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## Vice-President's Message

Is it me, or does it feel like the sky is falling? Some news is worth celebrating, like the Governor giving \$11 million to the City of Las Cruces to build more affordable housing and all the work the LCPS District is doing to provide our students with a rich multicultural, multilingual, and civics education (read the story in this issue of the VOTER). Still, daily it



Beth Bardwell

seems like thread by thread our national democracy is unraveling faster than we can knit it back together.

However, I have never met a more dedicated group of League members who are doing everything we can locally to empower voters and strengthen democracy.

Our volunteer committees are hard at work preparing VOTE411 for seven counties, seeking proposals to print our Voters Guide for Doña Ana County in English and Spanish, registering voters, planning non-partisan candidate forums for Las Cruces City Council and Las Cruces School Board (see Save the Date), designing and printing t-shirts and buttons highlighting women's role in defending democracy and giving our [LWVSNM website](#) an overhaul to drive up visitation, education and hopefully membership!

Then there are our studies and advocacy on public policy issues like the newly formed Healthcare Committee which is hosting this month's general membership meeting on Saturday, Sept. 13th with four panelists to talk about what we can do to address New Mexico's growing shortage of medical providers (see the Flyer). We also have a newly formed Library Committee that is studying how to strengthen and expand our library position to protect and support public libraries, our nation's vision for tax-supported, unfettered, free and equal access to information.

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## Healthcare Committee Hosts Upcoming General Membership Meeting, Sept. 13

If you're interested in or concerned with the statewide shortage of doctors and other medical practitioners, you'll want to attend the Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025, general membership meeting.

A panel of four experts will convey their experiences and knowledge on this growing crisis in New Mexico. Panelists are: Dr. Arthur Berkson, Doña Ana County Medical Society; Fred Nathan, Think New Mexico; Journalist Walt Rubel; and Kathe Stark, Patients Primero Steering Committee. (See p. 4 to see the flyer which will be emailed to all members.)

Joanne Turnbull, the League chair for the Healthcare Committee will give opening comments and Past-President Jo Galván Nash will moderate the discussion. There will be time after the presentations for your questions. The public is also invited to attend.

The hybrid meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada Ave. The meeting will also be on Zoom. Members can log in by 1:45 p.m.

This is the link to use for the Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/827344928>. You'll also need to enter the passcode: **693935**.

Refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there.



Suzanne Kane  
Sheri Ploss

## League Members Discuss Bilingual/Multicultural Education with Top School Administrators

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Ignacio Ruiz, and a small contingency of his instructional leadership team, met with several members of the LWVSNM Education Committee on August 5, 2025 at the Las Cruces Village Senior Living building. The conversation over lunch proved beneficial for both sides. League members who attended were Jane Asche, Rebecca Courtney, Elisa Sánchez, Eileen VanWie and Pattie Wojahn.

The topics of discussion covered bilingual and multilingual programs, bilingual curriculum and reading literature integration, professional development that is responsive to learning and skill development, civic education and engagement, and social and emotional learning strategies in the public schools. The Education Committee learned that LCPS is addressing all of these areas at all grade levels.

The Education Committee asked how the League could help the public schools advocate for their funding and educational needs at the legislative and community levels.

“We are proud to have such transparent and hard-working leadership in our schools,” said Committee Co-chair Dr. Patti Wojahn.

- *Rebecca Courtney, Education Committee Member*



*The conversation included (left to right) Deputy Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, Leadership and Research Dr. Wendi Miller-Tomlinson, Superintendent Ignacio Ruiz, LCPS School Board Member Patrick Nolan, League member Patti Wojahn, and GeAnn Killgore, Bilingual Program Administrator. Not pictured from LCPS is Dr. Robert Lozano, Associate Superintendent of Equity, Innovation, and Social Justice.*

Read an opinion article (OpEd) on multicultural education penned by our members — Dr. Patti Wojahn and Dr. Eileen VanWie. [Click here to read it.](#)

### 2025/2026 LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO BOARD:

Beth Bardwell – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
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Jo Galván Nash – Past President

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Observer Corps: Kathy Brook, Jennifer Kreie, and Patti Wojahn  
Historian - Ruth Jaure  
The Voter Editor & Webmaster - Jo Galván Nash

## Upcoming Calendar Events

### SEPT. 2025

- Sept. 1, Mon.: **Labor Day Holiday**
- Sept. 2, Tues.: **Regular Board Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom; all LWVSNM Members welcome; contact [Beth Bardwell](#) for a Zoom link.
- Sept. 4, Thurs.: **League Voter Services Committee**, 1 p.m. via Zoom; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84231403757?pwd=rVlqaSLcYp3JGeMQqj8nfzb2ltQ1uD.1>
- Sept. 8, Mon.; **Education Committee**, 5:30 p.m., [contact Eileen VanWie](#), co-chair, for a Zoom link.
- Sept. 13, Sat.: **League Membership Meeting** on NM Healthcare Crisis, 2:00 p.m. at DACC Workforce Center, 2345 Nevada or use Zoom link on page 4.
- Sept. 22-24: **Rosh Hashanah**
- Sept. 29, Mon.: **Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Committee**, 4:00 p.m., Zoom; contact Jo Nash for a Zoom link.
- Sept. 30, Tues.: **League’s City Council Candidates Forum**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall

## Libraries Position Moves to Center Stage

Over the past several years, LWVSNM members have discussed the need to update the existing library position and we have now taken another step in the direction of accomplishing that. The committee held its first meeting on August 19 and will hold the next one on Tuesday, September 16, at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom. Feel free to contact me at [kathybrook@comcast.net](mailto:kathybrook@comcast.net) if you are interested in joining the committee.

Our existing position focuses on Branigan Library and encourages County support for the library since it is used by residents outside the Las Cruces city boundaries.



*Kathy Brook*

Based on that, we contacted members to let them know of the opportunity to provide input on the uses of the proposed \$140 million Doña Ana County GO bond issue to be on the ballot in November 2025. In addition, we learned that the Friends of the Library planned to attend the Las Cruces City Council work session on August 25 to promote using the 2026 City GO bond to support the Las Cruces Public Libraries master plan. ([Click here to read the lengthy plan.](#))

The committee has information about areas of interest to members from past program planning meetings as well as library positions adopted by other Leagues and a resolution passed at the last LWVUS convention concerning libraries as “essential institutions for strong, viable, and sustainable democracies.” Using these resources and additional information that we are gathering, we hope to move expeditiously toward an updated position.

Among those issues that are likely to be addressed are the need to have a position that reflects the fact that our League now serves a broader area, including rural libraries, and the changes in our community and the services of libraries over the past several decades.

▪ *Kathy Brook, Treasurer & Library Committee Chair*

## League Recommends Strategies for Compliance

The LWVSNM Education Committee attended the Yazzie/Martinez Action Plan community meeting on August 5, 2025. As described by the NM Center on Law and Poverty, “The Martinez/Yazzie Action Plan is New Mexico’s formal response to the court ruling (2018) that the state failed to meet its constitutional obligation to provide a uniform and sufficient education, particularly for Native American students, English learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing poverty. The plan must also provide culturally and responsive support services and school funding that matches the needs of our students and communities. In April of 2025, a state judge reaffirmed that New Mexico is not meeting its constitutional obligation to provide all students with the education they are legally owed...Now, the state must develop a Yazzie-Martinez Action Plan, and a community voice is essential to getting it right.”

Education Committee members joined with other local area attendees to share experiences and recommend strategies that specifically address multi-lingual, multi-cultural, low-income and special needs students. Absenteeism, transportation, food, clothing, shelter, equity and inclusion of various cultural backgrounds were also addressed. League attendees were Eileen VanWie, Patti Wojahn, Elisa Sánchez, Rebecca Courtney, and Jane Ashe.



*Dr. Patti Wojahn and Elisa Sánchez of LWVSNM were among those discussing how schools can better meet the needs of students.*

Community meetings similar to the one in Las Cruces are being held across New Mexico so school staff, parents, students and other interested parties can help the coordinators of the Action Plan create curriculum and services for these defined students to present to the state Public Education Department by December 15, 2025. The plan will address five core areas required by the court:

- Equitable access to high-quality instruction
- Access to well-prepared, culturally and linguistically responsive educators
- Academic, social and behavioral support services
- Fair and effective funding to meet student needs
- Data and accountability systems to drive continuous improvement

For more information about this vital project, go to Yazzie/Martinez Action Plan Toolkit Factsheet: <https://www.nmpovertylaw.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/UPDATED-Aug.-2025-Factsheet-YM-Noncompliance-order.pdf>

▪ *Rebecca Courtney, Education Committee*



**JOIN US**

**The League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico**  
invites you to attend its September 2025 meeting  
to discuss New Mexico's growing shortage of medical providers.

*The meeting is open to the public!*

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025 • 2:00 p.m.  
Doña Ana Community College Workforce Center  
2345 Nevada Ave.  
Free

**Panel Discussion Guest Speakers:**

Dr. Arthur Berkson, President, Doña Ana County Medical Society  
Fred Nathan, Think New Mexico  
Walt Rubel, Journalist  
Kathe Stark, Patients Primero Steering Committee

Snacks Provided

The meeting will also be on Zoom.

Click the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82767344928>

You will also need this passcode: **693935**

For more information: [lwvsnm@gmail.com](mailto:lwvsnm@gmail.com)

**The Public is Invited!**

## Vice-President cont. from p.1

I'll finish with the news that our local league members have published four – yes, four! – opinion editorials this summer on democracy, voters' rights, health care and the importance of educating our students in multicultural/multilingual and civic education. Read them in the local newspapers or on our website!

I am feeling better already just thinking about the strength of our civic organization that was first established locally in 1968 and nationally prior to the ratification of the 19th Amendment which in 1920 gave women the right to vote. We've got a lot to be proud of and we are not going back!

- *Beth Bardwell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*



### **Financial Help Sought:**

We're still looking for a couple of members that like to work with numbers or review finances! We need someone to work with Treasurer Kathy Brook to ensure the League is meeting its financial requirements. It's important to have evidence that the League is meeting its obligations associated with our 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. We also need a volunteer for a couple of months beginning in 2026 to serve as chair or as a member of the budget committee.

If you can help, please contact Kathy at [kathybrook@comcast.net](mailto:kathybrook@comcast.net).

## Observations from our Senator's Town Hall

On August 19, I attended the town hall hosted by Senator Ben Ray Luján at the DACC East Mesa Campus, hoping to have the opportunity to ask him a question related to our healthcare committee study of the shortage of providers. The auditorium was fairly full, though not so full that I needed to arrive 45 minutes early, and the crowd leaned toward older people who seemed receptive to what the Senator had to say. Those who wanted to pose questions received raffle tickets which were later selected at random. Unfortunately, mine was not among those chosen.

Senator Luján introduced the event with discussion of the recent inclusion of New Mexico downwinders in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). He then described some of his own health care experiences with a stroke at the beginning of his term and moved from there into the passage by Congress of cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). With respect to impact of the latter changes, he noted that SNAP accounts for about 11% of grocery store revenues (probably a national figure) and expressed dismay about the potential impact of the Medicaid cuts on rural health clinics. While he did indicate that he is involved with initiatives to reverse some of these cuts, we know that NM had challenges even before these issues were added to the mix.

In response to a question referencing New Mexico's low ranking on many lists, including those related to education, the Senator mentioned the permanent fund (which he referred to as a rainy-day fund) and suggested that it was raining now. He also reminded the audience that NM Tech does very well in national rankings, and he wondered aloud why Khan Academy materials are not used in classrooms.

In response to a question about veterans, he stated that about 30% of federal employees are veterans.

- *Kathy Brook, LWVSNM Treasurer*

## Forum Procedures May Be Altered to Encourage Candidate Participation

On Sept. 2, the LWVSNM Board will consider a change to its Candidate Forum procedures. In the past, the League has cancelled a scheduled forum if only one candidate shows up to participate. It's proposed that the League change that rule beginning this election season. If the Board agrees with a recommendation from the Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Committee, candidates in a contested race will be invited to participate in a forum. If their opponent(s) are a no-show, the event will proceed even with only one candidate present. Because some candidates cannot attend due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, they will be allowed to submit a written opening statement to be read by the League moderator, if the candidate so chooses. By allowing the forum to proceed, the one candidate who *is* in attendance will not be "penalized" and will be able to answer the questions from the League and the audience. We hope this will encourage candidates to do their best to participate in this public question-and-answer opportunity.

- *Jo Galvan Nash, Past President*

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO  
INVITES YOU TO THE LEAGUE'S**

# **FALL SOCIAL & NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

**Saturday, October 11, 2025  
11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.  
5600 Remington Road**

**Co-hosted by Liz Rodriguez-Johnson,  
Kate Mangelsdorf, and Beth Bardwell**



## **NEW MEMBERS:**

**You are our guests!**

## **CURRENT MEMBERS**

**Please bring your  
favorite salad, dip,  
or dessert**

## **CO-HOSTS:**

**Will provide chips,  
crackers, and beverages**

**By Sept. 29th:  
Copy the link to  
RSVP**

**and to sign up**

**[https://docs.google.com/doc-  
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***For more information, contact Kate Mangelsdorf  
katemangelsdorf@yahoo.com, 575-642-2770***

## Volunteer for the League's Local Candidate Forums

Every election, the League of Women Voters of Southern New Mexico hosts candidate forums to help voters become better informed on where the candidates stand on top issues. This year on November 4<sup>th</sup>, voters will go to the polls to elect three seats on the Las Cruces City Council and three seats on the Las Cruces Public School Board among many other local elections up and down Doña Ana County. In addition to electing local decision-makers, voters will be asked to cast their votes on county and school district General Obligation Bonds and on Mill Levy questions for local government capital outlay projects funded through property taxes.



Voting in local elections is important because local officials make policy that shape your day-to-day life and community whether it's for your child's education, roads and pedestrian safety, law enforcement and community policing, drinking water supply and wastewater treatment, housing, or economic development, to name a few. Also, because voter turnout is generally lower in local elections, elections can be won by a handful of votes, making your vote count even more!

Want to help? The League, with co-hosts NAACP and AAUW, will be hosting two candidate forums: one for Las Cruces City Council candidates on **September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in City Council Chambers and a second one for Las Cruces School Board candidates — the location, date and time to be announced soon.

Volunteers are needed to help write League questions for the candidates, greet the public, collect questions for the candidates from the audience, and be a timekeeper. Contact 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Beth Bardwell to volunteer at [betbardwell@gmail.com](mailto:betbardwell@gmail.com).



*The League has conducted several candidate forums like this one in Tularosa in 2024 that draw large crowds from the local community.*

**Local  
Elections  
Matter.**

## Virtual Training Webinars

“Working with Local Election Officials to Anchor Change” is the next webinar offered by the national LWV. You may want to register for a series of virtual trainings they offer. The webinar will be held on Wed., Sept. 17 at 9:00 a.m. MT. [Click here](#), then click on the webinar's title to get more information about the content, which includes best practices on building relationships with local elected officials. The first click will also take you to the “Register Now” button.

## OpEd Captures Essence of Healthcare Crises

Did you read LWVSNM Publicity Coordinator Lynda St. Clair's guest column “Federal Legislation Accelerates State Crisis”? It kicks off an important conversation the League will have at its panel discussion on Sept. 13. See page 4 for information on the public meeting that the Healthcare Committee is hosting. Lynda's article also includes a great list of lawmakers to contact with your messages. [Click here to read the OpEd.](#)

**CLICK HERE TO READ ABOUT  
THE HISTORY OF LABOR DAY**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK**



## Las Cruces City Council • Regular Session

August 4, 2025

Observer: Jennifer Kreie

This council meeting was big news for **affordable housing**. Nine resolutions or ordinances were approved; four were in direct support of affordable housing projects: Peachtree Canyon Apts. (ultimately 244 units), Skylark Subdivision (32 single family homes), Padrina Senior Apts (80 units) and Metro Verde area (11.8 acres purchase for 52-lot subdivision focused on first-time buyers). There is a good overview of these projects in a Las Cruces Sun-News article on 8/7/2025.

Also, there was approval of expenditures from the Telshor Fund for health-related services and acceptance of an award for Community Energy Efficiency Development to retrofit low-income homes with more efficient heating and cooling.

In my opinion is this was a very productive meeting and League members might consider thanking their city councilor.

## Las Cruces City Council • Regular Session

August 18, 2025

Observer: Kathy Brook

Resolutions were approved concerning use of the opioid settlement funds, disposition of a substandard dwelling in the historic district with no known legal owner, and contracts involving phase 3 of the downtown master plan, Cisco Smartnet Telephone System, and security guards for city facilities and events.

Included in the report from the City Manager was information about lead and copper water pipes from the assistant utilities director. He stated that the data that had disappeared from the city's website has been restored, the city will provide the data annually rather than updating more frequently (to avoid confusion), and the city will be hiring a consultant on this issue. He emphasized that the city does not have a lead issue and never has.

## LCPS Board of Education • Regular Session

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Observers: Patti Wojahn and Elisa Sánchez

Members: All were present, including new Student Council representative Addison W., Organ Mountains High School

After openings and recognitions, public comment included primarily concern about tennis coach stipends being insufficient. Two new leaders were introduced: Gena Bermudez, LCPS Foundation Executive Director and Brian Peterson, Chief of Technology.

The Board approved a policy on wireless communication devices and limiting their use to instructional purposes only, at teachers' requests, and during regular school hours. The Board also approved two of three resolutions to send on to the NM School Boards Association to consider as 2026 Legislative priorities:

- 1) A resolution to increase the transportation funding formula to adequately cover the costs of to-and-from school transportation as well as co-curricular activities. This was listed as a critical issue when the LWVSNM Education Committee met with LCPS leaders.
- 2) A resolution to increase the state's special education funding formula to accurately reflect the true costs of education for students with varying needs. This is a critical issue highlighted in the Yazzie-Martinez lawsuit.
- 3) A third resolution was tabled and will be revisited in the next board meeting; it would provide funding to "cover salary increases for all federally funded [education] positions."



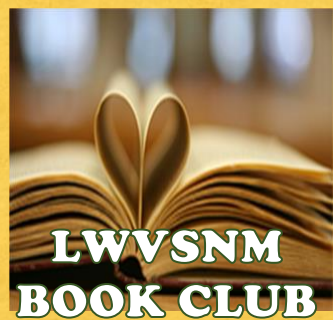
## LCPS School Board (cont.)

The Board approved a memo of understanding between LCPS and Mesilla Valley Hospital and Peak Behavioral Health that will allow for more face-to-face consultations with students. The Board also approved a memo of understanding with the City of Las Cruces which allocated money toward this purpose.

HR personnel reported that class size populations and staffing were adjusted as needed during the first week of school. In the Superintendent's report, Ignacio Ruiz celebrated the summer's grand opening of the new Columbia Elementary campus. He also reported a generous donation of \$10,000 from Sisbarro car dealership to resurrect the district's "Count Me In" initiative, aimed at improving student attendance. He also reported on his summer presentation at the AASA (School Superintendent's Association) Leaders of Color summit that focused on meeting the needs of historically underserved students.

Leaders from the educators' union, NEA-LC, reported on the need for more equity among club and activity sponsor stipends, an issue that will continue to be explored. NEA also mentioned the importance of focus on Policy JICFA that addresses bullying, harassment, and racial-related aggression.

The new student board member discussed concerns about the delays in students' entry into school due to insufficient or ineffective metal detectors, which she agrees are needed but are cause for concern as currently used. She was also encouraging about how the school bathrooms are now smoke-free and far cleaner.



The book club meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

If you want to participate, contact Erika at [grafwebster@icloud.com](mailto:grafwebster@icloud.com)

**Reading Books is Good for You!**

— Rachel Maddow

**Sept. 4**

**The Book Club for Troublesome Women: A Novel by [Marie Bostwick](#)**

Margaret never really *meant* to start a book club . . . or a feminist revolution, for that matter. By 1960s standards, Margaret Ryan is living the American woman's dream. She has a husband, three children, a station wagon, and a home in Concordia – one of Northern Virginia's most exclusive and picturesque suburbs. Margaret is thrown for a loop when she first meets Charlotte Gustafson, Concordia's newest and most intriguing resident. As an excuse to be in the mysterious Charlotte's orbit, Margaret concocts a book club get-together and invites two other neighborhood women--Bitsy and Viv--to the inaugural meeting. As the women share secrets, cocktails, and their honest reactions to the controversial bestseller *The Feminine Mystique*, they begin to discover that the American dream they'd been sold isn't all roses and sunshine--and that their secret longing for more is something they share

**Oct. 3**

**Careless People: A Cautionary Tale of Power, Greed, and Lost Idealism by [Sarah Wynn-Williams](#)**

*Careless People* is darkly funny and genuinely shocking...Not only does Sarah Wynn-Williams have the storytelling chops to unspool a gripping narrative; she also delivers the goods." - Jennifer Szalai, *The New York Times*. From trips on private jets and encounters with world leaders to shocking accounts of misogyny and double standards behind the scenes, this searing memoir exposes both the personal and the political fallout when unfettered power and a rotten company culture take hold. In a gripping and often absurd narrative where a few people carelessly hold the world in their hands, this eye-opening memoir reveals what really goes on among the global elite.

## Treasurer's Report for July and August 2025

By Kathy Brook, Treasurer

Beginning Balance, June 24, 2025	<b>\$12,891.02</b>
New Income	<b>\$612.94</b>
Dues and donations	\$612.94
New Expenses	<b>\$1,029.40</b>
Printing for potluck social, chk 1223	\$36.37
Dues paid to LWVUS, chk 1224	\$75.00
Dues paid to <b>LWVNM</b> , chk 1225 (correction)	\$628.03
Dues paid to LWVUS, chk 1226	\$215.00
Dues paid to LWVUS, chk 1227	\$75.00
Ending Balance, July 24, 2025	<b>\$12,474.56</b>

<b>Designated Funds (included in bank balance above)</b>	<b>\$4,070.00</b>
Diversity Fund (reduced by payment to LCPS)	\$1,979.00
Otero/LWVSNM	\$736.00
Youth Engagement	\$375.00
Election/voter materials (increased by member donation and raffle proceeds)	\$980.00
Balance on Target e-card	\$78.99

Beginning Balance, July 25, 2025	<b>\$12,474.56</b>
New Income	<b>\$1,454.65</b>
Dues (net of fees)	\$129.65
Donations (gross)	\$1,325
New Expenses	<b>\$97.50</b>
Dues to LWVUS	\$97.50
Ending Balance, August 22, 2025	<b>\$13,909.21</b>

<b>Designated Funds (included in bank balance above)</b>	<b>\$4,570.00</b>
Diversity Fund	\$1,979.00
Otero/LWVSNM	\$736.00
Youth Engagement	\$375.00
Election/voter materials	\$980.00
Youth or critical need	\$500.00
<b>Balance on Target e-card</b>	<b>\$78.99</b>

## GOOD READS & LINKS

Here are interesting articles, books, or videos regarding topics that are related to our League Positions and/or reflect issues associated with our advocacy.

- 1** **Here are the candidates:** The New Mexico Secretary of State's website has a list of all candidates running in the November election. [Click here](#) and then change the "Filing County" to Doña Ana if you want to see only local races. Then click "search." Note there are two candidates in Sunland Park that have been disqualified.
- 2** **CAP (Center for American Progress)** This nonpartisan policy institute features a "New Immigration System To Safeguard America's Security, Expand Economic Growth, and Make Us Stronger" <https://www.americanprogress.org/article/a-new-immigration-system-to-safeguard-americas-security-expand-economic-growth-and-make-us-stronger/>
- 3** Thanks to League member Jane Asche for forwarding this link. If you haven't ever read articles from the **Cook Political Report** now's your chance. The Cook Report is an independent, non-partisan newsletter that analyzes elections and campaigns for the US House of Representatives, US Senate, Governors and President as well as American political trends. Bookmark this site: <https://www.cookpolitical.com/>
- 4** **"Why Water Planning Matters"** – Here's a good read from the NM Water Advocates. Aquifers are vanishing. Climate stress is growing. Decentralized water planning is the path forward: [https://nmwateradvocates.org/why-nm-water-planning-matters/?utm\\_source=New+Mexico+Water+Advocates&utm\\_campaign=7257ed9a06-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2025\\_04\\_24\\_06\\_19\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_80e190cc1c-288556585](https://nmwateradvocates.org/why-nm-water-planning-matters/?utm_source=New+Mexico+Water+Advocates&utm_campaign=7257ed9a06-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_04_24_06_19_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_80e190cc1c-288556585)

## UPCOMING GOVERNMENT MEETINGS

### LC City Council:

Sept. 2 (regular meeting); Sept. 8, (work session); Sept. 15; Sept. 22 (work session); all at 1:00 pm., City Hall

County Commission: Sept. 2 (work session); Sept. 9; Sept. 19; Sept. 23; all meetings at 9:00 am; DAC Govt. Center.

LCPS School Board: Sept. 2 (work session), 4 p.m.; Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m.; both at Dr. Trujillo Admin. Bldg. Board Rm.

NMSU Regents: No Sept. date posted;

Traditionally held at 3 pm, Regents Room, ESC Building, live streamed at <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/82240874731>

## NAACP Chapter of Doña Ana Meeting Summary

The August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting guest speaker was Tommy (DJ) Black. Mr. Black is running for City Council in District 6. He works for the Veterans Administration, as well as working as a DJ on Hot 103.1. He said he's worried about our children because of incidents like the shooting in Young Park. He also expressed concern about the homeless, bringing new businesses to Las Cruces and the low voter turnout in past elections. Action is needed, not just words. Mr. Black scheduled a "town hall" session at the East Mesa DACC campus on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

After officer reports, Dr. Bobbie Green, the chapter president, talked about the NAACP State Conference in October. The conference will be in Las Cruces this year. It will be at the Convention Center during the evening of the 10th and all day on the 11th.

Dr. Green and League Member Eileen VanWie announced the NAACP will join the LWVSNM in holding a candidate forum for city council candidates on September 30th (Tuesday) at City Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Plans for a board of education forum have not yet been finalized.

▪ Submitted by Jennifer Kreie  
NAACP and LWVSNM Member