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## Co-Presidents' Messages

Dear LWVSNM Members,

As you know, the LWVSNM has been working on various actions to better address justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI). The Board had a Visioning Lab on August 16. The JEDI Strategic Action Plan was used to establish six priorities for the coming year: 1) voter services, 2) affordable housing, 3) new/continuing membership – recruiting, involving, and mentoring, 4) education – funding and multicultural learning, 5) *New Mexico Listens* – a State project encouraging civic engagement with participation in democracy, and 6) social media. The six priorities address both increasing diversity of our membership, as well as learning about and advocating for fairness and justice in the way all people in Southern New Mexico are treated, engaged, and included.



Eileen VanWie

Thanks to Dale Yeo and assistants, the *Voters Guide* will again be printed in English with the *Las Cruces Bulletin* on October 8 and in Spanish with the *Camino Real Media* about the same time. The online guide and additional election information at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) will be available at the beginning of October.

Education reform is still a serious issue in New Mexico, which means the necessity of advocating for additional funding (salaries, technology, resources, etc.) and multicultural learning communities. We'll stay vigilant and advocate for equity and excellence in education.

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## LWV Member Provides Insight into Affordable Housing

Beth Bardwell, long-time League member and Chair of the LWVSNM Affordable Housing Committee, and Margarita Solis, Family School Liaison for the McKinney-Vento Project Link Homeless Education Program, will speak at the October 9, 2021, hybrid meeting of the League at the Good Samaritan Village (Creative Arts Center), 3006 Buena Vida Circle.

The focus of the talk will be the importance of a safe and stable home for families, difficulties in finding affordable housing, and opportunities to increase affordable housing and improve the educational outcomes for homeless students in the Las Cruces Public Schools.



Beth Bardwell recently addressed the Las Cruces City Council.

Beth has been active in supporting and advocating with the Las Cruces City Council for a new model of mixed-use/income neighborhoods. The League published a study and position on Affordable Housing in 2012, which can be viewed at <https://www.lwvsnm.org/local-league-positions-revised-2020-12-14/>. Since then, the League's members on the Committee for Affordable Housing attend the meetings on affordable housing and provide public input with an eye to increasing affordable housing in Las Cruces.

Meanwhile, continued technical improvements have been made to the LWV hybrid meetings so that members can choose whether to view from home or attend in person with safety protocols in place. And, as always, your attendance is appreciated!

Notify [Eileen VanWie](#) if you will attend via Zoom.



Education was discussed by Lt. Gov. Howie Morales —our guest speaker for September's LWV meeting. Members attended in person and via Zoom.

## Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

Meanwhile, don't be surprised if you get a call or email message from our new Membership Director Nancy Stanton. Over the next year, the Board will be developing a mentoring program. If you have ideas to suggest or would like to help, please let us know.

The *New Mexico Listens* project involves a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which partners with the New Mexico Humanities Council and the LWV of New Mexico. Locally it will involve LWVSNM reaching out to the public to develop listening sessions with a goal for participants to appreciate civic engagement on complicated issues and to become more active in our democracy. More information will be coming in the near future.

In order to reach a broader audience and get out election information, it's important to expand our social media and we need your help to do it. Please follow, regularly visit, and share our media sites with others. We know there are advantages and disadvantages to social media. It's important for the public to find reliable sources of information on social media, which the League provides. Please follow us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVSNM/>, our Twitter account: @VOTESNM, and our Instagram account: @lwvsnm. Thanks!



—Eileen VanWie

Dear League Members and Friends,

This newsletter arrives in the midst of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15), providing many opportunities for us to increase our understanding of that heritage. Sources of information include [www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov](http://www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov) and the National Women's History Museum [Hispanic Heritage Month Resource Toolkit](#). One of my recommendations for reading is *Homelands: Four Friends, Two Countries, and the Fate of the Great Mexican-American Migration* by Alfredo Corchado.

Below are several topics in which the League will be engaged this month with links to additional information.

**Redistricting** - As you may know we are heading toward a special session of the legislature (probably in early December) where the work of the Citizen Redistricting Committee (CRC) will be addressed. The CRC has published on its website some "[map concepts](#)" and will soon be adopting maps for consideration by the legislature. The nineteen pueblos and Jicarilla Apache have also submitted maps. I strongly encourage you to take a look at these maps and submit



Kathy Brook

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## Upcoming Calendar Events

### OCTOBER 2021

- Oct. 4, Mon.: **Short Board Meeting**, 12:00 pm, Zoom
- Oct. 6, Wed.: **Affordable Housing Committee**, 3:30pm, [contact Beth Bardwell](#) for information/Zoom link.
- Oct. 7, Thurs.: **LWV Book Club**, [contact Erika Graf-Webster](#) for information.
- Oct. 9, Sat.: **LWVSNM General Meeting**, 2 pm, Beth Bardwell; [notify Eileen VanWie](#) whether you'll be in-person at Good Sam (3011 Buena Vida Circle) or via Zoom.
- Oct. 11, Mon.: **Indigenous People's Day**
- Oct. 18, Mon.: **LWVSNM Board Meeting**, 5:30 pm. Via Zoom
- Oct. 31, Sun., **Halloween** 

### NOVEMBER 2021

- Nov. 1, Mon.: **LWVSNM Short Board Meeting**, Noon, via Zoom

## Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

City Clerk Christine Rivera has created a short presentation to help voters better understand Ranked Choice Voting. Two of the City Council races will use RCV in the upcoming November election. Ms. Rivera has also offered to talk with voters about the presentation upon request: 575-541-2118, [crivera@las-cruces.org](mailto:crivera@las-cruces.org).

[Click here to watch it.](#)

## 2021/22 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents  
Laura Castille – Vice President  
Johnnie R. Aldrich – Secretary  
Mary Flynn – Treasurer  
Dale Yeo – Voter Services Director  
OPEN – Youth Engagement Director  
Nancy Stanton – Membership Director  
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Marjorie Burr (chair) and Priscilla Parrish – Nominating Committee

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## Candidate Forums

If you haven't seen any of the KRWG Forums featuring local candidates, you still have an opportunity to do so. Members of LWVSNM have been co-hosting with KRWG staff as they ask the candidates important questions. The forums are on Channel 22 on Thursday nights at 7 pm and on some Saturdays (5 pm) and Sundays (11 am) until mid-October. And for a [list of candidates, click here](#) and be sure to select Doña Ana County.



League Director Jo Galván Nash (top, center) and KRWG FM News Director Anthony Moreno (left) ask questions of School Board candidates Pamela Cort and Henry Young, both are vying for a seat in School Board district #2.

School Board and City Council candidates are featured. [Click here to see the broadcast schedule from KRWG.](#)

## Voter Registration Downtown



LWVSNM members helped with voter registration in preparation of the Nov. 2 election at the Farmers' Market on Sept. 25. Manning the table were (from left) Vice President Laura Castille, Co-President Kathy Brook, Secretary Johnnie Aldrich and Membership Director Nancy Stanton. The table will need volunteers again in Oct. If you're available contact a co-president.

Click Here



<https://www.vote411.org/new-mexico>

Spread the word!

## Watch for VOTERS' GUIDES

LWVSNM is publishing three voters guides this voting season. Vote411.org is the National League's online voting portal which will contain biographical information and the answers to the League's questions for candidates in Las Cruces and also this year, in Mesilla. Candidates in other Dona Ana County municipalities were also polled, although with somewhat limited success.

All of our candidates in Las Cruces are represented in Vote411.org as they will be in our traditional printed voters guide which will be published by the Las Cruces Bulletin. In an attempt to reach out to all of our citizens, Camino Real Media will be translating all of our material into Spanish, publishing it and distributing it in various Spanish-speaking areas in the county, including not only Las Cruces but Mesilla, Hatch, Anthony and Sunland Park.

Watch for our voters guides. The online candidate information in Vote411.org will "go live" around October 1. The Las Cruces Bulletin will be publishing our Las Cruces/Mesilla Guide on October 8th. It will be distributed to homes and business as usual and also the League will have an overrun of 1,000 copies. Camino Real Media will be translating our material and publishing its print and online paper in early October. Tell your neighbors!

—Dale Yeo  
Director of Voters Services



The state Redistricting Committee continues to hold public meetings and seeks input. You can view the current proposals — [Click here to see the latest map recommendations and the testimonies provided.](#)

The next round of meetings includes one in Las Cruces on Monday, Oct. 4 from 3-7pm at NMSU's Corbett Student Union (Senate Gallery).

To View Virtually

**Agenda & Meeting Materials-**

<https://www.nmredistricting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Agenda-for-2021-10-04-CRC-Meeting-Las-Cruces.pdf>

**Please click this URL to**

**join:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83550539072>

**ID:** 835 5053 9072 (No password)

## Co-President's Message (cont. from p.2)

comments on the [website](#) or at one of the meetings to receive public input. This is a once-in-ten-years opportunity. (See links above.)

**Tribal Law** - At the state level, a committee is moving forward with a study of tribal law and will be holding an informational meeting on Zoom tentatively on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 11 am. The intent is to record the session for viewing later by those who cannot attend the original presentation. You might also be interested in viewing a speaker arranged by LWV Santa Fe County. Elizabeth Reese is a member of Nambe Pueblo and is a new faculty member at Stanford Law School. She has worked for the NAACP on voting rights issues in Alabama. She responded to questions about what term to use in describing members of tribes and pueblos (such as American Indian, Native American, Indian) and the criteria for federal recognition. She argued that there is significant ignorance of tribal people and tribal governments and suggested that we need to be prepared to experience some discomfort in remedying this situation. A recording of this event can be found [here](#).

**Affordable Housing** - Locally, the Affordable Housing Committee has worked to provide input on the City's East Lohman Development Plan involving property south of Mountain View Regional Medical Center. You can view Beth Bardwell's [comments](#) on our behalf at the City Council meeting on September 20 about one hour and 55 minutes into the session. Preceding Beth's comments there was a presentation on the plan starting just under an hour into the meeting.

**Social Media** - As a member of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce, we benefited from Carrie Hamblen's tutoring us on ways to improve our social media presence. In one session she has moved us forward considerably.

Hope to see you soon, in person or online.

—Kathy Brook

## Youth Engagement / Committee Mtg.

September 15, 2021, 4:00 pm, via Zoom

LCPS Content Specialist Josie Miller reported the civics engagement projects planned and/or initiated by Las Cruces Public Schools.

Elementary Level – Democracy Day at the County Building after the election.

Middle School Level – Students are creating a “democracy hero” that will be judged. Their creations will be judged by the YEP/YEC members after October 15. The top two winners will receive a \$250 prize from the LWVSNM. (Erika Graf-Webster donated money for this project.). The winning superhero will become the “Campion of Democracy,” which will go on the website.

High School Level – The LCPS and City of Las Cruces are working together again on a “Know Your Local Government” project. This will be similar to the previous project from February 2021. High School students will learn about local government from volunteer teachers and be brought to City Hall for the finale of the project. At City Hall they will hear about real City problems from employees. Students will then be placed in teams to research one of the problems and suggest solutions to it. Judges will give feedback and teams will have the opportunity to present their solutions to the City Council. If the pandemic interferes with the plans, it will be conducted virtually.

The LWV Youth Engagement Committee wants to partner with other organizations to expand opportunities for youth to gain civic experiences. This could include Success Partnership of Ngage and the CLC Safe Haven - Weed and Seed Program.



## Let's Meet LWVSNM Member ... Nancy Stanton

### Observers Needed

The League continues to need volunteers to observe two interesting organizations: the Affordable Housing Committee and the Las Cruces Utilities Board.

The Affordable Housing Committee meets virtually over Zoom once a month on the first Wednesday at 3:30 pm.

The Las Cruces Utilities, a non-profit business, provides natural gas/energy, water, wastewater, and solid waste services to approximately 100,000 residents and businesses. It's governed by a seven-member board. They meet on the second Thursday of every month at 3 pm in the Utilities Board Room (Rm.225) located at 680 N. Motel.

Being an observer means you will attend the meetings (in person or via teleconference), take notes, and report to our League members via the monthly *Voter*.

Contact a co-president if you want to discuss being an Observer.

**Nancy Stanton** is one of the League's newest members. She grew up in Missouri just east of Kansas City, Missouri, and earned her bachelor's degree at Central Missouri State University. Also took graduate level courses at the University of Bridgeport, Southern Connecticut State and University of West Georgia. Nancy taught middle and high school Social Studies in Connecticut and suburban Atlanta. She eventually left teaching and worked on the campaign staff of two US Senators from Georgia and directed the statewide campaign for an incumbent Secretary of State.



*Nancy is pictured at the front desk of the Crater Lake Lodge in Oregon.*

Nancy then began her career in the nonprofit arena. For more than 16 years, she worked as professional staff for the NW Georgia Girl Scout Council and as Executive Director for NE Georgia Girl Scout Council. Holding the position of CEO for Good Shepherd Services, Nancy's work provided support services to a Vietnamese immigrant resettlement program and homeless women and children's shelter.

Her career then took her next to Florida where she was VP for Volunteer Services at Special Olympics Florida. She finally ended her career as Associate State Director for Advocacy for AARP-Florida. Since retiring,

Nancy has worked seasonal "gigs" at lodges at Mt. Rainier National Park, Crater Lake National Park and Grand Teton National Park. She has a son, a granddaughter and a grandson who live in eastern Washington State.

"I have enjoyed a varied and rewarding career and hope my skills and experiences can help further the mission of the LWV of Southern NM," Nancy said. "I was a member of the Duval County LWV but my involvement was limited because my work required extensive travel in north Florida."

Immediately upon joining the SNM League, Nancy volunteered to take on the duties of Director of Membership. She has already provided great ideas to the local Board and undoubtedly, will be a valued member to our organization.

**WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?**  
Please fill out the interest survey sent to all members via email from our new Membership Director Nancy Stanton. Return it to Nancy at [senraba@yahoo.com](mailto:senraba@yahoo.com) or to her home at 575 Cedardale Loop, LC, NM 88005.

### *In Memoriam*



It is with deep sadness to report the passing of LWVSNM member Cliff Pelton. He died on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. Cliff was a longtime League member dating back to 2004. He was instrumental in getting Elisa Sanchez to attend League meetings, after which she became interested in the organization and joined as a member.

We send our sincerest condolences to his wife Elisa and their family as we keep Cliff in our thoughts and prayers.



**DRAFT SUMMARY OF MINUTES**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, September 20, 2021**  
**5:30 p.m. via Zoom**

*Attending Board Members: Kathy Brook and Eileen VanWie (Co-Presidents), Jo Galván Nash, PR Director; Mary Flynn, Treasurer; Dale Yeo, Voter Services Director; Laura Castille, Vice President; Nancy Stanton, Membership Director; Johnnie Aldrich, Secretary*

November 2 is Election Day. Much of this month's meeting thus focused on preparations for this important local event, when voters will select new school board members, a new city councilor, and a new county commissioner.

Voter Services Director Dale Yeo reported that the candidate information for the Voters' Guide, in English by the Las Cruces Bulletin and in Spanish by Camino Real Media, has been received. The Bulletin listing will include all candidates for the election in Las Cruces and Mesilla. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to help with proofreading the English version, a 2-3-hour process, depending upon the number of readers. If you can help, call Dale soon! The Guide will appear in both publications around October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dale also reported that she and co-worker Helen Zagona have collected candidate information for Doña Ana County towns, Anthony, Sunland Park, Anthony, and Hatch to submit to VOTE411.org, the online Voters' Guide sponsored by LWV US. PR Director Jo Galván Nash is developing ads about this site for placement in the Bulletin. Members can help with publicity by telling friends and neighbors about it.

Because this local election is a non-partisan event (candidates are not identified by party affiliation), election challengers will not be involved — but election watchers are always essential. Traditionally, the League participates. Members who can give a few hours to be watchers should contact Co-President Eileen VanWie immediately, since she must make a formal request to the NM Secretary of State for permission for us to be at the polling place.

Board members also made arrangements to be at the Farmers' and Crafts Market on Saturday, October 30, to answer voters' questions and promote our League. Members are invited to drop by the table and pick up new brochures.

Non-election Opportunity: In February of last year, for the first time, we presented the Making Democracy Work Award. The award recognizes individuals or organizations that have made notable efforts to encourage civic engagement in our community. Information about the nomination process is available on our website ([www.lwvsnm.org](http://www.lwvsnm.org)).



## OBSERVER REPORTS

### **LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • REGULAR MEETING**

September 7, 2021

Observer: Kathy Brook

Councilors approved a resolution adopting a four-year strategy for expenditures from the Telshor Facility Fund or other funds for health-related public services. The current balance in the fund is about \$47 million and there would be annual support of \$600,000 for nonprofit entities which address the needs of the sick and low-income people. In addition, a process or allocating American Recovery Program Act (ARPA) funds to 501(c) and public institutions was adopted. Scoring matrix for proposals includes city priorities, budget, community impact, organizational capacity, etc. The intent is for the initial funding recommendations to be presented to Council by December 6.

Another approved resolution would create an ad hoc citizen committee to work with Research and Polling to evaluate city council redistricting proposals. This would be a seven-member group with members appointed, one by each councilor and one by the mayor. Districts 5 and 6 have grown relatively more than the rest of the city.

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### **LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • REGULAR MEETING**

September 20, 2021

Observer: Kathy Brook

Early in the meeting during the public participation portion several people spoke in support of stopping gun violence and posting signage to that effect.

An agenda item of particular interest was a resolution adopting the East Lohman Development Plan involving 509 acres including land owned by the city of Las Cruces. A plan has been developed by Sites Southwest which presented an overview of the plan. Following were a number of comments from members of the public, including comments from the League's Affordable Housing Committee. A link to Beth's comments appears in my co-President report on page 4. The resolution was approved.

At the end of the meeting, the city manager noted that he is exploring the possibility of covering a larger portion of health insurance for city employees. Currently the city pays 60% of the premium.

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### **LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION • REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 6:00 pm

Observer: Eileen VanWie

*Members Present: President Ray Jaramillo, VP Carol Cooper, Secretary Teresa Tenorio, and Members Pamela Cort and Maria Flores*

During public comment, people spoke against learning critical race theory, wearing of masks, and requiring vaccinations. One person honored school board members by sharing strengths he saw in each member.

NEA-LC President Denise Sheehan spoke about a survey of teachers, with 600 responses showing that teachers are feeling overwhelmed. They have more responsibilities than previously, not enough pay, and are working other jobs to support their families. Teachers are talking about leaving teaching in December. Negotiations have halted, but a meeting is scheduled this week.

A policy that provides recess for all classes was supported. An attendance policy for students with chronic absences was approved.

Two proclamations were approved. One proclamation welcomed Afghan refugee students; the other proclamation was an action plan for prevention, intervention, and elimination of bullying, including planning events for October Bullying Prevention Month.

LCPS has a new system for tracing COVID-19 cases, which reports percentage of positive cases by school. When cases reach 2%, the District will look at factors to assess what is happening in the school, will focus on disinfecting schools and ensuring that staff and students are properly following COVID-19 safe practices. The District wants to do everything possible to keep students safe in school and will publish case information on its website.



## OBSERVER REPORTS

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BOCC) • REGULAR MEETING

Sept. 14, 2021

Observer: Jo Galván Nash

*All Commissioners were present as was County Manager Fernando Macias.*

#### **November Election**

County Clerk Amanda López Askin reported that the Clerk's website has been redesigned with additional information. It's also easier to navigate. The site – [www.dacelections.com](http://www.dacelections.com) – also has links to the Secretary of State, absentee ballot information and voter information. She reminded everyone that early voting begins October 5 in the County Government Center. Her office is currently hiring early voting workers.

#### **Census Data Unveiled**

Brittany Poss, Director of Data and Analytics for Research and Polling, Inc., presented the first results from the 2020 Census for Doña Ana County (DAC). Research and Polling is providing technical support for redistricting in DAC. She explained that the population growth has slowed down tremendously compared to the previous two decades. Regardless, Doña Ana County is one of 13 counties that gained in population but only by 4.9% in comparison to the previous decade. The greatest growth of 28% was in County District #4 on the east and north sides of Las Cruces (currently held by Commissioner Susana Chaparro) which will have to be reduced by redistricting. The census also showed that the smallest district, #3 held by Commissioner Lynn Ellins, needs to grow by at least 7% or 3,000 people.

“It's time to rethink the districts we will live with for the next 10 years,” Poss said.

The five Principles of Redistricting in the County will be based on:

1. **Equal Population:** The total county population (219,561 residents including children) will be divided into 5 areas of approximately 43,912 each. It will have an allowable deviation of + or - 5% as long as there's no gerrymandering and minority voting rights are not diluted.
2. **Minority Voting Rights:** The voting strengths of “communities of color” will not be diluted. Both “packing” and “cracking” will be avoided, and the redistricting will protect ethnic/language minorities.
3. **Contiguity:** All parts of the district are connected with no “islands” of population.
4. **Compactness:** Each district will be distributed around its center point.
5. **Communities of interest:** The districts will have groups with shared characteristics and shared political concerns (such as race, language, history).

The BOCC will begin to get input and the consultants will begin drawing conceptual maps based on residents' suggestions. The proposed maps will be presented to the BOCC and the public; eventually, the BOCC will have to adopt a redistricting map by the end of 2021.

#### **Voting Precincts Adjustments**

Andy Perez of the County Clerk's Office said that two precincts must be split due to the fact that they had more than 750 votes in the last election. Precinct #34 (area around Paz Park and Sierra Middle School) and Precinct #108 (area south of Motel Blvd. and I-10) will be split. This brings the total number of voting precincts to in the county to 190.

The Commission approved the split unanimously.

# Treasurer's Report

Provided by Mary Flynn, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER 2021

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TRANSACTION	
September 1, 2021	<b>BEGINNING BANK BALANCE</b>		<b>\$8,899.85</b>
September 7, 2021	Member Dues and Donations via Check	Bank Deposit	\$200.00 [1]
September 19, 2021	Member Dues and Donations via Paypal	Bank Deposit	\$87.23 [2]
September 20, 2021	Member Dues and Donations via Paypal	Bank Deposit	\$63.22 [3]
September 22, 2021	Members Dues and Donations	Bank Deposit	\$150.00 [4]
September 22, 2021	Members Dues and Donations	Bank Deposit	\$800.00 [5]
September 22, 2021	Deposit from Albuquerque Comm. Foundation	Bank Deposit	\$10,000.00 [6]
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$11,300.45</b>
	<b>CLEARED CHECKS</b>		
August 22, 2021	Consumer Cellular	Check #1081	\$19.74
	<b>ENDING BANK BALANCE</b>		<b>\$20,180.56</b>
	<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>		
September 18, 2021	LWV National Office (PMP)	Check #1082	\$2,912.00
September 20, 2021	We Are IT	Check #1083	\$50.06
September 22, 2021	Consumer Cellular	Check #1085	\$19.74
	<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>		<b>\$2,981.80</b>
	<b>AVAILABLE BANK BALANCE</b>		<b>\$17,198.76</b>
	<b>COMMITTED FUNDS</b>		
September 22, 2021	Diversity Fund		\$935.00
September 22, 2021	Immigration Fund		\$625.00
September 22, 2021	Youth Engagement Fund		\$625.00
September 22, 2021	Voter Service/Engagement Fund		\$1,102.00
September 22, 2021	Redistricting Fund		\$9,000.00
	<b>TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS</b>		<b>\$12,287.00</b>

## Books for LWVSNM Book Club – October 2021

*If you would like to participate, contact Erika at grafwebster@icloud.com*

**BOOK CLUB MEETINGS ARE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Status	Book
	<b>Books Selected for Upcoming Meetings</b>
<b>October 7</b>	<b>After the Fall: Being American in the World We've Made</b> by Ben Rhodes Why is democracy so threatened in America and around the world? And what can we do about it? A former White House aide to President Barack Obama travels the globe in a deeply personal, beautifully observed quest for answers. To understand what was happening in America, Rhodes decided to look outward. He traveled to dozens of countries, meeting with politicians, activists, and dissidents confronting the same nationalism and authoritarianism that was tearing America apart.
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Persist</b> by Elizabeth Warren Elizabeth Warren is a beacon for everyone who believes that real change can improve the lives of all Americans. Committed, fearless, and famously persistent, she brings her best game to every battle she wages. In <i>Persist</i> , Warren writes about six perspectives – mother, teacher, planner, fighter, learner, woman - that have influenced her life and advocacy