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It's August already and plans are coming together for the fall programs.

August 21st is our annual Women's Equality Day tea. This is an opportunity to invite friends and prospective League members to a no-cost event. We need to remember that it was men who voted to allow women to vote, so invite the men who support us, even when they are not members. Your invitation is [here](#), you will be given the street address when you RSVP.

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Our Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Santa Monica in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there

September 17th is the date for our Fall Membership Luncheon at the home of Sherrill Kushner. Sandra Lyon, new Superintendent of Santa Monica-Malibu schools, has agreed to be our speaker. Save the date and watch for your invitation.

September 19th we are sponsoring a panel discussion in the Multi-purpose room of the Main Library to discuss Redistricting and what it will mean to our communities. The full panel is not yet confirmed, but excellent speakers, those who have worked with the process, both state wide and in L.A. County, have been invited. This is an event for the entire community, so share the information with your other groups who may be interested.

Currently being formed is the local study committee for the LWVUS study of the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education. The consensus meeting will be in early November. Background materials are available [here](#).

From LWVUS

Last week, the League and its partner organizations [launched a citizens campaign](#) to protect our public health. [The Clean Air Promise](#) offers everyone in our community - the public, business leaders and elected officials - a means to come together to do something for real people and real communities. You can make the promise from the above link or from our [Facebook page](#).

From LWVC

shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWV on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

At the biannual convention in Ventura this June the League of Women Voters of California adopted an update study of the [current position](#) on Initiative and Referendum. Past LWVC president and current LWVSM Program Director, Barbara Inatsugu has been appointed to this committee. The committee is just starting to meet and consensus will not be until next year, but those interested should be in touch for forming a local study committee.

Did You Know?

September first is the start of the ban on most single use plastic bags in Santa Monica. There are several programs in place to make sure everyone has access to the reusable bags they need. Starting August 29th you are entitled to a free bag when you check out a book at the library. Multiple outlets, including all four Farmer's Markets, have exchanges where you can donate excess bags and have them available for those who don't have enough. For more locations and a full explanation of what is allowable where check out the Sustainable Santa Monica [newsletter](#).

Our Website

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

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