



# The VOTER

March 2026



## OUR LEAGUE NEWS

### President's Message

Hello League Members & Supporters,



Four weeks ago, Punxsutawney Phil told me to wait until the Ides of March for spring weather. Well, Phil, today it's 68 degrees and sunny out. My garden daffodils are flowering. The peach tree is in bloom. Here in Yolo County, we are starting our Spring right now.

Welcome to our March Voter, where spring means "Get out the Vote" for June!

## Our **March** action theme: **Inspiring Community Engagement**

We have another busy month for you, but I think I'll probably be saying that every month until June. This newsletter follows our wonderfully successful February **State of the Community** event. We had a great turnout of guests and supporters from all corners of the county. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together for lunch, to socialize and to hear from our State Senator Christopher Cabaldon. I hope everyone in attendance had a chance to meet a few of the members of our new **LWV-UCD Student Club**, a very energetic group of election champions and voter educators.

I'm sending a big shout-out of appreciation to the many League members who helped with event set-up and check-in. Thank you also to those who gave our fellow members and guests rides to the event. We are so fortunate to be part of such a caring community.

Another note of appreciation for League service goes out to members **Pat McDonald** and **Shrawani Thapa**, who joined **Kathleen Stack** in Winters to interview Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry for the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC). Legislative interviews help guide State advocacy for priority issue positions.

We have a bounty of March events coming up. They are taking place at UC Davis, Woodland Community College, Woodland Community and Senior Center, Davis Library, and West Sacramento Riverside Park. We'll celebrate Women's History (March is Women's History Month!), promote Housing Affordability, champion Voter Education and Election Integrity, and of course, defend Democracy.

*REMINDER:* We are still accepting entries for our LWVYC **Voter Empowerment Art Poster Design Contest** until **March 27**. Joining with Yolo County (YC) Libraries, the YC Office of Education and YC Assessor-Clerk and Elections (ACE) Office, we're seeking the creative talents of youth to inspire voter registration and election participation.

Know an artistic Gen Z/Gen Alpha with a civic action calling? Tell them about our contest! [bit.ly/LWVYC-artcontest](http://bit.ly/LWVYC-artcontest)

How is March our "Month of Community Engagement"? It's all about the **PARTNERSHIPS!!**

On **March 3**, our partners included the UCD Early Academic Outreach Program (EAOP) and the Yolo County Office of Education. We offered voting rights education and League information at the **Yolo EmpowHER Leadership Conference** in the UCD ARC Ballroom.

On **March 5**, we will co-sponsor the **Women of Yolo County in Action** Panel Presentation hosted by Woodland Community College Department of Ethnic Studies, to honor Chicana/Latina Women's History. The panel highlights Latina contributions featuring local elected officials from West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland.

Our **LWVYC Housing Committee** will host its public **Housing Affordability Forum** on **March 12** in partnership with **Davis Community Action Network** and **Interfaith Housing Justice, Davis**.

We will end the month partnering with **Indivisible Yolo** on **March 28** at our third **NO KINGS** rally, which takes place at River Walk Park in West Sacramento. League members will again share ballot education and voter registration information at the event.

On **March 25**, LWVYC will host our own **March Membership Meeting: "Gearing Up for the June 2nd Primary"**. The public is welcome to come learn about our League's voter education materials for June. Guest speaker, Registrar of Voters Jesse Salinas, will be on hand to answer questions about voter intimidation and poll worker safety.

Every outreach event and partnership offers an opportunity for members to activate their civic engagement. If you would like training in voter registration education, or you can help host meetings or forums, assist with event promotion or welcome new members, **we need your talents to work on projects big or small**. Please use the contact information below in the "Voting Year Volunteer Opportunities".

Our county league is thriving! New members keep coming and bringing their energy to our projects. New and continuing members are invited to our upcoming "**New Member Orientation and Tea**". We began these last July, and they have grown increasingly popular. Our next Orientation Tea is on **March 15**, 3:30-5:00 pm in Woodland. Come join us and meet your fellow League members. Learn more about the event by contacting Kathleen Stack at [membership@lwvyolo.org](mailto:membership@lwvyolo.org)

With all that's going on in our state and our nation today and with elections just three months away, your civic voice is more important than ever. Make a plan to attend one of our many hosted or co-sponsored events. Make a plan to ensure you, your friends and family are ready with the information needed to cast a knowledgeable and confident vote in June.

But you needn't wait to engage! Senators still need to hear our **League's opposition to the federal S.A.V.E. Act**. Use this link to: **Tell your Senators to oppose the SAVE Act**. (You can also share the link with friends and family out-of-state to tell their Senators who have not yet opposed the bill's voter suppression provisions.)

Let your federal representatives know what you care about whenever you have opinions about healthcare, taxation, foreign affairs or environmental policy in national legislation. They can't truly "represent" if they don't know constituent priorities. To quickly find the phone number, website, and email contact form for your elected members, click on this link: [Find Your Members in the US Congress](#).

And as always, remember..... Local governance matters!!

I look forward to seeing you out and about enjoying Yolo County this spring.

Warm regards,  
*Michelle Famula, President*  
LWV Yolo County

## Voting Year Volunteer Opportunities

### Democracy Is Calling, How Will You Answer? Special 2026 Voting Year Volunteer Opportunities

Be a VOTE 411 Volunteer!



**VOTE 411** is the League's online website that provides accurate, unbiased information to voters, based on their personal ballot.

To make this information complete, the League depends on local members to contact candidates in their county by email and telephone, inviting them to post their campaign information and respond to League questions on the [VOTE411 website](#).

Volunteer during March and early April to be the **Yolo County Coordinator for VOTE411**. The state League gives you a VOTE411 email address to protect your privacy and has email templates for you to use. Staff from the State League and former Yolo County Coordinator **Carla Cox** will coach and support you all the way! Training videos and

Zoom training sessions begin this week. Contact Carla at [ccox.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:ccox.lwv@gmail.com).

## LWVYC Voter Forum Committee Needs YOU!



Voter education is at the heart of our mission, and League election forums are respected for their fair and thoughtful approach to providing voters with vital information about the candidates and issues on their ballot. Most requests to host forums come directly from our communities. To make them happen, we need committee volunteers.

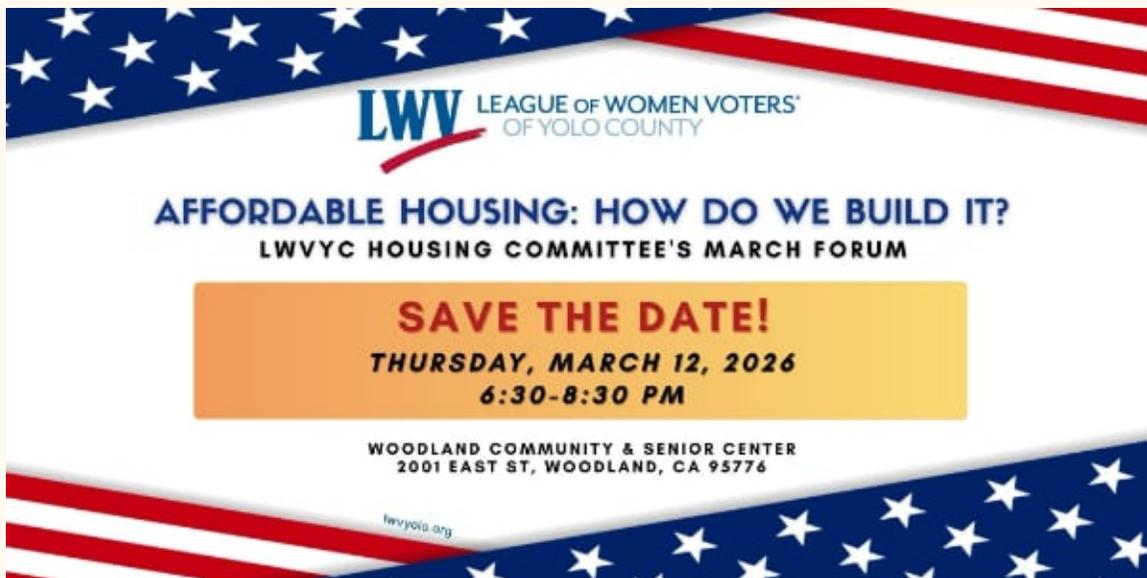
Our potential forums are a few months off, but quality forums require a team of committed League members who can begin planning in spring. If you have an interest in moderator or time keeper functions, we welcome your talents. All new volunteers will receive training and mentorship from experienced League members.

Are you good at organizing? Writing questions for candidates? Sending emails and making calls? Many of these jobs can be done from home. Members who enjoy attending the forums can help with check-in, collecting and sorting audience questions, setting up and cleaning up.

There is great satisfaction in pulling together a public forum to educate voters. Be there for the excitement on forum night in late April or early May. If this highly valued League service appeals to you, **please contact Carla Cox at [ccox.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:ccox.lwv@gmail.com) or 530-908-9983 NOW to take part in this essential League work.**

## March Events

**March 12: Affordable Housing Forum: How Do We Build it?**



The *League of Women Voters of Yolo County* (LWVYC) will hold a public forum on housing on Thursday, March 12, 2026, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Woodland Community and Senior Center, doors open at 6:10 pm. The event is free, and there is no need to register.

A panel of local housing leaders will discuss opportunities and challenges, with an opportunity for audience Q&A. Housing advocates will be available to answer questions following the panel presentation.

The event, co-sponsored by the **Davis Community Action Network**, hopes to educate voters across the county on the unique needs and priorities of multiple communities and residents. Interfaith Housing Justice Davis is also an event partner.

**Visit our website to learn more...**

### **March 25: LWVYC MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Election 2026: Gearing up for the June 2 Primary**



The *League of Women Voters of Yolo County* (LWVYC) will hold our March member meeting on **Wednesday, March 25, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm** in Davis at the Mary L. Stevens Library, Blanchard Room. Doors open at 5:45 pm.

Come hear from League board members and Yolo County Elections Officials about the Yolo County June Primary Elections. Discussion will include growing election participation through our voter education outreach, preventing voter intimidation, and protecting election worker safety and security.

### **ONGOING THROUGH MARCH 27: LWVYC High School Student Voter Empowerment Poster Art Contest.**



Entry began **February 13** and runs through **March 27**. The contest is open to all Yolo County High School students. Winners will receive a cash prize and have their artwork displayed around the county.

This art contest, in partnership with Yolo County Libraries and Woodland Public Library, is co-sponsored by the Yolo County Office of Education and the Yolo County Assessor-Clerk and Election (ACE) Office.

Do you know a talented High School artist who would be excited to have their work on posters county-wide to promote voter registration and election participation? Spread the word! **More information and applications are available on our website.**

**March 28: NO KINGS THREE Rally and March**



The *League of Women Voters of Yolo County* (LWVYC) is a co-sponsor of Yolo County's third NO KINGS RALLY AND MARCH on **Saturday, March 28, 10:30 to 1:00 pm** in River Walk Park, West Sacramento.

The California League continues to support fellow democracy defenders statewide by partnering in NO KINGS events. Many LWVYC members turned out in Woodland in June and Davis in October.

Members are now encouraged to come out again to represent the League's commitment to defend constitutional voter protections and support the legislative oversight that strengthens representative democracy. Rally participants may **use this link to register**.

Our voter education table at "NO KINGS" will offer Easy Voter Guides, voter registration online tools, and Yolo County ballot return information for the June Primary. Information on the voter suppression provisions of the federal SAVE Act will also be available.

Tabling at public civic events helps our community **learn more about the League and our mission to Empower Voters and Defend Democracy**.

## Upcoming Events in April

**UCD PICNIC DAY PARADE**



**Saturday, April 18, 2026, is the UCD 112th PICNIC DAY**...and it's just around the corner. Our application to include a League parade walk team has been accepted by the parade organizers.

This year, our mighty walk team will be joined by members of our LWV-UCD Student Club to represent and inspire our voting community. Join our group cheer - "*YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE*" - and meet community supporters lining the street on campus and in downtown Davis. **SAVE THE DATE** and look for more information on our website later this month.

## Board / Member Activities

Board meetings are available via Zoom to members and the public. Please send an email to [info@lwvyolo.org](mailto:info@lwvyolo.org) if you would like to attend an upcoming Board meeting.

The Board meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 1:00 pm. The following monthly meeting dates are:

- March 11, 2026
- April 8, 2026
- May 13, 2026

Members are encouraged to attend!

## State and National Advocacy items

### Add Your Voice to National League Advocacy

LWVUS encourages all League members to get involved in advocacy to protect voting rights and defend democracy. For more information, go to

## **Tell Congress Federal Immigration Enforcement Has Gone Too Far**

Communities across the country have lived in terror as federal immigration enforcement agents have patrolled, surveilled, detained, disappeared, injured, and killed civilians, as well as denied people's constitutional rights by attacking and arresting peaceful protestors. Yet Congress—our elected officials—has played a pivotal role in funding and enabling this government-manufactured crisis, and they must act to stop these attacks.

### **Speak up now**

## **Tell Congress the Census Must Count All People**

Last year, the House and Senate introduced the Equal Representation Act (H.R.151 and S.2205) to add a citizenship question to the 2030 Census and exclude noncitizens from the apportionment process, which determines the number of members each US state sends to the House of Representatives.

### **Tell your Members of Congress the Census must count us all!**

## **Reject Anti-Voter Policies**

The House of Representatives passed the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, which would require citizenship documentation to register to vote, even though voters in every state are already required to affirm or verify their citizenship status when registering. The SAVE Act would create one more barrier to the voting process, as many eligible voters do not have easy access to the necessary documents.

### **Tell your Senators to oppose the SAVE Act.**

## **LWVUS Joins Challenge to Birthright Citizenship Executive Order**

LWVUS joins other national civil rights groups challenging the Executive Order to narrowly restrict citizenship. Birthright citizenship is a constitutional guarantee of civil rights and protections clearly stated in the 14th Amendment.

### **Read LWVUS Birthright Citizenship Press Release**

## **RESOURCES**

**Yolo County LWV Board &  
Committee Members**

**[LWVYolo.org](http://LWVYolo.org)**

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