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Our Mission

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.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica in both its values and practices,

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September always seems like another start for a new year, probably because we all are attuned to the school calendar, we lived with it for our youthful years, raised our children and planned family vacations around it and it has become a part of our lives. This is also the start of a new League membership year. **Your membership expires at the end of the month.** When you receive your renewal notice this week, please respond without waiting for reminders. We hate to nag and it makes life easier for all of us.

September 17 is our fall membership luncheon. Your invitation is [here](#). Guest speaker is Sandra Lyon, the new superintendent of Santa Monica-Malibu schools. The purpose of the meeting, besides hearing Ms. Lyon's thoughts and plans as they relate to our national study of the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education, is to introduce prospective members to the League. So, **invite a friend or two; that is why it is a Membership Luncheon.** We have an interesting year planned and are eager to share it with them. If you are receiving this and are not a member you can either join on line at <http://www.lwvsantamonica.org/join.html> or email league@lwvsantamonica.org for a printed membership form. Either way you are welcome to join us on the 17th. Just RSVP so we can plan for chairs and food.

New Lines for a New Decade

What will redistricting mean for our communities? How were the lines drawn? What were the priorities in making these decisions? A League sponsored **Panel Discussion on September 19th, 6:30p.m. in the multipurpose room of the main library** is your opportunity to hear answers to these and other questions. Panelists include Janis Hirohama, immediate past president of the League of Women Voters of California; Raphe Sonenshein, Political Science Department Chair, California State University, Fullerton; Commissioner Peter Yao, Republican and Commissioner Jeanne Raya, Democrat, Members of the Citizens Redistricting Commission. This meeting is free and open to the public courtesy of a

affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWV on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

grant through the League of Women Voters from the Open Society Foundation. A flier is available [here](#).

Decline to Sign

Petitions are being circulated by groups challenging newly adopted state Senate district maps and an important tax fairness measure. We urge you to join with the League and "Decline to Sign" the petitions that are currently circulating. Full information is available [here](#).

Clean Air Promise

LWVUS is continuing its work to protect the Clean Air Act and the campaign for all of us to make the Clean Air Promise. If you haven't promised, or want to know more go to <http://www.peoplenotpolluters.org/> and click "Make The Promise."

Did You Know?

Residents of Santa Monica, both homeowners and apartment dwellers, can now have household hazardous waste picked up at your door. This includes everything from paint and pesticides to electronics. The service is free but there may be a few days wait for a pick up.

The new service is provided in a few easy steps:

1. Reserve collection service: call 1 (800) HHW-PKUP (1.800.449.7587), Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; or e-mail hotline@curbsideinc.com;
2. Receive collection kit in the mail (includes detailed instructions with collection day reminder);
3. Prepare collection kit at your doorstep or at a predetermined location on collection day;
4. Leave prepared materials and we'll do the rest!

Our Website

We are currently in the process of updating and refreshing our website. Any input would be greatly appreciated so if you have any suggestions for what information you would like to see, please email our [webmaster](#).

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