



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF SONOMA COUNTY

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**Saturday June 10, 2017**  
**10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Finley Community Center**  
**2060 College Avenue, Santa Rosa**

## **AGENDA**

Registration and Coffee  
Business Meeting  
Noon – Lunch  
Speaker

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

### **Jerry Threet**

Director of Independent Office of  
Law Enforcement Review and Outreach

From his county work, Jerry will bring a unique perspective on the interaction of the undocumented immigrant community, law enforcement and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE.) A question and answer session will follow.

## **Please Bring...**

For potluck lunch bring a salad or dessert to share, and your own plate, utensils and cup. League will provide the bread and beverage. Coffee, tea and goodies will be served at registration.

## LWVSC Calendar

### Coming Events

#### **Rent Stabilization Ballot Measure Debate**

Monday, May 15, 2:30-3:30  
Spring Lake Village Auditorium  
(More information right)

#### **LWVC Convention**

June 1-4, 2017, Sacramento, CA

#### **Annual Meeting**

Saturday, June 10 10-2:00  
Finley Center (More information see page 4)

### Standing Meetings

#### **Board Meeting:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 10-noon.

#### **Voter Service Committee Meeting:**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 10-noon.

#### **Advocacy Committee Meeting:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, 10:30-noon

#### **Book Club:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10:30-noon.

LWVSC meetings are held in the third floor Conference Room at the LWVSC office, 555 5th Street, Santa Rosa.

LWVSC Board meetings are open to all LWVSC members, and to the public upon request. All other meetings are open.

Visit our [website](#) for updated calendar information.

## Ballot Measure “C” (Rent Control) Debate,

May 15<sup>th</sup>

Sonoma League members are invited to attend a debate on measure “C” which is central to the June 6<sup>th</sup> Santa Rosa special election. The debate will be held at Spring Lake Village, 5555 Montgomery drive, in the Montgomery Center Auditorium. It begins at 2:30. The debate is being presented by the Spring Lake Village Local Issues Committee and the LWVSC.

Formally called Santa Rosa Rent Stabilization and Tenant Protection, Measure “C” has generated a great deal of North Bay attention as well as large campaign contributions. Santa Rosa Voters are being asked to support the Santa Rosa Rent Stabilization ordinance which the City Council enacted in August, 2016. The opposition, the California Apartment Association, sponsored a successful signature drive which challenges that City Council decision. They are asking Santa Rosa Voters to vote “No” on the measure.

The Pro rent control debater will be Julie Combs, Santa Rosa City Councilwoman and a major participant in the “Fair and Affordable Santa Rosa” Campaign Organization. The Opposition debater will be Joshua Howard, the senior vice president of the California Apartment Association. The CAA is the primary organization sponsoring this ballot referendum and the opposition campaign, “Citizens for Fair and Equitable Housing.”

Some refer to this June 6<sup>th</sup> ballot measure campaign as a “David and Goliath” race, because the opposition to Measure C had reported that they raised \$390,000, compared to the \$68,000 raised as of the end of March by supporters. These numbers should increase substantially in the next month, according to local political observers.

League members and others are urged not to vote until they hear both sides of this important and complex issues. **Don't mail in your ballot measure too soon!**

The League will be videoing the debate and it will be available through a link on the League's web site. Because of space limitations the public is not invited to hear this debate.

Please note that there is a second measure on the June 6<sup>th</sup> special election ballot. Measure D is a proposed tax on cannabis raised and sold within Santa Rosa.

Susan Rouder

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### Advocacy Notes

At our April 12 meeting we covered several topics. For one, we will follow the Paulin Creek Preserve open space vs housing controversy. The Preserve is located south of the old Sutter Hospital.

Also as members report on different topics related to our Positions, reports are accumulating. Recent reports on Homelessness and on Transportation are available for your reading.

Additionally, if you are interested in reading our recent meeting minutes, they are available. You can contact me at [action@lwvsonoma.org](mailto:action@lwvsonoma.org) for copies of either. In the future, we hope to make member reports available on the League's website.

Next meeting on May 10 at 10:30.

Gene Zingarelli  
Advocacy Committee Chair  
[action@lwvsonoma.org](mailto:action@lwvsonoma.org)

### Board Briefs-March 2017

- A National Organization for Women member, Marion Aird presented a proposal for the League to be involved with the 100th anniversary celebration of the 19th amendment in 2020. League members are encouraged to get involved with the planning.
- Discussion on the April 29 Climate march in Santa Rosa. The League will not be co-sponsoring but members will be participating on behalf of the League.
- There is a guideline from LWVUS on 'Criteria for League Participation in 2017 Marches and Events' that needs to be considered for any events.
- Discussion on the April 28 Member Action Meeting on housing and homelessness. Jack Tibbetts, Santa Rosa Vice Mayor will be speaking.
- Discussion on Catholic Charities involvement in the naturalization process and how the League can be better informed and involved.
- A Pros/Cons debate on Measure C, Rent Control/Stabilization will be held May 15 at Spring Lake Village. League members encouraged to attend.
- The Spring Lunch with the League in March was a big success!
- The Annual meeting will be June 10 at the Finley Center. The speaker will be Jerry Threet, Sonoma County Law Enforcement Outreach Coordinator.
- A list of future speakers is being accumulated.
- New member meeting will be April 18 to welcome and inform new members of the background of the League.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Jones

## President's Message



From  
*Nancy Burrington*  
LWVSC President

shall be not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the annual meeting, nor more than 60 days prior to any other action. When a record date is so fixed, only members on record on that date are entitled to notice, to vote, or to exercise the rights for which the record date was fixed. If no record date is fixed by the Board, the record date shall be 30 days prior to the date of the annual meeting or of such other action.

**Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.**

Section 4. Quorum. Five percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

## WE WILL NEED YOUR VOTE ON JUNE 10

As the calendar states, our annual meeting will be held on **June 10** at the Finley Center in Santa Rosa. A preliminary agenda follows which includes timing of our traditional business meeting followed by lunch and our speaker. A full packet of information on issues to be addressed will be posted on our web site no later than two weeks prior to the meeting (May 27). We will have our traditional pot luck lunch and experience testifies to the fact that there will be no lack of food!

Questions arose at the New Member Meeting on April 18 about rules for voting. To satisfy those concerns, I have checked the appropriate section of the By-Laws which appears below:

Article VIII, Section 3. Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote only at any meeting of members. The Board may fix, in advance, a record date for the determination of the members entitled to notice of the annual meeting or entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any lawful action. The record date so fixed

My interpretation of this in terms of the annual meeting is that 30 days prior to the annual meeting the treasurer will determine the number of active members. Five percent of that number are necessary at the meeting to conduct business and anyone who joins and pays dues fewer than 10 days prior to the annual meeting is not eligible to vote. For your reading pleasure, our By-Laws are available on our members website at [www.members.lwvsonoma.org](http://www.members.lwvsonoma.org).

I especially urge our new members to come on June 10. It is a great time to get more acquainted with the workings of the League, add your voice to the mix, meet your new Board, get questions answered and mix with other new and experienced members. I'm very much hoping for a large turnout and a stimulating meeting.

**Welcome New Members!**

Melinda Gay  
Julianne McCall  
Karen Weeks  
Heather Young

**We're so glad you're here!**

## Annual Meeting Agenda

<b>Time</b>	<b>Action</b>
9:30	Registration with refreshments
10:00	Call to order
10:05	President's Report
10:15	Treasurer's Report
10:20	Presentation, discussion and adoption of proposed budget Including increase in dues
10:25	Report from the California Convention
10:35	Presentation of recommended local program
10:40	Discussion and adoption of local program
10:50	Break
11:00	Notification of By-Laws Change to align with U.S.
11:10	Report of Nominating Committee and election of new officers/directors
11:20	Recognition of member work and departing board members
11:40	Remarks of President elect
11:50	Announcements/housekeeping items
Noon	Adjourn for Lunch
12:30	<b>Speaker: Jerry Threet, Director of Independent Office of Law Enforcement Review and Outreach</b>
1:30	Question and answer period
1:55	Wrap up and adjourn

## New Members Wine and Cheese

We are excited to be welcoming so many great new members this year.



### Book Club Reads.

**May 18: Moderated by Carole Sunlight**

*The Oyster War, a true story of a small farm, big politics and the future of wilderness in America,* Summer Brennan, 256 pages, 2015.

Journalist Summer Brennan stumbled onto the Drakes Bay Oyster Company fracas after being hired as a staff writer for the *Point Reyes Light*, a nearby local paper, in 2012. In short order, Brennan, a Point Reyes native who now lives in New York, was embroiled in the controversy, working late nights to discern fact from fiction, and clumsy science from sound policy. *The Oyster War* makes for a fast-paced and dramatic read about a messy situation with no clear-cut “bad guy.”

**June 15: Moderated by Carrie Anabo**

*Just Mercy-a Story of Justice and Redemption,* Bryan Stevenson, 368 pages, 2015.

“Just Mercy” demonstrates, as powerfully as any book on criminal justice that I’ve ever read, the extent to which brutality, unfairness, and racial bias continue to infect criminal law in the United States. You don’t have to read too long to start cheering for this man. Against tremendous odds, Stevenson has worked to free scores of people from wrongful or excessive punishment, arguing five times before the Supreme Court. . . . The book extols not his nobility but that of the cause, and reads like a call to action for all that remains to be done.

## Member Action Meeting

### With Guest Speaker Jack Tibbetts, Santa Rosa Vice-Mayor

On April 28 the League had its first Member Action Meeting at the Santa Rosa Central Library. The topic was housing and homelessness. New member, Debbie McKay did an excellent presentation on the background, history, and funding of affordable housing in Sonoma County. Jack Tibbetts, Santa Rosa Vice-Mayor did a presentation on the what the city is doing and is planning on doing to address affordable housing in the city. There were many questions and a good discussion. Hopefully, this is the beginning of many interesting and informative sessions!



## On the World Wide Web



### YOUR FACEBOOK FIX

Our county of Sonoma has been rated the 5<sup>th</sup> healthiest in California with health being measured numerous ways. Follow us at LWVSC Facebook because we let you know what's happening! Here are some highlights from the last month of our League of Women Voters' Facebook page:

Sonoma Countians Stand Up For Health Care:

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/6844356-181/santa-rosa-march-for-health?artslide=0>

To honor César Chávez on his day, March 31, LWVSC shared a Voto Latino video. You can enjoy it by scrolling down on this link:

<https://m.facebook.com/hashtag/cesarchavezday>

California's consider an earlier primary:

<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/04/12/california-looks-to-boost-influence-in-presidential-races-with-early-primary/>

To receive Facebook updates as they happen, be sure to “Like” our LWVSC Facebook page! We'd gladly be one of your friends.

If you have any questions or comments regarding LWVSC's Facebook page or Twitter, please contact Marsha Taylor; [taylorbright@comcast.net](mailto:taylorbright@comcast.net)

## How to “Like” LWV Sonoma Group Or anyone else you want to “like” on Facebook

1. Open Facebook and at the top where the “search bar” is, type in League of Women Voters of Sonoma County
2. Move down from the search bar to the name of the organization
3. Click on the organizations name: League of Women Voters of Sonoma County
4. Then go under the picture of Sonoma County's lovely coastline
5. Click on the “Like” button for the page.
6. When you look at your own page in the future, on the far left side you will see our name for you to look at our page whenever you want.

Thanks for “liking” LWVSC!

## LWVSC Board of Directors

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## Connect with the League



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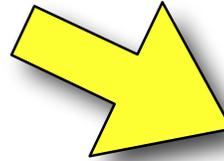
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questions, and  
suggestions.  
Email, snail-mail, or call!

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<i>Student/ Limited Income</i> Individual Membership	\$40
<i>Amelia Bloomer</i> Household Membership	\$90
<i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton</i> Membership	\$100
<i>Carrie Chapman Catt</i> Membership	\$200 or more

**Membership dues and donations  
are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law**

I am interested in the following areas:

Program	Membership	Speakers Bureau
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