



The VOTER

April 2026



OUR LEAGUE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18: **UCD PICNIC DAY PARADE** (9:00-11:30 am) UCD Campus

April 30: **CANDIDATE FORUMS:** County Judge and District 3 Board of Supervisors (6:00-8:30 pm) Woodland Community and Senior Center

June 20: **ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING BRUNCH (time/location TBD): **SAVE THE DATE**

President's Message



Hello Yolo County League Members,

April action: Time to Educate and Promote Voting

Fresh off our March "Get out the Vote" member meeting and training, we are ready to educate the community about the importance of election participation. Our challenge: make sure voters have the inspiration and the information to vote in our June primary.

Let's begin April with some real public League visibility!

Saturday, April 18, join with members of our **LWV-UCD Student Club** at 9:00 am to walk in the **UCD 112th PICNIC DAY parade**. Last year, we had a dozen on our walk team, and this year, we can double that number. Come join us and bring your friends. The more of us chanting "YOUR VOTE; YOUR VOICE" and handing out voting reminder stickers to community members, the better. This is a great community event and a fun way to encourage voter participation.

Thursday, April 30, the League hosts a "double-header" **Candidate Forum** at Woodland Community and Senior Center. This is our high-quality voter education effort for April. A one-hour **Yolo County Superior Court Judge** forum begins at 6:00 pm and is followed by the **Yolo County District 3 Supervisor** forum, beginning at 7:15 pm.

We encourage all community members to come meet the candidates in-person. Member attendance supports our forums by contributing to robust discussion during the Q&A period. However, the event will be live-streamed and posted on our website for those unable to attend.

Recently, LWVYC members **Pat McDonald**, **Shrawani Thapa** and **Kathleen Stack** participated in the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) promoted legislative interviews. Our thanks for their interview with Assemblywoman Cecilia Aguiar-Curry. Legislative interviews help guide State advocacy for League issue positions.

Our thanks also to LWVYC members **Judy Wolfrom** and **Judy Higginson**, who joined with Yolo County (YC) Libraries, the YC Office of Education and YC Assessor-Clerk and Elections (ACE) Office to host our LWVYC **Voter Empowerment Art Poster Design Contest**. The entries are all submitted, and the judging begins this month. The winners will be announced at a public reception in May.

Every LWVYC event and partnership offers an opportunity to activate civic engagement. We are grateful to those who work on our voter education outreach as well as voter forums. We especially welcome more member volunteers to help during this busy election year. Please learn more about Voter Service Committee opportunities at our website: lwvyolo.org/committees. To volunteer to participate in Voter Forums, contact **Carla Cox** at ccox.lwv@gmail.com or **Judy Higginson** at jhigginson@gmail.com

With all that's going on in our state and our nation today, and with ballots being mailed out in just one month, your civic voice is more important than ever. Please plan to attend one of our hosted events. Help to ensure that you, your friends and your family have the information needed to cast a confident vote in the June election. Voter participation is essential for a thriving Democracy. Let's get out the vote!

Warm regards,
Michelle Famula, President
LWV Yolo County

April Events

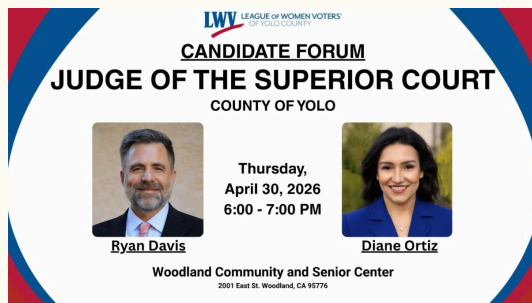
SATURDAY, April 18: UCD 112th PICNIC DAY PARADE



League members will meet on the UC Davis campus at **9:00 am** to walk the Parade route. This year, our mighty walk team will be joined by our **LWV-UCD Student Club** and fellow **Solano County League** members to represent the League and inspire our supportive voting community that will be lining the streets on campus and in downtown Davis. Contact **Kathleen Stack** kstackkes@gmail.com or **Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt** sdegraffhunt@gmail.com to sign up. **Please sign up by April 12.**

THURSDAY, April 30: LWVYC JUDICIAL AND COUNTY SUPERVISOR CANDIDATE FORUMS

The League of Women Voters of Yolo County (LWVYC) will host two candidate forums on **Thursday, April 30, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm** in Woodland at the Woodland Community and Senior Center.



The **Superior Court Office #1 Judicial Forum** will take place from 6:00-7:00 pm. Candidates *Ryan Davis* and *Diane Ortiz* will participate.

[Register to Attend](#)

View the Livestream

<https://youtube.com/live/Cgjd9Kf5NYY>

The **Yolo County District 3 Supervisor Forum** will follow from 7:15 to 8:30 pm. Candidates *Dotty Pritchard*, *Xochitl Rodriguez* and *Mayra Vega* will participate.

[Register to Attend](#)

View the Livestream

<https://youtube.com/live/6A90k5-Tk00>

2026 LWVYC Annual Meeting Update

Our **June Annual Meeting** is just around the corner. The agenda includes membership voting in **Board Elections, Bylaws Approval** for updates to include

- 501(c)(3) discussion,
- Nomination Committee updates,
- 2026-27 Budget,
- review of League Positions, and
- Program Plan approval.

The Annual meeting will be on **June 20, 2026**. Please **SAVE THE DATE to ensure our quorum**.

Our Nominations Committee Chair, Leslie Hunter, is seeking nominations for Officers and Directors. Are you interested in becoming a League leader? Leslie's committee will reach out to prospective nominees, and **members are encouraged to self-**

nominate! We currently have a strong board and are committed to training and supporting new board members.

If you would like to serve on the Yolo County League Board, please contact **Leslie Hunter** at leslie_q_hunter@hotmail.com or committee members, **Judy Wohlfrom** at jlwohlfrom49@yahoo.com or **Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt** at sdegraffhunt@gmail.com.

Nominations must be submitted by **May 10** to be approved and sent out to the membership before June 20th.

The **2026-27 Annual Budget** information and **Bylaws** updates will go out to all members in May, along with the **Board Candidate Slate** for members to vote on at the June Meeting.

The **2026-27 Program Plan Survey** went out to all members on March 13. The LWVYC depends on member input and also requires member approval at the Annual meeting to set the Program plan for next year. There is still time to complete your survey response. If you have not yet submitted yours, yet, please click the button below.

[Open Survey](#)

LWVYC LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW

Childcare, Affordability, Healthcare Access. These are some of the key priorities of California Assembly Majority Leader Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.

League of Women Voters members interviewed the Majority Leader in late February as part of the California League's efforts to share information on legislative and league priorities.

Members can read a summary of the interview submitted to LWVC [HERE](#)

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY

Senators in Washington still need to hear our local support for the **National League's opposition to the Federal S.A.V.E. America Act**. Please continue to engage with our federal representatives to support voting rights and oppose voter suppression. Learn more and use this link to: [Tell your Senators to oppose the SAVE Act](#).

It's not too soon to learn about this.....Are you aware of a **proposed California Voter ID Constitutional Amendment** working to qualify for the November Ballot? The California League has joined with California Common Cause and ACLU of Northern and Southern

California to compile a fact sheet for voters to consider should this measure qualify. Issues relating to identity theft and other provisions of the measure raise concerns from LWVC.

Download the PDF.

May Events

- **May 8: Voter Registration and LWVYC Tabling @ Senior Resource Fair**, West Sac Community Center, 10am -12:30pm
- **May 16-23: Art Contest Award Recognition** (Date/Location TBD)
Voter Empowerment Art Poster Design Contest winners will be announced at a public community event in May. Arrangements are being finalized with sponsors and contest judges. Look for updated information in our May VOTER
- **May 28: Voter Registration and LWVYC Tabling @ Senior Resource Fair**, Woodland Community & Senior Center, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Board Activities / Impacts

Board meetings are available via Zoom to members and the public. Please send an email to 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:

- April 8, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- June 10, 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 lww.org/take-action.

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 U.S. 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

OFFICERS

President: Michelle Famula

Register to Vote

Easy Voter Guide

VOTE 411

Vice President: Stephanie DeGraff-Hunt
Treasurer: Carla Cox
Secretary: Lorna Carriveau

DIRECTORS

Voter Services: Judy Higginson
Communications: Jessica Smith
Membership: Kathleen Stack
Events: Faye Smith-Gee

COMMITTEES

Finance: Pat McDonald, Leila Stone Crist and Kathleen Stack
Nomination: Kathleen Stack, Judy Wohlfrom, Leslie Hunter, Chair
Fundraising: Lorna Carriveau, Kathleen Stack, Christine Golden

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