



# VOTER

**January 2023**

**PROGRAM PLANNING MEETING**  
**Monday January 9th, Noon – 2pm**  
**SJI Library**  
*Also available via Zoom*

The LWVWSJ membership meeting has a packed agenda on January 9. We will be addressing three major topics. First, our League, along with all other Leagues in WA state, will be trying to reach consensus on the LWVWA study entitled *Shoreline Management Act at 50+ Years*. The study is particularly relevant to San Juan County, given our situation as a county of islands. We will be joined by one of the authors of the study, Shelley Kniep, who will tell us about the study and its principal findings. We are asked to respond as a local League to [9 questions](#) that will guide next steps in developing a position based on the study. For additional information, see <https://lwvwa.org/Program-of-Work>

The second topic is input into the LWVWA program of action for 2023-2025. January is when the Leagues begins the grassroots process of deciding where the state League wants to focus our efforts—through studies, concurrences, updates, or education. Results from local Leagues will be reviewed by the Program of Work Planning Committee and submitted to the Board for its review and recommendation. Board recommended topics will be voted on at the LWVWA convention in May 2023. The LWVWSJ Board has identified two ‘hot’ issues that we will be bringing to the membership for discussion on January 9: reproductive rights and, by extension, the broader status of women, and immigration and immigrant integration, with a particular focus on naturalization. Please bring your own ideas for discussion.

The third topic is program planning for our own League. Please come with ideas about topics and speakers for membership meetings to be held between now and next December.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83364651803?pwd=OUhtWHJJK0FQQUduYU5aS3BUT0NwUT09>

## **Meeting Dates Winter-Spring 2023**

<b>Board Meetings</b>	<b>Membership Meetings</b>
Jan 2	January 9

	<i>Shoreline Study Report Program Planning Meeting</i>
Feb 6	Feb 13
March 6	March 13
April 3	April 10
May 1	May 8
June 5	June 12
July 3	<i>Summer Break</i>
August 7 <i>Board Retreat</i>	<i>Summer Break</i>

*All members are welcome to attend our board meetings – please send any board member an email and we will send you the zoom link.*

## **A Recap of our December Meeting and Holiday Luncheon**

A merry group from the League of Women Voters of the San Juans celebrated at the Grange last month with our first in-person holiday luncheon since the pandemic. Our speaker, Diane Martindale, delivered a fascinating presentation, “Out of the Drawing Room: Into the Intersection of Art and Women’s Rights,” discussing art, media, the suffrage movement and women’s issues. The presentation stimulated our thoughts and resulted in lively conversations at our small group tables and across the room. We enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Stacey’s, accompanied by a delightful wine selection, very generously poured by our own Steve Bowman. We encourage all members to join us when we celebrate again in 2023! *Stephanie Butler*

## **Shout Out to Our Local League**

*“Many thanks to the League Of Women Voters for their reports covering vital information on San Juan County administration and government. A major improvement from the agenda-driven reprint handouts usually tossed in the “Journal.”*

*Pete Groves*

*San Juan Island*

<https://www.sanjuanjournal.com/letters/thank-you-league-of-women-voters-letter/>

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

There will be rallies taking place across the country to mark this event and demand the restoration of women's rights. A blast e-mail went out seeking help for LWVSJ to organize a rally at the Courthouse to mark this date. Please look for the e-mail and see if you can help make it happen.

## Observer Corps Update

Necia Quast has been hard at work putting the final details into place to launch our newest program in which League members attend and take notes on local public meetings. Each meeting attendee will write up short notes, which the Journal of the San Juans publishes in their online edition, and we post links on our web page. Both the Islander, The Salish Current and other publications have an interest in publishing the notes also.

Recently there was a very nice article that Nancy Devaux wrote for the Salish Current on the State League's Local News Study and our Observer Corps:

<https://salish-current.org/2022/12/22/surprisingly-interesting-local-observers-do-local-reporting-on-local-government/>

Everyone who signs up will get guidance on how to do notes and Necia will prepare a monthly calendar of meetings. Please contact Necia at [collquas@netscape.net](mailto:collquas@netscape.net) or 360-370-5502, if you are interested in learning more or in taking part.

Organization	Frequency	When	Time	Where	Virtual	Volunteer
SJI School Board	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Weds	5pm	HS Library	No	S. Bowman
SJI Public Hospital District	Monthly	4 <sup>th</sup> Weds	5.30pm	849 Spring St	Yes	B. Sharp
Port of FH	2 x Month	2 & 4 <sup>th</sup> Weds	12pm	Yacht Club	No	J. Belcovson
SJI Fire District 3	Monthly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	3pm	Mullis Firehouse	No	M. Martin
FH Town Council	2 x Month	1 & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs	12pm	Council Chambers	Yes	
County Council	2-4 x Month	Tues/some Mon/Weds	9am	County Office	Yes	



### Help Wanted!

The League is looking for a tech savvy person who can help us navigate our hybrid monthly meetings both with in-the-room technology and via the zoom feed.

Please contact Susan Martin at [martinsf@georgetown.edu](mailto:martinsf@georgetown.edu) if you or someone you know may be able to assist us on an ongoing, one time a month basis.

# **Around the League – State & National Issues**

## **Department of Homeland Security vs. Regents of University of California**

### **Case Summary – League of Women Voters**

In June 2017, the Trump Administration announced that it would rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which covers over 700,000 undocumented residents. DACA allows recipients to work and be free from deportation for two-year periods on a renewable basis. DACA recipients are undocumented residents who came to the United States before their 16th birthday, have continually resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, are in school, graduated high school or received a GED, or were honorably discharged from the Armed Forces or Coast Guard, and have no convictions for felonies or significant misdemeanors, among other requirements.

The League filed an amicus brief at the Supreme Court with 45 other civil rights organizations opposing the Administration's decision.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of California enjoined the Administration's decision, citing the government's failure to obey the *Administrative Procedure Act* (APA). The APA allows courts to enjoin agency acts that are "arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in accordance with the law." When changing policies, an agency must provide a reasoned explanation and consider the reliance interests stemming from the policy being changed. Several lower courts found the Administration had not considered the reliance interests of DACA recipients before rescinding the policy.

The Trump Administration appealed to the Supreme Court, which agreed to hear the case. The League, together with the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and over 40 other organizations, filed an amicus brief with the Court, arguing that the Trump Administration failed to consider the reliance interest of approximately 700,000 DACA recipients. Among these interests were the purchases of homes by recipients, loans advanced in reliance upon DACA, recipients being teachers, and expedited citizenship for DACA recipients serving in the Armed Forces. In doing so, the League and our partners argued that the Administration's actions were arbitrary and capricious, and that DACA should remain in effect.

The Court held that the Administration's decision to end DACA was (1) reviewable by the Court, and (2) "arbitrary and capricious," under the *Administrative Procedures Act*, in violation of federal law. Therefore, the Court's ruling allowed DACA to remain in effect.

This action by our national league goes hand in hand with our own program planning hot topic which will be focused on both immigration and integration of naturalized residents.

# Speak Up School

## Testifying is your Superpower

Saturday January 7, 2023 – 9am – 12.30pm  
Online Only

The 2023 Washington legislative session begins in January - be prepared to give testimony in support of LWVWA efforts, or on issues that you are passionate about. Speak Up School will also help you learn to talk in front of your city council, county council, school board, or any other policymaking body. Speak up School is a non-partisan workshop designed to make your input to any legislative body both powerful and influential. Join with friends. Learn from experienced advocates. Make a difference.

- Hear why testifying is your superpower
- Learn what makes great testimony
- Deliver a message that packs a punch
- Practice with personalized coaching
- [Register](#)



## 2023 Legislative Issues - WA State



Our dedicated lobby team members write issue papers before each legislative session that provide the background behind the League's position on each issue as well as outline the anticipated plans and legislation for the upcoming session. As we get closer to the start of the 2023 legislative, we will add more content tracking the progress of the bills we are following.

### Making Democracy Work®

#### Elections | [Download Issue Paper](#)

- Repeal advisory votes
- Support alternative election options in state, county and local elections
- Pass the Enhanced WA Voting Rights Act
- Improve and streamline Automatic Voter Registration
- Ban the submission of completed ballots via email or fax

#### ▼ [Read Detailed Updates](#)

#### Money in Politics | [Download Issue Paper](#)

- Public financing of some statewide elections
- Require a gap between serving on legislature and becoming a lobbyist

- Support Public Disclosure Commission legislation when supported by League positions

### ♥ [Read Detailed Updates](#)

#### Redistricting | [Download Issue Paper](#)

- Redistricting reform by 2031 that includes an updated commission, ongoing staff and technical support, process transparency, clearly defined rank criteria, an inclusive process for public input, and language accessibility

### ♥ [Read Detailed Updates](#)

#### Education | [Download Issue Paper](#)

- Review and update the Prototypical School funding model to meet the needs of today
- Consider legislation to provide more accountability for charter schools
- Fully fund Special Education

### ♥ [Read Detailed Updates](#)

*A great way to stay current and involved is to sign up for the Legislative Newsletter from the WA League. This provides a weekly update on key issues in the legislature, including Action Alerts for upcoming votes and information on current activity on major bills. Newsletters come out every Sunday during the Legislative Session.*

Click here: [sign up for the Legislative Newsletter](#)

### Join Your Local League!

Are you passionate about democracy and looking for a community of like-minded people? The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Any person 16 and older may become a voting member of the League. When you join a local League, you automatically become a member of the state and national Leagues, as well.

### Follow Us on Facebook!

Follow what local, state and national league are up to at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVSanJuans>

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*Nominating Committee: Audra Adelberger, Mary Campanella, Robbie Lawson, Leslie Veirs*

*Hello Members:*

*A big thank you to members who have recently paid dues.*

*We are well into our current fiscal year which started on June 1, 2022. When you receive an updated roster in your email box please look at the column (labeled "Paid thru") near the far-right-hand side to see if you are paid through 5/31/2023. If not, please consider sending your check in to our PO Box. Also please let us know of any changes that need to be made to your contact information. Thank you for continuing to support the important work that we do.*

When you join the League, your dues go to three different places: to National League to help support voting rights advocacy efforts, to State League for voter education as well as advocacy for state issues that League supports; and then there are a few dollars left to support our local forums and programs. Below are the different levels of dues payments and the PO Box number. If you choose to give at a higher level than the "Regular" level, the extra money stays with our local League to support our important work here. Thanks for supporting LWV at all levels!

YES! I want to become a member of the League of Women Voters of the San Juan's.

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:

	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Carrie Chapman Catt</b>	<b>Susan B. Anthony</b>
<b>Individual</b>	\$60	\$100 to \$249	\$250 and up
<b>Family</b>	\$90	\$150to \$374	\$375 and up
<b>Student</b>	\$35		

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the League of Women Voters of WA Education Fund and have enclosed a separate check (to LWVWA—EF) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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