

*The League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County  
invites you to attend our 51st annual meeting:*

## **Women in Politics**

*Featuring*



**Cynthia Mathews**  
Santa Cruz Mayor



**Stephanie Harlan**  
Capitola Vice-Mayor

*and*

**Sunday June 5, 2016 10 a.m.—noon**  
**Seascape Golf Club | 610 Clubhouse Drive | Aptos 95003**

\$20 per person, prepaid, includes hot breakfast buffet

To RSVP send payment to:

LWVSCC | P.O. Box 1745 | Capitola, CA 95010

*The [annual meeting kit](#) (including the agenda and the proposed 2016/17 budget, slate of officers and directors, by-laws amendment, and program) can be downloaded and printed at [lwvsc.org/calendar](http://lwvsc.org/calendar). Please bring a copy to the meeting.*

*This meeting is open to the public, so download and print an [invitation flyer](#) to share with your friends.*

For more information: [lwvsc.org](http://lwvsc.org) | [league@lwvsc.org](mailto:league@lwvsc.org) | 831-325-4140

At the League's annual meeting on June 5, Capitola Vice Mayor Stephanie Harlan and Santa Cruz Mayor Cynthia Mathews discuss what it's like to be women in politics in Santa Cruz County. Find out what inspired them to run for office, what issues spurred them on, what unique talents and perspectives they bring to the job. Also, what is it like to be a woman politics: how is it different being a woman politician, what are the unique challenges faced by women politicians, what are the benefits to society when women are involved in governing, why aren't more women involved in politics, and how can we entice more women to participate in government?

Stephanie Harlan, resident of Capitola since the early 1970s, is proud to have been the first woman mayor in Capitola. Her career includes 32 years as a registered nurse and six years as a teacher, all the while putting in some 26 years on the Capitola City Council and four years on the Capitola Planning Commission since 1984. Her civic service began as a volunteer in her neighborhood association and now extends to chairing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council and the Santa Cruz County Sanitation District, and being a member of the Metro board, Criminal Justice Council, and Santa Cruz County Conference and Visitors Council.

Cynthia Mathews, a Santa Cruz resident since 1970, began her civic duties as a leader with the Downtown Neighbors

Association. Since then she has been active as an advocate/volunteer for state and local parks, a board member for the Museum of Art and History, and a member of the city's Planning Commission and Zoning Board, serving for twelve years. She is the founding director of our local Planned Parenthood affiliate, as well as having been a member of numerous task forces, councils, commissions, and committees. Elected to the city council in 1992, she has served four terms for a total of 16 years, including three years as mayor.

To make reservations for our annual meeting coming up on Sunday, June 5, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Seascope Golf Club, 610 Clubhouse Drive, in Aptos, send your check for \$20 per person, payable to LWVSCC, to LWVSCC, P.O. Box 1745, Capitola, CA 95010 by Saturday, May 28. For more information, call 831-325-4140 or email [league@lwvsc.org](mailto:league@lwvsc.org). The cost includes admission and a hot breakfast buffet.

### **Annual Meeting Agenda**

At the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County 2016 annual meeting, members will vote on the proposed 2016/17 budget, board of directors, bylaws amendment, and program. To view the budget and proposed slate of officers and directors, you can download the [annual meeting kit](#) from our website at [lwvsc.org/calendar](http://lwvsc.org/calendar). We suggest printing the annual meeting kit and bringing it to the meeting to help follow the action.

The proposed by-laws amendment updates our local League bylaws to agree with the local membership policy adopted by our Board of Directors in 2011 (complete details and amendment wording are in the meeting kit).

Based on discussion and endorsement by members present at the Local Program Planning Meeting on March 3, 2016, the Board recommends retaining all existing local positions which are based on previous study and consensus. Members may review all our positions on the [Stands on Issues page](#) at [lwvsc.org](http://lwvsc.org).

Members at the March meeting also endorsed two mini-studies and three areas of emphasis for programs in our 2016/17 year.

Our local League Board recommends a mini-study to consider updating our League's [Transportation Position](#) in response to concerns discussed at the Program Planning meeting about how our [Transportation Position](#) (originally adopted in 1986) may not reflect the current situation for providing adequate funding for transportation improvements. Item 6 of the [Position](#) seems to limit our support to a "local tax on gasoline for road improvements." The position does not mention the possibility of additional local revenue sources to help fund transportation improvements. If adopted, the study will consider whether there are additional local revenue sources that our members would support for funding transportation improvements in Santa Cruz County.

A second mini-study was proposed in response to the January meeting on sea level rise (members may read about the meeting in our [February 2016 VOTER newsletter](#), page 3) or view a [video of the presentation](#) at [lwvsc.org/videos](http://lwvsc.org/videos)) The January presentation emphasized the need to prepare for inevitable sea level rise from a minimum of three feet up to as much as nine feet by the end of the century. The speakers challenged us to consider how to respond, suggesting the need to plan for managed retreat by stepping back gracefully from areas of highest risk. Consideration will have to be given to both public infrastructure and private property that will be inundated and abandoned. This study, if adopted, will examine our current positions, such as [Land Use](#) and [Transportation](#), to see whether they should be updated to consider the effects of climate change and adapting to sea level rise.

If the membership votes to adopt either or both of these studies, League members will study the topics and come to a consensus over the next year.

Three other topics for League meetings were suggested as well: status of juvenile justice as a result of prison realignment; update on library system plans; drug and alcohol anti-stigma campaign speaker.

**Directions to Seascope Golf Club:** From Highway 1 in Aptos, take the Rio Del Mar Boulevard exit. From Southbound 1 turn right, or from Northbound 1 turn left, onto Rio Del Mar Boulevard. Immediately get in the left-hand lane, and just past the freeway, veer left where the road splits. From the right-hand lane at the stop sign, go straight onto Clubhouse Drive. Continue on Clubhouse Drive for half a mile, then turn right onto Locke Drive (look for the sign on the right that says Seascope Golf Club). The parking lot will be immediately on your left.

*Note:* Seascope Golf Club's address is 610 Clubhouse Drive and it is located at the corner of Clubhouse Drive and Locke Drive; however, the entrance to Seascope's parking lot is from Locke Drive.

Lock Drive is a short, U-shaped street with two entrances on Clubhouse Drive. The first entrance is one block before Seascope, so if you turn too soon and don't see the parking lot immediately on your left, follow Locke around and Seascope will soon be on your right, just before Locke Drive ends at Clubhouse Drive.