

Vote YES Parks & Open Space Measure A

May Monthly Meeting

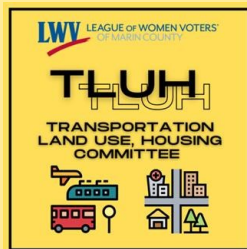
Monday, May 2
11:30am-1:00pm on Zoom

"The Future of State Highway Route 37"



Anne Richman, Executive Director, Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), will open the meeting with some introductory remarks. Then Ricky Gao and

Tammy Massengale from **Caltrans** and Jeanette Weisman from **Metropolitan Transportation Commission** will provide us with a perspective of the planning efforts done to date, those planned for the near future and some of the options identified to date for addressing this travel corridor in the future.



[REGISTER HERE](#)



LWVMC Annual Meeting

Monday, June 13
10:30am-1:30pm

The Club Restaurant at McGinnis Park
Meeting and Lunch

**Come celebrate our return to
an in-person get together!**

Once a year League members gather to adopt local program, elect officers and directors, adopt a budget, and consider other necessary business.

After the business meeting we will welcome our speaker,

MARY JANE BURKE
Marin County Schools Superintendent.

Please watch for the Annual Meeting Kit in mid-May.

For the safety and comfort of our members the following COVID protocol will be followed. Present proof of vaccination and plan to wear a mask unless eating, drinking, or speaking at the podium.



Measure A, Equity and Access: Connecting the People of Marin to Their Parks

In 2012, over 70% of Marin County voters approved Measure A, a countywide, quarter-cent sales tax to provide funding for parks, open space, and agriculture. Over the last nine years, Measure A funding has achieved many cherished community goals, including new parks and playgrounds, acquisition of open space, operations and maintenance of existing county parks and open space, and preservation of agricultural land.

On June 7, voters will have the opportunity to renew Measure A and continue protecting and improving our parks, open space, and agricultural land for nine more years. If renewed, it will NOT add cost for taxpayers.

One of the promises of Measure A was to invest in equitable access to Marin’s parks and open space. The Marin County Parks Department has developed innovative, equity-focused programs to connect more Marin residents to parks and open space resources and remove barriers to access, particularly for people in underserved communities.

Here are just a few examples:

Breathe/Respira Community Grants: Launched in 2014 with Measure A funds, this program gives grants to community groups and organizations to bring people outdoors and cultivate connections to Marin’s public lands. The projects funded by this program are wide-ranging - benefiting Marinites of all ages!

- ◆ The program has funded outdoor education experiences for young people, including a yearlong program coordinated by 10th grade students in the Marin School of Environmental Leadership (MSEL) at Terra Linda High that brought Laurel Dell Elementary School children to local green spaces.
- ◆ In 2021, Marin Parks collaborated with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to support mental health programs that make use of parks and open space. Grants focused on improving mental health through outdoor experiences, including a plan to organize small-group social outings for seniors in an assisted living facility, who were largely isolated during the past year due to COVID.

Entry Fee Reductions: Starting in 2015, summer weekday park entry fees were reduced. In June of 2019, after a resident survey found that cost was a barrier to use, summer weekend and holiday parking fees at popular County Parks (McNears Beach, Stafford Lake, and Paradise Beach) were cut from \$10 to \$5.

Library Parks Pass Program: In 2019, the Marin County Free Library, in partnership with Marin Parks, launched the Parks Pass Program. Residents use their library card to check out a Parks Pass for free parking at three participating parks systems (Marin County Parks, MMWD, and Mt. Tamalpais). The passes are one of the library’s highest circulating items. In 2021 the State of California, funded a statewide program modeled after what we are doing here in Marin.

These exemplary equity-focused programs have reached out to our communities, removed barriers to access, and expanded human connections to Marin County’s amazing outdoor resources. Measure A made these programs possible. **Let’s ensure they continue by voting YES on Measure A!**

Ann Wakeley and Nancy Bell



**COLLEGE OF MARIN STUDENTS
NEED OUR HELP!**

**We are 2/3 toward our goal of
\$6000.**

**(\$6000 will be matched by the LWVMC
Education Fund.)**

Help Us Take it Over the TOP!

We are helping hundreds of students continue their education.

Contribute generously to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.
You can do so by [going to our website](#) or by writing a check (made out to LWVMC Education Foundation) and mailing it to LWVMC Education Foundation,

VOTER'S EDGE

[Voter's Edge](#) is an unbiased, online ballot look-up tool that provides information about what's on your ballot. Voters can enter their address for a personalized ballot with measures and in-depth candidate information. Voter's Edge teams across California have invited candidates who are in the June primary to participate. Your Marin County team is busy working to get local measures and candidate content loaded into the Voter's Edge system.

Don't see your candidates' information on votersedge.org? Send them an email right from the Voter's Edge website to urge them to participate! It's free to both voters and candidates. And check back frequently for updates!

Questions? Contact votersedge@marinlwv.org

Voters



Candidates





CANDIDATE FORUMS for JUNE 2022 ELECTION

The June 7 election is coming soon with Vote by Mail ballots being sent out on May 9. Need help deciding who to vote for? The League of Women Voters of Marin County moderated these candidate forums:

VIDEOS AVAILABLE ON THE LEAGUE'S WEBSITE:

State Assembly/District 12

Focus: Climate Change and Environmental-related Issues

Co-hosts Sustainable San Rafael, Marin Conservation League and Organizing for Action Marin
Community Outreach Partners: Environmental Forum of Marin, 350Marin, Green Change, Marin Multicultural Center, League of Women Voters of Sonoma County

Marin County Board of Supervisors/Districts 1 and 5

Focus: Housing and Sustainable-related Issues

Co-hosts: Marin Environmental Housing Collaborative and Sustainable Marin
Community Outreach Partners: Sustainable Novato and Sustainable San Rafael

Marin County Board of Supervisors/Districts 1 and 5

Focus: Aging and Disability-related Issues

Cohosts: Aging Action Initiative and Marin Center for Independent Living
Community Outreach Partners: Marin Commission on Aging, California Alliance of Retired Americans (CARA)

WATCH THIS FORUM LIVE ON ZOOM [CLICK HERE](#)

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30-8PM

Marin County Superintendent of Schools

Cohosts: Marin Promise, 10,000 Degrees, Marin County School Boards Association, Canal Alliance
Community Outreach Partners: Dominican University, North Marin Council of PTAs, Emeritus Students College of Marin (ESCOM)

*****SPANISH INTERPRETATION AVAILABLE*****

For more information about the candidates and ballot measures, go to votersedge.org/ca.

A special thank you to the Candidate Forum Team:

Nancy Bell, Jan King, Becky Bingea, Carol Inkeliss, Linda Deer, Laurie Nardone, Elaine Biagini, Pat Becker, Linda Sula, Ann Batman, Susan Stompe, Doug Cooper, Nancy Weber, Dee Dee Butori, Lynn Dooley and CMCM-TV.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES - See p. 7

DID YOU KNOW?

Our website has a NEWSROOM tab in the main menu-check it out! Marinlwv.org
The current and past issues of The Voter are posted there along with LWVUS news releases and blog posts, LWVC Announcements and more!



More News from the Student Elections Ambassador Program (SEAP)



The Marin County League of Women Voters continues to partner with the Marin County Elections Department and the Marin County Office of Education on the Student Elections Ambassador Program (SEAP). SEAP recruits, trains, and supports high school students and recent graduates who conceive and execute events to register and preregister their peers. All SEAP Ambassadors are provided complementary LWV memberships.

As of April, there are 26 ambassadors from 8 schools for the 2021-22 program. The SEAP Steering Committee (comprised of members of the LWV, the Marin County Elections Department, and a high school election ambassador) developed a mandatory virtual training for the ambassadors which includes information about voting in Marin, the process of registering voters, and key deadlines. The trainings are led by members of the SEAP Steering Committee and the Marin County Elections Department. We conduct the trainings whenever new ambassadors volunteer, and due to an increase in new ambassadors, we added two additional training sessions this spring.

On March 1, we held a June 7 primary election kick-off and brainstorming session, where we heard from Aniyisa Lustig-Ellison, a Sonoma State student who built a program in her high school to encourage student activism, and Bella Manes, a Terra Linda High School student, who is a current ambassador and member of the SEAP Steering Committee. The ambassadors are currently organizing voter registration events, both live and virtual. Most are school-

based, but several ambassadors have conducted voter drives at community events. Some recent events have included

- ◆ The Marin Teen Girl Conference—3 ambassadors attended and held a voter education and registration drive.
- ◆ MLK/Black History Month celebration in Marin City—1 ambassador attended and held a voter education and registration drive.
- ◆ Marin Youth Commission—SEAP Steering Committee members spoke before a virtual Commission meeting to recruit more ambassadors and answer questions about voting.
- ◆ 2050 in Mill Valley—3 ambassadors plan to register voters on April 24.

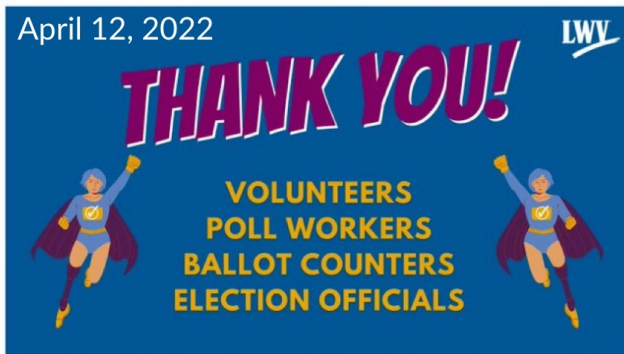
During the last two weeks in April, the SEAP Steering Committee will be in contact with ambassadors to encourage activities for the April High School Voter Education Weeks.

We were delighted to recently receive a grant from the national LWV Education Fund in recognition of our efforts. The LWV Education Fund supports a national Youth Voter Registration project and provides grants to Leagues engaging youth, specifically high school, community college, and/or vocational school students in the electoral process, and in particular, working to mitigate the widespread voting disparities among Black, Latino, and young people with no college experience and those attending Title 1 institutions. We plan to use this grant to support and expand SEAP and will keep you posted as to how we use it.

Pam Cook



April 12, 2022



Leagues across the country joined other voting advocacy groups to thank election workers (social media and virtual & in-person activities) for their work in challenging times.

We dropped off a few treats for our Marin County Elections Dept staff to show our gratitude & support!



HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE CAMPAIGN

Display a yard sign

We have Yes on Measure A lawn signs! If you want to show your support by displaying one of these attractive signs in your front yard, contact Ann Wakeley at annwakeley4@gmail.com.



Endorse Measure A

Go to the Measure A campaign webpage and show your support by agreeing to publically support Measure A. Yes on A - www.yesmarinparksopenspace.com

Send a post card to your friends and family

For a supply email Ann Batman at abatman229@aol.com

Talk to your friends and family about Measure A

Use the information from Voter articles and eblasts to encourage a YES on A vote.

Forward LWVMC Measure A eblasts to your own email lists

Watch for a series of eblasts during the next month.



Marin Elections Dept/Spring 2022

Marin Votes! June 7, 2022

Lynda Roberts, Registrar of Voters

(415) 473-6456 • MarinVotes.org

Voter's Choice Act Comes to Marin

What Is the Voter's Choice Act?

The Voter's Choice Act is a law that allows counties to offer voters more choices for how, when, and where they vote. What changed? Now, all active registered voters are automatically mailed a ballot, early voting is expanded for more days, and voters may vote in-person at a regional vote center.

How Does It Work?

All active registered voters are automatically mailed a ballot and have THREE ways to return it: (No stamp needed!)

- By mail
- At an official ballot drop box
- At a vote center

What Is a Vote Center?

Voters may vote in-person at ANY vote center in Marin County. Assigned, neighborhood polling places are replaced by regional vote centers that open at least 3 days before Election Day with MORE services:

- Register to vote & vote the same day
- Replace a lost or damaged ballot
- Early voting—vote before Election Day!
- Vote with an accessible voting machine
- Request help

Vote Safe. Vote Secure. Vote by Mail.



It's easy! Voting by mail saves time, is safe, and is free! There are many ways to return a vote by mail ballot:

- 1 VOTE your ballot; insert and seal it inside the mailing envelope that came with your ballot.
- 2 SIGN the outside of the envelope; the ballot cannot be counted without your signature!
- 3 RETURN your voted ballot by mail (to postmark on or before Election Day), OR take it to any Vote Center or Official Ballot Drop Box.

All Active Registered Voters Are Mailed a Ballot



Voters Have More Days and More Ways to Vote



To Find a Vote Center or Official Ballot Drop Box, Look in Your County Voter Information Guide or Go to MarinVotes.org. Questions? Call The Marin County Elections Department

Mark Your Calendar...

- April 28: Voter Information Guide mailing begins
- May 9: Vote by Mail Ballot mailing begins
- May 9: Ballot Drop Boxes open
- May 23: Deadline to register to vote
- May 28: Several vote centers open (through June 7)
- June 4: ALL vote centers open (through June 7)
- June 7: Election Day! Vote Centers close at 8 p.m.
- June 14: Deadline for officials to receive ballots by mail (had to be postmarked on or before June 7)

Not sure you're Registered to Vote?

Check your status at: RegisterToVote.ca.gov

Moved? Register or update your address at: RegisterToVote.ca.gov

The deadline to register to vote is May 23. After that, call the Elections Department at (415) 473-6456, toll-free (833) 644-2061, or 711 (CA Relay Service) for options.

NEWS FROM THE VOTER SERVICE TEAM

EASY VOTER GUIDE

The Easy Voter Guide for the June 7, 2022 Primary Election is available at EasyVoterGuide.org. The guide is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean and has vital information on ways to vote in California—including how to register and vote all the way up through Election Day—and the choices for turning in the ballot you receive in the mail. Produced for statewide elections in California since 1994, the Easy Voter Guide is a collaboration of the League of Women Voters® of California Education Fund and the California State Library.



BAY AREA VOTES - New Coalition

Local election officials are your trusted source of nonpartisan election information. The registrars of voters around the Bay Area have created a coalition to deliver accurate, current, and transparent election information to our nearly five million voters. Read more from the Coalition in this [news release](#).

VOTER EDUCATION & OUTREACH TEAM

The Voter Education & Outreach Team of two is hard at work. We’re sharing voting and election information on our website, social media and through our relationships with the county and state elections offices and community organizations. Our team collaborates with our League’s Candidate Forums and Voter’s Edge Teams to educate voters, so they feel knowledgeable and confident to vote their ballots.

The June 7, 2022 CA Statewide Direct Primary Election is coming soon and Marin County is welcoming the Voter’s Choice Act giving voters More Days and More Ways to Vote! Don’t miss the VCA Newsletter in this issue of The Voter, as well as the information posted on our website: Marinlww.org! The Marin County Elections Dept has been working overtime to educate Marin County voters - be sure to use their website as a trusted source of nonpartisan election information - MarinVotes.org.

Our VEO Team needs more members - please join us to empower the voters of Marin County! Send an email to Robin Diederich at VoterEducation@marinlww.org to find out more.

The Marin County Elections Department is looking for bilingual 4-day vote center workers - Chinese/Spanish/Vietnamese - June 4-7, 2022.

This is a great opportunity to participate in democracy and provide an important civic service. There is a stipend for this position.

Interested individuals may contact Colleen Ksanda, the Precinct Coordinator, directly at (415) 473-6439, or apply on the [MarinVotes.org website](http://MarinVotes.org).

If you or someone you know might be interested, please apply.



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