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The LWVLBA October 2017 Voter is Here!

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President's Message

By Kimberly Ritter-Martinez, President

Our first event of the year, celebrating the U.S. Constitution, was a tremendous success. Please see Lillian Slater's excellent write-up below.

Coming up in October, we will be holding an event dedicated to Long Beach parks and open spaces, and the role they play in making our community healthy and inclusive. We often forget how important our parks and open spaces are not only to our well being, but also as gathering places and for the positive environmental impacts they provide to our paved-over cityscape. Clean and safe parks should be accessible to all Long Beach residents. We hope you can attend and join in the conversation.

In addition to our exciting member events, we are making great

strides in improving our communications with regular press releases to local newspapers and an increased social media presence. You can now find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Meet up. Please visit these sites by using the buttons above and "liking" the LWVLBA. Our new communications team is being led by Iris Yokoi (Publicity Chair) and Lisa Andria (Webmaster). Due to their efforts, staying in touch with the League will be easier than ever!

Calendar

October 7, 2017

Board Meeting

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Ella Mae Marble's Home

October 21, 2017

Member Event: Equity in Access to Parks and Public Space in Long Beach

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Los Altos Public Library
5614 E Britton Dr., Long Beach 90815

Interesting Articles

[Why Education isn't the Key to a Good Income](#)
(The Atlantic)

[Thirteen Facts About Wage Growth](#)
(Brookings Institution)

[Hidden Costs of Climate Change](#)
(National Geographic)

October Member Event Long Beach Parks and Open Space

Long Beach Parks and Open Space Accessibility Reports and Discussion

Hosted by Long Beach Area League of Women Voters

Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

10 a.m., Los Altos Branch Library

[5514 E. Britton Drive, Long Beach 90815](#)

Are you a fan of Long Beach parks, interested in keeping them clean, safe and accessible to all?

The Long Beach Area League of Women Voters invites League members and the general public to a free event to discuss Park and Open Space Accessibility, and the issues involved.

Guest speaker is **Randy Zarn**, Executive Director of nonprofit [Partner of Parks](#), which focuses on supporting development, maintenance, and enhancement of park asset and recreation programs in Long Beach through fund raising, education, and advocacy.

League of Women Voters member **Lois Ledger** will provide information about some of the trouble issues that have been reported in Long Beach, ranging from trash in parks to damage to park amenities and illegally dumped items, and how they have been addressed.

League member **Lisa Swanson**, a landscape architect, will share the results of a Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, released in May 2016, which established a new way to understand and think about parks, recreation and open space. Swanson will briefly discuss the plan in general and also the Long Beach parks analysis.

We hope you will join us to celebrate the beautiful parks in Long Beach and help us plan for the future.

Internet Resources

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[L.A. County Registrar](#)

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The LWVLBA Celebrates the U.S. Constitution

By Lillian Slater

The League kicked off its 2017-2018 year by celebrating Constitution Day on September 16. Attendees received a complimentary pocket-size edition of the U.S. Constitution. The event was well received with an audience of over 40 people, 22 of whom were members.

Constitution Day is celebrated on the anniversary of the day the framers signed the document in 1787. First called Citizenship Day, it was renamed in 2004 and has become an opportunity for citizens to celebrate the success of a nation of free people whose rights and liberties are protected by a written Constitution.

Dr. Jason Whitehead and Dr. Jared Perkins, two constitutional scholars from California State University, Long Beach, headlined the event with their presentation on the Constitution—its structure, key amendments, and the political structure and powers of the courts relative to it.

Dr. Jason Whitehead is an associate professor of Political Science and the director of the Legal Studies program at CSULB. After law school, he served for two years as a judicial clerk on the Oregon Court of Appeals and then as a staff attorney at the United States District Court in Los Angeles where he dealt with federal and state constitutional issues. He then returned to school and earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Southern California where he specialized in jurisprudence and judicial decision making. He currently teaches these subjects in upper division public law courses at CSULB.

Dr. Jared Perkins' research and teaching focus on the relationship between democracy and the judiciary, especially on the role of interest groups in shaping law and policy. Dr. Perkins routinely teaches constitutional law and has a particular passion for understanding how citizens can engage with and shape our understanding of the Constitution. He also has expertise on the role of law and the Constitution in protecting the environment and conserving natural resources.

Their discussion additionally highlighted three controversies over the role of the courts: staffing, constitutional interpretation, and judicial policy making. They predicted that the "new normal" in the Supreme Court nomination process will likely result in the Court—and its constitutional decisions—becoming more ideologically polarized and divisive.

They ended their presentation by reviewing four key cases on the Supreme Court's agenda this term. Trump v. Hawaii deals with the administration's travel ban. The well-publicized Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission case where a business refused to make a cake for a gay wedding will be argued as a trade off of the free exercise of religion versus civil rights. The National Association of Manufacturers v. Department of Defense concerns a definition of what is considered U.S. water and therefore subject to federal rules and regulations. The last case, Gill v. Whitford, challenges Wisconsin's partisan redistricting (aka gerrymandering) which affected the resulting distribution of elected representatives per party. The outcome on this case will impact voting representation, a key issue for the League of Women Voters.

Their presentation was followed by a question-and answer period and then a contest involving a quiz on the Constitution with first, second, and third place prizes awarded. One League member

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IMPORTANT: If you joined after Jan. 1, 2017, then you should send in a renewal at 50% off. So individuals, for example, would pay \$27.50, instead of \$55. (You, in effect, get credit for a half year membership.)

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Make it Fair Campaign

By Kimberly Ritter

The League of Women Voters California is a member of the Make It Fair Coalition, a group organized to advocate for commercial property tax reform. Proposed [Make It Fair legislation](#) aims to close a \$9 billion commercial property tax loophole by assessing undervalued commercial properties at their actual value.

According to Make It Fair, this would create a level playing field among businesses and end the unfair tax advantage given to large corporations. Make It Fair guarantees Prop 13 remains in effect with no changes for homeowners, residential renters and farmers. This is only about changing the commercial property tax loophole. Closing the loophole allows California to invest in schools, health clinics, trauma care and emergency rooms, parks, libraries and public safety.n,

Read the LWV California's Make It Fair background document [here](#).

Opportunities for Service

Write an article or a book review for *The Voter*. Time commitment: low. Contact: [Phyllis O'Connor](#) or [Kim Ritter](#)

Volunteer to join the Board. Time commitment: moderate. Open positions: Voter Editor. Contact: [Kim Ritter](#)

Volunteer to serve as an Observer at City Council meetings, or at other meetings of government or agencies. Time commitment: variable. Contact: [Phyllis O'Connor](#)

Volunteer to serve on a planning committee for a membership meeting. Time commitment: variable. Contact: [Kim Ritter](#)

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The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

We do not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.

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