to reduce homelessness and provide housing.

Many thanks to the leaders and members who participated in the meeting and provided a lovely pot-luck luncheon. A very special thank you to Henrietta Mosley for welcoming members to her home. Best wishes for a successful, happy 2019.

Jan Nathanson, Co-Program Chair

Updated Positions to be Presented for Adoption at the LWV-CA State Convention

LWV-CA Criminal Justice Reform Position

POSITION IN BRIEF:

LWV-California supports:

- a criminal justice system that is just, effective, equitable, transparent, and that fosters public trust at all stages, including policing practices, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, incarceration, and re-entry;
 - the elimination of systemic bias, including the disproportionate **policing** **and** incarceration of marginalized communities;
 - policing practices that promote safety for both law enforcement officers and the communities they serve;
 - collaboration between government and community-based programs throughout every stage of the criminal justice system;
 - a focus on humane treatment and rehabilitation with the goal of promoting the successful re-entry into California communities of those who have been incarcerated
 - reliance on evidence-based research in decision-making about law-enforcement programs and policies.

Government. Voter Representation /Election Process Position

POSITION IN BRIEF:

LWV-California supports election methods at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters.

Mark Your Calendar:

This year the League of Women Voters of California Convention will be held in Pasadena from May 30 to June 2. All members are welcome to attend, either as a delegate or an observer. We hope many of our members will take advantage of this marvelous opportunity to see the League in action!

Details will be forthcoming.

An Opportunity to Promote Recycling

Gloria Gutierrez of the Torrance Area League has invited interested members of our League to participate in planning a panel event in the South Bay/Torrance area on the current state and future prospects/innovations of recycling.

If you want to help with planning this event, please respond to Gloria with your availability for weekends or weekday evenings over the next two weeks for a planning meeting. We can make quick work if we work together!

Gloria Gutierrez, Natural Resources Director, League of Women Voters of Torrance Area. 310-872-0889 ggutierrez.lwv@gmail.com

Property Tax Reform

A coalition of nearly 300 Groups and leaders, including LWVC, has qualified an initiative for the Nov. 2020 Ballot that would lift Prop. 13 caps on property taxes for commercial and industrial properties.

CALENDAR

Jan 28 Monday	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Homeless in the South Bay	Hermosa Beach Community Center 710 Pier Ave., HB
Jan 31 Thursday	7:00 PM-8:30 PM	LWV Beach Cities Book Club discussion: <i>Evicted</i> by Matthew Desmond	St. Cross Church 1818 Monterey Blvd. Hermosa Beach Rm. 5
Feb 11 Monday	6:45 - 9:30 PM	Board Meeting	St. Cross Church 1818 Monterey Blvd. Hermosa Beach Rm. 5
Feb 12 Tuesday	1:00 - 2:30 PM	Health and Wellness Committee meeting	Home of Harriet Chase 2151 N. Valley Drive Manhattan Beach



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