

# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS<sup>®</sup> OF NAPA COUNTY

Please Join Us at

**LWVNAPA'S 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCH**

**For League Members & Their Guests**

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

**10:00am–12:30pm: Annual Meeting**

**12:30–1:00pm: Light Lunch & Social**



**Native Sons Hall, 937 Coombs Street, Napa**

*RSVP at [LWVNapa.com/annualmeeting](https://LWVNapa.com/annualmeeting)*

## **AGENDA**

**9:45–10:00am: Check In & Mingle; Coffee/Tea, Pastries/Fruit**

**10:00–10:05am: Welcome & Call to Order**

*Sheri Thomas, President*

**10:05–10:30am: Rules & Procedures**

*Yolanda Schonbrun, Vice President*

Appointment of Parliamentarian

Credentials Report

Appointment of Committee to Read & Approve  
2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Adoption of Order of Business (per agenda, pp. 1–2)

Adoption of Rules & Procedures (pp. 2–3)

**10:30–10:45am: Financial Reports**

*Kim Farmer, Treasurer*

Discussion of YTD Treasurer's Report (p. 4)

Discussion & Vote to Adopt Proposed Budget for 2024–2025 (p.5)

**AGENDA, continued**

**10:45–11:00am: Proposed Issues for Emphasis (Program) for 2024–2025**

*Yolanda Schonbrun, Vice President*

Review of Current Issues for Emphasis

Discussion & Vote to Adopt Issues for Emphasis 2024–2025 (p. 3)

**11:00–11:05am: Introduction of Guest Speaker (p. 6)**

*Bernadette Brooks, Secretary*

**11:05–11:35am: Mindy Romero, Ph.D., Guest Speaker**

“Youth Voter Messaging in an Inequitable Outreach & Information Landscape: Strategies for the 2024 Election

**11:35–11:45am: Q&A**

**11:45am–12:00pm: Break**

**12:00–12:15pm: President’s Annual Message**

*Sheri Thomas, President*

**12:15–12:25pm: Report of Board Nominations Committee (p. 6)**

*Linda Dietiker-Yolo, Nominations Committee Chair*

Other Nominations from the Floor (p. 3)

Vote to Elect Officers & Directors for 2024–2025 & 2026

Vote to Elect Nominating Committee for 2024–2025

**12:25–12:30pm: Directions to New Board Members**

**12:30pm: Meeting Adjourned**

*Sheri Thomas, President*

**12:30–1:00pm: Light Lunch & Social**

**PROPOSED RULES & PROCEDURES**

**Speakers from the Floor**

Speakers will state their name and whether a member or nonmember, indicate the subject, and speak no longer than three (3) minutes. No one should speak twice to a question until everyone who wishes to speak has had an opportunity to do so.

**Voting Procedures**

Voting will proceed in the following manner according to Roberts Rules: (1) the chair calls for a motion, (2) a second is made, (3) discussion occurs, and (4) the chair closes discussion, repeats the motion, and calls for a vote.

**Required Votes**

Voting on all matters, except as noted, requires a majority (50%+1) vote of the members present. Members are those whose annual dues have been active within the past three months. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership (12 members) shall constitute a quorum.

## PROPOSED RULES & PROCEDURES, *continued*

### Adopting Local Issues for Emphasis

A local League's Issues for Emphasis consists of issues chosen annually with a focus on education and action. LWVNapa also continues to work on other community concerns.

After the local issues by the board have been presented, members may propose other issues for consideration. Please email proposals to [LWVNapa@gmail.com](mailto:LWVNapa@gmail.com) at least 24 hours before the meeting begins. Issues must be presented for discussion before voting takes place. A majority (50%+1) vote is needed to adopt items recommended by the board.

A three-fifths (3/5) vote is required to adopt newly introduced subject areas.

### The Nomination Process

After the Nominations Committee has presented its recommended slate of Officers, Directors, and the Nominating Committee, nominations may also be made by LWVNapa members, provided that the nominee's consent is secured in advance. Please email your nomination to [LWVNapa@gmail.com](mailto:LWVNapa@gmail.com) at least 24 hours before the meeting begins. You may then introduce the nomination from the floor at the meeting.

## PROPOSED PROGRAM (ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS) FOR 2024–2025

Members attending a Program Planning meeting, chaired by Yolanda Schonbrun, proposed three local issues on which to focus in the coming year, which were subsequently accepted by the Board of Directors. Once issues are adopted, committees are formed to educate about, take action on, or advocate about the chosen subject areas.

The proposed issues for the year July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025,  
**on which members attending the Annual Meeting will be voting**, are:

**Climate Change**, focusing on climate restoration (a continuing issue)

**Voting Rights & Getting Out the Vote**, focusing on voter education in underserved and low-turnout groups (a continuing issue)

**Housing and Transportation**, focusing on revising Napa County's General Plan

LWVNapa continues to work on other community concerns, such as getting out the vote, educating voters about candidates and ballot propositions, how and where to vote, and legislative issues including climate change, housing and homelessness, and healthcare, and women's rights.

## TREASURER'S REPORT-YEAR TO DATE

July 1, 2023-April 30, 2024

	2023-24 Budget	Year to Date	April	Comments
<b>1 INCOME</b>				
2 Dues	\$4,000.00	\$1,085.00		
3 Contributions:				
4 Dues Assistance fund	\$150.00			
5 Other donations	\$1,000.00	\$1,179.00	\$500.00	Individual donation
6 Give!Guide	\$4,000.00	\$4,525.83		
7 Grants	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	Grant for Youth Civic Engagement
8 Interest	\$1.00	\$300.66	\$64.27	CD and savings
9 Total Income	\$9,150.00	\$9,590.49	\$3,064.27	
10 Transfer from savings	\$3,239.00			
11 Total Income & Transfers	\$12,389.00	\$9,590.49	\$3,064.27	
12				
<b>13 EXPENSES</b>				
14 PMP (per member payment)				
15 LWVBA	\$159.00	\$159.00		
16 LWVC	\$1,484.00	\$1,484.00		
17 LWVUS	\$1,696.00	\$1,696.00		
18 Admin/Board/Misc.				
19 PO box	\$250.00	\$248.00		
20 Bank/PayPal charges	\$100.00	\$14.68		
21 Misc board expenses/rent	\$150.00	\$123.75		
22 Website, social media	\$1,000.00	\$544.90	\$39.50	MailChimp
23 Taxes, fees & insurance	\$100.00	\$25.00		
24 Conferences & nonlocal mtgs	\$2,000.00			
25 Membership				
26 Mailings, venue, brochures	\$450.00	\$654.21		
27 Annual meeting	\$450.00	\$17.99		
28 Program/Event/Committees				
29 Edu & community events	\$500.00	\$337.76	\$35.00	Booth at Oxbow Earth Day
30 Coalition support (MLK)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	support for climate program
31 Voter Service				
32 Translations	\$1,000.00	\$75.00		
33 Forums & Misc.	\$500.00	\$159.00		
34 Pros&Cons/VE/EVG mat's	\$1,600.00	\$504.70	\$92.50	Easy Voter Guide printing
35 Registration drives	\$100.00			
36 GiveGuide	\$300.00	\$400.00		
37 Advocacy	\$50.00			
38 Total Expenses	\$12,389.00	\$6,943.99	\$667.00	
39 Income&Transfers/Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,646.50	\$2,397.27	
Dues Assistance balance at beginning of FY		\$608.00		
Plus contributions to fund in this FY:		\$0.00		
Minus scholarships this FY:		\$126.00		
Balance in Dues Assistance today:		\$482.00		
Balance at beginning of Fiscal Year, 7/1/23:		\$28,539.29		
Plus Income this year:	\$9,590.49			
Minus Expenses this year:	\$6,943.99			
Balance at end of month:		\$31,185.79		

  

Account Balances	
Umpqua Checking:	\$ 11,356.40
Umpqua Savings:	\$ 4,529.78
CD:	\$ 15,299.61
PayPal:	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts:</b>	<b>\$31,185.79</b>

**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025**

	2023-2024 Budget	PROPOSED	Comments
1 <b>INCOME</b>			
2 Dues	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	
3 Contributions:			
4 Other donations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
5 Give!Guide	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
6 Grant: Youth Civics Engage.	\$0.00		\$2,500 received 23-24. Unknown if more will come
7 Interest	\$1.00	\$600.00	CD makes more interest.
8 Total Income	\$9,000.00	\$6,600.00	
9 Transfer from savings/grant	\$3,239.00	\$9,576.00	
10 Total Income & Transfers	\$12,239.00	\$16,176.00	
11			
12 <b>EXPENSES</b>			
13 PMP (per member payment)	LWVUS begins a new membership system next year. Aug 2025 will be our last PMP payment.		
14 LWVBA	\$159.00	\$156.00	52 x \$3 = \$156
15 LWVC	\$1,484.00	\$1,456.00	52 x \$28 = \$1,456
16 LWVUS	\$1,696.00	\$1,664.00	52 x \$32 = \$1,664
17 Admin/Board/Misc.			
18 PO box	\$250.00	\$280.00	
19 Bank/PayPal charges	\$100.00	\$120.00	
20 Rent to Senior Ctr.	\$100.00	\$100.00	
21 Misc. board expenses	\$50.00	\$50.00	
22 Website, social media	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
23 Taxes, fees & insurance	\$100.00	\$100.00	
24 Conferences & nonlocal mtgs	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	Expenses from '24 Nat Conf & '25 State Conf reg.
25 Membership & Programs			
26 Annual meeting	\$450.00	\$500.00	Includes printing, postage, venue, refreshments.
27 Printing and postage	\$450.00	\$450.00	All other printing & postage to members or other.
28 Edu & community events	\$500.00	\$500.00	Venue & other costs related to mtgs/events.
29 Coalition Support (e.g. MLK)	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	Support to Leagues or others we're in coalitions with.
30 Voter Service			
31 Translations	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Translators for forums.
32 Forums & Misc.	\$500.00	\$750.00	Venue and other costs related to forums.
33 Pro/Con/EVGs/Vote411	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	Mostly printed materials.
34 Youth Civic Engagement		\$3,000.00	Stipends to Youth Fellows.
35 GiveGuide	\$300.00	\$400.00	
36 Advocacy	\$50.00	\$50.00	
37 Total Expenses	\$12,289.00	\$16,176.00	
			<b>Account Balances on April 30, 2024</b>
			Umpqua Checking: \$ 11,356.40
			Umpqua Savings: \$ 4,529.78
			Umpqua CD: \$ 15,299.61
			PayPal: 0
			<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts: \$ 31,185.79</b>



### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Mindy Romero is a political sociologist and holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Davis. Her research focuses on political behavior and race/ethnicity, and seeks to explain patterns of voting and political underrepresentation, particularly among youth and communities of color in California and the United States. She is the founder and director of the Center for Inclusive Democracy, which is part of the University of Southern California's Sol Price School of Public Policy, located on USC's Sacramento campus.

In 2018, McClatchy, the news service, named Ms. Romero one of the sixty "California Influencers" in the state. She works with and lectures for a wide array of policymakers, elected officials, voter education groups, and community advocates to strengthen political participation and representation.

### PROPOSED BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee for July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024 consists of the following members: Linda Dietiker-Yolo, Chair; Ingrid Swenson, Board Member; and Chris Benz, Member at-Large.

The Nominations Committee makes the following recommendations for election to the Board of Directors to serve for the 2024–2025 & 2026 terms and to the Nominations Committee to serve for the year 2024–2025. **Titles and names of nominees are shown in purple boldface.** Greyed-out text indicates continuing board names and positions, which require no vote and are included for informational purposes only.

#### Officers

President: Sheri Thomas, continuing a term of two years, July 1, 2023–June 30, 2025

Secretary: Bernadette Brooks, continuing a term of two years, July 1, 2023– June 30, 2025

**Vice President: Yolanda Schonbrun, for a term of two years, July 1, 2024–June 30, 2026**

**Treasurer: Kim Farmer, for a term of two years, July 1, 2024–June 30, 2026**

#### At-Large Directors

Nancy Moore, continuing a term of two years, July 1, 2023–June 30, 2025

Ingrid Swenson, continuing a term of two years, July 1, 2023–June 30, 2025

**Brad Wagenknecht, for a term of one year, July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025**

#### Nominations Committee

Serving for a term of one year, July 1, 2024–June 30, 2025

**Chair: Linda Dietiker-Yolo**

**Member: Pamela Ptacek Blatt**

**Board Member:** To be appointed by the board at its first regular meeting