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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

October and we are well into our new League year. Our next major event is t consensus meeting for our national study of the **Role of the Federal Govern Public Education**. This will be held on **November 12 at 9:30a.m. in Room 1 Santa Monica College Bundy Campus**. There is lots of free parking. Backgr information for the study is available [here](#) in both a short form and longer doc is important that you review the information in preparation for the consensus.

Our last public meeting was the forum on Redistricting with an excellent panel of Janis Hirohama, immediate past president of the League of Women Voters California, Citizens Redistricting Commissioners Jeanne Raya and Peter Yao a Raphael Sonenshein, Political Science Department Chair at Cal State Fullerton. missed the meeting and would like to see how new district looks the official w www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov. An easier to use site that shows old and new di [here](#).

Just a reminder, all LWVSM memberships are due for renewal in September year. Show your support by renewing now, saving us the cost of a second ma

Initiative and Referendum

An update of our current position on the **Initiative and Referendum** process underway at LWVC. Related to this a Zocolo program, Can Direct Democracy was presented October 5, co-hosted by the League of Women Voters of Los Ar program was moderated by Trudy Schafer, Senior Program Director of LWVC. were Joel Fox, Judge Carlos Morenos, Peter Schrag and Robert Stern. Full cov video and audio recordings is available [here](#).

For more information on the study scope, process and a link to the Facebook p dedicated to the study go to the [LWVC website](#).

LWVC is now celebrating 100 years of women having the right to vote in Calif is hosting a [Facebook page](#) with both historical information and stories about c celebrations.

LWVSM celebrated at our tea on Women's Equality Day in August and received proclamation celebrating the date from our city council on October 11th.

commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there 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.



LWVSM President Joanne Leavitt and Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom

We will be participating in the celebration at the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club on October 20th and all are invited. The invitation is [here](#). For more history and information check out the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club [website](#).

Privatization of Public Services

Information on a second LWVUS study, the Privatization of Public Services is just becoming available. The Privatization Study webpage with materials, including background paper, is available on our [website](#) beginning Tuesday, October 11, Member section (under Projects and Programs, Privatization Study). An e-list is available for members to hold discussions on this topic. [Sign up for the list here](#) to be forming our local study committee soon after the first of the year so let us know if you are interested in participating.

Did You Know?

Have you often thought of a more sustainable garden or lawn but wanted something more relaxing and welcoming than white gravel and cacti? Beautiful demonstration now open at the area just south of the airport. For more information check out [Avenue Demonstration Gardens](#).

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