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Call to Annual Meeting

April 18, 2017, at Mesa Public Library
(Please bring this newsletter to the Annual Meeting.)

Calendar

- March 21 Lunch with a Leader, NM Chief Justice Charles Daniels, Mesa Public Library, 11:45 a.m.
- March 30 Board Meeting, Mesa Public Library, noon
- April 18 **Annual Meeting:** Lunch with a Leader, Sandra Fish, New Mexico in Depth; LWVLA annual business meeting, Mesa Public Library, 11:40 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- April 27 Board Meeting, Mesa Public Library, noon
- May 20-21 LWVNM Convention, Santa Fe Hilton (details next month)

Lunch with a Leader: Chief Justice Charles Daniels

Our next Lunch with a Leader on March 21 will feature the Chief Justice of the NM Supreme Court, Charles Daniels, who will discuss bail reform in NM—working to improve public safety while protecting individual rights.

Justice Daniels has been on the Supreme Court since he was initially appointed, in October 2007. In 2008 he stood for election and his term continues through 2018. Justice Daniels has lived in New Mexico since childhood; he served five years on active duty in the United States Air Force, receiving an Honorable Discharge in 1966. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Arizona, where he graduated magna cum laude, then earned his law degree from the University of New Mexico.

Justice Daniels and his wife, attorney and author Randi McGinn, have four grown daughters. For relaxation he plays bass guitar in a blues-rock band and is a semiprofessional race-car driver.

Karyl Ann Armbruster

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-17

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Nix

Our Children's Trust

Our Children's Trust is a nonprofit advocacy organization that supports young people in taking legal action to compel national and state governments to protect the earth's atmosphere and natural systems for future generations. The litigation is based on the public trust doctrine and argues that government has an affirmative fiduciary duty to take the steps necessary to stabilize the climate.

Delegates at the 2016 LWVUS Convention in Washington, DC, approved a resolution "that the LWVUS Board should consider signing onto an amicus brief with the 21 youth plaintiffs from Our Children's Trust." The LWVUS, joined by

the LWV of Oregon, submitted its own amicus brief in the case.

On November 10, 2016, U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken ruled in favor of the 21 youth plaintiffs in their landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit, Juliana et al v. United States. Judge Aiken denied motions by the federal government and the fossil fuel industry to dismiss the lawsuit, determining that the case can move to trial. The judge's order also grants the motion of the LWVUS and LWVOR to intervene as amici curiae in the case. The lawsuit is one of many initiated by Our Children's Trust and based on the Public Trust Doctrine.

For more information, visit their website
<https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>

Report of February Lunch with a Leader: Andrea Cunningham

Andrea Cunningham is a member of the Los Alamos Public School Board and of the Community Health Council. She is also a nurse with 27 years of experience. Until last September she served as the public health nurse manager at the Public Health Office in Los Alamos, which is staffed by the Department of Health (DOH). Cunningham explained to the LWL attendees that she had arranged for leave without pay and had found a substitute to carry out her duties so that she could travel to Africa with her husband. The DOH abruptly rescinded her leave just before her departure. She responded by resigning and now works as program coordinator for the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. Her old position has not been filled.

Cunningham listed the services she provided at the Public Health Office:

- Immunizations (including outreach in local schools and senior centers)
- Title X Family Planning (including all medications)

- Disease Prevention Program (STD testing and treatment)
- Tuberculosis treatment
- Community outreach
 - Flu vaccines
 - Community education
 - Classes in puberty
 - Fall prevention for the elderly.

The services are charged on a sliding scale depending on the patient's ability to pay. To provide all those services, she said, a fully staffed Public Health Office should include a clinician (MD) and two nurse practitioners.

The DOH has been reducing hours for direct clinical services. They are responsible for hiring and deploying the employees, but are not filling vacancies; positions are eliminated when staff members depart. The north-east sector of the state, where Los Alamos is located, has only one nurse in Santa Rosa, three in Las Vegas, two in Espanola. There are none in Los Alamos County or in Santa Fe. Currently there is no clinician for the quadrant.

Cunningham believes the current New Mexico administration's policy is to encourage privatization rather than maintain public services. But there is no transparency in implementing the policy. The DOH website says the Los Alamos office is open M-F from 8-5 except from 12-1. In truth it has been closed since September 13, 2016.

The county had an agreement whereby they paid \$50,000 annually for the office space and the DOH supplied the staff. The department cancelled the agreement on February 9. Now the county must still provide office space, but there is no staff. DOH says they are trying to hire a nurse to visit once a week and a clinician to come once a month. In reality, Cunningham says, there is no such effort.

Cunningham asserted that there is great need for the services she provided in Los Alamos. A secretary at the schools makes only \$23,000 a year. LANL has recently hired 900 new employees; not all are highly paid staff members. Non-profit health care providers such as El

Centro and La Familia have no presence here. The Public Health Office was one of the few resources accessible to all. They offered family planning, free condoms, counseling for victims of abuse, and drive-up services for the mobility impaired.

A partial solution would be for the county and/or LAPS to set up a school-based health center to offer the immunizations required before school as well as counselors for teenagers and other medical services for children. The only providers in the county at present are the Children's Health Clinic, "which is swamped," according to Cunningham, and Dr. Krohn.

The LWVLA board has agreed to write to the County Council to express our support for action to assure that every resident has access to affordable health care services.

Barbara Calef

Observer Corps Reports

County Council

At the County Council meeting on February 14, a citizen petition brought by Vernon Kerr requested that a columbarium be built at Guaje Pines Cemetery. A columbarium is an above-ground structure to hold cremation remains. It saves on ground space and is less expensive. The council was very receptive to this petition, and asked the county staff to bring back estimates in time for the upcoming budget sessions.

At this same session, Councilor Reiss reported on a meeting between councilors, county staff and the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) regarding the curtailing of the hours at our Public Health Office (PHO). This office has been effectively closed since last September as reported by Andrea Cunningham at our Lunch with a Leader on February 21 (see report in this issue). DOH cancelled the agreement in which our county provides the clinic space for the PHO, which is currently across the street from the High School. Reiss said that he expressed his displeasure to DOH, but that the burden

seems to have been shifted to the county if any of these services are to be continued. The county staff will be investigating other avenues to provide the lost services. The League is very concerned for our teens, our children, and all county citizens.

The White Rock Senior Center, Activity Hall, and Town Hall renovations are all complete; they are open, and the senior center kitchen is offering meal service. This was one more project called for by the White Rock Master Plan Implementation Committee that has been successfully completed.

Lynn Jones

Program Planning for 2017-2018

There was a wide-ranging discussion at the program-planning meeting on February 6. The group agreed that the Environment and Sustainable Water positions needed to be updated following recent County Council and BPU actions. In response to a query by Akkana Peck, Lynn Jones offered to provide clarification to the Medically Indigent Fund position and also to investigate the current nature of the fund. Her findings follow this article.

LWVLA needs a volunteer to report on the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Now that the Comprehensive Plan has been adopted, the next major step will be to revise the Development Code.

We also discussed program for LWVNM. Akkana would like to amend the state health care position to include a demand for transparency and, specifically, to oppose surprise billing.

Last year I offered to lead a local study of the potential transfer of federal public land to local or state government. It did not happen, but I now propose instead to lead a state study with Judy Williams from LWVSFC.

Barbara Calef

The LAC Medically Indigent Fund

At the Program Planning meeting I volunteered to look into what exactly the Indigent Fund is. Most of us had a conceptual idea of what this fund is, but we needed to be able to concisely state it. I looked at the County website and went to the 'Services' tab at the top, and then to the 'Healthcare Assistance (Indigent) Program' (HCAP) menu item. The website clearly explains the county's HCAP program. It appeared that the Indigent Fund probably is funded by the HCAP program, but I made an appointment with Kim Gabaldon, our Social Services manager, to verify this and expand on my understanding.

The Indigent Fund does indeed fund the HCAP program. The fund source is referred to as the county's "second 1/8 GRT." The math gets problematical (and actually doesn't work out), but basically the state takes $\frac{3}{4}$ of our fund for a state fund that pays for indigent care at hospitals across the state. The money taken from Los Alamos is more than the amount of money returned to Los Alamos Medical Center (LAMC). Previously, our Indigent Fund reimbursed LAMC directly for indigent care (also our Medicaid portion), but now the state demands this money and pools it for its own dispersal. So, in effect, Los Alamos is supporting other hospitals in other counties. In addition, the county pays for higher Medicaid costs and that gets too complicated to follow, but it ends up with our county having indigent/Medicaid expenses that are 125% of the 1/8 GRT, and that excess is funded out of the county's General Fund.

Lynn Jones

Annual Meeting

Following Lunch with a Leader on April 18, we will hold our Annual Meeting. It will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 2:30. At that time we will review our positions, decide on the program for the following year, approve the budget, and elect a new board. Please mark your calendars!

Agenda

1:00 p.m. Business Meeting begins

Minutes of the 2016 Meeting (see July 2016 Update)

President's Report

Membership Report

Treasurer's Report

Adoption of Bylaws Changes

Adoption of Local Program (positions, studies, plans for action)

Adoption of the 2017-19 Budget

Election of Officers and Directors

Please bring this newsletter to the meeting! And bring your checkbook or mail your dues in the enclosed envelope.

Dues for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, which begins May 1, will be accepted beginning April 1. Please fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter. Remember that if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to our Education Fund, you must write a separate check!

Bylaws Amendments to change status to 501(c)(3); and to allow for the election of "Co-Presidents"

LWVLA is now qualified as tax exempt under 501(c)(4) as a "social welfare" organization. Our League also has an Education Fund, which is

qualified as tax exempt under 501(c)(3). The board has voted to convert entirely to 501(c)(3) status for the following reasons.

1. Contributions and member dues are deductible for donors and members of a 501(c)(3) organization, provided that the contributor/member does not receive anything of value in return and the contribution or dues are not specifically designated for use by the recipient for lobbying expenditures. Neither contributions nor dues are deductible for donors and members of a 501(c)(4) organization.
2. A single general fund would simplify the treasurer's job.
3. A 501(c)(4) organization can support or oppose candidates for elected office and political parties, while a 501(c)(3) organization cannot. However, LWV rules prohibit this kind of political activity.

A major difference between the two categories is that a 501(c)(3) organization's lobbying activities cannot constitute a "substantial part" of its overall activities. "Substantial" in our case would mean spending more than 20% of our budget for combined lobbying activities and more than the 5% limit for grass roots lobbying activities. This would not affect our activities since our lobbying is done by volunteers.

Conversion entails reformatting our Bylaws as Articles of Incorporation and adoption of the specific wording underlined in Articles I, II, III, and XIII of the following document. These changes must be approved by League members at the Annual Meeting in order to proceed.

Words in brackets will be deleted and underlined words will be added if adopted at the Annual meeting

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION OF THE LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ALAMOS,
NEW MEXICO, INCORPORATED**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the Corporation is The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos, New Mexico, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to in these Articles as LWV/LA. This local League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Incorporated.

ARTICLE II. DURATION

The period of duration is in perpetuity.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1. PURPOSE

The purpose for which LWV/LA is organized is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.

The LWV/LA is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the LWV/LA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the LWV/LA shall be attempting to influence legislation.

Section 2. POLICY

The LWV/LA may take action on local governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY

Section 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

The membership of the LWV/LA shall be composed of Voting Members and Associate Members.

A. Voting members shall be persons at least 16 years of age.

B. Associate Members shall be all other members.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. NUMBER, MANNER OF SELECTION, AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the League and not more than eight directors to be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting. Directors shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve one year or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS

No person shall be elected or appointed, or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this organization unless that person is a voting member in the LWV/LA.

Section 3. VACANCIES

Any vacancy existing in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death, or disqualification of an officer or elected member, may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors. Any officer who misses three consecutive board meetings may be removed by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 4. POWERS AND DUTIES

The Board of Directors shall have full charge of the property and business of the corporation, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership. It shall plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the program as adopted by the National Convention, the State Convention, and the Annual Meeting. The Board

shall create and designate such special committees as it may deem necessary.

Section 5. MEETINGS

There shall be at least nine regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of a majority of the Board. When an urgent decision must be made by the Board between regular meetings, the President may call and/or e-mail the members of the Board. Board members must be given full information about the issue to be decided and sufficient time to share opinions before the final decision is given. A quorum of the Board must respond. The emergency decision must be presented to the next regular meeting for ratification.

Section 6. QUORUM

A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. ENUMERATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the LWV/LA shall be a President, a First Vice President/President-Elect, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The office of the President may be held by more than one individual simultaneously. They would be referred to as Co-Presidents.

The office of President shall be filled by the advancement of the First Vice-President/President-Elect at the beginning of the fiscal year. The other officers: First Vice President/President-Elect, Second Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected for terms of one year at the annual meeting. They shall take office at the beginning of the fiscal year and shall serve one year until their successors shall have been elected and qualified. In the absence or disability of the President, the Executive Committee shall possess all the powers and perform the duties of that office until that office is filled.

Section 2. THE PRESIDENT OR CO-PRESIDENTS

The President or Co-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and of the Board of Directors. The President or Co-Presidents may, in the absence or disability of the Treasurer, sign or endorse checks, drafts, and notes. The President or Co-Presidents shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President or Co-Presidents shall have such usual powers of supervision and management as may pertain to the office of President and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board.

Section 3. THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

The Vice Presidents shall perform such duties as the President or Co-Presidents and Board may designate. The two Vice Presidents, in the order of their rank, shall in the event of absence, disability or death of the President or Co-Presidents, possess all of the powers and perform all the duties of the presidency until such time as the Board of Directors shall select one of its members, or a former President to fill the vacancy in the office of President. In the event of the resignation, disability or death of the First Vice President/President-Elect, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Before the office holder may succeed to the presidency at the next annual meeting, that name shall be submitted, with those of the other nominees for office, to the membership for vote.

Section 4. THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall sign, with the President, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board and shall perform other such functions as may be incident to the office.

Section 5. THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall collect and receive all money due; shall be custodian of the moneys, shall deposit them in financial institutions designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the

same in accordance with the budget. The Treasurer shall present statements to the Board at their regular meetings and an annual report at Annual Meeting.

Section 6. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall be composed of five members of the Board designated by the board. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of LWV/LA shall be from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.

Section 2. DUES

Annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at Annual Meeting or other membership meeting, provided notification of the proposed dues was given to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the meeting.

Dues shall be collected during April for the upcoming fiscal year and are delinquent on September 30. No one whose payment is delinquent will be carried on the membership rolls.

The initial payment may be made at any time. New members who join after September 30 will not be required to pay dues for the following fiscal year.

Section 3. BUDGET

A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors to the Annual Meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 4. BUDGET COMMITTEE

A Budget Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual

Meeting. The Treasurer shall not be eligible to serve as chairman of the committee.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

There shall be at least three meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. ANNUAL MEETING

The exact date of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting shall:

- A. Adopt a Local Program for the ensuing year
- B. Elect officers, directors, and two members of the Nominating Committee
- C. Adopt an adequate budget
- D. Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Section 3. QUORUM

Fifteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all membership meetings of the LWV/LA.

ARTICLE IX. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of ~~three~~ two members, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors. ~~Two members, including the chair, shall not be on the Board of Directors and shall be elected at Annual Meeting.~~ Nominations for these offices shall be made by the current Nominating Committee. ~~The other member shall be appointed by the Board not later than December of the same year.~~ Any vacancy in the Nominating Committee shall be filled by the Board ~~always taking care to maintain two non-Board members and one Board member on the committee~~. Suggestions for nominations for officers and directors may be sent to this committee by any voting member.

Section 2. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

The report of the Nominating Committee of its nominations for officers, directors, and members of the succeeding Nominating Committee shall be sent to all members one month before the date of the Annual Meeting. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be presented to the Annual Meeting. Immediately following this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 3. ELECTIONS

The election shall be by ballot, except that when there is but one nominee for each office, a voice vote will suffice. A majority of those present qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election.

ARTICLE X. PROGRAM

Section 1. AUTHORIZATION

The governmental principles adopted by the National Convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for adoption of a program.

Section 2. PROGRAM

The Program of the LWV/LA shall consist of:
Action to promote the League's positions, and
Those local government issues chosen for study and action, and
Education of the public.

Section 3. ACTION BY THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting shall determine the program using the following procedures:

The Board of Directors shall consider the suggestions sent in by the voting members two months prior to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a recommended program. A suggestion not included in the recommended program shall be recorded as a non-recommended item.

The recommended program shall be sent to all members one month before the Annual Meeting.

A majority vote of voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting shall be required for adoption of subjects in the recommended program as presented to the members at the Annual Meeting by the Board of Directors.

Voting members at the annual meeting may order consideration of non-recommended items by a majority vote. The annual meeting shall adopt such items by a two-thirds vote.

Section 4. EMERGENCY PROGRAM CHANGES

If, during the course of the year, the Board determines that a program item needs to be added, changed, or deleted, that may be done using the following procedures:

The Board of Directors shall formulate the necessary change at a regular meeting of the Board. A motion to adopt the change shall require a 2/3 vote of the Board members present.

Notice of the proposed change shall be sent to all members by e-mail or surface mail.

At least 20% of the members must respond within one month, and a two-thirds vote of those members shall be required for adoption of the proposed program change.

Section 5. MEMBER ACTION

Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the appropriate Board of Directors.

Section 6. LOCAL LEAGUE ACTION

The LWV/LA may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to, the position taken by the League of Women Voters of the United States as stated in its program and principles and with the position of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Inc.

ARTICLE XI. NATIONAL CONVENTION, STATE CONVENTION, AND STATE COUNCIL

Section 1. NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Board of Directors shall select delegates to the Convention in the number allotted the

LWV/LA under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States. These delegates must be selected at a meeting before the date on which names of delegates must be sent to the national office.

Section 2. STATE CONVENTION

The membership shall be asked to recommend candidates for the convention delegates to the Board of Directors in each convention year. The Board, in a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted the LWV/LA under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Inc.

Section 3. STATE COUNCIL

The membership shall be asked to recommend candidates for the council delegates to the Board of Directors in each council year. The Board, in a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the state office, shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted the LWV/LA under the provisions of the bylaws of the League of Women Voters of New Mexico, Inc.

ARTICLE XV. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the corporation in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the Annual Meeting or other membership meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE XIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the merger or dissolution of the LWV/LA for any reason, all money and

securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the LWV/LA shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the LWV/LA and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of the these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established it tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions.

These restated Articles of Incorporation correctly set forth the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation as amended; they have been duly approved as required by law and they supersede the original Articles of Incorporation and all amendments thereto.

Signatures

LWV Los Alamos Positions with Proposed Changes

At the Annual Meeting members will be asked to re-adopt our local League positions. The board has suggested updates to the Environment and Sustainable Water positions and a clarification of the medically Indigent Fund position as indicated by crossed out and underlined words.

SUSTAINABILITY (Adopted 1995; Revised 1997, 2004, 2008, 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos endorses the concept of a sustainable society as a preamble for all of its current and new positions. We define a sustainable society as one that satisfies its own needs without jeopardizing the prospects of future generations. We aspire to make our society more sustainable by preserving and respecting its interdependence with the natural world. A sustainable society protects nature. Our society should offer all individuals a clean environment including pure water, unpolluted air, and sufficient sources of renewable energy to provide for their physical needs. Our society should distribute scarce resources equitably so that conflicts over them are minimized. Every working person should be paid a living wage.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (Adopted 1965; Revised 1991, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that public transportation is an essential element of a sustainable society in so far as it conserves natural resources and decreases pollution. Public transportation is also important economically and socially as an alternative to the current norm of one commuter per car. Public transportation can benefit all citizens including workers, students, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public transportation should be affordable, convenient and reliable. The County should extend the existing County system and continue to subsidize and support the expansion of the regional system.

In order to sustain clean air and healthy ways of living, an emphasis should be placed on developing infrastructure to encourage pedestrians and cyclists. Land use decisions should support this emphasis by promoting higher density mixed-use development.

ENVIRONMENT (Adopted 2012, Revised 2014)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that our natural environment is integral to our community's unique sense of place and to our well-being and prosperity.

We support protection of this environment, including the canyons and other open space, vistas, wildlife habitat, and dark skies.

To improve ecosystem health and community livability, we support wherever possible "Green Infrastructure." EPA defines this as "... an array of products, technologies, and practices that use natural systems – or engineered systems that mimic natural processes – to enhance overall environmental quality.... Green Infrastructure techniques use soils and vegetation to infiltrate, evapotranspire, and/or recycle storm water runoff."

Further Guidelines

The LWVLA supports ~~{final review, adoption and implementation of the current draft }~~ the implementation of the Open Space Management Plan, which develops a system of designated open space to protect scenic vistas and memorable landscapes; recreational, natural and cultural resources; and significant wildlife corridors and habitats.

We support adoption of a Rendija Canyon master plan that reserves the transfer land for recreational uses only.

We support adoption of a storm water management plan that employs green infrastructure strategies, such as infiltration planters, vegetated swales, tree boxes, and rain gardens.

We support adding green spaces in the downtown with landscaped road edges, medians, parking lots, and pocket parks.

We support limiting the use of herbicides in open space areas, as well as along roadsides where mowing and planting native grasses can be as effective.

We support a policy of zero increase in run-off beyond the natural rate for commercial and private property.

We support implementation of all ~~[goals]~~ the policies in the Protect the Environment section of the LAC Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Council in 2005.

We support implementation of the goals in the Open Space section of the LAC Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Council in 2016. Execution of the actions suggested in Further Guidelines will improve the quality of our air and water.

SUSTAINABLE WATER (Adopted 2009; Revised 2012, 2014)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos (LWVLA) believes that the goal of our county should be to use no more water than can be produced from our aquifer without depleting it. In order to achieve this goal, decisions about growth must consider water use. Even with the current population in Los Alamos, conservation is essential.

For the sake of the public welfare, the County should be guided in all decisions by the following policies:

- Encourage conservation and efficiency of use.
- Preserve riparian ecosystems and wetlands.
- Preserve public lands, water, and open space.

Execution of the actions suggested in Further Guidelines will improve the quality of our air and water.

Further Guidelines

To reduce per capita consumption, we support:

- economic incentives,

- codification of standards for all new construction,
- encouraging conservation practices for existing homes.

We support the County's efforts to apply water efficiency standards in new construction, to reduce leaks, and to irrigate the parks with wastewater effluent. The Department of Public Utilities (DPU) should educate consumers about best irrigation practices, including how to use gray water, and should provide economic incentives to conserve. ~~[Although it might reduce the cost of production, we do not support prescribed watering days as a water conservation measure.]~~ We ~~[do recommend implementing an]~~ do support the inclined block rate ordinance.

Residential conservation and vigilance on the part of the DPU will not suffice to achieve sustainability. The LWVLA advocates:

- requiring growth or development to be compatible with the availability of water for the indefinite future without requiring the diversion of the San Juan-Chama water;
- careful monitoring and continuing study of the aquifer;
- increased efforts by the County to participate in and assure that regional and state plans are sustainable;
- engaging the public in the water budget process.

The LWVLA recommends that the County ~~[take any necessary action]~~ continue to maintain its quota of San Juan-Chama water until a decision is made to build the infrastructure needed to utilize it, and that any plans for use of the water be designed to minimize the impact on White Rock Canyon.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING (Adopted 1996; Revised 2003, 2008)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing in the county. LWV Los Alamos believes that affordable housing units should be integrated into neighborhoods throughout Los Alamos County. New

developments should have a mix of market-rate and affordable units.

We acknowledge that some type of subsidy by the county is required to achieve affordable prices.

Effective methods to keep these units affordable when they are resold must be in place if we are to retain a stock of affordable housing. For instance, land provided as a subsidy could be retained in a trust

FULLER LODGE (Adopted 1992, Revised 2004)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that Fuller Lodge should be used primarily for civic and cultural activities. Activities not open to the general public should be charged at a rate comparable to that charged by local businesses for equivalent space. Activities open to the general public should be charged at a lower rate.

The County should continue to be responsible for the maintenance, restoration, and protection of the Lodge

MEDICALLY INDIGENT FUND (Adopted 1988; Revised 2004, 2008)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos supports the County ordinance establishing the Indigent Health Care Fund, which funds the county's Health Care Assistance Program through designated GRT monies. Desirable features of such an ordinance include:

1. A limit for the amount of reimbursement.
2. Provisions for changes in this limit because of changing medical costs or demands on the fund.
3. Possible reimbursement of costs beyond hospital and ambulance services.
4. Consideration of for-profit health care providers, but with non-profit facilities given first consideration.

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION: RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS (adopted Oct. 31, 2013)

LWVLA supports the development of residential neighborhoods that are sustainable and livable. To achieve those goals, we believe that new and redeveloped neighborhoods should be designed to minimize sprawl and impact on the natural environment. Neighborhoods should support a diverse population with inviting streets and public spaces as well as access to public transportation.

Further Guidelines:

1. Where to build (efficient use of land that minimizes sprawl)

- Neighborhoods near the downtown should be compact.
- New development should not consume or fragment important natural habitats or wildlife corridors; it should be avoided on steep slopes or in canyons.
- Redevelopment of "brownfields" and infill are preferred over new development in pristine landscapes. However, existing small neighborhood parks should be maintained or enhanced to reflect the unique character of the neighborhood.
- Neighborhoods should be situated along available public transit lines and within easy access of daily activities.

2. What to build (neighborhood pattern/design)

- Cluster homes to make transit more viable and to create walkable neighborhoods.
- Design streets and pathways for safe and pleasant walking/biking within neighborhood.
- Include a range of housing types/sizes to support diverse neighborhood population; include a mix of affordable housing within each neighborhood.
- Encourage ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) designs in individual homes to accommodate all ages and abilities.
- Encourage the preservation of the positive character/architecture unique to each neighborhood.
- The developer should include quality parks, trails, and public spaces within each neighborhood; the option of allowing

payment in lieu of parks provision should be restricted.

3. How to build (how to manage environmental impacts)

- Reduce storm water runoff and eliminate pollution sources.
- Emphasize energy and water efficiency of streets and buildings; plan orientation of buildings to optimize solar gain.
- Reuse older buildings to reduce energy and resource use as appropriate.
- Encourage building materials that support high indoor air quality and are sourced sustainably.
- Encourage appropriate landscaping based on native and xeric plants; create a streetscape with shade trees appropriate for our climate.
- Minimize light pollution

EDUCATION (Adopted 2015)

The League of Women Voters of Los Alamos believes that a strong, collaborative relationship between K-12 education leaders and citizens must exist in order for the school district to successfully deliver education services meeting community standards. This belief is consistent with the League of Women Voters expectations for the relationship between citizens and all government entities.

As an elected body, the School Board should actively solicit and weigh heavily community input when making strategic planning and funding decisions. In order for citizens to provide educated and meaningful feedback, they need to be involved in the strategic planning process and have access to information about the district's direction, the issues it faces, and its financial situation.

The strategic plan describes how the School Board addresses the needs of the children, including but not limited to academic goals, class size, enrichment programs (i.e., art, music, and athletics), vocational training, special education, and counseling. The strategic plan also discusses the facilities plans, enrollment trends, current financial budget, 5-year financial forecast,

community involvement plan, and public communication plan.

In order for the School Board to solicit and incorporate community input into their strategic planning and annual budgeting processes, communication mechanisms need to be created and maintained as an essential part of the board's business activities. Examples of communication mechanisms that achieve this objective are: community surveys; a formal strategic planning process that incorporates citizen input; an Open Forum-type online feedback service; Facebook and other social media; and smaller district meetings between school board members and constituents.

In order for the community to learn about and participate in strategic planning and funding decisions, the School Board needs to routinely provide relevant information to the public as a normal part of the board's business activities. That information would include: issues, options and data provided in advance of decision making deadlines; reporting on decisions made; and access to key policy documents like budgets and the strategic plan. The LAPS website should be the board's primary communication vehicle. To be effective, it needs to have the following characteristics: easily found, accessible 24x7, and possessing a robust search capability. Examples of other communication mechanisms that can be utilized include: broadcasting board meetings on PAC 8; sending email newsletters to subscribers; using smart phone apps to share information with community members; and using local media to communicate open issues and final decisions. The information presented should be in a format that is understandable to the typical citizen, and be timely and relevant to the issues.

LWVLA Nominations for 2017-2018

Here are the nominations so far. We hope that there will be nominations from the floor. We would especially appreciate a volunteer to take over the task of formatting the monthly newsletter and sending out hard copies to those who request them. This is an off-board position.

Officers

Co-Presidents: Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland

1st Vice President: Unfilled

2nd Vice President: Unfilled

Secretary: Rosmarie Frederickson

Treasurer: Kathleen Taylor

Directors

Reservations: Amy Birnbaum

Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster

Membership: Becky Shankland

Directors-at-Large: Tarin Nix and Akkana Peck

BPU Observer: Julie Williams-Hill

Publicity: Jody Benson

Voter Services: Lynn Jones

Off-board Directors

Arrangements: Mary Van Eeckhout

Fundraising: Suzie Havemann

Newsletter: Kathleen Taylor

Nominating Committee: Carroll Thomas, Chair

County Council Observer: Lynn Jones

Webmaster: Julie Williams-Hill

Assistant Webmaster: Barbara Lemmick

Social Media: Julie Williams-Hill

Submitted by Carroll Thomas, Nominations
Chair

League of Women Voters Membership Roster, April 2017

Asterisks indicate recent new members. We hope to welcome you at our upcoming meetings and we're grateful for your support!

Lew Agnew
Marge Agnew
*Rosemary Alme
*McIlwaine (Waine) Archer
Karyl Ann Armbruster
*Virginia (Ginny) Bell
Jody Benson
George Best
Ann Beyer
Amy Birnbaum
Ed Birnbaum
Wendee Brunish
Barbara Calef
Christine Chandler
George Chandler
Jill Forman
Paul Frederickson
Rosmarie Frederickson
Stephanie Garcia Richard
Janet Gerwin
Suzie Havemann
Jeri Hertzman
Jeffrey Howell
Lynn Jones
Mark Jones
*Yvonne Keller
Naishing Key
Barbara Lemmick
Judy Machen
Don Machen
*Jennifer Macke
Michael McKay
Nikolajs Mezins (32)
*Diann Mills
*J.J. (Jeannette) Mortensen
Tarin Nix
Anne Nobile
Dave North
Susan O'Leary

Akkana Peck
*Antonio Redondo
*Shelby Redondo
*Dotty Reilly
Eduardo Santiago
Nancy Savoia
Richard Sayre
Becky Shankland
Tom Shankland
Pete Sheehey
Jane Sherwood
Carol Smith
Helene Suydam
Kathy Taylor
George Taylor
Carroll Thomas
Joe Thompson
Lois Thompson
Mary Van Eeckhout
*Alahna Weller
Kyle Wheeler
Mike Wheeler
Helena Whyte
Julie Williams-Hill
Ginger Young
Gale Zander Barlow

New Member Profiles: We hope to introduce our new members in upcoming Updates. Here's Jeannette Mortensen:

Jeannette graduated from Penn State with degrees in science and writing. After working in Washington, DC, where she met Lab Director Harold Agnew, she came to Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory in 1974 to work as a technical writer and editor "for a couple of years." Instead, she married and stayed for decades. While working as a manager at the Laboratory, she earned an MBA from UNM. Now retired, she has been a volunteer and a part-time employee at the White Rock Visitor Center. She decided to join LWV during the recent presidential campaign and hopes to be a more "anxious, jealous guardian" of our country's democracy.

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos						
	Adopted FY17 Budget 5/1/2016 to 4/30/2017		Proposed FY18 Budget 5/1/2017 to 4/30/2018		Proposed FY19 Budget 5/1/2018 to 4/30/2019	
	General	Ed Fund	General	Ed Fund	General	Ed Fund
EXPENSE						
A. Administration						
1. President's Funds	\$40.00		\$40.00		\$40.00	
2. Secretary						
3. Treasurer	\$30.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
4. Board tools	\$25.00		\$25.00		\$25.00	
5. Communications						
a. Newsletter	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
b. Webpage			\$200.00			
6. Other Administrative						
c. Refreshments			\$25.00		\$25.00	
d. Travel			\$25.00		\$25.00	
e. Mailbox			\$105.00		\$110.00	
f. Miscellaneous	\$85.00		\$900.00		\$40.00	
Total Administration	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$1520.00	\$0.00	\$465.00	\$0.00
B. Per Member Payment (PMP)						
1. State	\$695.50		\$700.00		\$700.00	
2. National	\$1712.00		\$1,800.00		\$1,800.00	
Total PMP	\$2,407.50	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
C. Committees						
1. Fundraising	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
2. Membership						
3. Lunch with a Leader	\$150.00		\$200.00		\$200.00	
4. Arrangements	\$50.00		\$25.00		\$25.00	
Total Committees	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
D. Position Support						
1. National	\$20.00		\$20.00		\$20.00	
2. State	\$20.00		\$20.00		\$20.00	
3. Local	\$20.00		\$20.00		\$20.00	
Total Position Support	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
E. Convention, Council, & other travel						
1. National Convention	\$1990.00		\$500.00		\$3,000.00	
2. State Council	\$40.00		\$40.00		\$40.00	
3. State Convention			\$450.00			
4. LWVLA Annual Meeting			\$150.00		\$150.00	
Total Travel	\$2030.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$3,190.00	\$0.00
F. Program						
1. Voters' Services	\$100.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$150.00		\$3,000.00
2. Sustainability		\$300.00		\$50.00		\$50.00
3. Local Government				\$50.00		\$50.00

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	General	Ed Fund	General	Ed Fund	General	Ed Fund
4. Land Use		\$300.00				
5. Transfer Federal Lands	\$150.00					
6. Other Program						
Total Program	\$250.00	\$3,400.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00
G. Other						
1. Ed Fund pass-through						
2. Memorials						
3. LWVNM state convention						\$500.00
Total Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,327.50	\$3,400.00	\$5,595.00	\$250.00	\$6,540.00	\$3,600.00
INCOME						
A. Dues						
1. Regular	\$1800.00		\$2,205.00		\$2,205.00	
2. Sustaining	\$675.00		\$675.00		\$675.00	
3. Household	\$260.00		\$325.00		\$325.00	
4. Household Sustaining	\$665.00		\$665.00		\$665.00	
Total Dues	\$3400.00	\$0.00	\$3,870.00	\$0.00	\$3,870.00	\$0.00
B. Contributions						
1. Members	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$225.00	\$100.00	\$700.00	\$500.00
2. Non-members	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$700.00
3. Businesses		\$500.00			\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Contributions	\$800.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,025.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00
C. Miscellaneous						
1. Ed Fund Reimbursement		\$1,300.00				
2. LWVNM convention					\$100.00	
3. Interest	\$1.00		\$1.00		\$1.00	
4. Forum partners	\$150.00		\$150.00		\$150.00	
Total Miscellaneous	\$151.00	\$1,300.00	\$151.00		\$251.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,352.00	\$3,400.00	\$5,046.00	\$800.00	\$6,121.00	\$1,700.00
INCOME-EXPENSES	(\$975.50)	\$0.00	(\$549.00)	\$550.00	\$419.00	(\$1,900.00)



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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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P.O. Box 158
Los Alamos, NM 87544

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Check here if you are willing to receive our local newsletter Update as an electronic file, saving us postage.

Check here if you wish to receive friendly reminders of upcoming events by e-mail.

Membership Categories

Single membership: \$45

Household membership (two+ people at the same address): \$65

Single Sustaining membership: \$75

Household Sustaining membership (two+ people at the same address): \$95

Note: Membership checks should be payable to LWV-Los Alamos

Additional ways to support the local League

Unrestricted contribution (not tax deductible): \$ _____

LWV Education Fund (tax deductible): \$ _____

Note: Checks for tax-deductible contributions must be payable to LWVLA Education Fund and not combined with any other payments.

Interests (check as many as apply)

- One-time activities (unit meetings, fund-drive mailings, etc.)
Affordable Housing
Budget, Finances
Elections
Water Issues
Land Use
Local Government
Health Care
Money in Politics
Website, social media
Other (please suggest)
Education
Living Wage
Voting Rights/Voter Services
Sustainability
Public Transportation
Public Relations
Newsletter
Membership
Not sure (I just support LWV)

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