

# LWV THE VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARIN COUNTY

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September/October 2021

## Monthly Meetings Continue on Zoom

Monday, Sept. 13

11:30am -1:00pm



### Local Redistricting: Drawing the Lines for District Elections in Marin and Sonoma Counties

The 2020 census data has been released, and local jurisdictions are gearing up for redistricting.

- All local governments that *hold district elections* must review and redraw district lines based on the new population figures.
- How these lines are drawn can impact a community's ability to elect officials who represent their interests.

**Join us for a presentation on redistricting activities in our counties.**

#### Learn about—

- The requirements and the process
- Communities of Interest and why they are important
- How you can have a voice in this important process!

#### Panelists

Jim Masters, Consultant on the census, voting and districting

Darrin Jenkins, City Manager Rohnert Park

Debbie McKay, Board Secretary LWVSC

Scott McKown, Local Redistricting Committee Chair LWVMC

Ann Wakeley, President LWVMC

Karen Weeks, Voter Service Chair LWVSC

[Click Here to Register](#)

Monday, Oct. 4

11:30am -1:00pm



### Criminal Justice Reform in Marin

Join us for an informative discussion about the criminal justice reform changes

happening in the Marin County judicial system. The speakers and their respective agencies are collaborating to improve community public safety while bringing improvements to the experiences of those who are involved with the criminal justice system (both victim and offender).

#### Learn about -

- Restorative justice
- Pre-trial diversion
- Alternative courts
- Rehabilitation
- Wrap-around services
- Re-entry
- Preventing recidivism
- Transformative justice

#### Panelists

Lori Frugoli, District Attorney, Marin County

Brian Morris, Public Defender, Marin County

Marlon Washington, Chief Probation Officer, Marin County

Don Carney, Executive Director, Youth Transforming Justice

See PAGE 4 for panelists' bios.

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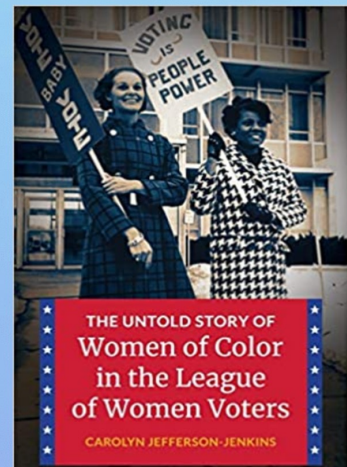
# Come Celebrate a New League Year!

Fall Kick-Off October 7, 4pm-6pm on Zoom



We are honored to have Dr, Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, 15th President of the League of Women Voters and Chair of the League of Women Voters Education Fund, 1998-2002, join us as our guest speaker.

Dr. Jefferson-Jenkins is the author of *The Road to Black Suffrage* and *One Man, One Vote: The History of the African-American Vote in the United States*. Her most recent book, *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters*, was released last year in honor of our centennial celebration.



## Presentation of the Community Service Award

Dr. Matt Willis, Marin Public Health Officer

Dr. Lisa Santora, Deputy Public Health Officer

These two steered our county through the darkest days of COVID-19. Dr Willis 'and Dr Santora's leadership, transparency, science-based facts, and daily communication with our community provided us with a level of trust that broke through the political chatter.

We look forward to seeing you all on Oct. 7

[Register Here](#)



**THE LWVMC PARTNERS WITH COLLEGE OF MARIN**

In 2020, Colleen Mihal, a College of Marin Persuasive Speech Professor, reached out to Lynn Dooley and asked her to share with students how our League does research and prepares our “Pros and Cons” presentations on ballot measures. With the help of COM librarians, David Patterson and Sarah Frye, we established a successful collaboration that has led to a broader partnership between the COM and our League.

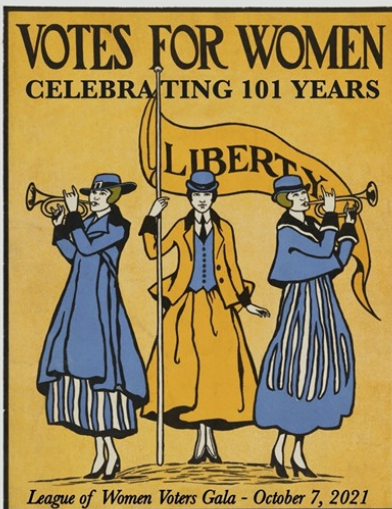
This August, we were invited to participate in the COM “Flex Week” series of workshops that offer ideas for faculty to consider as they design their courses for the coming year. We were so pleased that 20-25 faculty and staff attended two workshops with LWVMC members Ann Wakeley, Suki Sennett, Barbara Strong, and Lynn Dooley, who led the effort.

The first workshop was to support the COM Common Read yearlong series of events. This year, the COM community is reading Isabel Allende’s short stories and her novel, *The Long Petal of the Sea*, which is based on true events during Franco’s overthrow of the government in Spain and the subsequent journey of Spanish refugees fleeing to Chile. We were invited to speak about the theme of democracy that runs through the novel.

For the second workshop, we were excited to partner with library staff to meet with faculty across all disciplines. We talked about the work that our League does and how we can be a resource for their curriculum. Our goal was to provide them with tools to help their students understand and personalize their connection with democracy, civics, and voting rights.

We are pleased that our presentations sparked a number of professors’ interest in collaborating with us and in including related assignments in their course plans. It was rewarding to hear so many creative ideas, and we will follow up with professors of English, Art, Composition, ESL, Business, History, and Native American Studies, to name a few. We look forward a long and successful partnership!

Barbara Strong, LWVMC Board Member



**Gala Postponed AGAIN!**

**We are so sad to announce that the Gala will not happen this year.**

**We will be back in 2022 with an exciting new event!**

**More Information - Justice Meeting Speakers**



**Lori Frugoli** has been a prosecutor for the Marin County District Attorney’s Office for 31 years and has served as our District Attorney since January of 2019. Lori’s prior experience as a Police Officer provides her with a unique perspective of the District Attorney’s

Office and their priorities which include an Immigration Specialist and the appointment of Assistant District Attorney, Otis Bruce Junior, whose duties include coordinating Social Justice, Equity, Community Liaison, Policy, Student Volunteers and Career Development Programs. Recent developments in the office include participating in the creation and implementation of Marin County’s first Gun Safety Collaborative, Veterans Treatment Court and returning Sexual Assault Exams back to Marin.



**Brian Morris, Assistant Public Defender** - Brian joined the Marin County Public Defender’s Office in 2001 and has tirelessly represented clients on cases ranging from misdemeanors to murder. His passion for the courtroom is enhanced by his innovative spirit and

appreciation for new solutions. Brian was named Assistant Public Defender in 2015. In that role, Mr. Morris has cultivated a culture of collaboration with other county departments and with community organizations

Brian enjoys riding his bike to work, playing soccer, and spending time with his family. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont and the University of San Francisco School of Law.



**Marlon Washington** is a Richmond native who graduated from Saint Mary’s College high school. He attended the University of California, Davis earning a bachelor’s degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Law and Society with a Minor in Rhetoric and Communications.

Marlon has worked in Probation for approximately

24 years. Marlon began his probation career in Contra Costa County as a Temporary Probation Counselor. During his career he has held the following positions, Probation Counselor, Adult/Juvenile Deputy Probation Officer, Institutional Supervisor I, Probation Supervisor, Institutional Supervisor II, Juvenile Hall Superintendent (Napa) and most recently Chief Probation Officer (Marin).

Marlon enjoys coaching, sports, traveling, spending time with family, listening to music and mentoring. Marlon has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Marin County family. “Becoming a Chief during the pandemic and social unrest has it’s own challenges; however, I have embraced this challenge in my first year. Staying abreast of legislative changes is paramount to ensuring Criminal Justice Reform in Marin”.



**Don Carney** has worked with youth for over 45 years. He started his career in 1975 directing group homes and educational services for wards of the court.

In 2000, Don became YMCA Director of Youth and Family Services, where he established the Marin

County Youth Court, the Alcohol and Drug Safety Skills Harm Reduction Training, and Alternatives to Suspension based on the principals of restorative and trauma informed practices. In July 2020 these services began operating as *Youth Transforming Justice*, an independent non-profit organization.

Don is a member of Marin’s Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission, the California Association of Youth Courts Board of Trustees, and he is a Community Prevention Initiative consultant specializing in Trauma Informed Substance Prevention and Intervention, and he also consults with several federally funded Drug Free Community Coalitions

Don has been at the forefront of disrupting the “school to prison pipeline” by deploying restorative trauma informed practices that keep youth in school and out of the juvenile justice system.



## BUSY SUMMER FOR VOTER SERVICE

August is usually a month when our League takes a break and re-energizes for the coming year. This August has been very different for Voter Service! With the Governor Recall Election scheduled for Sept.14, we have been busy gathering, creating and distributing voter education materials to our members and community partners/allies.

We strongly encourage our members to be “trusted messengers” for their family and friends in every election including the Recall Election. We have sent several emails to our members with resources to assist them. We have also put in a lot of time and energy to ensure that our website and social media accounts have reliable information and resources.

Many of you have already voted. If not, then your most helpful resources can be found at [votersedge.org](http://votersedge.org), [Marinlwv.org](http://Marinlwv.org), and [MarinVotes.org](http://MarinVotes.org). You’ll find information to help you complete your ballot and then put it in the mail or in a secure ballot drop box before the deadline of Sept.14. There are in-person voting options for voters who need assistance or prefer to vote in person at polling places and the Marin County Elections Department. Note: In-person voters need to bring the ballot they received in the mail with them to their **assigned** polling place.

**It Takes A League!** We appreciate everyone who has helped empower the voters of Marin County! Some of you will work as poll workers on Election Day; Mary Caruso and Joyce Rhodes helped get our yard/window GOTV signs out into the community; Jackie Dagg and the Voter Registration and Outreach team communicated with our community allies and distributed voter registration and election education materials as requested.

A **Logic and Accuracy Test** test is conducted on the ballot counting equipment before every election. The League assists the Elections Department to complete this test by sending two volunteers. Thank you to Cindy Wagner and Dee Dee Butori for volunteering for this important job for the Recall Election.

Robin Diederich and Jackie Dagg, Voter Service



### From the Bay Area Monitor Coexisting with Coho During Drought By Robin Meadows

When Bolinas farmer Peter Martinelli decided to help coho salmon by boosting summer water levels in Pine Gulch Creek, which runs through his land, he had no idea that the project would take two decades to complete.

Now he’s happy he saw it through. Coho are endangered in most of their California range, and droughts like the one we’re experiencing now are among the biggest threats to these coastal salmon...

Read more at the *Bay Area Monitor*: [Articles - Bay Area Monitor](#)



## CLIMATE CHANGE SPEAKER SERIES

### ***“Sea Level Rise and Flooding”***

Special two-part presentation

**Tuesday, September 21 – 11am: *Assessing the Threats***

**Speakers:**

Chris Choo, Principal Watershed Planner, Marin County Dept of Public Works  
Leslie Lacko, Sr. Planner, Climate Adaptation, Marin County Comm Devel Agency  
Paul Jensen, Retired Community Development Dept Director, City of San Rafael

*Yes, we are in the midst of a devastating drought! At the same time, Marin must also face the reality of too much water due to sea level rise and climate change. In September we will hear from County experts about the assessment of those threats, including coastal, bayside and within the watersheds, and how one of our communities is taking a long-term view to address these threats.*

**Tuesday, October 19 – 11am: *Adapting to the Threats***

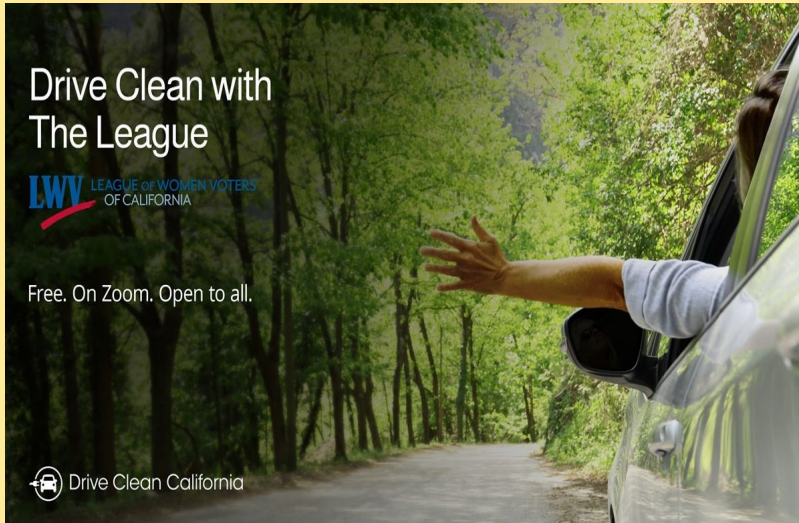
**Speakers:**

Julie Beagle, Environmental Planning Section Chief at the San Francisco District of the US Army Corps of Engineers; District lead for the Engineering with Nature Initiative.  
Stuart Siegel, Interim Mgr and Coastal Resilience Specialist, SF Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; Assoc. Research Professor, Dept of Earth and Climate Sciences, SF University, Estuary and Ocean Science Center  
Kiki LaPorta, Vice President, Sustainable Marin; Consultant/Creative Director, Descom Studios

*In September expert speakers presented the reality of flooding due to due to sea level rise and climate change. Please plan to join us in October to learn about nature-based strategies being implemented so we can adapt to these threats.*

***\*\*\*All League members welcome – Registration required\*\*\****

**For more information and to Register: [Click Here](#)**



## DRIVE CLEAN WITH THE LEAGUE

**Come Learn Everything You Wanted to Know About Electric Cars!!!**

**IT'S FREE. ON ZOOM. OPEN TO ALL.**

**Saturday, October 16, 5:00-6:00PM**  
**or**  
**Wednesday, October 20, 6:00-7:00PM**

League of Women Voters of California, together with Drive Clean California, is co-sponsoring "Drive Clean with the League," a tell-a-friend campaign designed to greatly increase awareness of the importance and benefits of EV driving.

During the one-hour ZOOM event, experts from Drive Clean California, EV drivers and climate and clean air enthusiasts will share their interest in clean air and a cool planet.

### **The event will feature electric vehicle and e-bike experts:**

- Owners will share their experiences, the latest trends, vehicles, costs, and considerations when moving to electric.
- Experts discussing government incentives, solutions for residents who live in apartments and additional financial incentives for disadvantaged communities
- Debunking of common EV myths and answers to your questions

**Invite everyone you know.** Word-of-mouth is the best way to accelerate EV adoption, and Drive Clean is designed with this in mind. Share through email or post on social media. Your guests and their friends can then invite their social media circles.

**[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP.](#)**



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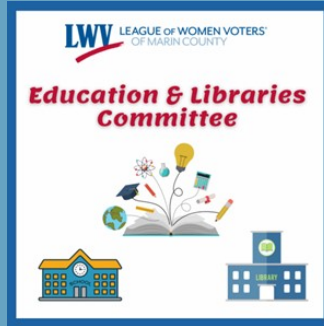
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**Everyone is invited to our committee meetings!**



**Thursday, September 16, 10am on Zoom**

**Speaker: Chantel Walker, Assistant Director, Marin Free Library**

Chantel will share with us how MCFL provided services for adults and youth during COVID and the library strategy for supporting the Marin community, in addition to lending reading materials.

[Register Here](#)



**Thursday, October 14, 10am on Zoom**

**Speaker: Sheri Mowbray, Group Leader of Better Together for Public Education**

Sheri will speak about the group's efforts to explore the unification of the school districts in Marin, particularly the 10 K-8 districts in Southern and West Marin that feed into the Tamalpais Union High School District.

[Register Here](#)