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## Calendar

**Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

**10 a.m.-noon**

LWVSCC Board Meeting  
Home of Sue Becker  
1842 47th Ave  
Capitola 95010

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.-noon**

Journalism in Today's Democracy  
Featuring Robin Musitelli  
Scotts Valley Library  
251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley  
Free and open to the public

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

National Voter Registration Day  
Volunteer to help at locations throughout the county. See the Voter Service report on page 2 for more info.

**Saturday**

**October 13, 2018**

**10-12 a.m.**

Initiative Pros and Cons  
Aptos Library Meeting Room  
7695 Soquel Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003  
Free and open to the public

**Saturday**

**October 20, 2018**

**1-4:30 p.m.**

Ending Child Exploitation  
Bayside Baptist Church  
1335 Seabright Ave. Santa Cruz  
Free and open to the public

## SMALL-TOWN JOURNALISM IN TODAY'S DEMOCRACY

Featuring

**Robin Musitelli**

Political Analyst and Journalist

*Saturday*

*September 22, 2018*

*10:30 a.m.-noon*

*Scotts Valley Library*

*251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley*

*Free and open to the public*



Local political analyst and former journalist Robin Musitelli will speak on the resurgence of small-community journalism and its role in our lives and value to democracy at a meeting on Saturday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Scotts Valley Library, 251 Kings Village Road, Scotts Valley. She will also share some back-stories of Santa Cruz County projects she helped foster.

Musitelli started her journalism career writing for her family's newspapers as a child in Wyoming. Locally, her 30-year career as a reporter and editor has included stints at the Valley Press/Scotts Valley Banner and the Santa Cruz Sentinel, as well as the San Jose Mercury News.

In 1991, Musitelli left the newspaper world to work for the then newly-elected Supervisor Ellen Pirie, who represented the Second Supervisorial District for 12 years. Musitelli worked for Pirie for all three terms. When Bruce McPherson was elected to represent the Fifth Supervisorial District in 2013, Musitelli moved down the hall to work as McPherson's analyst for five years until her retirement this June.

Named Woman-of-the-Year by the San Lorenzo Valley Chamber of Commerce in 2017, Musitelli remains active in the community, particularly in horse-related ventures.

Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County and the Valley Women's Club, this program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact [league@lwvsc.org](mailto:league@lwvsc.org) or go to [lwvsc.org](http://lwvsc.org).

## Voter Service Report

The League registered voters at National Night Out on Tuesday August 7 at two locations in Santa Cruz County, one at Jade Street Park in Capitola and one at the youth center in downtown Watsonville.

On Tuesday, September 25, National Voter Registration Day, the League will be registering voters at the following Starbuck locations:

Capitola—41st Avenue and Clares Street, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Aptos—Soquel Drive and Trout Gulch Road, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Scotts Valley—5600 Scotts Valley Drive 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Watsonville—Freedom Boulevard at Airport Drive 12:30–4 p.m.

Watsonville—Main Street and Ohlone Parkway, next to Target 12:30–4 p.m.

We need volunteers to register voters at each of those locations, so please contact one of our Voter Service Co-chairs to sign up: Dottie Fry 831-688-9234 (email: fryfrydl@comcast.net) or Sue Becker, 831-462-4160 (email: suebecker108@sbcglobal.net).

We will also be moderating a Water Board Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Valley Women's Club, on Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m., at San Lorenzo Valley Elementary School

In October we will be presenting Pros and Cons on the November state ballot initiatives at four locations, all free and open to the public:

Saturday, October 6, 2 p.m. Calvary Episcopal Church

Wednesday, October 10, 10:30 a.m., Dominican Oaks

Saturday, October 13, 10–12 a.m., Aptos Library Meeting Room

Monday, October 15, Temple Beth El, 1:30 p.m.

— Sue Becker, Voter Service Co-Chair

## President's Message

By joining the League of Women Voters, you have given your support to our effort to make democracy work.



If you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2018-19 year, you need to do so by September 30 to continue as a member of the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County. To renew online, go to <http://lwvsc.org/join.html>. It's quick and easy to renew instantly online and pay with PayPal, or you can print a renewal form and mail it in with your check. The renewal can also be made simply by sending a check made out to LWVSCC to P.O. Box 1745, Capitola 95010 for \$65 for an individual or \$100 household membership. Please note any change in contact information when sending your renewal.

I look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the coming year as we continue our “Making Democracy Work” programs. Our thanks to Stephanie Harlan, LWVSCC program chair, for planning our September 22 program at the Scotts Valley Library, which we are co-sponsoring with the Valley Women's Club. The program will feature Robin Musitelli speaking on the resurgence of small-community journalism and the role it plays in our lives and democracy. This Saturday morning program will be a great chance to meet with members of another important nonpartisan community group and hear from a major shaker and mover in our county. For more details, see page 1.

—Barbara Lewis, President LWVSCC

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## State Convention 2019

It's not too early to mark your calendars to attend next year's LWVC convention. It will be held in Pasadena Friday, May 31 through Sunday, June 2, 2019 at the Westin Pasadena, a lovely location in the heart of downtown. There is much to see and do in Pasadena—plan to arrive early or stay later. The VOTER will keep you updated as more details are announced.

## November Ballot Recommendations from LWVC

The California LWV has taken positions on seven of the eleven measures that we will vote on in November. Here's a brief run-down of their positions.

**YES on Prop 1:** The Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond will build and preserve affordable homes, including supportive housing, for veterans, working families, people with disabilities, Californians experiencing homelessness, and others struggling to find a safe place to call home.

**YES on Prop 2:** The Homeless Housing Bond allows the use of unspent money, originally allocated through a 2004 measure to fund mental health services, to be used to address the problem of homelessness in California.

**NO on Prop 3:** This fatally flawed water bond will not manage and develop water resources in ways that benefit the environment while emphasizing both conservation and use-appropriate water quality standards.

**NO on Prop 4:** The Children's Hospital Bond would use \$1.5 billion in public, general obligation bond money to support privately-owned children's hospitals, along with five children's hospitals in the University of California system. State funds should not be used to support private facilities.

**NO on Prop 5:** Property Tax. This costly constitutional amendment would reduce funds for schools and local services by \$1 billion per year. In exchange, Prop 5 would provide special tax benefits to some property owners.

**NO on Prop 6:** The Gas Tax Repeal measure would rescind the 2017 package of taxes and fees approved by the State Legislature to fund transportation projects, amounting to a loss of \$4.7 billion in annual funding. The measure would also add a constitutional amendment requiring any fuel or diesel taxes to be approved by voters, limiting the legislature's

ability to address California's serious infrastructure needs.

**YES on Prop 10:** While the Repeal Costa Hawkins rent control measure offers little systemic progress, and may not result in adding new affordable housing units, it does allow local communities to respond to the housing crisis in ways that are appropriate for each community.

For more information on the League's positions on these measures, go to [lwvc.org](http://lwvc.org)

Because League positions do not cover the issues in the following measures, the LWVC takes no stand on Prop 7 (Daylight Savings Time), Prop 8 (Dialysis), Prop 11 (Ambulance Drivers), and Prop 12 (Farm Animals). Prop 9 was removed from the ballot.

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## Protecting Children from Exploitation

Our October program will focus on preventing and ending the sex trafficking of our children and youth. Featuring Shared Hope ambassadors Cari Hershel and Krista Carey, the program includes a screening of the video Chosen and a question and answer session with L. McKinney from the District Attorney's office, incoming county superintendent of schools Faris Sabbah, and Assemblymember Mark Stone, representing California's 29th district.

This free event, titled Ending the Exploitation of Children, is open to the public and will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the Bayside Baptist Church, 1335 Seabright Avenue in Santa Cruz, and is co-sponsored by LWVSCC and the American Association of University Women. Light refreshments will be served and a raffle will be held, proceeds to go towards ongoing activities of the Ending Human Trafficking Committee.

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members.

Send your check payable to League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County or LWVSCC with this form to LWVSCC, Box 1745, Capitola, CA 95010-1745.

\_\_\_ \$65 Individual annual membership

\_\_\_ \$100.00 Two members in a household

\_\_\_ \$10.00 Student membership

\_\_\_ Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made out to LWVSCC are not tax deductible.

To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWV Education Fund.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

*Register by October 22 to  
vote in the November 6  
general election. Register or  
check your status at  
[votescount.com](http://votescount.com)*

## Property Tax Reform Update

Great news! Schools & Communities First—the Prop 13 reform coalition—has collected enough signatures to qualify our initiative for the 2020 ballot!

We'll be regrouping after the November election to do significant community outreach and education during 2019. If you're interested in being part of this work, let us know.

For more information about the California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act, go to [evolve-ca.org](http://evolve-ca.org). Look for more information in future VOTERs for local action.

## Innovators in Transportation Speaker Series

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission has launched the Innovators in Transportation Speaker Series. This series of educational and informative talks and presentations will give members of the community the opportunity to hear transportation experts from around the country discuss the innovations and trends that are shaping the future of transportation in Santa Cruz County and beyond.

The series' next program, Measuring What Matters, featuring Jeffrey Tumlin, director of strategy at the transportation planning firm Nelson Nygaard, will happen on two dates in September. On Wednesday, September 5, the presentation followed by a question and answer session will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art & History, 705 Front St., Santa Cruz. On Thursday, Sept. 6, 9:00 a.m. he will present during the regular Commission meeting at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz.

***Get the facts before you vote.***

