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LWVHC PROGRAM & ANNUAL REPORT

JUNE 19, 2020

AGENDA

LWVHC Membership Meeting

Welcome - Rachel Poller, President

Speaker - Rabbi Rachael Jackson, Agudas Israel Synagogue

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Convene Business Meeting

Appoint Parliamentarian/Quorum
Minutes of 2019 Meeting
State of the League in Henderson County
League in Action

New Business

Adoption of Proposed Budget
Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers and Directors
Adoption of Program Focus for 2019-2020
Revision and Restatement of Bylaws
Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes
Directions to the Board

Closing

Announcements

Adjourn

**LWVHC BOARD LEADERSHIP
2019-2020**

President: Rachel Poller
Vice-President: Ernie Mowell
Secretary: Nan Jennings
Treasurer: Linda Hansma
Elected Directors: Caren Kessler

Kathy Trice
Brenda Sherrer
Stan Kumor
Appointed Directors: Paul Goebel
Liz Hill
Nominating Committee:
Patti Rogers, Chair
Ruth Baldwin
Judy Hansen

STATE OF THE LEAGUE 2020 LWVHC

2019-2020 has been a productive year for LWVHC as we have worked diligently in many areas. Although the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent weeks in stay-at-home social distancing resulted in cancelling our spring programs and voter events, we have remained active and engaged from home holding all board and team meetings and zoom training sessions for members upon request. Many of us have become experts at using virtual conferencing technology platforms, and have participated in numerous LWVUS, LWVNC, and related programs which may not have otherwise been possible.

Throughout the year, we've had League letters to the editor published frequently and have supported member letter writing and phone calls to elected officials. We launched our monthly column in the Times-News Hendersonville and hope to be able to continue to inform readers about civic & league issues as the paper is changing. Via our updated website, biweekly Updates, Facebook, and in radio interviews, we promote events sponsored by LWVHC and those relevant events of other Leagues and nonpartisan organizations. We've collaborated with many community partners on our efforts.

Current membership is 120 including 3 students and 3 lifetime members. Our Board created a guidance for all team and committee chairs which outlines expectations and clarifies the supporting role of the Board. We met all requirements to now be a non-profit corporation, registered with the NC Secretary of State. In the winter of 2020, the Board sent out an Annual Appeal letter to members and met our fundraising goal. We presented Resolutions to Commemorate the 100th year of Women's Suffrage and the Centennial of the LWV at County Commissioner Board Meetings in both Henderson and Polk Counties.

Our Voter Services, Education, Immigration, Students Voting for Democracy (SVFD), ERA, Student Engagement, Observer, Home, and Diversity, Equity and

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Inclusion (DEI), Teams have all sponsored programs for community and League members alike and continue to advocate in support of vital positions. Our VOTE411 website, promoted and put

to good use in the March primary, is set for November and nationally won the Webby People's Choice Award for Best Govt and Civil Innovation Website. Throughout the year we hosted programs on Fair Districting, Climate & Energy, Civics Education in HCPS, All Things Voting, our Holiday Party, and a 3-part series on Immigration followed by a program on Due Process. The programs postponed this spring will be held during the coming year.

We won LWVUS grants for promoting high school student vote registration and for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and will put the \$ into our Sept. Student Video Contest awards, diversity programming & voter registrations. We were excited to have a number of qualified applicants among whom we chose our Francee Sherman Student Award winner. Currently, we're pursuing League volunteers for summer phone banking, upcoming voter registrations, candidate forums/meet & greets, and SVFD mock elections in every HCPS.

How are we able to do all of this? Please know that every LWFHC member is part of the team, and we are so grateful for all of your good will as well as donations of time, energy, and dollars. We couldn't do what we do without your support.

We're proud to have 3 Life Members, with 50 plus years of membership; they are **Marian Lowry, Marion Huffman, and Lee Luebbe**. Additionally, we have at least four members with over 40 years of membership: Kathy Baluha, Mary Garrison, Renee Kumor, and Mayor Barbara Volk.

And Welcome to our 3 newest members: student Emma Gilliam, Anne Hartig, and Charles Wilkinson

SPECIAL RECOGNITION, THANKS, & SHOUT OUTS:

Retiring Board Members: Linda Hansma, Stan Kumor, Kathy Trice

Team Chairs & Co-chairs: Nancy Glowacki, Caren Kessler, Lee Luebbe & Debi Miller, Linda Miller & Bettie Liebzeit, Sandra Mowell, Brenda Sherrer & Kathy Trice,

Committee Chairs: Nan Jennings, Linda Hansma, Liz Hill, Judy Katz, Ernest Mowell, Patti Rogers, Brenda Sherrer, Bertie Woods

STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE VOLUNTEERS:

Jan Allen--webmaster extraordinaire; Barbara Clarke--VOTE411 technology wiz; Linda Miller---fantastic photographer; Kate Stockman---media marvel; Bertie

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Woods and Barbara Volk---Bylaws Brilliance; Paul Goebel---historian; Carol Weaver and Lynn McFarland---recent members jumping in.

Key to our success is our community. Partners include Henderson County Public Schools, Henderson County Public Library, Hendersonville Community Co-op, El Centro, Blue Ridge

Literacy, MountainTrue, AAUW, Pisgah Legal Services, Friends of the Oklawaha, Immigration Network, Interfaith Assistance Ministry, Grace Lutheran, First Congregational, St. James Episcopal, Agudas Israel, Western Carolina Community Action, NAACP, True Ridge, Fair Districts WNC and Fair Districts NC, ERA Alliance, LWVNC and LWVUS.

I want to thank our Board whose contributions and accomplishments are amazing and who work triple-time to keep all the balls in the air & who you can see in the slide photo of us at a recent zoom Board meeting. If you haven't used your thumbs up or clapping "reactions" button, now is the time!!

We owe our accomplishments to all of you who have participated and contributed your time, money, hard work, and talents. If you're not already serving on or chairing or co-chairing a team or committee, please join us. We welcome and support everyone's efforts, and as a result we are informing and influencing Henderson County. Together we are empowering voters and defending democracy.

Yours in League,
Rachel Poller, President

LEAGUE IN ACTION

LWVHC MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Committee has been busy this year. We continue to experience an increase in membership and interest in the League. With attrition, however, our membership remains at 117. We average about two prospects per month. Hosted by our Membership Chair, President and Secretary, we held multiple Coffee with the League/New Member orientations in late 2019 and early 2020 to welcome our new members. New members learned about the origins of the national League and LWVHC; the mission and methods of the LWVHC; what we have accomplished and are working on. There was time for socializing as well and answering questions at the end of the presentation. We anticipate continued growth in membership and would welcome any member who would like to work with the committee.

Submitted by Linda Hansma, Membership Chair

VOTER SERVICES TEAM

The Voter Services Team held 18 voter registration events and two workshops to train people to register voters. It also staffed a booth at Farm City Day to register voters and provide information about the fall 2019 election. Our application for a booth at the 2020 Apple Festival has been approved.

In August 2019, a panel discussion on redistricting featured Rep. Chuck McGrady, Sen. Terry Van Duyn, and Blake Esselstyn and attracted 150 people. Eight other organizations were

co-sponsors. Candidate events included a Meet and Greet for Fletcher primary candidates. Before the general election, 16 candidates participated in a Meet and Greet; almost 90 people had the opportunity to speak with the candidates.

LWVHC was again awarded a grant to register high school and community college students. Talks were given at the Early College and the Career Academy. Events at all of the other high schools were being planned when the schools closed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The grant deadline was extended until November 30, so these activities will be rescheduled for the fall. Voter Services has continued discussions with the Blue Ridge Literacy Council about a Voting 101 series which would be offered to new citizens and those preparing for citizenship. Hopefully the program will be offered in the summer of 2020. Voter Services has also continued to work with SVFD and VOTE411.

Submitted by Caren Kessler, Voter Services Team Chair

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION (DEI)

The purpose of the DEI Team is to ensure that the advocacy work of the League of Women Voters Henderson County is accomplished by applying a DEI lens to our efforts. We do this by exploring creative ways to expand knowledge of our community beyond labels which create barriers and divide; remaining open to new points of view; and providing an environment that is open and judgment-free. In April, we held our first virtual LWVHC member program in which we considered underserved communities in Henderson County and how we might better encourage their participation in LWV.

Submitted by Brenda Sherrer, DEI Chair

EDUCATION TEAM

The purpose of the Education Team is to focus on issues impacting public schools in Henderson County and North Carolina. We believe that high quality public education is necessary to sustain our democratic way of life and economic well-being. The Education Team sponsored our fall program on Civics Education in the Henderson County Public Schools and has worked closely with both the Student Engagement and Students Voting for Democracy Teams.

Submitted by Brenda Sherrer, Education Team Chair

OBSERVER TEAM

The Observer Team continues with a small group of dedicated observers to the Henderson County Board of Elections, Hendersonville City Council, and School Board. We planned a March Sunshine Week program on the courts in Henderson County which was postponed due to COVID-19. We would like to encourage all members who attend meetings for any reason to use our online reporting form for observing meetings when public meetings start up again.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/75DJWXM>

Submitted by Sandra Mowell, Observer Team Chair

IMMIGRATION TEAM

Four programs were offered to the public. Three were held in the Fall of 2019 and examined the relationship between the local immigrant population and economics, employment and law enforcement. The Team relied on community partnerships with El Centro, Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, First Congregational United Church of Christ Hendersonville, Heart of Hendersonville, Hendersonville Public Schools, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, La Capilla de Santa Maria, Pisgah Legal Services, St. James Episcopal Church, True Ridge, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville.

Gayle Kemp, Chair of the Board of El Centro and Lee Luebbe, Chair of the Immigration Team, traveled to a for-profit prison (Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin, GA) and detailed their experience in a public presentation on Due Process in January, 2020.

The League continues to promote the Dream Scholarship Program and supports the monthly Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform.

Submitted by Lee Luebbe, Immigration Team Chair, and Debi Miller, Team Chair Assistant

HOME TEAM

The Home Team mission is to reach out to local elected officials and staff with the goals of introducing the League, setting up regular face-to-face meetings, and lobbying for League positions. Now in its second year, the Home Team continues to work directly with the Board and League team committees to create a brief but comprehensive presentation of what the League is, prioritize meetings with officials, and work on strong but simple advocacy messages on important issues. While the long-term goal is for advocacy through continued communication, the Home Team also supports Voter Services by promoting LWV forums and other candidate events to elected officials who may be running for office. The Home Team met with Henderson County legislators. Additionally, members have met with the Chamber of Commerce, Director of the Board of Elections, Clerk of Court, and members and staff of the County Commissioners. The Home Team will be closely coordinating its efforts with the Observer Team in the coming year.

Submitted by Ernest Mowell, Home Team Chair

VOTE411 TEAM

LWVUS, NC, and Henderson County provide a comprehensive, nonpartisan online voter guide so that voters can find all the information they need---from where to vote to what individual candidates stand for---in one user-friendly, online guide. Our small but dedicated VOTE411 Team contacted and sent invitations to every candidate running for every office that a Henderson County voter could vote for in the fall 2019 municipal election, the March 2020 primary, and the upcoming June second primary. More than 90% of candidates chose to participate by providing information about themselves on the VOTE411 website. Team members assisted in writing the candidate questions and provided support to candidates and voters alike as they accessed the

website. Along with press releases, flyers, and bookmarks, we promoted the website by posting 50 yard signs throughout the county. Between the 2018 and 2020 primaries, visitors to the website increased by 236%.

Submitted by Rachel Poller, VOTE411 Team Chair

ERA TEAM: THE ERA (EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT) NOW

The LWVNC is one of 12 women's organizations in a coalition organized by the RATIFY ERA NC ALLIANCE based in Raleigh. The Alliance has county action teams throughout NC, including HC. In order to collaborate, the chair of the Alliance Action Team and the chair of the League committee is the same person with members of both groups sharing the actions taken. In 2019-20 we succeeded in having 5 HC municipalities sign a Ratification Resolution to submit to the NCGA via the Alliance who displayed them in Raleigh. At the same time, efforts to pass Senate Bill 184 and House Bill 271 in the long session failed to get a hearing or a vote. Virginia became the 38th state to ratify and the ratification process is now in Congress's hands. The bill to remove the deadline re: the ERA passed the House but not the Senate to date. Our strongest efforts now need to be directed at the U.S. Senate and the 2 NC senators. Advocacy for the coming year can be followed on the League website.

Submitted by Nancy Glowacki, ERA Team Chair

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The Student Engagement Team is pursuing a long-term goal of increasing League membership for high school and college students. To that end, the League is offering free memberships to any full time student over the age of 16. This year we will award a \$500 scholarship, the Francee Sherman Student Award, to a Henderson County graduating high school senior student. The team will conduct a student competition to produce a video on voting in early fall. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, and the HCPS will be working with us to promote the competition. We will continue to seek ways to help students realize the value of League membership and to develop activities with them.

Submitted by Kathy Trice & Brenda Sherrer, Student Engagement Team Co-Chairs

STUDENTS VOTING FOR DEMOCRACY TEAM

Since 2014, the Students Voting For Democracy (SVFD) civics program has involved thousands of students of Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) in the democratic process. HCPS students study about democratic elections and cast informed votes for candidates and issues appropriate to their age levels in school-based, mock elections. The SVFD team has been actively preparing for the 2020 elections by preparing a strategic plan and meeting with HCPS administrators and faculty. Four faculty facilitators, as well as a digital district facilitator, have been hired with funds from Students Voting Henderson County of the HC Community Foundation. The faculty facilitators along with building faculty liaisons will work with classroom teachers at each school as they conduct the mock elections. The SVFD steering committee has held organizational meetings in preparation for the 2020 October – November Election cycle while the SVFD team will prepare lesson plans to help introduce the students to

the 2020 candidates and issues. VOTE411.ORG will be one of the program resources. Choosing which partisan candidate to vote for will be left up to students and parents; teachers will present no partisan candidate information. The SVFD team is looking for League of Women Voters Henderson County members to assist with the mock election in schools during October. The goal is to have 100% of HCPS students vote by Election Day.

Submitted by Linda Miller and Bettie Liebrecht, Students Voting for Democracy Team Co-Chairs

HCLWV EDUCATION FUND “The Francee Sherman Fund”

The Henderson County League of Women Voters Education Fund is our local fund started with a bequeathed gift from our first president, Francee Sherman. Its purpose is to provide financial support through grants for educational activities related to issues chosen for study or action by our League. It is a 501(c)(3) corporation, and your tax deductible donations help our League underwrite special projects. This year, we are pleased to fund the First Annual Francee Sherman Award, a \$500 scholarship to a worthy Henderson County graduate. The stewards of this fund currently are President, Judy Katz, Secretary Renee Kumor, Treasurer Kelly Johnson, Directors. Becky Banadyga, Nan Jennings and Brenda Sherrer. Tax-deductible contributions may be mailed to our Treasurer Kelly Johnson, 12 Ravenswood Rd. Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Submitted by Judy Katz, President, HCLWVEF

PROGRAM/PRIORITIES 2020-2021

For the last two years, LWVUS has asked each of the 700+ local League chapters across the country to focus on our campaign: **Making Democracy Work** (see LWVUS website for more details.) Even under the extreme circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic, the LWVHC through our Voter Services Team has continuously worked to make that happen here in Henderson County, and that will be our priority for the coming year. We also have teams working on Immigration, Education, local government Observers, Students Voting for Democracy, Student Engagement, ERA, VOTE411 and individuals keeping up with other state initiatives in Healthcare, Affordable Housing, the Census, and the Environment. We will conclude our commemoration of the League’s Centennial and passage of the 19th amendment this fall.

The LWVHC will provide educational and advocacy opportunities to members on these priorities and those submitted as requested in our Update as well as those postponed in the spring of 2020 due to the Coronavirus. These will include: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Nursing Home Care; Sustainable Energy, and Affordable Housing. Other topics that arise and are identified throughout the year will also be addressed, with Diversity, Equity and Inclusion continuing to inform everything we do.

**League of Women Voters of Henderson County
Annual Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2019**

11:30 AM: Co-Presidents Rachel Poller and Nan Jennings opened the meeting by introducing the current Board members. Mary Ann Engel was appointed as Parliamentarian for the meeting. Ms. Engel confirmed that a quorum was present for the meeting

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 14, 2018, were unanimously approved as recommended by the review committee and recorded in the meeting booklet on pages 13 -14.

State of the League: Rachel and Nan's "State of the League" full report is printed on page 3 of the Annual Meeting program. Highlights of the year's activities for 2018 – 2019, letters to the editor from our Co-Presidents have been published frequently and supported member letter writing and phone calls to elected officials. Events have been promoted via our update website, biweekly Updates and press releases, and Facebook. We've collaborated with many community partners on our efforts and remain excited and inspired as we support the League's mission of a "democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate."

Budget for 2019-2020: The Board approved the proposed budget at the May meeting pending approval by the full membership at the annual meeting. The budget was unanimously approved without changes and sent to the membership on May 17, 2019 via a dedicated email. The budget is printed on pages 8 – 9, of the program. Our Treasurer, Stan Kumor made a motion to approve the budget and it was unanimously approved.

Nominating Committee: The proposed slate of officers for the coming year, 2019-2020, was submitted by Sharon Burlingame, Committee Chair. The slate was presented at the May Board meeting and approved by the Board, then printed in the May 17, 2019 dedicated email and is also on page 15 of today's program. The slate of officers submitted is as follows: Rachel Poller – President for a 2 year term; Nan Jennings, Secretary for 2 year term; Linda Hansma, Treasurer, 1 year term to comply with Bylaws. Directors to be elected include Brenda Sherrer and Caren Kessler. Remaining on the Board will be Ernie Mowell, Kathy Trice, and Stan Kumor, Elected Directors. Leaving the Board will be Cathy Lewis and Martha Milcarek. Directors to be appointed are Paul Goebel and Liz Hill. A motion to elect the Board members was made and it was unanimously approved. Nominating committee members who have agreed to serve for 2019-2020, are Patti Rogers, Chair, Ruth Baldwin and Judy Hansen.

Adoption of Program Focus for 2019-2020: In keeping with the direction of LWVUS, we will focus on Making Democracy Work and our Voter Services Team is working to make that happen. This will be our priority for the coming year. We also have teams working on Immigration, Education, local governments Observers, Students Voting for Democracy, Student Engagement, ERA, and individuals keeping up with other state initiatives in Healthcare, and the Environment. League Members will be invited to participate in observing the Centennial of the League and passage of the 19th amendment.

Appointment of Committee to Review Minutes: Brenda Sherrer, Liz Hill and Jan Linville agreed to review the minutes of today's annual meeting. A draft of minutes of today's meeting will be submitted to this committee for review before next year's annual meeting.

12:00 PM Program: Voters not Politicians: How to Remake Redistricting in NC – Jane Pinsky, Director NC Coalition of Lobbying & Government Reform. When Jane Pinsky started as Director of the North Carolina Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform in 2007, she thought she would be there for 4 or 5 years and then move on to something else. Almost 12 years later, she is still there and still trying to end gerrymandering in North Carolina and make NC government open and accessible to all North Carolinians. She's worked for not-for-profits for forty years - the last 33 of them in North Carolina. Her husband says she is always trying to change the world but just hasn't gotten there yet.

1:00 PM: The meeting was adjourned.

Announcements:

July 11th – Board Retreat

Submitted by

Linda Hansma, Secretary

Reviewed by:

Brenda Sherrer

Liz Hill

Jan Linville

BYLAWS

League of Women Voters of Henderson County

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Henderson County (hereinafter referred to as LWVHC). This local league is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States (hereinafter referred to as LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as LWVNC).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the LWVHC is to promote non-partisan responsibility through informed and active participation in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

Section 2. Political Policy. The LWVHC shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS

Section 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the LWVHC shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Voting Members.

- A. Regular. Any person at least 16 years of age who joins the LWVHC shall be a voting member of LWVHC, LWVNC, and LWVUS.
- B. Honorary. Any member of LWVHC who has been a member of the LWVUS for 50 years or more shall be an honorary life member exempt from payment of dues.

Section 3. Dues. Dues are payable as stated in the LWVHC Standing Rules.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND ELECTED DIRECTORS

Section 1. Officers and Elected Directors. The officers of LWVHC shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, and four elected directors. There may also be co-presidents or a vice president.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee, consisting of three members who shall serve for a one-year term and may not serve for more than two consecutive terms, shall be elected at the annual meeting. No member of the Board of Directors may be a member of the nominating committee. Any vacancy on the nominating committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee. The report of the nominating committee for officers, elected directors, and members of the next nominating committee shall be sent to all members one month prior to the date of the annual meeting. Voting members may make nominations from the floor provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

Section 4. Voting. Election shall be by ballot. A majority vote shall elect. If there is only one candidate for a position a voice vote can be taken. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 5. Term of Office. Officers shall assume office on July 1 and shall serve a term of two years or until their successors are elected. The president or co-presidents and the secretary shall be elected in odd-numbered years. A vice president and the treasurer shall be elected in even-numbered years. Two directors shall be elected at each annual meeting.

Section 6. Vacancy in Office. Any vacancy occurring by reason of death, resignation, or disqualification of an officer or director may be filled by the Board of Directors until the next annual meeting.

Section 7. Resignation. Three consecutive absences from meetings of the Board of Directors, without a valid reason, shall be deemed a resignation.

Section 8. Duties of Officers. The officers shall perform the duties provided in this section and such other duties as are prescribed for the office in these bylaws, by the Board of Directors, or in the LWVHC Standing Rules.

- A. Duties of the President or Co-presidents. The president or co-president shall:
 - 1. preside at all meetings of the organization, the Board of Directors, or the Leadership Team;
 - 2. be the spokesperson for the LWVHC; and
 - 3. be a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- B. Duties of the Vice-President. The vice-president shall:
 - 1. perform the duties of the president or co-president in their absence or at their request; and
 - 2. in the event of a vacancy in the office of president or co-president, serve in that office until the Board of Directors shall elect a replacement.
- C. Duties of the Secretary. The secretary shall:
 - 1. keep minutes of the annual meeting and all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Leadership Team; and
 - 2. sign, with the president or co-president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the Board of Directors.
- D. Duties of the Treasurer. The treasurer shall:
 - 1. collect and receive all monies due;
 - 2. deposit monies in a bank designated by the Board of Directors;
 - 3. disburse funds only upon order of the Board of Directors;
 - 4. present statements at meetings of the Board of Directors and a report at the annual meeting; and
 - 5. have the books reviewed following each fiscal year or at any change of treasurer.

ARTICLE V. 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.

- A. An annual meeting shall be held during the last quarter of the fiscal year, the date to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- B. The annual meeting shall adopt local program/priorities for the ensuing year; elect officers and members of the nominating committee; adopt a budget; and transact such other business as may properly come before it. All items to be presented to the members for adoption at the annual meeting, including the slate of officers and directors, the

proposed budget, and local program/priorities, shall be provided to all members at least thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

C. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be twenty percent (20%) of the members.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the president or co-president or by the Board of Directors and shall be called upon the written request of ten members. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call, which shall be sent to all members at least three days before the meeting.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition. The members of the Board of Directors shall be the president or co-presidents, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, four elected directors, and up to four additional directors appointed by the Board of Directors for a term expiring the following July 1. The immediate past president or co-president shall serve as an ex-officio voting member for a one-year term.

Section 2. Duties of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall assist in carrying out the work of the LWVHD and:

- A. have full charge of the property and business of the LWVHC, with full power and authority to manage and conduct same, subject to the instructions of the general membership;
- B. plan and direct the work necessary to carry out the programs as adopted by the LWVUS convention, the LWVNC convention, and the annual meeting;
- C. designate such committees as it may deem necessary; and
- D. have every member agree to an area of responsibility beyond membership on the Board.

Section 3. Meetings.

- A. Regular. There shall be at least eight regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually.
- B. Special. The president or co-presidents may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the Board of Directors.
- C. Telephonic. If time is of the essence the Board of Directors may be convened and votes taken by conference call.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. LEADERSHIP TEAM

Section 1. Membership. The members of the Leadership Team shall be the president or co-presidents, the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer.

Section 2. Duties of the Leadership Team. The Leadership Team shall be authorized to act between meetings of the Board of Directors to approve expenditures, as long as the expense is within the budget, and to take non-fiscal action in case of an emergency or in case a decision must be made before the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Meetings. Meetings shall be held at the call of the president or the co-presidents.

Section 4. Quorum. A majority of the members of the Leadership Team shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees. Standing committees shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Program/Priorities Committees. Program/Priorities committees are created as necessary to implement the program and priorities established at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Special Committees. Special committees may be created as necessary by the annual meeting or the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. Fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be July 1 through June 30.

Section 2. Budget. A budget for the ensuing year shall be submitted by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting for adoption. The budget shall include support for the work of the League as a whole.

Section 3. Financial review. The financial review may be performed in house.

Section 4. Dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the LWVHC, all monies and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the control of LWVHC shall be paid to the LWVNC after the national and state Per Member Payments and other obligations have been met. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned or under the control of the LWVHC shall be distributed to such person, organization, or corporation for such public, charitable, or educational use and purposes as the Board of Directors in its absolute discretion may designate.

ARTICLE X. PROGRAM/PRIORITIES

Section 1. Authorization. The governing principles adopted by the LWVUS convention, and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Section 2. Program/Priorities. The program/priorities of the LWVHC shall consist of:

- A. action to implement principles of the LWVUS and the LWVNC; and

- B. those local governmental issues chosen for study and action.

Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting. The annual meeting shall act upon the program/priorities using the following procedure:

- A. The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations sent by the voting members prior to the annual meeting and shall formulate proposed program/priorities.
- B. A majority vote at the annual meeting shall be required for adoption of program/priorities as presented to the annual meeting by the Board of Directors.
- C. Changes in the program, in the case of altered conditions, may be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Member Action. Members may act in the name of the League only when authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. They may act only in conformity with and not contrary to positions taken by the LWVHC, the LWVNC, and the LWVUS.

ARTICLE XI. LWVUS CONVENTION AND LWVNC CONVENTION

Section 1. LWVUS Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVUS office shall select voting delegates to that convention up to the number allotted by the LWVUS.

Section 2. LWVNC Convention. The Board of Directors at a meeting before the date on which the names of delegates must be sent to the LWVNC office shall select voting delegates to that convention up to number allotted the LWVHC under the provisions of the bylaws of the LWVNC.

ARTICLE XII. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern LWVHC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order that LWVHC may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at the annual meeting, provided that amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Adopted – July 1983

Amended – May 1989

Amended – May 6, 1993

Amended – May 19, 2005

Amended – May 10, 2007

Amended – May 14, 2011

Editing Revisions Approved by Board – April 5, 2012

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BUDGET

2020-2021 Income Budget

Dues

Individual Member	\$4,700.00
Family Member	\$1,000.00
Scholarship	\$25.00
Life - 3	<u>\$0.00</u>
Sub Total =	\$5,725.00

Fund Raising

Donations	\$350.00
Nametags	\$50.00
Annual Fund	\$2,000.00
Misc.	<u>\$250.00</u>
Sub Total =	\$2,650.00

Grants

HCLWVEF	\$500.00
LWV-USA	\$0.00
Other	<u>\$0.00</u>
Sub Total =	\$500.00

Operating Income

Meals Annual Meeting	\$2,000.00
LWVHC Reserve	\$1,815.00
In-Kind	<u>\$250.00</u>
Sub Total =	\$4,065.00

Total Income= \$12,940.00

2020-2021 Expense Budget

Administration

Advertising	\$200.00
Board Expenses	\$300.00
P.O. Box	\$160.00
Postage	\$50.00
Membership	\$200.00
Technology	\$175.00
Insurance	\$275.00
Annual Meeting	\$250.00
Rent \$200.00	
Member Meals: Annual Meeting	\$2,000.00
Donations from LWVHC	\$500.00
FS Student Award	\$500.00
In-Kind	<u>\$250.00</u>

Subtotal = \$5,060.00

LWV Assessments

National PMP \$3,300.00

State PMP \$1,200.00

Subtotal = \$4,500.00

LWV Convention/Council

State \$1,000.00

National \$0.00

Subtotal = \$1,000.00

Fund Raising Expenses

Name Tags \$30.00

Annual Fund \$600.00

Subtotal = \$630.00

Program Support

Immigration Advocacy \$150.00

Observer Corp \$100.00

Voter Service \$1,200.00

Education \$100.00

Student Engagement \$100.00

Students for Democracy \$100.00

Unallocated \$0.00

Subtotal = \$1,750.00

Total Expenses = \$12,940.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SLATE

OFFICERS:

Brenda Sherrer - Vice-President – 2 years (2020-2022)

Ruth Baldwin – Treasurer – 2 years (2020-2022)

THREE DIRECTORS:

Paul Goebel - Director – 2 years (2020-2022)

Liz Hill - Director – 2 years (2020-2022)

Ernie Mowell - Director – 1 year (2020-2021)

Nominating Committee

Patti Rogers - Co-Chair 1 year (2020-2021)

Sharon Burlingame - Co-Chair 1 year (2020-2021) Judy Katz – 1 year (2020-2021)

Submitted by LWVHC Nominating Committee 2019-2020

Ruth Baldwin; Judy Hansen; Patti Rogers, Chair

Remaining on Board:

Rachel Poller - President (2019 - 2021)

Nan Jennings - Secretary (2019 - 2021)

Caren Kessler - Director (2019 - 2021)

PAST PRESIDENTS LWVHC

1963-1965 Francee Sherman

1965-1968 Eleanor Cosgrove

1968-1971 Rita Hopkins

1971-1973 Margaret Milroy

1973-1975 Sally Godehn
1975-1977 Kathy Baluha
1977-1978 Renee Kumor
1983-1985 Barbara Volk
1985-1987 Mercedes Town
1987-1989 Linda Hawk
1989-1991 Marian Lowry
1991-1993 Grace Poli
1993-1995 Marion Huffman and Joyce Day
1995-1997 Rebecca Sigmon and Marcia Grady
1997-1999 Rebecca Sigmon
1999-2001 Marian Lowry and Ann Feldstein
2001-2003 Marian Lowry and Acee Hughes
2003-2005 Marian Lowry and Lee Luebbe
2005-2007 Lee Luebbe
2007-2011 Nancy Glowacki
2011-2014 Judy Katz
2014-2016 Sharon Burlingame
2016-2017 Sharon Burlingame and Judith Scruggs
2017-2019 Nan Jennings and Rachel Poller
2019-2020 Rachel Poller

NON-PARTISAN POLICY

The purpose of the League of the Women Voters is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government at all levels. The League of Women Voters is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. It is political in that it takes positions on selected public policy issues after study and consensus. The League recognizes the role of political parties in government and believes that participation in the activities of parties is an essential ingredient of citizen responsibility.

While the League urges its members to be politically active and participate fully in party activities on an individual basis, certain constraints are necessary to maintain the nonpartisanship of the League as an organization. Therefore:

- At any League-sponsored activity, members shall not engage in partisan discussions or activities;
- Members shall refrain from political party/candidate advocacy at League functions;
- Members may not wear candidate buttons or insignia of any party to League meetings nor distribute partisan information at League events/activities.

