



League of Women Voters of Monterey County



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Wednesday, November 9, 2016
The California Condors of Big Sur

An amazing new film shot on location in Big Sur will be presented by Director, Tim Huntington. The film documents ongoing recovery of the California condor, the work of the people working on the recovery program, and of course the birds themselves.

The filmmaker, originally from the UK, has lived on the Central Coast since 2006. An award winning still photographer, and now videographer Mr. Huntington made a point to see native wildlife in Big Sur. Over time he befriended Ventana Wildlife Society (VWS) biologists and interns who were out tracking the condors.

VWS Executive Director Kelly Sorenson will join the discussion. Mr. Sorenson led the effort to establish the endangered California condor to central California. As a wildlife biologist focused on saving endangered species in the wild, he recognizes the importance of bringing back the condor from near extinction.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Have you had a call from Jeanne or Lisa reminding you to renew? Stay informed, keep involved, support your League!

See page 6 for renewal form.

Janet Brennan, JanetB@montereybay.com

LWVMC November 9, 2016 General Meeting

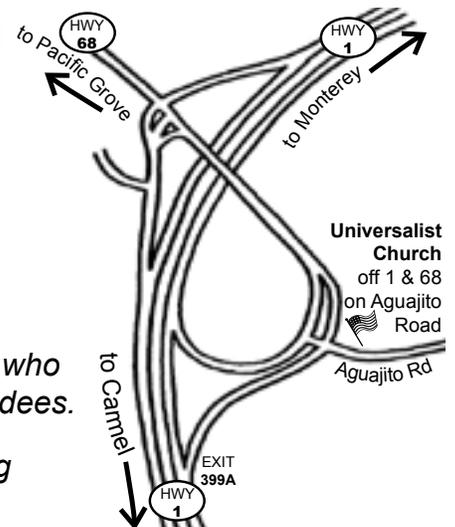
12 noon Lunch / 12:30 to 1:30 Presentation
(Lunch \$17 per person: main course, salad, beverages, & dessert by Café Athena)

Reservations are a must for lunch!
Contact Lorita Fisher by Saturday, November 5.
(phone 375-8301 or e-mail GLFisher@redshift.com)

Pay at the door for lunch: meeting/presentation is FREE.

Reminder: The League pays the caterer in advance for everyone who makes a luncheon reservation, and guarantees a minimum of attendees.

L&L meets at: Unitarian Universalist Church http://uucmp.org
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## ★★★ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2016 ★★★

**N**ow that the election season is almost over, the following are reflections on the League's efforts these past few months.

We provided more presentations on the **Pros and Cons of State Ballot Measures** than in any years I can remember. **Dennis Mar** and **Marilyn Maxner** did a remarkable job of condensing reams of information on seventeen measures for presentations of little over an hour. In addition to providing arguments for and against the measures, they provided quick facts and data on sources of campaign contributions. At the League meeting, Dennis even managed to solicit a number of chuckles during an otherwise serious presentation.

Presentations of pros and cons on local ballot measures were requests we were unable to meet. Because we supported two local measures, developing pros and cons became problematic. However, given the campaign rhetoric on some of the measures, I think the electorate would have benefitted from such an undertaking. Taking action

while preparing pros and cons requires careful consideration by future League Boards. One approach I will recommend to the current Board is to announce positions after pros and cons have been prepared or presented.

While on the subject of League action, we were generous with our financial support for two ballot measures and the proposed **Monterey Downs referendum**. We dipped into our sizeable savings to give \$500 to **Measure X** and \$1000 to **Measure Z** campaigns. We also contributed \$1000 to efforts to defeat Monterey Downs.

On a final note, it is interesting to hear the attacks on the **Electoral College**. While they have surfaced within the context of a conspiracy, concerns about the Electoral College are not new. In fact the League has had a position to abolish the Electoral College and elect the President directly since the 1970s.

**Janet Brennan**, [JanetB@montereybay.com](mailto:JanetB@montereybay.com)

### WHERE THE ACTION IS

*The below letter was sent to the League of Women Voters of California with the approval of the LWVMC Board. We are awaiting LWVC approval for submission.*

To: **League of Women Voters of California**  
Re: **California Department of Pesticide Regulation**

The LWVMC is very concerned about the recently proposed pesticide regulations from the DPR. Every League in the State of California that has conventional agriculture being practiced will be affected by the DPR regulations. Since this is a statewide issue, we hope that the LWVC will respond with a strong letter, as detailed below. The LWVC position on hazardous materials states (in brief):

*Support comprehensive measures to provide maximum protection to human health and the environment from the adverse effects of hazardous materials, including pesticides. An integrated approach should be taken to prevent harmful exposures through soil, surface and ground water contamination, bio-accumulation, air pollution and direct contact. Hazardous materials planning*

should promote pollution prevention. All levels of government share responsibility for preventing exposures.

**The proposed DPR regulations of 30 September 2016 for pesticide use near schools are inadequate for protecting this state's most vulnerable populations from the health harms associated with pesticide exposure.** "Part-time ¼ mile buffer zones" will not come close to reducing school children's exposure to harmful pesticides that are regularly used in huge quantities in the conventional major strawberry fields to sterilize the soil prior to planting year-round.

What does "part-time" mean, exactly? Why is a ¼ mile [1380 feet] buffer zone selected when the measurement of toxic "drift" has been as much as 0.8 miles [4224 feet] to almost 2 miles in various UC studies? Since drift can persist for up to 1 week, the length of time the buffer zone is in effect must be extended. The DPR must clarify the criteria they will use to determine the safety of their regulations based on current data derived from independent research, not rely on pesticide manufacturers' less rigorous data or customary practices.



The very toxic **Telone** and **chloropicrin**, when combined or used in close succession, are seriously toxic even at low doses to children's immune systems. The double whammy first disables the body's usual protective detoxifying mechanism, then the second poison has an easier task in penetrating cells which can lead to DNA damage, resulting in unrepaired and/or uncontrolled cell growth, i.e., cancers [in children, lymphoma, leukemia and brain cancer] and autism: [www.stpp.ucla.edu/node/586](http://www.stpp.ucla.edu/node/586).

With the final phase-out of **methyl bromide** 14 years after it was banned, Telone and chloropicrin are often the preferred combined fumigants. Not only are farmworkers in adjacent fields at risk from these dangerous health effects but children in rural schools, along with their teachers, school staff, parents bringing kids to school and picking them up. Nearby residents and passers-by are also affected by "drift" of gasified fumigants escaping into the air and blown by wind.

### **Requested Action**

*Buffer zones of 1 mile are needed around the treated areas, 24 hours/day for 1 week for adequate protection for the majority of people in harm's way. "Part-time" or occasional protection is not justifiable at any time given the evidence of potential damage due to repeated low-dose exposure.*

The second proposal regarding notification of scheduled pesticide applications to schools and residents near the field sites ignores the **Pajaro Valley Resolution #15-16-20** in which the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 9, 2016, with the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner's agreement "... to provide 3 schools in that district with 5-day notification with regard to fumigation application." This was a hard-won issue that was successful because of the years of complaints that notification [3-days, late Friday afternoon for Monday morning application, and occasionally no notification at all] was not sufficient for schools and parents to protect against exposure]. And this current draft proposal is for 3-day notification as if the PVUSD Resolution didn't expand the recognition of the danger described in CHAMACOS studies since 2000 or the various UC studies.

### **Requested Action**

*Notification of any neighboring school, day-care facilities, residences or businesses must be*

*provided 1 full week before any pesticide application of any kind; this communication must be through the Ag Commission's website to school secretaries, phone calls including reverse 9-1-1 calls, posting of the fields in English and Spanish, local radio and television PSA announcements, all of these in English and Spanish, with Triqui and Mixteco as available through CRLA translators. If cancellation of the pesticide application occurs, the same communication routes must be notified as soon as possible.*

The issues of social and environmental injustice that persist in the DPR's practices and the neglect of basic civil rights of the mostly Latino students affected by the relentless exposures year round to agents known to cause irreparable harm to human immune systems, neurological and developmental systems, respiratory systems and reproductive systems [female and male] is unconscionable. The civil rights abuses toward the workers and their families who make Monterey County agriculture so profitable for the major growers, shippers and pesticide manufacturers and applicators are unvarnished racism, although it may be unconscious.

### **Requested Action**

- 1) Take immediate steps to adopt critically urgent improvements as requested above by cooperating with local community governments and groups dealing with the results of the decades of bombardment and gassing of people living and working within 1 mile of treated fields.*
- 2) Participate in educational programs with health departments, schools, businesses and residents so all Californians are informed of their rights to insist on safer schools and residences, to receive age and language-appropriate information on signs and symptoms of pesticide exposure and to receive emergency and/or medical treatment for those symptoms without threat of losing jobs, wages, or housing for reporting their illnesses.*
- 3) Fulfill DPR's mission statement for all the people of California.*

Sincerely,  
**Janet Brennan**, President LWVMC



## **LWVMC MEMBER PROFILE: KATIE BALL**



**A**lthough she's been a member of the League of Women Voters only since moving to the Monterey Peninsula in the fall of 2015, **Katie Ball** is already serving as **LWVMC's Public Relations Director**.

Katie and her husband, **Tim**, moved to Pacific Grove from Belgium, where they'd lived for the previous year. "We're in the military," she explains. "My husband was assigned to a NATO unit there. I'm a reservist and I was working near London as



*an intelligence officer in the Air Force Reserve, so I had to travel there once a month."*

Born and raised in **Dayton, Ohio**, today one of Katie's biggest passions is international travel. She's pleased to have visited 42 countries so far, saying, "I've learned to interact in cultures that are unfamiliar, much different from my own. I think it's made me a more compassionate adult. Most of this is personal travel, but I went to some of the countries, like

*Kuwait, Qatar and Korea because of the military.”*

Katie says that Poland is probably her favorite among all the countries she’s visited. *“It’s a country that has endured so much through the centuries, yet the culture is so beautiful and the people are so kind and welcoming. They’ve had to do some big rebounding from life under the Soviet Union, yet they’ve managed to preserve their culture and identity through difficult times. I loved visiting there, plus they have phenomenal food—I have a thing for mushroom and cabbage pierogis!”*

Here in Monterey County, Tim is pursuing a master’s degree in the **Naval Post Graduate School’s Defense Analysis Program**, while Katie is studying mathematics at **Monterey Peninsula College**. *“I think mathematics will make me a better analyst,”* she says. *“Math involves logical, progressive thinking. It’s healthy exercise for an analyst’s brain.”*

It was one of Katie’s math professors at MPC, **Geri Philley**, who suggested that Katie join the League. Although Katie has had no previous experience with voter-related volunteer work, she says she’s always been sure to vote in every election. *“When we were overseas, the Air Force was always pushing voter registration. We would use the Army Post Office box to send in our ballots.”*



When she’s not attending her MPC classes or performing her League duties, Katie enjoys running on the recreation trail in Pacific Grove. *“We live at Lovers Point and it’s so beautiful there,”* she says, adding that she feels very grateful to be able to spend time in such a lovely natural environment.

At 32 years old, Katie says she’d really like to see more League members closer to her own age. *“When I first joined, I was surprised to be one of the youngest here,”* she explains. So more outreach to the community, perhaps starting with recruiting local college students, is one of her main goals for the future of LWVMC.

**Nancy Baker Jacobs**  
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## MESSAGES WE WANT VOTERS TO HEAR

**T**he credibility of American elections has been brought to the forefront of this campaign. For nearly a century, the League’s members have worked tirelessly to ensure that elections are free, fair, and credible. Thanks to our work, we know voters who cast their ballots do so with the confidence that their votes will count. Over the remaining days of this election, we urge you to join us in sharing the message, ***“I’m voting, and I know my vote will count.”***

When there is a problem with elections integrity, the LWV is the first to speak out. Peddling false claims about such an important issue is a direct threat to America’s cherished democratic process, and belittles real challenges too many American voters have faced recently.

Points to promote publicly and privately:

- ★ I’m voting and I know my vote will count.
- ★ VOTE411 prepares voters with more information and voting tools about candidates and issues than any other voter resource.
- ★ Millions of voters will head to the polls to stand up for what matters most in their communities and their lives. The League hopes all eligible voters will use their right to vote and weigh in on the elections in their community.
- ★ These elections are about our jobs, our health, our communities, our security and our future.
- ★ Take control and commit to vote in these elections.
- ★ Voting brings us together as Americans – it is the one time when we are all equal. Voting is your opportunity to support your community and have a say in America’s future. Every vote counts and our votes make a difference.

**Chris Carson** LWVUS President, [lww@lww.org](mailto:lww@lww.org)

**LWVC RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON CA BALLOT MEASURES**



**Join the League of  
Women Voters of  
Monterey County**



*Any person of voting age, male or female,  
may be a member of the League!*

**Renew Your LWVMC Membership.**

*If your membership has lapsed, please use the  
form below, or go to <http://lwvmryco.org>.  
Timely responses are appreciated as they  
help keep our local chapter strong.*

*Renewal letter and form gone astray?  
Uncertain of your membership due date?  
Wish to make a donation?  
Want to become a new member?*

Use the form below or contact:  
*Lisa Hoivik, Membership Director*  
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**Checks payable to LWVMC  
Mail to LWVMC PO Box 1995  
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- \$250+ Carrie Chapman Catt
- \$200 Sojourner Truth
- \$150 Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- \$100 Susan B. Anthony
- \$ 95 Household (2 persons, 1 address)
- \$ 65 Single membership

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State

Zip Code

Phone

e-mail

- Send e-mail reminders for luncheons
- Call to remind me of luncheons
- Scholarship requested

*Membership dues & contributions to LWVMC  
are not tax deductible, nor are donations to the  
Florence Curlee Scholarship Fund.  
However, donations to the League of  
Women Voters of California Education Fund  
(LWVCEF) are tax deductible.*

**YES Prop 51** 6 million students can reach their full potential with access to safe, secure schools.

**YES Prop 54** Make state government more open, honest, and accountable, by empowering all Californians to contribute to our laws.

**YES Prop 55** Key in maintaining economic recovery and growth; continues current, higher income tax rates established in 2012 for the wealthiest two percent of Californians.

**YES Prop 57** Focuses public resources on keeping dangerous criminals behind bars, while rehabilitating juvenile and adult inmates.

**YES Prop 58** Frees parents and schools to provide the best educational opportunities for all children regardless of their first language.

**NO Prop 59** Eliminating the corrupting influence of money in our democracy is a vital concern: this vague, poorly drafted measure is not the solution.

**YES Prop 63** Closes loopholes in laws; helps keep deadly weapons out of dangerous hands; regulates ammunition sales; ensures people who have committed serious crimes give up their guns.

*Propositions 62 AND 66 both involve  
the death penalty*

**YES Prop 62** Replaces death penalty with life without the possibility of parole.

**NO Prop 66** Poorly written measure would fast-track the death penalty, denying citizens due process and greatly increasing California's risk of executing an innocent person.

*Propositions 65 AND 67 both involve the plastic  
bag ban passed by the Legislature in 2014*

**NO Prop 65** The plastic bag industry spent millions to put this disingenuous initiative on the ballot, creating a distraction that could thwart California's efforts to rein in plastic bag waste and litter. Don't be confused; Vote NO on 65 and vote YES on 67.

**YES Prop 67** Proposition 67 will retain California's plastic bag ban.

**NO POSITION**

Prop 52 / Prop 53 / Prop 40 / Prop 62 / Prop 64

**NEUTRAL**

Prop 56

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# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

## Welcome New Members

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## Welcome Back Renewing Members

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## We Appreciate Our Generous Donors

**Carole Erickson** \$250 (\$95 renewal & \$155 donation) / **Mary De Bartolo** \$150 (\$65 membership plus \$85 donation) / **Jane Di Giralamo** \$100 (\$65 renewal & \$35 to Ed Fund) / **Martha Magnus** \$100 (\$65 membership plus \$35 donation) / **Susan West** \$85 (\$65 renewal & \$20 to the Curlee fund)

**PLEASE renew your membership** and bring your potential members to League meetings!

**Lisa Hoivik**, [LHoivik@comcast.net](mailto:LHoivik@comcast.net)

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**LWVMC 2016 Calendar**



**NOVEMBER**

**Lunch & Learn with the League**  
**Wednesday, 9 November, 12 noon**  
*"California Condors of Big Sur"*  
Contact: **Janet Brennan**, 659-2090  
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**Natural Resources Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, 10 November, 12 noon**  
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**LWVMC Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 14 November, 5:00pm**  
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**DECEMBER**

**WINTER HOLIDAY BREAK**

**No Lunch & Learn, Voter, Board or Committee Meetings:**  
**Happy Holidays!**

**JANUARY 2017**

**LWVMC Board Meeting**  
**Monday, 9 January, 5:00pm**  
Mariposa Hall, [JanetB@montereybay.com](mailto:JanetB@montereybay.com)

**Lunch & Learn with the League**  
**Wednesday, 11 January, 12 noon**  
*"Topic/Speakers To Be Announced"*

**Natural Resources Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, 12 January, 12 noon**  
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