



The Beach Voter

League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities

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

HOLIDAY LUNCH AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Each December we gather for a holiday potluck luncheon, socializing, and fun, combined with a review of our program and positions.

Program is the heart of the League, as our studies and positions enable us to provide information and advocacy to the public as well as to League members. This year we will review our National positions and make recommendations to retain, drop or update them. A Summary of Public Policy Positions is included with this issue of *The Beach Voter*. **Please bring your copy of the enclosed Summary to the meeting.** The Summary can also be found on the National League website at <http://lwv.org/content/impact-issues-online-edition>.

At our meeting, the questions we will be asking are: “What would you like to see as the focus of our program activity for 2018-2020 on the federal level?” “What are the most important issues for advocacy?” “Where should our outreach be?” “Is there an issue of concern that our program does not cover?” Come to the meeting and share your ideas and opinions. We are truly a grassroots organization!

When: Saturday, December 2, 2015—10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Where: Home of Henrietta Mosley
436 First Street, Manhattan Beach

Bring: Last Name A-L: Salad
Last Name M-Z: Hot dish

We have one new member this month. Please welcome Anne Garrell from Manhattan Beach.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE	PAGE
Holiday Lunch and Program Planning	1
Inside This Issue	2
Nominating Committee	3
Education Policy Committee	3
Let Us Know Your Interests	3
Welcome and Information Dinner	4
National Voter Registration Day	4
Student Representatives' Reports:	
Protecting Against Water Scarcity	5
Effect of DACA Repeal at Mira Costa	5-6
Los Angeles County League Events	7
Calendar	8

The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member. The League does not endorse, support or oppose candidates or political parties.

The League affirms our belief in our commitment to diversity and pluralism. There shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. The League recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making.

The Beach Voter

President:
Barbara Arlow

Editor:
Henrietta Mosley

Copy Editor:
Barbara Arlow

Production:
Mignon Thiem-Murphy
Peggy Bartlett
Susan Grebe
Sunhee Park

Circulation:
Ann Martin

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.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Interests _____

THE LEAGUE NEEDS YOU!

Early in 2018 the LWVBC's Nominating Committee, chaired by Ann Martin, will begin the process of considering a slate of Board members for the 2018-2019 program year. If you've ever considered taking a more active role in the League, we want to hear from you. After all, any organization is only as strong as its volunteers. If you're interested, contact Ann at (310) 372-2823 or jamartin-ca@earthlink.net

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

If you would be interested in joining a committee that will be monitoring current education policies in Washington, D.C., in relation to the League positions, please send an email to Diane Wallace:

Dmbarkwall@gmail.com .

Our first meeting will be after the holidays in early 2018..

LET US KNOW YOUR INTERESTS

Our members join the League of Women Voters for a variety of reasons and contribute their talents in a variety of ways . Some are most interested in Voter Service activities: registering voters, helping with candidates meetings, presenting pros and cons on the ballot measures. Others join to become informed and active on public policy issues.

Listed below are some of the issues of interest to our members, and the persons to be contacted if you would like to be included in an interest group.

Voters Service — Barbara Arlow (gerbar92@msn.com)

Homeless — Harriet Chase (hzchase@roadrunner.com)

Health issues, including healthcare funding — Jan Nathanson (rjnathanson@yahoo.com)

Environment, including climate change — Diane Wallace (dmbarkwall@gmail.com)

Education, including education funding and higher education — Margaret Thelen (margThelen@aol.com)

Mental/Behavioral health — Harriet Chase — hzchase@roadrunner.com

The more active you are in the League the more rewarding you will find it!

WELCOME AND INFORMATION DINNER, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

A lasagna dinner to welcome new members was held on November 7, 2017 at the home of our most generous hostess, Harriet Chase.

Our treasurer, Susan Grebe, started the dinner conversation with introductions where we learned about each other's backgrounds and interests. We had a wide ranging discussion on current events, local issues and League activities and areas of volunteer opportunities.

Our new members are looking forward to attending future programs and participating in our activities. Theresa Neustaedter has been working with homeless issues and would like to continue this important work. Jeanne Hamilton is interested in education programs, having a strong background at the junior college level. Danielle Anderson is a mental health advocate and wants to help develop programs and outreach for mental health topics.

We look forward to working with these talented women! We will do other Welcome Dinners for new members and those interested in knowing more about the League. If interested, contact Joan LeSage at sage.joan@gmail.com or 310-545-2536.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Thanks to Penny Markey, Henrietta Mosley, and Teri Neustaedter, Beach Cities participated with a voter registration table at the Hawthorne Library. The League does not endorse, support, or oppose candidates or political parties, but encourages informed and active participation in government. Hopefully, their presence encouraged Hawthorne citizens to vote in November.

Editor's note: Last month we introduced our two new Student Representatives, Luwam Tedla, from Hawthorne High School and Samantha Walley from Mira Costa. They will be participating in League activities in various capacities including assisting with membership meetings and candidates forums, helping with voter registration, distributing voting materials, and submitting articles for *The Beach Voter*. This month Luwam provides a concise summary of the West Basin Water District presentation at the Tri-League Kickoff Breakfast, while Samantha addresses the effect of DACA's repeal on Mira Costa students.

Protecting Against Water Scarcity

By Luwam Tedla , LWVBC Student Representative from Hawthorne High School

The West Basin Water District has been in operation since 1947. Our local supply of water cannot support our population. We started getting water from the Colorado River in 1948. Presently we get our water from the Colorado River, Lake Oroville, and the LA Aqueduct. Most of the water comes from north of Sacramento. The 2015 water supply portfolio included approximately 19% groundwater, 9% recycled water, 16% conservation, 55% imported water, and .4% desalting of brackish water.

The Water District has been exploring new water projects including conservation, water recycling (the Edwards C. Little Water Recycling Facility is located in El Segundo) and the desalinization of ocean water. Over \$600 million has been invested since 1993 and another \$150 million will be invested over the next 5 years.

We need to make conservation a way of life, reduce dependence on imported water and develop local drought-proof supplies.

How the Repeal of DACA Will Affect Students at Mira Costa

By Samantha Walley, LWVBC Student Representative from Mira Costa High School

Mira Costa High School is comprised of about 15% Hispanic students. While Hispanics and the Latino community may be small in number, the school's Latino Scholars Union remains prevalent and annually raises awareness about the cultural heritage.

Under the Trump administration, there have been promises for stricter immigration and harsher means of removing undocumented immigrants in the United States. These policies include the removal of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Under DACA, which was signed as an executive order by President Obama, children that had been brought to the United States as young children were able to gain access to public education and work permits. When the Trump Administration announced that the program was to be cut in September, he gave Congress an ultimatum to find a solution in six months, even though legislation similar to DACA has been in

progress for several months already and even years in some form.

While some Hispanic students at Mira Costa are residents of Manhattan Beach or Hermosa Beach, there are still many students who attend Mira Costa with out-of-district permits. Many of these students plan to graduate and attend college, but these plans could be halted if they are undocumented and DACA is repealed. When asked how the threat of the repeal of DACA can affect undocumented Mira Costa students, senior Matthew Gutierrez stated, "Even though undocumented students are few and far between at [Mira] Costa, the greatest adversity they'll face is the ones from their peers. Intimidation and racial tension is already part of their day-to-day lives at Costa and anti-immigration legislation like the repealing of DACA only serves to further marginalize them." Education for Fair Consideration has estimated that annually 65,000 DACA students graduate from high school and 10,000 graduate from college ([USA Today, College](#)).

Many colleges have also stated that they will stand up for DACA students, as they offer "unique viewpoints and backgrounds to campus, excel academically, and contribute to the economy after graduating." ([The Atlantic](#)) Universities, such as the University of California, have taken firm stances in support of undocumented and DACA students, including suing the Trump Administration for "wrongly and unconstitutionally violating the rights of the University and its students by rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program on 'nothing more than unreasoned executive whim.'" (University of California) Janet Napolitano, President of UC and former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, helped to initiate DACA and now seeks to protect the education of the 4,000 undocumented students, a large majority of whom are DACA students.

At Mira Costa, many students take advantage of the excellent public college education offered by the University of California and California State Universities, by attending these schools for college. If the recent trends of Mira Costa students attending public California colleges continues, it is likely that they will be protected by their universities. However, as stated previously, legislation that targets immigrants is only one form of discrimination that has been inflicted on Hispanics, and the other forms are countless.

Los Angeles County League Events

Unfortunately, the Fall League Day on September 23, 2017 was cancelled because of low registration. There were at least three other local League events on the same day or near it, a very unfortunate situation. The topics of Candidate Forums and Moderator Training will be kept in mind for another day, nearer to the election.

SAVE THE DATES:

January 27, 2018 Winter League Day at Rio Hondo Event Center in Downey. Outreach calls will be made to learn about Leaguers' interests for interleague events. It promises to be a great program, tailored to our needs. Don't miss it!

March 24, 2018 LA County Convention at the Carson Center. It was decided not to have the Convention on the last Saturday in March, as is our custom, because that is Easter weekend. Please mark this date on your League calendar and plan your activities around it. We hope you will make Los Angeles County League events a priority as we move toward the important 2018 election season!

CALENDAR

Page 8

December 2 Saturday	10:00 AM- 1:30 PM	Holiday Potluck and Program Planning	Home of Henrietta Mosley 436 First Street Manhattan Beach
January 8 Monday	7:00 PM-9:30 PM	LWV Beach Cities Board Meeting	Home of Harriett Chase 2151 N. Valley Drive Manhattan Beach
Week of January 15th	7:00 PM-9:30 PM	Membership Meeting Immigration	Date and place to be determined



**League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities
629 19th Street
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266**