



The 2024 Election Season is HERE!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to empower Marin County voters for the March 5,
2024 Presidential Primary Election

Not too late to sign up. Send an email to volunteer@marinlwv.org



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARIN COUNTY

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November Monthly Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2024

11:30am-1:00pm on ZOOM



Speaker: Rose Mukhar, Founder, President and
Executive Director of Justice At Last

Rose Mukhar is a social justice, human rights and crime victim's rights attorney with experience in cases involving children, women, refugees, and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, torture, and human trafficking. In 2015 she founded Justice At Last, a non-profit law firm that provides free comprehensive legal services and representation to victims of human trafficking so that they can seek justice on their own terms. As President and Executive Director of Justice At Last, she is inspired and driven by the strength, courage and grace of her clients.

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February Monthly Meeting

Monday, February 5, 2024 11:30am - 1:00pm on ZOOM

Program Planning

Our opportunity to review LWVUS and LWVMC positions and suggest changes to be considered at 2024 Convention and Annual Meeting.

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR MORE DETAILS!



Making Democracy Work in 2023

2023 marked yet another exciting and dynamic year for the LWVC, leading many important efforts, arm in arm with our statewide and community partners

Read our Year in Review, [Democracy Works!](#)

Here are some highlights:

- ◆ The LWVC led an impactful year of work to support voters in California. We commissioned two redistricting reports, participated in numerous coalitions and task forces, and supported federal climate policy efforts. The influx of new legislators also resulted in the introduction of 2,632 bills – the highest number in over a decade. Of those, the League took positions on 77 bills, a 13 percent increase from the same period in the previous legislative session.
- ◆ We won an important victory for fair local redistricting when Governor Newsom signed our sponsored bill, AB 764 (Bryan). The new law will prohibit the consideration of incumbent protection as a factor in drawing the lines, ensure that the safeguards of the Fair Maps Act extend beyond cities and counties to educational and special districts, and make the process more transparent and equitable overall. However, our victory is tempered by the Governor’s veto of another sponsored bill, AB 1248, which would have required large local jurisdictions to establish independent redistricting commissions before the 2030 cycle. The League is, however, in this for the long haul and will continue to advocate for independent redistricting commissions in local governments across California.
- ◆ Following our work to restore the right to vote to people who are no longer incarcerated, the LWVC continues to work with our coalition and the Secretary of State’s Office to designate the Division of Parole Operations as a National Voter Registration Act agency. Doing so would make voter registration much more accessible to people who are on probation or parole and were granted voting rights through the successful passage of Prop 17 in 2020.
- ◆ This legislative session was cause for celebration with the successful passage of legislation to strengthen the Fair Maps Act, extend protections and convenience to California voters, beat back climate change, and to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot to promote fairness in the democratic process. Many of our priority criminal justice bills have been held as two-year bills due to the complexity of managing opposition and educating new legislators on the need for reform. In collaboration with state partners, we will resume advocacy on these bills when the legislature reconvenes in January.

Urge Your Representative to Support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

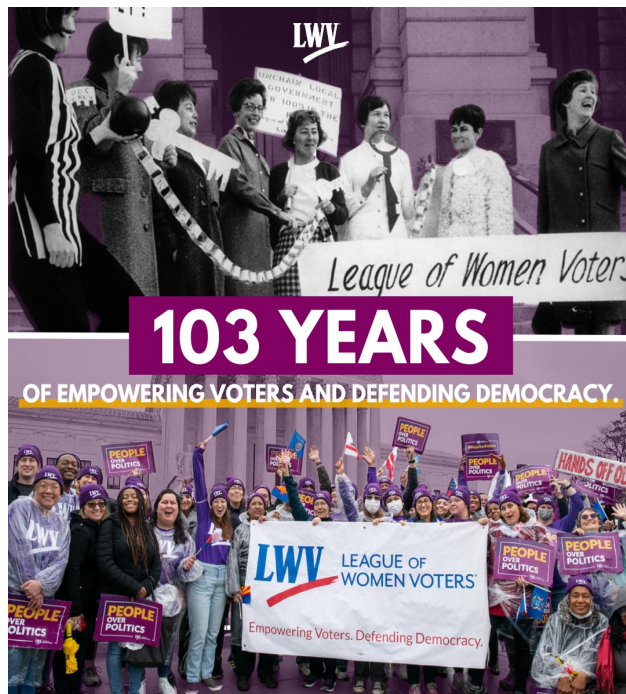
Every day, the freedom to vote is under attack. Since the Supreme Court decision of *Shelby County v. Holder* that gutted the *Voting Rights Act* (VRA), at least twenty-nine states have passed ninety-four laws that make it harder to vote, with the burden falling hardest on Black voters and other voters of color.

We need a fully restored VRA to defend our democracy and protect the freedom to vote. That is why the League is proud to support the reintroduction of HR14, the *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*, vital legislation needed to fully restore and modernize the VRA and ensure that discriminatory voting policies are stopped in their tracks.

Tell your Representatives to protect the freedom to vote and support the passage of the JRLVRAA. Click on link below.

Equality — and our democracy — cannot wait.

[Urge Your Representatives to Support the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act | League of Women Voters \(lwv.org\)](https://www.lwv.org/urge-your-representatives-to-support-the-john-r-lewis-voting-rights-advancement-act)



Student Elections Ambassador Promotes Voter Engagement at Local Schools

During the 2022-2023 school year Caroline Foster, a Student Elections Ambassador and Marin County resident, delivered a nonpartisan voter outreach presentation to over 250 students at local schools. The goal of the presentation was to increase political awareness and civic engagement among elementary and middle school students. This fall, Caroline extended the outreach to additional Marin schools, including Bahia Vista Elementary School in San Rafael and The Cove School in Corte Madera.

In the presentations, Caroline discusses the role of elections within our democracy and how voting empowers young people to affect change in their communities. She describes the California voting requirements and the nationwide youth voter turnout in recent elections. Caroline highlights the voter pre-registration process and encourages the students to pre-register to vote before they turn 18. In addition, she emphasizes the importance of being an informed voter by researching propositions and candidate positions and consulting official Voter Information Guides and nonpartisan news sources. At the conclusion of the presentation, the students participate in a mock election activity, in which they cast votes on issues of interest to them and receive the voting results.



Kristine Brand (left), 4th and 5th grade teacher at Bahia Vista Elementary school, with Caroline Foster, Student Elections Ambassador Liaison, and Pamela Cook, League of Women Voters.

During the voter outreach presentations this fall, Caroline was joined by Pamela Cook, a representative from the Marin League of Women Voters. Ms. Cook spoke to the students about her interest in voter engagement and her involvement in the League of Women Voters. She discussed the importance of casting a ballot and emphasized that every vote counts.



Pamela Cook speaks during a voter outreach presentation to students at The Cove School in Corte Madera.

The voter outreach presentations at local schools are one example of the efforts by Student Elections Ambassadors to promote voter engagement in their communities. This year, 36 Marin high school students are serving as Ambassadors. Returning Ambassadors Caroline Foster, Alysha Lee, and Jordan Harrosh are serving as Ambassador Liaisons. In this role they oversee the recruitment, training, and mentoring of Ambassadors. The Liaisons train the Ambassadors on how to create outreach events, some of which are based on the models of current or previous initiatives, such as the voter outreach presentations. As the new Ambassadors develop and lead outreach activities, they are inspiring future generations of voters to engage in our democracy.

LWV **VOTER SERVICE**

VOTER EDUCATION AND OUTREACH –
Robin Diederich and Pat Beaupre Becker



THE 2024 ELECTION SEASON IS HERE!

If you haven't already, then check your voter registration status and re-register if needed – go to [Register-ToVote.ca.gov](https://www.register-to-vote.ca.gov). Check that you are registered with the political party you want to

vote for in the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election. If you are not registered with a qualified political party, then you are a No Party Preference voter. Go [HERE](#) to learn about your voting options in the March 5, 2024 Primary Election. Helpful Resource: [How to Vote for U.S. President](#) (in California)

Pro Tip: Sign up for free ballot tracking from the CA Secretary of State at [WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov](https://www.wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov). You choose how to receive notifications about your ballot -- email, text or voice call.

Throughout 2023, the Voter Education & Outreach Team empowered Marin County voters to participate in local elections while working on plans for the 2024 Presidential Primary and General Elections! We shared critical election information using our website, social media, trusted messenger community organizations and YOU!

All League members are trusted messengers of non-partisan voting and election information for family, friends, and everyone in your professional and personal networks. The reach of our voter education work in 2024 depends on you, our League members, sharing voting and election information so that everyone in your network is Ready to Vote in 2024. They will thank you!

Remember to wear your nonpartisan hat when sharing LWV information [Learn more HERE](#). Questions about the election? Go to [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org), [Marinlww.org](https://www.marinlww.org) or email VoterEducation@marinlww.org

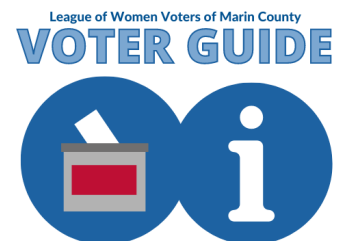
Beyond being a trusted messenger, we need you to join our VEO Team to help empower voters in Marin County! We need volunteers to join our team to help with social media, staff our voter education table at community events, help organize voter materials, support the other voter service teams and more! Send an email to Robin at votereducation@marinlww.org or Pat at outreach@marinlww.org if you can help, thank you!

[Important Dates & Resources for the March 5, 2024 Presidential Primary Election:](#)

- Feb.5 – Ballots mailed to all active registered voters**
- Feb.6 – Official Ballot Drop Boxes Open**
- Feb.19 – Last day to register or re-register to vote online or by mail**
- Feb.20 – Conditional Voter Registration & Same Day Voting Begins at Elections Dept.**
- Feb.24 – Vote Centers Open**
- March 5 – Election Day, the final day to vote!**

[How to Vote for U.S. President](#)

- [VOTE411](https://www.vote411.org) - All the Information You Need to Vote
- [Marinlww.org](https://www.marinlww.org)
- [MarinVotes.org](https://www.marinvotes.org)
- [Vote.ca.gov](https://www.vote.ca.gov)
- [EasyVoterGuide.org](https://www.easylvoterguide.org)



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League of Women Voters of California Education Fund Announces Transition

The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) is thrilled to announce an upgrade to its voter empowerment tools. Beginning with the 2024 election cycle, Californians looking for election information from the LWVCEF will use VOTE411 as their new ballot planning tool.



VOTE411, a leading digital platform dedicated to electoral information, will offer voters in California a streamlined and intuitive interface to research candidates, understand ballot measures, and prepare to vote confidently. This shift signifies the League’s continued commitment to empowering voters and making democracy work for all Californians.

“We are excited about this transition,” states Chris Carson, Board President of the LWVCEF. “VOTE411 has a proven track record in assisting voters across numerous states. By offering this tool to Californians, we are ensuring that they have access to the most comprehensive and up-to-date information to make informed choices.”

The change comes after extensive research and consultation, ensuring the best fit for the diverse needs of California's electorate. The new platform is expected to be user-friendly, mobile-responsive, and will offer a variety of features tailored to the unique needs of California voters.

The League urges all Californians to familiarize themselves with VOTE411 ahead of the 2024 elections. The tool will be accessible across all devices and will continue the League’s rich history of providing voters with non-partisan, factual, and trusted electoral information.

To use VOTE411, simply visit VOTE411.org.

About the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund (LWVCEF) The LWVCEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all Californians are informed and active participants in the democratic process. Through its educational projects and research, the LWVCEF provides Californians with trusted information about their voting rights, the electoral process, and the importance of civic participation.

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FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA ELECTIONS CONFERENCE

On October 16, 2023 the LWVCEF hosted a very successful 2023 Future of California Elections Conference, “California's Rapidly Changing Political Environment & the Full Engagement of the State's Electorate.” In Sacramento. Attended by elections officials, election reform advocates, researchers, community organizers, and League members, we discussed key topics in voting and elections, how to organize and engage communities, and prepare for the work ahead of us in the coming year.

LWVMC members Pat Beaupre Becker, Ann Wakeley and Robin Diederich attended the conference and walked away with a broader understanding of voter engagement in California. All three were particularly impressed by the inspiring keynote speakers - California Secretary of State, Dr. Shirley Weber, Assemblymember Gail Pellerin, PPIC President & CEO, Tani Cantil-Sakauye, and Shasta County Registrar of Voters, Cathy Darling Allen.



Robin Diederich and Pat Beaupre Becker