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Co-Presidents' Messages

Dear League Members,

Ongoing thanks to all League members and friends who have supported the effort to include affordable/attainable housing on the GO bond issue which will go to the voters in November.

As we approach Constitution Day on September 17, you might be interested in listening to the podcast, *Amarica's Constitution*. That is not a misspelling of "America." It refers to the last name of Akhil Reed Amar, professor of law and political science at Yale University who discusses current Constitutional issues.



Kathy Brook

If you have time to prepare yourself for the upcoming legislative session, please access the interim committee meetings available live or recorded at <https://nmlegis.gov/>. With a few other members of the LWVNM Action Committee, I've been monitoring the work of the Revenue Stabilization and Tax Policy Committee.

—Kathy Brook
Co-President



Dear LWVSNM Members,

September is an important month for the League to take actions to inspire civic engagement and confidence in the election process, and to encourage commitments to vote. I've been searching for reputable resources that suggest how to respond to mis/disinformation.

The World Health Organization provides ways to navigate information and identify mis/disinformation. Assess the source by looking beyond the headlines, which often include words to get an emotional response. If our first reaction is one of

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Improving Elections is the Focus of Sept. General Meeting

Join us for the September general meeting to listen to a talk by Heather W. Balas on improving elections in New Mexico. The meeting begins at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 via Zoom. You'll get a Zoom invite from Eileen VanWie through your email.



This dynamic speaker is a fifth-generation New Mexican. Heather brings over 25 years of experience in public policy, including policy research, citizen deliberation, legislative advocacy, voter education, and coalition-building to ERN. She is a senior consultant to the nonpartisan group Issue One and the Carter Center, where she advises on advancing reforms to strengthen American democracy.

Heather is also the previous President and Executive Director of New Mexico First, a cross-partisan public policy organization co-founded by U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici.

Previous employers include the Thornburg Foundation, where she managed a \$1.2 million portfolio of good government investments, as well as the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Commission on Presidential Debates, and the California Center for Civic Participation. Heather holds a master's degree in political communication from the University of Maryland and a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is married and mother to two young adults.

Heather's talk will be invaluable as we concentrate on educating voters for the upcoming mid-term elections.

—Laura Castille
LWVSNM Vice-President

Co-Presidents' Messages (cont.)

anger, fear, or contempt, check our biases, which we all have, and why we are drawn to the headline. Why did it challenge our assumptions? Check out who the authors are by going to the “About Us” and “Contact Us” links, usually found at the bottom of the website homepage. If no authors or specific sponsors are found, it’s not a reliable source. Check how recent a story is. Is it up to date and relevant to current events?



Eileen VanWie

We know that current events are changing rapidly in today’s world. Examine the supporting evidence. Credible stories will have credible resources. Scapegoating of individuals or organizations is a common tactic for disinformation (intentional use of untrue statements). The Community Guidelines Policy about what cannot be placed on YouTube videos describes how important it is to provide specific context in messages:

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=aaplw&ei=UTF-8&p=YouTubevideoselectionmisinformation#id=1&id=edf88e8aa3513252e7000c3d5c31f4d0&action=click>

Thanks to Cecilia Tellez for arranging for the LWVSNM to have a voter registration table at the Ardivino’s Desert Crossing Farmers’ Market in Sunland Park 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on Saturdays, September 17 and October 1. If you are able to help for any part of these events, please volunteer.

—With warm regards, Eileen VanWie, Co-President

Constitution Day, Sept. 17

In September of 1787, the Founding Fathers signed the most influential document in American history, the U.S. Constitution. Every year, the National Constitution Center hosts Constitution Day celebrations. It also provides a high-school level curriculum that gives an overview of the constitution, principles of the American Revolution, the Constitutional Convention and Ratification, the Bill of Rights, and much more. For those wanting a quick review of the lessons we previously learned, check out this informative website:

<https://constitutioncenter.org/education/constitution-101-curriculum>

A shorter version is also provided by the White House; [click here](#).



- 1 Attend the next federal **Naturalization Ceremony** at 10am, Friday, Sept. 9 at the LC Convention Center along with [Eileen VanWie](#). Let her know in advance you’ll be attending so that seating can be arranged for League members.
- 2 Get enrolled and learn what it takes to be an **election watcher** for the Nov. election. Common Cause will assist the County Clerk with the trainings in September and October. Let [Eileen](#) know you’d like to attend.
- 3 The Academy for Learning in Retirement begins its Fall lecture series on Sept. 6 with “Robots and Human Groups” for a \$5 fee. [See the ALR flyer!](#) Or contact League member [Stew Oberman](#) for more information.

Upcoming Calendar Events

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sept. 5, Mon.: **Labor Day Holiday**
“The end of labor is to gain leisure.”
—Aristotle



- Sept. 5, Mon.: **Short Board Meeting**, Noon, Zoom
- Sept. 6, Tues.: **Postcard Party Planning** 5:30pm via Zoom
- Sept. 7, Wed.: **LWV Affordable Housing Committee**, 3:30 pm via Zoom, contact [Beth Bardwell](#) if you’d like to attend so that a Zoom invite can be sent to you.
- Sept. 8, Thurs.: **LWV PR Committee**, 5:30 pm via Zoom; contact [Jo Galvan Nash](#) if you’d like to attend so that a Zoom invite can be sent to you.
- Sept. 10, Sat.: **LWV Education Committee**, 1:00 pm via Zoom; contact [Eileen VanWie](#) if you’d like to attend so that a Zoom invite can be sent to you.
- Sept. 10, Sat.: **General Meeting**, 2pm, via Zoom
- Sept. 11, Sun.: **9/11 Remembrance Day**
- Sept. 16, Fri.: **Mexican Independence Day**
- Sept. 19, Mon.: **Board Meeting**, 5:00 p.m., via Zoom
- Sept. 22, Thurs.: **Autumn Equinox**, Fall begins
- Sept. 25, Sun.: **Rosh Hashanah** begins at sundown

National Women's Equality Day Celebrated in Southern DAC

To celebrate 102 years ago, when the 19th Amendment was placed in the U.S. Constitution, the Southern New Mexico Women's Suffrage Alliance (AAUW-LC, DACNAACP, LWVSNM, and the Women's Intercultural Center) provided an event for women who regularly participate in the Women's Intercultural Center under the leadership of Mary Carter.

On August 25, Sunland Park Mayor Pro Tempore Olga Nuñez gave the audience many critical reasons for why voting is important. "Alice Paul" (Eileen VanWie) described events and the torture suffragists experienced to gain the right to vote in 1920. Mary and her staff had created the fun game *La Voteria*, which participants enjoyed. Two winners received cash gifts of \$25 and \$50. All participants received some kind of valuable prize, donated by partners of the Women's Intercultural Center. Thanks go out to Mary Carter, who knows how to plan successful events.

The 19th Amendment theoretically awarded all women the right to vote. We know voter suppression and sabotage began immediately and continues today. We need to be vigilant and take action to make democracy and elections work in 2022.

—Eileen VanWie



Photos courtesy of Mary Carter & WIC



League Partnership with Public Media Continues with Candidate Forums on TV22

Once again, KRWG Public Media will partner with the LWVSNM to televise several forums with local candidates. The forums will air during the month of September and early October on Thursdays' "Newsmakers" program. Listed as "election forums," the shows will be co-moderated by representatives from our League. Watch the programs to hear the answers given by candidates vying for state representative, sheriff, and county commission. Newsmakers is on Thursdays at 7pm and also at 5pm on Saturdays.

Broadcast Schedule

NM State Representative Forums

- Districts 32 and 33: September 1
- Districts 35 and 36: September 8
- Districts 37 and 39: September 15
- Districts 52 and 53: September 22
- District 38: September 29

Dona Ana County Commission Forum

- District 3: September 29

Other Forums

- Dona Ana County Sheriff: October 6
- New Mexico Congressional District 2 Candidate Forum



Above: Anthony Moreno and KC Counts will be the co-moderators during the candidate forums.

—Dale Yeo, Voter Services Co-Director

LET'S MEET LWVSNM MEMBER ... *Kathe Kanim*

I have watched with increasing concern in recent years as election participation remained low while misinformation proliferated, and fewer people relied on evidence and reasoning to make political decisions. I retired two years ago, knowing that I wanted to spend some of my time addressing these issues. Prior to retiring, I had joined the Doña Ana County Election Advisory Board and using the contacts I had from my work with Doña Ana high school principals and mathematics teachers, I offered to organize the 2019 High School Senior Voter Registration Drive.

For the next several years, Stewart and Karena Oberman and I regularly visited high school government and senior English classes, often with County Clerk Amanda Lopez Askin, sharing the importance of democratic participation in our democracy and



registering students to vote. As part of this involvement, I met several members of the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico, and when the Election Advisory Board disbanded, joining the league seemed like a logical next step toward realizing my retirement goals. I barely hesitated when asked to fill the interim LWV board position as Youth Engagement Director. With the support of League volunteers we continue to run high school election drives, support league members Jamie Patterson and Josie Miller with Las Cruces Public Schools and their civic participation projects.

I have also continued to work with star organizers Karena and Stewart, organizing registration events at NMSU and community college venues.



Observer Volunteer Needed

One of the League's important activities is to monitor local government actions and discussions. We are currently searching for someone who can be an observer for the Doña Ana County Commission (BOCC) meetings. The BOCC meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

If you can attend the meetings either in person or by watching the broadcasts, please consider writing a summary for the Observer Reports that appear in this newsletter. Generally, the concise summaries focus on topics that would be of interest to League members, or on important governmental action that impacts the entire community.

For more information about being an Observer, contact [Kathy Brook](#).

Don't Forget to Follow the League:



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Attainable Housing Awareness Campaign Kicks Off

As you've probably heard, the City Council has agreed to hold a general obligation bond election that specifically includes \$6 million for attainable/affordable housing. It will be up to city voters on Nov. 8, '22 whether any or all items are passed:

1. **Affordable Housing, \$6M**
2. New Fire Station on the East Mesa, \$10M
3. Parks Improvements, \$2M
4. Phase II of the East Mesa Recreation Complex, \$5M

LWVSNM will advocate for the Affordable Housing which aligns with one of the League's longtime positions. If approved, the \$6 million will be deposited into the city's Housing Trust Fund and will pay for new homes, apartments, townhouses, and other homes for low-to-moderate income families in Las Cruces. It could also be used to purchase property that would be used for public housing.

Many League members were instrumental in urging the Council to include this specific item. Now, that same level of effort will be underway in the coming days to get the housing issue passed. It must be noted that approval of all items would not increase the current city tax rate.

There has been some concern recently about one of the existing public housing projects in Las Cruces that lacked management oversight. However, that issue is being addressed and should not overshadow the critical lack of housing for seniors, veterans, low-income families, homeless children, first-

time home buyers, and hundreds of others who need permanent roofs over their heads. Statistics show there is a current need for at least 5,600 affordable rental units. Plus, the waiting list for housing applicants continues to grow.



Making it Accessible • Keeping it Affordable



Hundreds of affordable rental units similar to these could be constructed if the housing bond item is passed in November.

To promote the housing bond item, LWVSNM will continue to be active with the newly organized Coalition for Attainable Housing comprised of numerous non-profits and local residents that advocate for affordable homes. As a Coalition member, LWV will assist with communication, door-to-door walks, speaking to civic groups, and lending our names to advertising and letters-to-the-editor in support of the bond.

Anyone who wants to join this effort should reach out to [Beth Bardwell](#), the LWV Housing Committee Chair, or to [Jo Galván Nash](#), who has experience with successful general obligation bond elections. The Coalition meets via Zoom.

For more information about the upcoming GO Bond, [click here](#).

—Jo Galván Nash,
LWV PR Director

Rural Utah Project

The *League of Women Voters of New Mexico* sponsored a Zoom event on August 24, 2022, with guest speaker T.J. Ellerback from the Rural Utah Project. The Project supports access to voting on the Navajo Nation located in San Juan County of Southeastern Utah. They use technology tools to reach out to people who live in this rural county. The state of Utah went to all "Vote-by-Mail" in 2014, but reaching people living in San Juan County is sometimes challenging. Members of the Project find people from the area committed to voting who will use voter registration data to call or text friends and family, encouraging them to register and vote. They call this "relational organizing."

In the 2018 election, none of the people on the Navajo Nation (in San Juan County Utah) had an address. *Plus Codes* provide a numerical code that can be used as an address. To find the Plus Code for any location, go to Google Maps and click on a location. For example, with the google map of Las Cruces, if you click on La Tienda de Jardin, the Plus Code 863C+6J location comes up and can be used as an address. This location code can be used by unhoused people for voter registration. The Rural Utah Project has been successful in supporting voting among the Navajo Nation.

Draft Board Meeting MINUTES SUMMARY

Monday, August 1, 2022, Via Zoom

Board Members: Johnnie Aldrich (Membership Director), Kathy Brook (Co-President), Laura Castille (Vice President), Catherine Cochran (Voter Services Co-Director), Mary Flynn (Treasurer - abs), Edwina Jaramillo (Secretary), Kathe Kanim (Youth Engagement Director), Jo Galván Nash (Public Relations Director), Eileen VanWie (Co-President), Dale Yeo (Voter Services Co-Director)

Discussion and Action:

1. August and September Programs and Business Meetings

August 13, 2022 General Meeting:

L. Castille indicated that the video, *Suppressed and Sabotaged, The Fight to Vote* is on schedule to be shown via Zoom. The hope is to get members “fired up” for the November election. **Action Item:** L. Castille will provide draft questions to the Board for approval. The questions will help lead a discussion after viewing the video.

September General Meeting:

L. Castille indicated that the Las Cruces City Manager, Ifo Pili, will be the speaker for the September General Meeting. During the discussion a recommendation was made that the League should be the lead to oversee a city-based affordable housing commission to work on bond issues or a member of the Board should be on the committee. The concern is that it has not been determined how the money in the trust fund will be spent. After much discussion, L. Castille will ask the city manager to be prepared to discuss several topics such as: 1) how the city will prioritize bond funding, 2) update on the Smelser case, 3) progress on economic development, 4) update on the police oversight board, 5) funding for the library, etc. **Action Item:** The Board is asked to send any other topics to Laura that she will provide to the city manager in preparation for the meeting.

2. Voter Services Committee, Calendar, and Events

Candidate Questions:

D. Yeo reported that she contacted the NM League who made recommendations to our proposed candidate questions on abortion and gun violence.

Voter’s Guide:

D. Yeo forwarded a full-page graphic to the Board that she proposes using on the front page of the Voter’s Guide. After much discussion several recommendations were made including adding registration information for those that aren’t computer savvy and making the graphic less busy. D. Yeo informed she is meeting with the Bulletin tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and will talk to the designer regarding these revisions.

Candidate Forums:

D. Yeo reported that she will be meeting with Anthony Moreno of KRWG on 8/4/22 at 2:00 p.m.

Get Out the Vote:

E. VanWie reported that NM Get-Out-the-Vote meeting provided several ideas for the League to consider: 1) What is our goal for getting out the vote? 2) Reach out beyond our comfort zone including a “new American majority” 3) Purchase of voter data to target specific groups (e.g., newly registered voters, etc.), 4) Canvassing neighborhoods with door hangers, 5) Texting campaigns. She asked the Board how LWVSNM could reach out to get out the vote. J. Galván Nash informed that databases average about \$35 for one election for a targeted population, e.g., “all people who voted”, “all people who registered,” or “all people who registered in the last two years”, etc.

BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY cont.

Action Item: J. Galván Nash will call the Bureau of Elections to find out the cost for a database of persons who registered in the last year or since last election. Once obtained, the Board will make decisions regarding expenditure for a Get-Out-the-Vote activity.

3. Board member position descriptions review

Action Item: J. Galván Nash will provide MS-Word copies of the position descriptions to the Board for review and update as needed.

4. US Convention follow up No discussion.

5. Special Projects

NM Listens: No discussion.

6. Budget Review

K. Brook reminded the Board about periodic review of the budget. Due to time constraints, the review topic was tabled.

K. Brook informed that the check from El Paso Electric for \$1,500 was received. She also indicated that two major expenses will need to be paid in the near future: (1) our per member payment to LWVNM and (2) payments for the English and Spanish Voter Guides.

7. Other

Voter-reminder postcard:

A recommendation was made to have a business or organization (e.g., banks/credit unions, AAUW, NAACP, etc.) sponsor a voter-reminder postcard that would align with early voting. K. Brook noted that Karena Oberman is working on door-hanger goody bags for resident-hall students as well as non-partisan classroom presentations; perhaps the postcard could be placed in the bag? **Action Item:** J. Galván Nash will research the cost for the postcard. Once obtained, she will inform Board members who will contact a local business for sponsorship.

County Commission meetings:

J. Galván Nash noted that mis- and/or disinformation regarding local elections is being disseminated at the County Commission meetings. The League needs to have speakers at these meetings to counter their arguments and support the county clerk's office. A recommendation was made to speak to the County Clerk, Amanda Lopez Askin and/or Lindsey Bachman, Chief Deputy Clerk, to discuss with them specifically what the League can do to support them. **Action Item:** E. VanWie will ask the County Clerk to speak at the next Board meeting for five minutes.

Conservatives in Action:

K. Brook informed that the League has been asked to speak at the Coalition of Conservatives in Action meeting to discuss elections and the electoral college. (See recent Op-Ed in the Bulletin which discussed the League's opposition to the electoral college at:

<https://www.lascrucesbulletin.com/stories/protecting-citizens-right-to-vote,12501.>)

—For a complete set of the minutes, please contact [Edwina Jaramillo](#).



LCPS BOARD OF EDUCATION • Regular Meeting

June 7, 2022

Observer: Eileen VanWie

Members Present: President Ray Jaramillo, VP Teresa Tenorio, Secretary Pam Cort, and Members Carol Cooper and Robert Wofford; and Superintendent Ralph Ramos

Deputy Superintendent Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson brought forward teachers to report on real-life learning experiences for students in social studies classes, including using Document Based (essay) Questions on AP exams, registering high school seniors to vote, guest speakers, participating in mock trials and observing the NM Supreme Court hearing in Las Cruces, visiting the Senate Education Committee hearings, the League of Women Voters of SNM talking with high school government students about civic engagement, and Mayor Pro Tempore Gandara giving real city problems to government students who developed creative solutions.

Dr. Leanne Garcia, Director of Teacher Support, presented the diverse ways the District provides teacher support. The Teacher Induction Program provides mentors and support for first-year teachers, the majority now have alternative licensure. There are support programs for teachers in their 2-5 years (of teaching), for substitutes, education assistants, and long-term teachers. A report described the increase in virtual learning opportunities for students who are local or live outside of the area.

Negotiators with the District and NEA-LC teachers are close to a contract settlement. CSEC-LC President Valdespino reported that negotiations are still in process for classified staff. The focus now is on developing wages that would be competitive with the private and other public entities as the District is losing staff to the private sector. Superintendent Ramos introduced the new Chief Financial Officer Alex Liu.

LCPS BOARD OF EDUCATION • Regular Meeting

June 21, 2022 • 6:00 pm

Observer: Eileen VanWie

Members Present: President Ray Jaramillo, VP Teresa Tenorio, Secretary Pam Cort, and Members Carol Cooper and Robert Wofford

Negotiations between NEA-LC teachers (certified staff union) and the District have been settled. The CSEC-LC (classified union) hopes to resolve negotiations for staff by the end of the week.

Gabe Jacquez, Deputy Superintendent of Operations & Leadership, reported that District representatives and the Las Cruces Police representatives talked about school safety priorities: The Chief assured 10 School Resource Officers (SROs) in middle and high schools and one supervisor for the 2022-2023 year; There was discussion about a safety audit; SROs to do safety walk-throughs to share how to make schools safe; The District is working to have every school with a safety vestibule and having fencing around schools; SROs work with criminal behavior and gang behavior issues. Situational awareness is being promoted. “If you see something, do something about it.”

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(BOARD OF EDUCATION CONT.)

The agreement is a flat rate of \$333,000. Officers will wear their Police Department-issued weapon. SROs are required to collect data and share it with the principal. The District has a goal to reduce long-term suspensions of students. Restorative justice practices training is scheduled and the District has a progressive discipline plan that will align through the grades and schools.

Members Wofford and Cort posed the following questions and issues to consider: What training do the SROs go through? Schools more counselors, mentors, and supportive school personnel. Restorative practices are also important for these SROs to use. Are students of color disproportionately being suspended? How does an SRO being armed versus not being armed affect relationships with students? Is it necessary that the SROs carry guns in school? Each school has a safety committee with at least monthly meetings. Some meet every week. Elementary schools do not have SROs assigned to them.

The Memorandum of Understanding Service Agreement with the District and LCPD passed on a 3-2 vote. A similar Memorandum of Understanding Service Agreement for two SROs (Zia Middle School and Rio Grande Preparatory Institute) between the District and Mesilla Marshals passed on a 3-2 vote.

LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • Regular Meeting

August 1, 2022

Observer: Kathy Brook

GO Bond: David Weir presented the four questions that had been drafted for the GO bond election with a total cost of \$23 million. Efforts were made by councilors and the public to distinguish between housing for people who are homeless and housing for a broader community grappling with rising housing prices and rents. It was reported that funding would go through the city's affordable housing ordinance and rules of the Housing Trust Funds. References were made by councilors to harsh emails received concerning affordable housing. The Council approved the wording of the bond issue question, increasing the funding of affordable housing to \$6 million (from \$5 million) and reducing the funding of the East Mesa Recreation Complex by \$1 million.

LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • Regular Meeting

August 15, 2022

Observer: Kathy Brook

Public input: Municipal Judge Joy Goldbaum reported that Kieran Ryan is no longer serving as a municipal judge and indicated that she would be addressing Council's questions about the municipal court at a future meeting.

Master plan of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus: Consultants identified \$26.1 million in capital improvements needed over the next five years. Questions were raised about issues of safety and security associated with the location of Jardin de los Niños on the Community of Hope campus. The Council approved the proposed master plan.

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CITY COUNCIL CONT.

Resolution in support of NM legislation concerning discrimination in housing on the basis of income source or use of Section 8 voucher: There was considerable discussion about the proposed resolution and the process by which it reached the Council (without being reviewed by the Housing Policy Review Committee). The resolution was tabled with a plan to revisit the topic in early December (perhaps after a work session).

A resolution was approved accepting Chelsea Investment Corp. as a partner for Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) development planning for 1101 W. Amador.

LCPS BOARD OF EDUCATION • Regular Meeting

August 16, 2022 • 6:00 pm

Observer: Eileen VanWie

Members Present: President Ray Jaramillo, VP Teresa Tenorio, Secretary Pam Cort, and Members Carol Cooper and Robert Wofford

Teachers are excited about their increased salaries. There are concerns about the lightning protocol, “shelter in place.” Parents try to come to pick up their student, which gets tricky. Parents have volunteered to help with building security, like the program Gadsden Independent SD has implemented. Encouraging students to use the anonymous mental health hotline as needed should be ongoing.

One priority resolution for focus with the 2023 Legislative Session is continued funding for teachers’ salaries/compensation (insurance) and other staff salaries. Other priorities for legislative funding requests are after school activities buses and renewable energy for all buildings.

Doña Ana County NAACP • Meeting

August 20, 2022

Observer: Jennifer Kreie

Thanks Jennifer for becoming an Observer of a great community organization!

The guest speaker for this meeting of the NAACP of DAC was Charles Reado, Deputy Director of the New Mexico Office of African American Affairs (OAAA). Mr. Reado talked about the need for individual involvement to counter misinformation and disinformation. Also, the OAAA is planning to hire community health workers in at least nine counties in the state. These health workers would advocate for and educate people in marginalized communities.

After the guest speaker, there was discussion about the upcoming state NAACP Conference in Hobbs the 28th and 29th of October.

Dr. Bobbie Green, NAACP-DAC chair, reported on the July National NAACP meeting in New Jersey and she encouraged people to plan now to attend the next national meeting, which will be in Boston next summer.



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LAS CRUCES CITY COUNCIL • Work Session

August 22, 2022

Observer: Kathy Brook

OIR Group reported to the Council on its review of complaints to the LCPD over a six-month period. The complete report can be found [here](#).

DAC BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSISONERS • Work Session

August 23, 2022

Observer: Kathy Brook

The only items, other than those on the consent agenda, were a land exchange at the Jetport and the appeal of a Planning and Zoning Commission decision approving a Special Use Permit to operate a cannabis microbusiness producer establishment for the cultivation of cannabis (with no retail sales) in Chaparral. The latter issue was addressed with the testimony of a number of members of the Chaparral community who opposed the operation of this business in a residential area.

The plants would be grown inside two shipping containers, containing a total of no more than 200 plants. A number of residents cited the potential odors associated with the plants and safety concerns. The owner of the business also spoke and indicated that he is installing an air filtering system that would address the odor issue and that he had hired a security guard, but he could discontinue that if the community was disturbed by the presence of the security guard.

LWVSNM Book Club – Sept. 2022

To participate, contact [Erika Graf-Webster](#)

Book Club Meetings are the 1st Thursdays of Each Month

Books Selected for Upcoming Meetings

Sept. 1

**Moderator:
Erika**

Dignity in a Digital Age by Congressman Ro Khanna (D, CA)
Ro Khanna represents one of the wealthiest districts in America, a chunk of Silicon Valley that is home to tech behemoths like Apple and Intel, yet he was a co-chair of Bernie Sanders’ 2020 campaign. His new book embodies those complexities. With manifesto-like ambition, he proposes sweeping fixes for what, in his view, ails America: too much wealth concentrated in too few hands, and too many digital jobs crowded into a handful of tech hubs. He wants to decentralize those opportunities so that places like Paintsville, Ky., or Jefferson, Iowa, can also thrive. He offers a revolutionary roadmap to facing America’s digital divide, offering greater economic prosperity to all. In Khanna’s vision, “just as people can move to technology, technology can move to people.”

2022/23 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Kathy Brook & Eileen VanWie – Co-Presidents

Laura Castille – Vice President

Edwina Jaramillo – Secretary

Mary Flynn – Treasurer

Dale Yeo & Catherine Cochran – Voter Services

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Shirley Armstrong, Chair, Ruth Jaure & Mary Flynn - Nominating Committee

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Treasurer's Report

Prepared by Mary Flynn, Treasurer

AUGUST 2022

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DETAIL	AMOUNT
August 22, 2022	BANK BALANCE FORWARD		\$8,154.52
August 30, 2022	NEW INCOME		\$0.00
		TOTAL NEW INCOME	\$0.00
July 29, 2022	NEW EXPENSES	Consumer Cellular	\$20.51
August 24, 2022		We Are IT	\$60.59
		TOTAL NEW EXPENSES	\$81.10
August 25, 2022	NEW TOTAL BALANCE		\$8,073.42
August 25, 2022	COMMITTED FUNDS	Diversity Fund	\$415.00
August 25, 2022		Youth Engagement Fund	\$625.00
August 25, 2022		Social Media Fund	\$288.67
August 25, 2022		New Mexico Listens Project	\$250.00
August 25, 2022	TOTAL COMMITTED FUNDS		\$1,578.67
August 25, 2022	WORKING BALANCE		\$6,494.75
August 30, 2022	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	El Paso Electric	\$1,500.00
		Paypal Donation	\$65.67
		Checking Donations	\$157.50
		Voter Service Donation	\$250.00
		TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$1,973.17
August 31, 2022	WORKING BALANCE		\$10,046.59