

## September Monthly Meeting Monday, Sept. 11 11:30am-1:00pm on ZOOM



Speaker:  
Rebecca Maxwell, LCSW:  
Director of Behavioral  
Health, Social Services,  
Education & Inpatient  
Palliative Care at  
MarinHealth

### "MarinHealth Behavioral Health Services: What We Do Now and What's in Store"

Rebecca oversees the full scope and continuum of behavioral health care at MarinHealth, including the 17-bed adult inpatient psychiatric unit; the partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient program; psychiatric consultation-liaison services; emergency psychiatric services; social services; the substance use navigator program; and the electroconvulsive treatment program. In 2021, the behavioral health department expanded its programs to include an outpatient behavioral health clinic in Novato.

She will give us an overview of these programs and exciting new ones, such as the adolescent intensive outpatient program due in Spring, 2024.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## LWVMC Fall Kickoff 2022

Saturday, October 1 2-4:00pm  
The Key Room,  
Homeward Bound,  
1385 Hamilton Pkwy, Novato



Speaker  
Allison Howard: Assistant  
Professor of Political  
Science, Co-Chair, Division  
of Public Affairs, Director  
of Core Curriculum at  
Dominican University

### "The 2024 Presidential and Congressional Elections: Are Voters in the Mood for a Change or the Status Quo?"

November 2024 seems far away, but the campaign has begun! How can we make sense of the 2024 landscape?

Join us to explore and better understand the "lay of the electoral land" and the fundamentals that influence presidential and congressional elections, including reapportionment, redistricting, turnout, voting laws, the economy, and other timely public policy issues.

### Presentation of the Community Service Award honoring

Mary Jane Burke, M.A.

Marin County Superintendent of Schools, Retired

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.

Superintendent/President, College of Marin

Watch your email for invite and  
registration link

## **Meet Rebecca Maxwell, LCSW September Monthly Meeting Speaker**

Rebecca Maxwell, LCSW is the Director of Behavioral Health, Social Services, Education, and Inpatient Palliative Care at MarinHealth and has been with the organization since 2017. She began her career in healthcare over 25 years ago as a student research assistant while attending college at Stony Brook University in New York. After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences with a concentration in Public Health and Community Health Education, Rebecca went on to Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare and earned a Master of Social Work. She is licensed as a clinical social worker in New York and California.

Rebecca has held various roles in public health and mental health including work as an intensive case manager for persons with severe mental illness who were court-mandated to treatment; a psychotherapist in a group practice treating children, adolescents, and families, with a focus on prevention and treatment of substance use disorders; and as a clinical social worker in psychiatric emergency services and inpatient psychiatric treatment for adults and adolescents. In 2013, she earned a permanent appointment as a teaching hospital clinical social worker by the State University of New York at Stony Brook and achieved honors and recognition in 2008 from the School of Social Welfare at Stony Brook University for service to the university and profession.

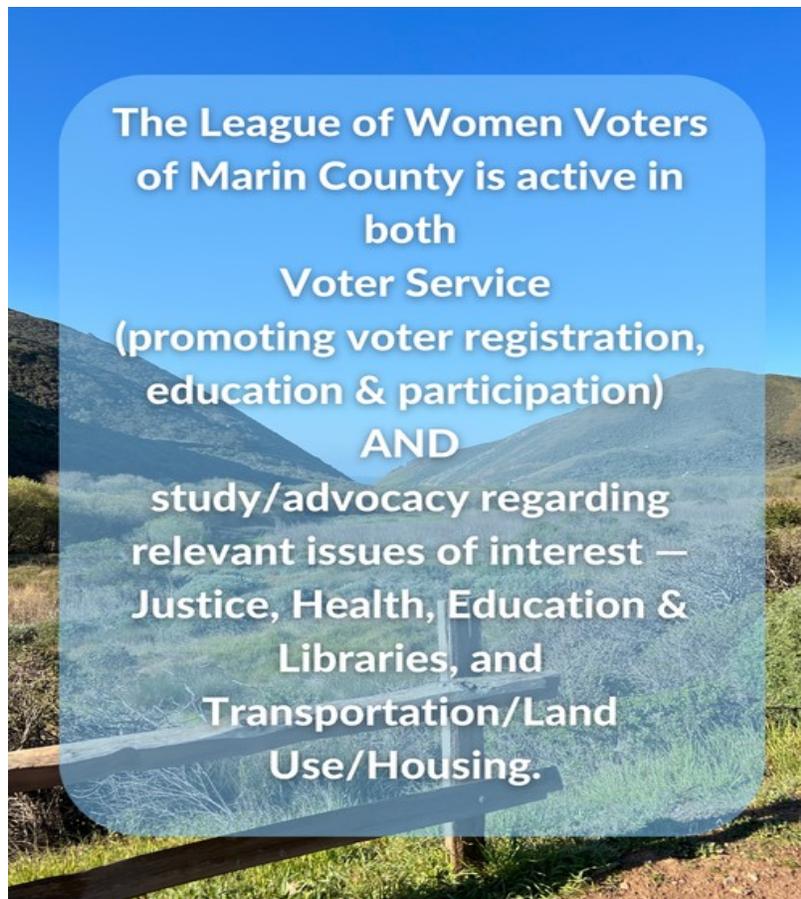
Prior to relocating with her family to California in 2016, Rebecca was the Assistant Director of Behavioral Health at John T. Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson, New York, where she was responsible for oversight of behavioral health care in their adult and adolescent inpatient psychiatric units and psychiatric emergency services. Under her leadership, Mather Hospital's Department of Behavioral Health was awarded 2016 Agency of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers New York State Chapter – Suffolk Division.

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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**October Monthly Meeting**  
**Monday, October 2 on Zoom**  
**Program to be announced. Watch your email!**  
**Presented by the Justice Committee**

**Meet Alison Howard**  
**Fall Kick-off Speaker**

Alison Dana Howard has taught at Dominican University of California for 19 years and currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Division of Public Affairs and the Director of the Core Curriculum. She teaches courses on American Government, the Presidency, Congress, Politics and Media, Political Parties and Interest Groups and Campaigns and Elections. She received her M.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma. Her research focuses on political communication, specifically presidential rhetoric including the State of the Union Address and unilateral executive actions, as well as art, politics, and culture. Alison has published articles in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, *American Behavioral Science*, *Journal of Political Science Education*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *Perspectives on Political Science*. She is the co-author (with Donna R. Hoffman University of Northern Iowa) of *Addressing the State of the Union: The Evolution and Impact of the President's Big Speech* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006). Alison is also a frequent commentator for the media on the State of the Union Address and has been interviewed by *National Public Radio*, *The SF Chronicle*, NBC Bay Area, and KCBS radio.



**MONTHLY MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, KEVIN HAGERTY**



Thanks again for your confidence in me to lead the LWVMC for the current term. Vice President Dee Dee Butori and I are excited to be working with such a talented and committed group of people in the great work the League does.

After our election in June, Dee Dee and I had the opportunity to meet individually with many of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and other key people in the organization. The suggestions in those conversations have inspired us to try some new things including a new weekly eblast email entitled “Weekly Happenings” that provides an update on upcoming LWVMC events, related activities and news that will help our members be more informed. We are targeting early September to start this project.

We are also looking at reassessing the times of League Meetings so that a greater number of members can attend.

We are looking at opportunities to enhance the LWVMC member experience by creating social opportunities for members to meet and get to know other members.

The focus of the LWVMC organization in the next 16 months will be upcoming elections in March and November of next year. We are engaged with our Voter Service teams who are working hard to enhance voter education, outreach and experience.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the activities of the League, identify ones that are of interest to you and join us in our efforts to improve democracy.

Finally, I would welcome you sharing with me any suggestions for improvements or concerns you have regarding the LWVMC.

Kevin Hagerty  
President  
League of Women Voters of Marin County





The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) strongly opposes Governor Newsom's recent decision to seek an Article V constitutional convention. The proposal, encapsulated in SJR-7, seeks to add California to the states aiming to alter the U.S. Constitution, a move that comes without a clear structure or guidelines.

The Constitution is a living document, representing the fundamental tenets on which our democracy rests. The LWVC supports targeted and focused policy action to address gun violence and the damage it is doing to our children and our communities, but a constitutional convention is not the right approach.

[Contact your legislators today and ask them to reject this dangerous path forward.](#)

**Chris Carson, LWVC Board President**, explains:

*Opening a Constitutional Convention puts every right, civil liberty, and the underlying value of our country at risk. There are no limits or guardrails to what can be changed during a Constitutional Convention and it opens the door to well-funded special interests buying access to change the Constitution to serve their purposes.*

The uncertainty surrounding the nature of a Constitutional Convention cannot be understated. Former **Chief Justice Warren Burger** once expressed concerns about the ambiguity and danger, noting,

*[T]here is no way to effectively limit or muzzle the actions of a Constitutional Convent-*

*ion. The Convention could make its own rules and set its own agenda. Congress might try to limit the Convention to one amendment or one issue, but there is no way to assure that the Convention would obey. After a Convention is convened, it will be too late to stop the Convention if we don't like its agenda.*

Our key concerns include:

- **Threat to National Stability:** Advocating for a Constitutional Convention plunges the nation into an era of unparalleled tension, uncertainty, and protracted legal battles that might irreversibly alter America's trajectory.
- **Shift of Power from the People:** An Article V Convention would elevate the voices of politicians and special interests above those of ordinary people. Such a development could result in an unprecedented opportunity for the few to reshape the core principles of the country for the many.
- **Unbridled Convention Agendas:** Historical precedents caution that a Constitutional Convention might not restrict itself to its original mandate and every right that we have as Californians and Americans would be placed at risk.

California should not take this enormous risk with the rights of every person who lives in our state. We urgently request the legislature and every Californian to reject SJR-7 and continue working with communities to find solutions to our challenges that do not put the very foundations of our state in peril. Tell your Legislators today that you oppose SJR-7.

# VOTER EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Our voter education work has been focused on the August 29 Special Election to fill a vacant short-term seat on the Tiburon Town Council. We co-hosted a candidate forum with The Ark Newspaper on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Tiburon Town Hall. Thank you to Laurie Nardone for moderating and Elaine Biagini for timekeeping. You can watch the recording [HERE](#) . We posted voter resources on our [website](#) including a dedicated tab in our main menu as well as on social media.

There will be another local/special election November 7<sup>th</sup>; this is a great time to find information on our website as it becomes available.

September is National Voter Registration Month! Great time to check your voter registration status and update or re-register if needed. There are paperless options you may decide to try for upcoming elections. As always, spread the word to family and friends. The nonpartisan, civic holiday, National Voter Registration Day is September 19<sup>th</sup> this year. We are planning several events. Send us an email at [voterservice@marinlwg.org](mailto:voterservice@marinlwg.org) if you can volunteer.

We also encourage you to sign-up for free ballot tracking from the CA Secretary of State at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](http://WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov). You will receive automatic email, SMS (text), or voice call notifications about your ballot.

## WHAT'S UP - VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH – Robin Diederich and Pat Beaupre Becker

Lots of planning activities have begun in preparation for the fall months leading to March 5, 2024, the Presidential primary and November 5, 2024, the Presidential election. We also have vital local elections coming up in 2024.

VEO's goal for 2024 is to ensure every resident of Marin County is aware of the elections, is registered, if eligible, and has access to the information they need to give them confidence in making their choices.

As of October, 2022, 92 percent of eligible voters in Marin County are registered. We believe that there are individuals from marginalized groups who are eligible to vote but who are not fully participating in elections due to certain barriers. These high-potential voters may not have access to non-partisan information and don't feel well enough informed about the issues. They may think their vote doesn't matter or that the system is corrupt.

Our goal is to tackle these barriers to voting by partnering with trusted community organizations that see civic engagement as vital to creating community empowerment and to know that access to non-partisan information is crucial.

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In Marin City, we are grateful once again to be partnering with [San Francisco Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.](#) (SFAC). While most of SFAC's work is centered in San Francisco, its vision is to empower and elevate San Francisco and Marin Counties' Black communities through service and social action. They have committed to providing volunteers for a monthly voter registration and education table in Marin City. We are working with various community organizations to participate each month.

We have also applied and been approved to have a table at the Sunday morning Farmer's Market in San Rafael's Civic Center.

Interested in creating an Ofrenda/Altar to the women who fought for the right to vote at the Marin Multicultural Organization's Day of the Dead?

We are working on opportunities for you to get out and meet our communities. We have week days, weekends, mornings and evening events, hoping to meet all of your availability and interest!

If you have any questions or interest, you can email, [outreach@marinlww.org](mailto:outreach@marinlww.org) or call Pat Beaupre Becker at 415-680-4817.

## EVENTS

To volunteer for events, send an email to [outreach@marinlww.org](mailto:outreach@marinlww.org)

**-Sept.19, 2023** – National Voters Registration Day\* Events

- Partnering with the San Francisco Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. & [Hope Housing] - Marin City (time &

location to be confirmed)

- Partnering with the Marin County Elections Department with two tables at the Marin Civic Center, approximate time 10am - 2pm  
Details coming soon.

**-Sept 21, 2023** – Kentfield School District Resource Night – Kentfield 5pm to 7pm (Spanish speaking volunteers welcomed!) (confirmed)

**-Sept 23, 2023** - MCFL Celebrates National Voter Registration Day\* at the Pt. Reyes Library – 11am to 2pm (to be confirmed)

**-Nov, 2023** – Play Marin Walk-a-Thon Community Table – Rocky Graham Park, Marin City (date and time to be confirmed)

\*National Voter Registration Day is an annual nonpartisan event held each year on the third Tuesday of September composed of coordinated efforts by over 4,000 national and community partners from all across the country working to raise awareness of voter registration resources and opportunities. As the nation's largest nonpartisan civic holiday, it has facilitated over 5 million voter registrations since 2012. National Voter Registration Day is endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State, National Association of State Election Directors, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, and the National Association of Election Officials.



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