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The League of Women Voters of New Mexico, 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.

Call to Council

Saturday, April 25, 2026

6739 Academy Rd. NE, Albuquerque

Conference Room

and on 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 Council Agenda

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

The President's Corner

By Hannah Burling
 LWVNM President
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LWVNM and the LWVNM Education Fund are looking for volunteers in launching a statewide quilting-based public education project that uses art, storytelling, and community spaces to help New Mexicans better understand fair redistricting and why it matters for representation, community voice, and democracy.

Quilts have long told the stories of place, belonging, and shared values. We are inviting quilters to help tell a New Mexico story about fairness, community integrity, and being counted.

This project matters because fair redistricting affects how communities are represented and how voices are heard—but it can be difficult to explain in accessible ways. We hope to bring the conversation into familiar, welcoming spaces using an art form deeply rooted in New Mexico's communities.

By participating, quilters help:

- Educate the public through art
- Celebrate community stories
- Support civic learning for future generations

If you are interested in helping at any level with this project, please contact me at president@lwvnm.org

There has been a discussion of the difference between nonpartisan and political in the state presidents' group. Here are some responses to being challenged on the question:

Nonpartisan doesn't mean neutral. Always political, never partisan. Stress "positions on issues" and add that once a person is elected, they are no longer a candidate but they are a public servant accountable to the electorate.

The Secretary of State has asked that we let her know of any feedback regarding elections and/or her office that the Leagues receive at tabling events. Please send any comments to me and I will pass them along.

We are still looking for a Membership Director. The job description can be found at LWVNM.org on our documents page.

The LWVNM Council will be held on April 25th and the location will be the conference room of the LWVNM office in Albuquerque.

The LWVUS Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 25 – 28. The early bird registration rate (\$575.00) will come to an end at the end of this month and will not be extended. On April 1, 2026, the price will go up to \$600.00. Here's the link to the convention website: <https://events.lwv.org/event/Convention2026/summary>

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LWVCNM is entitled to four delegates. LWVNM, LWVLA, LWVSFC and LWVSNM are each entitled to three. If you are interested in attending as a delegate, please speak to the president or another board member of your local League.

Program Report for Council, April 25, 2026

By Judy Williams, Program Chair

From the LWVNM Bylaws: “The Council shall give guidance to the LWVNM board on program. The Council is authorized to make changes to program only in an emergency.”

LWVNM Positions Review

New Study

At the January LWVNM meeting the LWVNM Board approved a new study of the Impact of Medical Malpractice On Access to Care. The study was requested by LWVSNM. The LWVSNM Health Care Committee will provide leadership in implementing the study, including soliciting the participation of other Local Leagues.

Rationale:

- The LWVNM does not have a position on medical malpractice and therefore cannot speak to this issue.
- New Mexico’s dire provider shortage is worsening. Existing malpractice laws are cited as barriers to physician recruitment and retention.
- The study can be adopted under rules for emergency measures provided by the LWVNM Bylaws.

SNM Health Care Committee members: Shirley Armstrong, Kayla Blanchard, Kathy Brook, Erika Graf-Webster, Chris Little, Liz Rodriguez-Johnson, Terri Sugarman, Joanne Turnbull (Chair).

New LWVNM Position

In September the LWVNM Board voted to concur with the LWVCO position on the Separation of Church and State and Religious Freedom.

Separation of Church and State and Religious Freedom

The League of Women Voters of Colorado stands for the separation of church and state and religious freedom founded upon individual conscience, free of social or political influence by any state or religious body; these fundamental civil rights are threatened by religious nationalism.

The First Amendment of the US Constitution reads, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” The League of Women Voters of Colorado believes that the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment are cornerstones of our democracy.

LWVUS Positions Review and Recommendations

Two state Leagues asked us to urge LWVUS to consider concurrence with positions at the 2026 Convention.

1. Concurrence with LWVCO position on the Separation of Church and State and Religious Freedom at the 2026 Convention (see position language above)

The League of Women Voters of New Mexico asks LWVUS to place concurrence with the League of Women Voters of Colorado position on the separation of church and state and religious freedom as a recommended item on the agenda at the 2026 LWVUS Convention.

LWVNM Action: The Board agreed to forward this position to LWVUS as a recommended item for the 2026 Convention.

2. Concurrence with LWVWA position on Protecting Immigrant Rights at the 2026 Convention

LWV New Mexico asks LWVUS to place concurrence with the LWVWA position on protecting immigrant rights as a recommended item on the agenda for the 2026 Convention. National adoption of the LWVWA position provides a basis for advocacy for national, state, and local legislation aimed at protecting the legal rights and dignity of immigrants in the United States. State and local Leagues will be able to advocate for immigrants' rights and access to services. The position affirms that all residents of the United States, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, should be treated with dignity and respect. Residents, regardless of immigration status, should have access to essential services, be able to seek legal representation in immigration proceedings, live and work in safety, and be free of xenophobia, discrimination, and anti-immigrant rhetoric.

LWVWA Position On Protecting Immigrant Rights

Position In Brief: The League of Women Voters believes that all residents, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, should be treated with dignity and respect. This means that residents, regardless of immigration status or citizenship, should have access to essential state-funded services, have the opportunity to avail themselves of legal representation in court and immigration proceedings, and have the opportunity to live and work in safety. The League encourages all elected officials and government leaders to take action to ensure these fundamental rights. It also means that political leaders have an obligation to condemn xenophobia, discrimination, and anti-immigrant rhetoric.

Specifically, the League believes

I-1: Xenophobia, racism, discrimination against immigrants, and anti-immigration rhetoric must be condemned at all levels of government, business, and civil society. Elected officials and government leaders should take clear and consistent actions to counter these threats to democracy.

I-2: States should encourage federal policies that protect the rights of immigrants, including through litigation when necessary.

I-3: States should take leadership in ensuring access to legal services for all persons, regardless of immigration status. This is particularly important for immigrants in removal proceedings.

I-4: State and local governments should seek to provide essential services to all residents, regardless of immigration status.

I-5: States should take steps to ensure effective coordination among state agencies and other organizations that interact with immigrants and refugees, including funding to permit such coordination.

I-6: States should ensure safe working conditions, fair pay and benefits, and the right to unionize for all workers, regardless of immigration status.

I-7: States should urge the federal government to issue timely work authorization permits to immigrants and refugees.

LWVNM Action: The Board agreed to forward this position to LWVUS as a recommended item for the 2026 Convention.

Voter Services Report

By Edwina Jaramillo, Acting Voter Services Director

The Voter Services Committee met in February and March for their monthly meeting. We discussed the activities required to produce the Vote411 online voter guides for LWVNM and local Leagues and also possibly printed voter guides for the local Leagues leading up to the primary.

With the assistance of the local League leads, two job descriptions options were drafted for hiring of an intern/contractor to help with Vote411 outreach and were presented to the LWVNM Board for approval. It was determined that the question was actually for the Ed Fund Board, which manages the grant that will pay for the intern. Option 1 was a job description for an intern who would primarily assist the LWVNM Voter Services Chair and local Leagues (as needed) with outreach activities for Vote411. Option 2 was for an intern who has the same tasks as Option 1 but who also has the skillset to do a long-term (3- or 5-year) outreach plan to inform the communities/counties where the LWV is not well known about the League, and also to inform county clerks, non-partisan organizations, political parties, etc. about Vote411. Option 2 was meant to lay the groundwork for our continued presence in all the counties in NM and also for greater participation by both candidates and voters in Vote411. The Ed Fund Board chose the lower-cost Option 1. I look forward to interviewing prospective candidates and working with the contractor on outreach to non-responding candidates to increase participation (and, thus, response rates) in Vote411.

The local League leads/representatives and I also met several times to draft a common set of race descriptions based on state statute that will serve as a template for future elections. We do not want to reinvent the wheel for each election. Additionally, a common set of questions for all races was drafted and were approved by the LWVNM Board.

From mid- to late March invitation letters will be sent to candidates by the state League and local Leagues for all races across the state. Candidates will be asked to respond to League questions in order to inform voters about who they are and their positions on specific issues. Vote411 allows comparison of candidate responses so voters can make an informed choice.

I encourage you to go to the candidates' websites or contact the candidates to encourage them to participate in Vote411.

Action Report

By Dick Mason and Barbara Calef

The League had a very successful thirty-day legislative session in 2026. League lobbyists met with legislators and spoke at countless committee hearings to support or oppose proposed legislation for which the League has positions. At the Legislative Reception, environmental journalist Laura Paskus warned the group about the water crises facing the state.

Highlights in our priority areas included:

Two joint resolutions will be reflected in constitutional amendments on the 2026 ballot: **House Joint Resolution 5** asks whether the constitution should be amended to provide a salary for lawmakers. New Mexico has the only unsalaried Legislature in the country. The pay would be equal to the area median income, now estimated at around \$67,000.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 asks voters to decide on a constitutional amendment removing a provision that prevents nonpartisan school elections from being held at the same time as partisan elections.



Laura Paskus. Photo by Blanca Ortiz.

Among the other successful bills were:

- Protect NM Elections from Federal Interference: Prohibits persons acting under color of law or otherwise from ordering troops to a place where an election is held unless necessary to repel armed enemies of the United States; prohibits interference with a person's right of suffrage at an election.
- Interstate Medical Licensure Act: NM will join the Medical Licensure Compact, which facilitates doctors licensed in other Compact states to become licensed in New Mexico (or vice versa).
- Water Law Violation Maximum Penalty: Significantly raises the penalties for water law violations.
- Repealing the Reporting of Induced Abortions: To protect reproductive health information.

In our secondary priority areas: important education and immigrant rights legislation was passed, including the Immigrant Safety Act, which prohibits New Mexico public bodies from participating in the federal civil immigration detention system.

In addition to the successful bills, the legislature funded many important programs supported by the League. The final capital outlay budgeted \$6 million for the Secretary of State's Office for election tabulators and equipment. The House Budget (HB2) included:

for the Office of the State Engineer

- \$13 million for the Strategic Water Reserve fund
- \$2.5 million to implement the Water Security Planning Act

for the Environment Department

- \$20 million for the uranium mining reclamation fund
- \$5 million for remediation of neglected contaminated sites
- \$130,000 to study pollution reduction and cost-saving opportunities through a state composting program and for the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, \$22 million for the characterization of ground water and aquifer monitoring.

The League wants to thank the Governor for signing all of the League-supported legislation that reached her desk.

Several important pieces of legislation supported by the League failed to pass:

- Clear Horizons and Emissions Codification would have established statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits;
 - Microgrid Oversight Act: Would have made microgrids subject to PRC oversight and Renewable Portfolio Standards.

Eight of the interstate licensure compacts (for audiologists and speech-language pathologists, counselors, dentists and hygienists, emergency medical services (EMS) professionals, occupational therapists, physical therapists (PTs), physician assistants (PAs), and psychologists) were passed by the House, but did not reach the Senate floor.

The League, Think New Mexico, and many other organizations have written to the governor asking her to convene a special session to approve those compacts.



Becky Shankland, Starlyn Brown, Lynn Jones, Cynthia Biddlecomb, Leslie Wallstrom
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Nuclear Issues Report

By Karen M. Douglas, Nuclear Issues Chair

DOE Spent Nuclear Fuel Liability Revisions

The 1987 Nuclear Waste Policy Act assigned NV Yucca Mountain as the sole permanent geological disposal repository for domestic spent nuclear fuel (SNF). The federal government did not have a disposal facility ready in 1998 as required and has still not taken possession of the SNF pursuant to its obligations under the contract. Instead, SNF is stored at reactor facilities under interim storage arrangements, meaning the federal government has been in breach of its contracts. Hundreds of millions of dollars are now paid out every year from the US Judgement Fund for the broken contracts that were signed in the 1980s. DOE started using the amended version of the standard contract about 17 years ago and implemented a revised contract with two major changes:

1. the significantly delayed date when DOE is obligated to take the SNF, and
2. limits to federal liability if DOE fails to take the SNF.

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Nuclear Energy awarded over \$19 million to five U.S. companies in February, 2026 to research and develop recycling (reprocessing) technologies for used nuclear fuel. Recycling used nuclear fuel could increase resource utilization by 95 percent, reduce waste by 90 percent, and decrease the amount of uranium needed to operate nuclear reactors.

Advanced Nuclear Reactor and SMR Progress

Multiple avenues are being employed to expedite advanced reactors domestically. In Wyoming Terrapower is now licensed to construct the first domestic advanced reactor. In December DOE stimulated the deployment of advanced light-water small modular reactors (SMRs) in the United States by providing \$800 million in cost-shared funding for projects in Tennessee and Michigan. These SMRs are smaller, manufactured versions of large-scale reactors typically ranging from 50 to 350 megawatts of electric power.

NRC Regulatory Restructuring

An Executive Order, [DCPD-202500633.pdf](#), was issued in May of 2025 Ordering the Reform of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). It was followed in November with the publication by the NRC of a final rule, [Streamlining Select Rules of Practice and Procedure](#). The NRC has recently rescinded a "discrete number" of its rules of practice as "either inconsistent with statutory requirements or duplicative of statutory requirements and other binding regulations." One result is a decrease of public disclosure provisions.

At a conference this month each of the five NRC Commissioners commented on recent initiatives and regulatory restructuring, noting that speed and accuracy are not mutually exclusive and that increased efficiency relies on the long-standing NRC approach of Risk-Informed Decision Making. Additionally, reactor safety systems have been designed to respond to worst case accident scenarios. Both the expedited hearing process and decreased opportunity to contest NRC licensing decisions are measures now open for public comment.

According to former NRC Commission Chair Allison McFarlane, the new changes NRC officials are proposing in order to meet Trump administration goals would cut the total number of annual NRC inspection hours back by 40%. Emergency preparedness inspection hours are being recommended to be cut back the most — by 56%. The 1969 National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) remains in effect but the Council on Environmental Quality rescinded comprehensive government-wide regulations in January with the net effect of faster, more

streamlined permitting for infrastructure projects. (The LWVNM SNF Storage Safety Committee performed an extensive review and commentary of the Holtec Environmental Assessment between 2018 and 2021 – public review of these NEPA documents is no longer required but individual federal agencies may continue to employ some aspects of NEPA.)

Domestic Nuclear Power Updates

NRC's emphasis on streamlining operations, including licensing actions, resulted in license approvals in 2025 for six fuel cycle facilities and four transportation applications. Palisades Nuclear Plant in MI, which ceased operations in 2022, will become the nation's first retired nuclear power plant to return to service to bring 800 megawatts of reliable power back to Michigan. In PA Three Mile Island Unit 1 was shut down in 2019 after 45 years of operation and will now provide enough reliable, affordable electricity for roughly 800,000 Pennsylvania homes. DOE Secretary Wright supported NY Congressman Lawler's call to reopen Indian Point. New York Governor Kathy Hochul has recently made moves to boost nuclear power in the state to facilitate a cost-effective pathway to four gigawatts of new nuclear energy. New York Power Authority previously announced a one-giga-

Local League News

Southern New Mexico

By Kathy Brook, Board Liaison

Membership News: Our current membership stands at 110, which is likely a record level for LWVSNM.

Jo Nash has been one of our most active members in recent years, serving for several years as the LWVSNM president and for seven years as the editor of the Voter. Her work as editor has been especially appreciated as she has done a fantastic job of assembling materials in an attractive and newsy publication that has kept our members engaged. While Jo isn't going anywhere, she proposes to turn the Voter over to someone else after the April newsletter is produced.

Another of our most active members, Eileen VanWie who was the co-president, 2019-2023, is moving to Minnesota, closer to one of her daughters. Eileen chaired the Education Committee, was quite involved in development of our Education position, and a regular observer at the board meetings for the Las Cruces Public Schools. She will be greatly missed.

League Visibility: Rebecca Courtney has taken on the challenge of making the League more visible in our area by selling T-shirts and printing buttons with the Women Defend Democracy logo. We hope members and friends will wear the shirts to meetings and other events such as the upcoming No Kings Day. Rebecca has also contributed her artistic skills in encouraging members to make signs/posters for events and offering to make signs for those who aren't inclined to make their own.

One of the activities of our Education Committee has been Know Your Local Government, conducted in collaboration with the City of Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Public Schools. Students from local high schools get an opportunity to offer solutions to challenges facing the city. League members are among those who helped with the project during the past week.

Member Lynda St.Clair has taken the lead in writing letters to the editor/op-ed pieces on a range of League-relat-

ed topics including priorities for the 2026 NM legislative session.

Program Planning: Our program planning meeting focused on concurring with an update of our library position as well as concurrence with the LWVWA position on immigrants. The update of our library position reflects changes in the community of Las Cruces and in our name change from the League of Greater Las Cruces to the League of Southern New Mexico. In addition, the updated position also speaks to the role of libraries in “facilitating free and open access to information” and libraries’ “contributions to civic education and media literacy.” Finally, it specifically addresses, “multilingual and multicultural community needs.” The board will also recommend to the membership that we continue to work on health care access issues.

Recent Book Club picks: *The Mission: The CIA in the 21st Century* by Tim Weiner and *The Arrogant Ape: The Myth of Human Exceptionalism and Why It Matters* by Christine Webb.

Central New Mexico

By Starlyn Brown, President

LWVCNM and 3 Muses Collaborative are partnered to present “Failure Is Impossible: A Talk with Susan B. Anthony” on March 14. This event was in recognition of Women’s History Month.

We are starting our education on Semi-Open Primaries. To date we have created a flyer and social media posts from the flyer. The English version is being distributed, and a Spanish version is in the works. We are talking about the change and its significance every chance we get.

Primary Election

We are going to print our first Primary Election Voter Guide this year. We decided that information about the election and its significance was very important given that approximately 328,000 New Mexico voters can now easily participate due to the new law permitting Semi-Open Primaries. We will divide the counties and print two guides, one for Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, and one for Torrance and Valencia Counties.

We have a work plan and schedule and are already fully engaged with Vote411, layout, and identifying places to distribute the guide.

Membership

Nine new members have joined since January 6.

Voter Services

We attended a Naturalization Ceremony on February 13 and a CNM Career Fair on February 18. Our next Naturalization Ceremony is Friday, March 20. We are one of the sponsors for the UNM Valencia Career and Wellness Fair on March 10th.

We met with the Albuquerque Downtown Public Library to discuss the Route 66 100-year anniversary and the United States Semiquincentennial celebration. We are starting with a tabling and educational event on Saturday March 14th.

We have another event on March 24 at the International District Library. A focus for this event is registering and reaching unhoused voters who do not have a permanent address.

Membership Meetings

At our January educational meeting the topic was Priorities for the Upcoming Legislative Session with speaker Dick Mason.

The topic of the February meeting was Semi-Open Primaries with speaker Bob Perls. Mr. Perls was engaging and extremely knowledgeable on a variety of topics.

Our March education meeting topic is, “New Mexico’s Legislature: Is It or Is It Not Committed to Transparency?” The speaker is Christine Barber, Executive Director, New Mexico Foundation for Open Government (NMFOG)

Links to the recordings can be found on our website: https://www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-central-new-mexico/Meeting_Recordings.

We held our Annual Program Planning meeting on February 21st.
The LWVCNM Annual Meeting will be on May 9th.

Los Alamos

Felicia Orth, President

Our January Lunch with a Leader presented Anne Galer of LWVCNM with a talk on the Electoral College. Among other things, Ms. Galer educated us about why the multi-state Compact that is touted as a remedy is not actually the answer. Our February Lunch with a Leader was Garrett VeneKlasen, New Mexico Wild’s Northern Conservation Director, speaking about the impact of actions by the current federal administration on our public lands in New Mexico and other conservation-related issues. Our March Lunch with a Leader will feature NM District 43 Representative and former County Councilor Christine Chandler on the role of the Los Alamos County Council.



Health Care Forum Panel, from left: Lillian Montoya, Brenda Romero, Dr. Eric Ketcham, and Dr. Madhavi Garimella. Photo by Angie Bratton.

Barbara Calef was very active during the short but productive 2026 legislative session, attending countless committee meetings to advocate on the basis of League positions.

On February 24, we co-hosted a forum on health care with the Los Alamos Community Foundation and the Anchorum Health Foundation. “Health Care in Northern New Mexico: Changing Landscape,” was well-attended and featured four health care experts on the strengths and challenges of health providers in the region: Lillian Montoya (CHRISTUS St. Vincent), Dr. Eric Ketcham (Presbyterian Healthcare System), Brenda Romero (Presbyterian Española Hospital), and Dr. Madhavi Garimella (Medical Associates of Northern New Mexico).

The Voter Guide Questions Team began meeting on February 5 to develop questions for the candidates in the seven primary races in Los Alamos County. Some of them have also participated in Edwina Jaramillo’s Questions Team for the statewide races.

Our fund drive is underway with a letter campaign. We are looking forward to our annual membership meeting on April 16, and Voter Guide publication and candidate forum on April 30.

The LWVLA competed in a “Shark Tank” style nonprofit event held by the 100 Men Who Care and won! Donations are expected to exceed \$4,000 to cover sending the Voter Guide to every household in the County. This was

the fourth time we made the pitch, having lost to children and animals in the past. Making eye contact with the men in the crowd whose wives I knew had taken their name, and noting that the White House spokeswoman had acknowledged that under the SAVE Act preferred by the President they would have to re-register in order to vote, and find their birth certificate and marriage certificate too, seemed to make an impression.

Santa Fe County

By Debbie Helper, Board Liaison

- Our membership continues to grow with members who want to be active. We now have a Membership Committee under the guidance of Joann Volinski, members of which personally welcome each new member and reach out to see what interests or skills the new member might have. This approach has been highly successful in recruiting new members to be active in the League. In addition, Anne Culp referred 10 new high school student VRAs for whom we were able to pay with our Rising Leaders Fund. Thank you, Meredith Machen!

- We held a consensus meeting on the findings of the three-year Community Health Study. Consensus was reached on the position, which was finalized and approved at the February Board meeting. Thanks to the committee with co-chairs Judy Williams and Jody Larson, members Mary Hall, Carol Parker, and Marcy Litzenberg!

The position is as follows:

The League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County believes that local governments' responsibilities include improving community health. This must include addressing the social determinants of health as well as medical factors. Connection to and coordination of services are key to addressing the health of our community.

In order to meet their community health responsibilities, local governments should:

Work together on the planning and delivery of a full range of community health services based on identified needs.

Require providers to use evidence-based approaches to community health services. Pilot projects may be considered if data are collected and results are evaluated.

Ensure independent evaluations of community health projects and services they provide or fund.

Pursue, establish, and maintain long-term funding for community health services.

- Our Program Planning meeting began with a brief explanation of what Program is to the League. This was for the benefit of new members attending as well as a refresher for older members. We recommended no changes to our local positions other than removing the Medically Indigent Fund position and replacing it with the recently Board-approved Community Health Position. We discussed the state League's concurrence with the LWVCO position on Separation of Church and State and the decision by LWVNM to recommend LWVWA's position on Immigration Rights be put on the agenda for consideration at the national convention. We chose to do the same. No new studies were proposed.

- Kelly Davis, our VP of Voter Services, received a \$10K award from Democracy Rising for the grant she wrote outlining our proposed approach to educating voters on Semi-Open Primaries (SOP). This will include a short, animated video to explain why and how to vote in primaries, aimed at all voters but particularly targeting Independents and DTS voters. Thanks to Barbara Calef for the excellent explanation of the legislation, which is now posted on our website, and to Starlyn Brown for the referral to a videographer/graphic artist. All materials developed will be shared with the Leagues around the state as well as SOP coalition partners.

- The Board will be reviewing and deciding upon questions for our Voter Guide and Vote411 under the guidance of VP PR/Comms Stephanie Schlanger. She assembled a committee to develop the questions, which the Board will consider and approve at our March meeting.

- Our social media presence continues to grow under the direction of Media Director Judy Gibbs-Robinson. She is working on getting one of the Community Health Study committee members to sit down for an interview with a local radio station to broaden awareness of this new initiative.

- Action and Advocacy is continuing to meet monthly and has observers at all governing body meetings. They are focused on the need for either an updated or a replacement water treatment plant, the development of a new city Land Use code, continued progress with development of the Midtown campus, and SF Community College and SF Public School Board issues. They are discussing ways to best use the new Community Health position. An editorial has been written and submitted for publication in the Santa Fe New Mexican, in addition to a press release to be distributed throughout city and county governments.

We have planned three presentations over the next few weeks.

- Our first was March 4th – a “Lunch with a Leader” introducing our new Santa Fe Public Schools Superintendent Christine Griffin. This was a conversation led by League member and educator Mary Ellen Gonzales with audience Q&A.

- Our second will be on March 18th during Sunshine Week, with a presentation by Observe New Mexico Elections coordinated by member Mary Beth Brady. The event will be hybrid.

- Our third will be on April 3rd, with a presentation by LWVCNM member and former diplomat Ann Galer on Abolishing the Electoral College. This will be recorded and posted on our website.

- Fundraising and Development continue to do well under the direction of Hannah Burling. We are looking toward establishing an endowment fund through the Santa Fe Community Foundation so as to have a stable source of funding going forward.

- Members will be encouraged to attend the No Kings rally on March 28th.

Please make it a point to visit our state Facebook page to like and share our posts.



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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 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.