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## Call to Council

### Saturday, April 27, 2024

### Tentative Location: Santa Fe (and Zoom)

In even-numbered years (between convention years), the state League holds a council meeting. Each local League is allowed two delegates – the president or co-presidents plus one additional member. Also serving as delegates are all LWVNM board members, including officers and on-board directors, plus one delegate representing the members at large. All other League members are invited to participate as observers.

Information about registration will be available soon.

## League of Women Voters Tentative Council Agenda

- 11:30 Registration
- 11:45 Call to Order
- Noon Lunch with speaker
- 1:00 Co-Presidents' Reports
  - Membership Report
  - Treasurer's Report and Budget Review
  - Program Report
  - Committee Reports: Action, JEDI, Voter Service
  - LWVNM Education Fund
  - Local League Reports – Sharing of Programs, Studies, Activities
  - Directions to the Board
- 2:30 Adjourn Council
- 2:40 LWVNM Board Meeting
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## The Co-Presidents' Corner

By Kathy Brook and Hannah Burling

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We had been anticipating a busy 2024 given that it is a presidential election year and all seats in the legislature will be on the ballot. We also started the year aware that the procedures for joining the League and the distribution of dues would be changing. What we did not know was that Dr. Deborah Turner, president of LWVUS, would pass away suddenly leaving the national League without her tremendous energy and dedication, and that this would happen as LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase Solomón was departing to take a leadership position at Common Cause. Sania Irwin, formerly LWVUS Vice President, is now President and staff members Alma Couverthie and Kelly McFarland Stratmen are interim co-CEOs. So, we have ample challenges as we move forward. Please be thinking about ways you can support the League and its work at this crucial time.

Thanks to the work of the Action Committee, LWVNM was visible during the legislative session supporting a range of bills and resolutions on redistricting, modernizing the legislature, budget and taxes, education, environment, and more. We also worked with the coalition supporting (unsuccessfully, so far) an increase in the alcohol tax. Many thanks to all of you who contacted legislators as official spokespersons for the League or as private citizens.

League Days in Santa Fe included a great presentation by Attorney General Raúl Torres, attended by close to 50 people, as well as presentations at the state Land Office by Heather Balas of the Election Reformers Network and Paige Knight of New Mexico Voices for Children. Thanks to our speakers and to all who worked to make these events happen.

The national League convention will be held in Washington DC on June 27-30 but will also be available virtually. If you are interested in being a delegate, contact your local League. You can also attend in-person or virtually as an observer. For more details, see the [convention website](https://web.cvent.com/event/07627034-5f27-44a8-8363-5805fab4b0ef/registration?Page:fc9a5c5a-47d4-4ab8-826a-b4a1b6006aad?locale=en-US-go). (<https://web.cvent.com/event/07627034-5f27-44a8-8363-5805fab4b0ef/registration?Page:fc9a5c5a-47d4-4ab8-826a-b4a1b6006aad?locale=en-US-go>) Another way to stay connected with the national League is to sign up for updates [here](https://www.lwv.org/league-management/league-update-newsletter-sign). (<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/league-update-newsletter-sign>)

The LWVNM Council meeting (held in even-numbered years) will be April 27, 2024. Additional information follows in this *La Palabra* and there will soon be more details. This is an opportunity for the board and other delegates to review the work of the past for year and to look ahead.

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## Action Report

By Akkana Peck, Action Chair

The legislative session was short but eventful. Our top priorities were Voting, Elections and Ethics (including Redistricting); Modernization of the Legislature (meaning longer sessions and paying legislators); Budget and Taxes; and Gun Safety. In addition, we tracked bills on Education, the Environment, Health Care and a few other topics.

We had high hopes at first, as bills in most of those categories were moving well. But near the end of the session, a lot of good bills stalled, either in committee or on the House floor.

Here are some of the bills we supported that did pass:

HB182 Election Changes, which was about fraudulent AI-generated publicity

SB108 Distribution to the Election Fund

SB5 Firearms Near Polling Places

SB 137 School Board & Charter School Governing Council Requirements

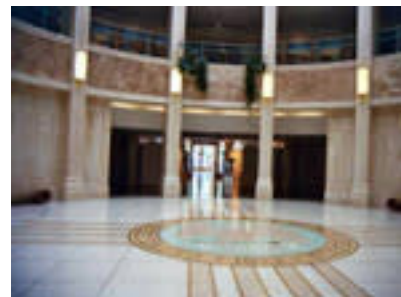
HB171 High School Graduation Requirements

HB 41 Clean Transportation Fuels Standards

HB91 Geothermal Resource Project Fund

The budget that passed looks like a good one and included a lot of programs we support.

We were disappointed that none of the legislative modernization bills passed, along with only a few from each of our other priority categories. In particular, we had hoped that Paid Family & Medical Leave would finally make it to the Governor's desk, but it was defeated on the House floor.



In our debriefing at the end of the session, many advocates expressed frustration at the inefficiency of the legislature; the shortness of the 30-day session might not be such a problem if they didn't waste so much of the time they have. There's so much time spent on memorials and recognition certificates, and filibustering on some bills goes on way too long. Lots of other states have rules limiting debate on bills; New Mexico should follow suit. The procedure for public comment in some Senate committees makes it difficult or impossible for the public to advocate. And there are transparency issues that make it difficult for the public to even know the status of some bills. The Action Committee is working on a wish list of improvements we'd like to see, which we hope to advocate for before next year's session.

If you'd like to be involved with that, or with any other aspect of our legislative advocacy, consider joining the Action mailing list: see the link near the top of our Action page, <https://www.lwvnm.org/Action/>

## **Redistricting Work in the 2024 Legislative Session Lays the Groundwork for 2025**

*By Hannah Burling and Dick Mason*

Working with the 40 organizations of Fair Districts for New Mexico (FDNM), the sponsors introduced new redistricting legislation in both the Senate and the House in 2024. In the House, a committee substitute for HJR10 was heard by and passed the House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee (HGEIC).

Senate Joint Resolution 7, or SJR7, was heard in Senate Rules. We knew that we could not pass a 12-page constitutional amendment, but we believed it was important to lay out exactly what we wanted in the original Joint Resolution. We then planned to introduce a three-page committee substitute that included the major principles; however, technical problems in filing the committee substitute prevented a vote on it. We did glean valuable feedback from both the HGEIC and Senate Rules, which will be used to strategize for 2025.

We want to thank our lead sponsors: Representative Natalie Figueroa and Senator Leo Jaramillo.

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We gained new sponsors for our resolutions this year. We want to thank Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, Senator Bill Tallman, Senator Bill O’Neill, and Representative John Block for their support. We also want to thank our expert witnesses and supporters who provided compelling testimony in support of an independent redistricting commission. And we want to thank all of you who contacted your legislators to let them know of your support for the Joint Resolutions. It made a difference.

We are especially pleased by the endorsement of the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, under the direction of Leonard Gorman, which we received this year.

FDNM will be conducting a survey of primary and general election candidates to determine their positions on an independent redistricting commission. If you attend candidate forums or meet with candidates, please ask them to support an independent redistricting commission.

Working with our FDNM partners, we will continue this work all year as we seek even stronger ties with New Mexico’s communities of interest and prepare for the legislative interim meetings. All of this in preparation for the 2025 Legislative session.

For current information on our redistricting efforts please visit the FDNM website: <https://fairdistrictsnm.org/>

## **Consent-Based Siting for Spent Nuclear Fuel**

By Karen M. Douglas

The Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking a community willing to host a government-operated Consolidated Interim Storage Facility for Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF). The third in a series of meetings was held on February 15. Links to recordings of the two prior meetings are below.

Consent Based Siting topics were addressed from these four areas: public involvement, community consent, spent nuclear fuel management, and other areas of interest. During the February meeting DOE and the consent-based siting consortia (11 leadership organizations guiding the process) heard from 27 panelists representing these 17 nonprofits, professional societies, and other national, regional, and state groups:

- Breakthrough Institute
- Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
- Council of State Governments – East
- Council of State Governments – Midwest
- Environmental Council of the States
- National Association of Counties
- National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
- National Association of State Energy Officials
- National Governors Association
- Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group
- ReGenesis Community Development Corporation
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Southern States Energy Board
- Third Way
- U.S. Women in Nuclear
- WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- Western Interstate Energy Board

Comments voiced from these organizations included:

1. Does DOE have credibility regarding the siting of a permanent repository? (*Bulletin of Atomic Scientists*)
2. The states need to be engaged; improve understanding of the potential technology by offering hands-on illustration. (*National Association of State Energy Officials*)
3. HazMat team escorts are needed for SNF transport; volunteer fire departments are not well funded; community & state buy-in are needed for waste transportation routes; transparency and partnership are required for informed consent (*Southern States Energy Board*)
4. Questions posed to communities should involve SNF storage and transportation and include back ground information for the audience. Focus Groups should include locals with credibility (*U.S. Women in Nuclear*)
5. Costs should include both site and infrastructure, referencing successful siting projects for “energy communities”- communities with existing DOE sites. (*National Association of Regulatory Utility Customers*)
6. Tribal Waste Transportation Committee indicated that the tribes speak for themselves and states do not represent them; DOE needs to speak at their level and articulate concept. (*Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group*)
7. Consent-Based Siting needs to bring economic benefit to the remainder of the state; find champions in state legislatures. (*Council of State Governments/Midwest*)
8. DOE outreach should use success stories as case studies: WIPP public outreach and communication

offered the business case (stability with decreased NM oil). WIPP was originally planned as a high-level waste disposal facility (prior to the Yucca Mountain repository). (*NC State University*)

9. The Interstate compact organization recommends an independent negotiator similar to the Nuclear Waste Negotiator. (*Western Interstate Energy Board*)

10. The climate team to advance U.S. and International climate goals should also address the back end of the fuel cycle, the waste. (*Third Way*)

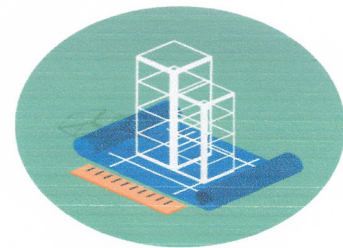
11. Consider the current crisis with PFAS contamination. (*Environmental Council of States*).

12. State concerns could be minimized by early engagement of senior level state officials with the Federal Facilities Task Force. (*National Governors' Association*)

## Prior Consent Based Siting Webinar Recordings (7-25-23 & 11-2-23) [Consent-Based Siting | Department of Energy](#)

# CONSENT-BASED SITING ROADMAP

The U.S. Department of Energy is pursuing one or more federal consolidated interim storage facilities to **store the nation's commercial spent nuclear fuel** in the near-term using a **multi-stage consent-based approach** that puts communities' interests at the forefront.



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## Program Report

By Judy Williams, Program Chair

In even years LWVNM reviews its own positions to determine if any changes are needed, and considers concurrences with other Leagues' positions. In addition, we review the LWVUS positions with the same purposes in mind. These were discussed and voted on at the March 2 LWVNM Board meeting. The LWVUS proposals will be sent to LWVUS before March 10. The proposed changes and additions to the LWVNM positions will be brought to Council in 2024 and Convention in 2025.

### LWVNM Positions Review

Ethics. The Board adopted a concurrence with the LWV of Connecticut position on ethics. The position, to be added to our position on Campaign Finance and Ethics: "The League of Women Voters of New Mexico supports government officials and employees being held accountable for carrying out their duties in an effective and ethically responsible manner."

<https://my.lwv.org/connecticut/position/ethics>

Transparency. The Board voted to move a statement on transparency that is currently in the position on Land Use to the LWVNM position on Transparency. The LWVNM position on Land Use includes this statement: "Transparency and public participation in decision-making must be part of the process at all levels of government." <https://www.lwvnm.org/positions.html#landuse>

### LWVUS Positions Review and Recommendations

Two state Leagues asked us to urge LWVUS to consider concurrence with positions at the 2024 Convention.

*LWV VT Proposal for Consideration with Privatization position:* "We support putting "Concurrence at LWVUS Convention: Update the US Privatization position by adding the Vermont position" on the agenda for discussion and voting. Concurring with this LWVVT language at Convention will update the LWVUS position without requiring any outlay of resources by either local Leagues or LWVUS. It will support our DEI efforts by allowing Leagues to support reforms to our health care and other systems that will benefit racially, economically, geographically, and other underserved populations. Affordable access and public control over health care services is a concern for a majority of Americans." <https://lwvhealthcarereform.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/VT-Concurrence-Statement-w-date.pdf>

**LWVNM Action: The Board did not recommend the item.**

### *LWVWA Support for local news*

"The League of Women Voters of Washington believes it is the responsibility of the government to provide support for conditions under which credible local journalism can survive and thrive."

- The League supports credible and ethical local journalism, in whatever format it is published, as essential to our democracy.
- The League of Women Voters of Washington supports efforts to ensure everyone has access to information necessary for casting an informed ballot and that credible local news sources are integral to this pursuit.
- The League of Women Voters of Washington believes that support for the viability of local news may take a variety of forms. Control of the content must remain exclusively with the news organizations.
  - The League of Women Voters of Washington also believes media literacy and news education, including support for journalism students, are essential. These opportunities should be expanded in schools and throughout communities.
  - The League of Women Voters of Washington believes that everyone should have access to comprehensive, credible local news and that barriers to access should be removed. These barriers include, but are not limited to, geography, economic status, and education.

[https://www.lwvwa.org/resources/Documents/2024IssuePapers/2024%20Issue%20Paper%20-%20Local%20News%20\\_%20Democracy.pdf](https://www.lwvwa.org/resources/Documents/2024IssuePapers/2024%20Issue%20Paper%20-%20Local%20News%20_%20Democracy.pdf)

**LWVNM Action: The Board voted to recommend the item.**

*Resolution Support*

LWVDC has asked us to urge consideration of a Resolution to support and take action on achieving statehood for the District of Columbia. LWVUS has already adopted a position on the issue. The purpose of the Resolution is to urge LWVUS to move it to their action list.

**LWVNM Action: The Board voted to recommend the item.**

## *Local League News*

### **Central New Mexico**

*By Donna Sandoval, President*

#### **Successful New Member Reception**

We gathered at Betsy Carlson's home on Sunday 2/11 to welcome new members and recruit some new members. We had 24 attendees and there were several sign-up for volunteer opportunities.

#### **Archives Donated to UNM Zimmman Library**

LWVCNM's historical records have been moved to the Center for Southwest Research (CSWR) at UNM's Zimmerman Library where LWVNM's records are housed. League volunteers Karen Wentworth, Jeanne Logsdon, Linda Miller, Joni Ullery, and Dorothy Dickman organized the material into four categories: Publications, Administrative Records, Issues and Activities, and Studies. UNM archivist Samuel Sisneros provided guidance about how to organize the records so that they could become available immediately to library users.



The Archives group: Jeanne Logsdon, Jennifer Black, Dorothy Dickman, UNM archivist Samuel Sisneros, Karen Wentworth, Joni Ullery. (Not shown is Linda Miller, who was taking the photo.)

Since 1947, League officers and members had accumulated a vast amount of paper records about how the organization operated, the issues that had been investigated, and how to advocate for good government and public services. And we moved this growing batch of records to many different offices over the decades in more and heavier file cabinets. Electronic communication began to dominate over paper-based records around 2015, but that made it more difficult to be sure that those records were being regularly stored in a single place so that they could be retrieved. In 2021, Karen Wentworth and Jeanne Logsdon volunteered to sort through the paper files, identify what materials were only in electronic form, and get all the material ready for donation to the Center for Southwest Research (CSWR) at UNM's Zimmerman Library where the LWVNM archives are housed.



Karen and Jeanne contacted CSWR to inquire about how to submit League archival material and were referred to archivist Samuel Sisneros. He informed us that the archiving queue was so long that it would be several years before library staff could organize our records. If we wanted them to be available sooner, we could organize the material ourselves into the proper folders and boxes and prepare the Guide that the librarians could enter into their system. This option seemed to be better, but little did we know how long this project would take. Happily, we can report that the project is now finished with the help of additional volunteers Linda Miller, Joni Ullery, and Dorothy Dickman. Karen and Jeanne contacted CSWR to inquire about how to submit League archival material and were referred to archivist Samuel Sisneros. He informed us that the archiving queue was so long that it would be several years before library staff could organize our records. If we wanted them to be available sooner, we could organize the material ourselves into the proper folders and boxes and prepare the Guide that the librarians could enter into their system. This option seemed to be better, but little did we know how long this project would take. Happily, we can report that the project is now finished with the help of additional volunteers Linda Miller, Joni Ullery, and Dorothy Dickman.

The collection of LWVCNM archives is organized into several categories. The first is our Publications, including The Voter, annual Who's Who directories, and Voter Guides. The second category is Administrative Records, such as board and annual meeting minutes, bylaws, and detailed histories. Issues and Activities comprise the 3rd category. These include many environmental and local government issues over the decades. Finally, our Studies are found in the 4th category. These are records of the in-depth research and discussion on issues identified as potentially needing a formal Position on which to advocate for redress. And what about adding to these archives? Jennifer Black has volunteered to become our historian; she will submit additional material annually so that the archives can be kept up to date. The CSWR is on the first floor of Zimmerman Library on UNM's campus. Anyone can access them in person by visiting the library. Details about online access will be made available soon.

APD Forward Report; Observer Reports for Albuquerque City Council, Bernalillo County Commission, Sandoval County Commission and APS Board of Education Meeting are available on the "Voter" at <https://www.lwvcnm.org/1973-2/>

## Southern New Mexico

By Jo Galvan Nash and Kathe Kanim, Co-Presidents

**Board Business:** As members combed through potential legislation during the 2024 session, it became clear that more education was needed for members to understand the differences between advocacy and lobbying. So, we provided more guidance on the focus of the LWVNM Action Committee and how our League members can still be involved in advocating for our legislative priorities. Several members reached out to area lawmakers as private citizens to advocate for gun safety and educational funding.

**Board and Committee Activities:** We are proud to announce the 2024 honoree for the SNM Making Democracy Work Award. Kayla Blanchard from Alamogordo was awarded a certificate in “recognition of her service to the citizens of Southern NM to strengthen democracy” through the non-partisan initiative *Vot-ER*, a national initiative which integrates voter access into healthcare institutions. Kayla also received a \$250 cash award. She is the health equity specialist and coordinator for the Otero County Community Health Council. Kayla is the 4th winner of the annual SNM award, and it’s the second time an Otero County resident has been selected.



Award recipient Kayla Blanchard received the award over Zoom from her co-worker, Holly Mata and Co-President Jo Galván Nash, left.

We’re excited that hundreds of Chaparral and Gadsden high school students were registered to vote through a collaboration with the Doña Ana County Clerk’s Office and our Youth Engagement Committee. Voter registration drives in Santa Teresa and Las Cruces schools will take place in the Spring.



Above, SNM member Rebecca Courtney was among those registering students to vote.

In another youth engagement project the League, City of Las Cruces, and Las Cruces Public Schools completed the Know Your Local Government event, providing high school students with an opportunity to delve into the local workings of their community. Students from four schools focused on addressing real issues in Las Cruces, including beautifying the city’s landscape, tackling litter and weed problems, finding solutions for affordable housing, providing engaging activities for youth, and evaluating the impact of urban heat on health, equity, the economy, and environment. Collaborating with their peers and city experts, the students investigated these real challenges and provided possible sustainable solutions.

Meanwhile, our Otero County Unit has been working with Alamogordo Girl Scouts on earning their “Democracy” and “Citizen” badges with guidance from elected officials, and Girl Scout leaders. Daisy, Brownie and Junior scouts recently underwent a democratic process of voting on whether cats or dogs are the better pets. The older Senior and Cadette scouts met with District Judge Ellen Jessen to talk about community service, public policy, voting, government, and more.



At right, SNM-Otero County Unit member Claudia Powell moderated a debate for the scouts.

## **Santa Fe County**

*By Jody Larson, Liaison*

We have 136 active members. Our board has chosen a new website vendor. Our current vendor's prices rose precipitously, so we investigated a site run by a state League, but have decided on a local service provider instead. We may need to establish a separate position to manage our social media accounts as well as the website. Our Finance Committee is dealing with these matters and is examining options for the use of excess funds, a not unpleasant chore.

The Nominating Committee is developing the slate of nominees for our next Board. We are structured as a leadership team with the traditional duties of the president allocated among several vice-presidents, and all of our board members serve staggered terms.

At our Program Planning Meeting on January 31, we reviewed our local positions and discussed opportunities for updates as well as for advocacy and action. We reviewed LWVUS positions and discussed the current focus on "Making Democracy Work." We also received a report from our single study committee on Community Healthcare. So far, most of the work that has been done is getting the committee on the same page and making strategic decisions about the process. The group has composed a working definition of community health and has identified key local government officials to interview, as well as key members of nongovernmental healthcare providers. No new studies were proposed.

Attendees reviewed proposals from state Leagues in Vermont and Washington. After considerable discussion, we decided not to recommend support of the Vermont proposal for concurrence with its position on privatization of healthcare services. We believe access to affordable healthcare is an issue that should be a League priority; however, there was consensus that this is the wrong approach. The group enthusiastically supported recommending LWVUS concurrence with the Washington League's position on the responsibility of government to support conditions under which credible local journalism can survive and thrive. At our Board meeting on February 20, board members approved both recommendations.

Our Voter Services team has participated in scheduling and training for tabling and other activities for the upcoming primary elections. Formatting is underway for an Election Insert in the New Mexican to provide general information such as important dates and polling locations. Voter Guide preparation will start soon. Handouts have been drafted and are under review, including by our County Clerk; Spanish translation is underway as well. The committee also requested input from the LWVSFC Board regarding subject matter areas for questions for the various races in the Voter Guide.

The first of four Lunch with a Leader events took place Friday, February 23, with Hilario Chavez, Superintendent of Santa Fe Public Schools. We received a very thorough and engaging report on the district's status and initiatives. We look forward to the next three, which will feature the President of the Santa Fe Community College, the County Manager, and the City Manager. These events are for members only and are not recorded. The LWVSFC Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, May 10, with Mayor Alan Webber as our speaker.

## **Los Alamos Report**

*By Felicia Orth, President*

January and February are typically very busy for the League. 2024 was no exception. In addition to the formal activities related to the New Mexico Legislature—a local Legislative Preview on January 4, the state League Advocacy Workshop on January 6 and legislative preparation event on January 11, and the legislative reception on January 24, we also tracked bills and communicated with our representatives to advocate for those bills consistent

with our positions.

Our annual Program Planning party was on January 29, ahead of the deadline for responses to the Program Planning Survey sent by the national League. We considered our local League positions, as well as some state and national positions, and discussed County government operations.

Lunch with a Leader in January featured Clay Moseley, Deputy Utilities Director, whose talk was so engaging and his answers to good questions so forthcoming that we went ninety minutes and finally had to end it. If you're interested in utilities infrastructure, especially water, check out the video on our webpage. The February LWL with the Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board will be re-scheduled due to illness. Karyl Ann Armbruster continues to line up great speakers for us, and the box lunches from Pig + Fig have been a success.

This year will see the production of two voter guides, for both the primary and general elections. Lynn Jones continues as our Voting Services director. Jean Dewart has undertaken an expansive effort to engage our general membership in developing the questions, and in interviewing those who've held the offices previously for their observations to help us compose strong, relevant questions for the candidates.

We have made a point over the last several months of getting together in person rather than virtually, including for a purely social membership event in the fall. With an eye to the value of such gatherings, and to participating in community events that facilitate in-person meetings, we decided in January to join the Los Alamos Chamber of Commerce as a non-profit member. We believe that Chamber membership will enhance our visibility in the community through weekly emails that include news of any event we would like to publicize, through Chamber member events, and through the Chamber community events where we will set up a booth.

Finally, our Fundraising Committee has stepped up its activities in January and February, with a meeting on January 19 to hear from a fundraising consultant and a Fund Drive meeting on February 26 to add personal notes to donation request letters to community members. Separate mailings will go to current League members and to local businesses. We have also begun mentioning the increased expenses for voter guides at local League events.



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Please consider helping your local League or LWVNM to pay for our voter guides and candidate forums. You can send a tax-deductible gift by check to your local League or to LWVNM. See [www.lwvnm.org](http://www.lwvnm.org) for more information and links to our local Leagues. Thank you for making democracy work!

*The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that helps the public play an informed and active role in government. At the local, state, regional and national levels, the League works to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Anyone 16 years of age or older, male or female, may become a member. The League of Women Voters never endorses candidates for office or supports political parties.*