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- influences public policy through education and advocacy.



General Meeting:

Immigration Rights and DACA Tuesday, November 14th, 7:00 PM

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis

Speaker: Yema Measho, Corvallis Attorney
Specializing in Immigrant Rights

Since taking office, the current U.S. president has signed a series of Executive Orders limiting the rights of immigrants. Most recently, he has announced plans to do away with DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), the program created by the Obama administration that gives temporary protection to undocumented migrants who arrived in the U.S. as children.

- What rights do immigrants in our country currently have?
- What protection can we afford immigrants in our community, given our status as a sanctuary city?
- What is DACA and how does it work?
- What are some common misconceptions and misinformation about immigration rights and DACA?
- What can we as individuals and organizations do to protect immigrants in our community?

Ms. Measho, who has extensive experience defending immigrants' rights, will help us explore these important questions. We have also invited two OSU students who are "DREAMers" (i.e., people registered through DACA) to share their stories with us.

Please join us for this informative and timely program. We hope you'll spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested.

Co-sponsored by the LWV of Corvallis and the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

ACTION ALERT: SUPPORT CLEAN ENERGY JOBS

Date: October 24, 2017
 To: All League Members and Oregonians
 From: Norman Turrill, LWVOR President;
 Claudia Keith, LWVOR Climate Change
 Portfolio



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Help Clean Energy Jobs (CEJ) Climate Change Legislation over the finish line in 2018 by attending the **Clean Energy Jobs November 4 Day of Action Rally held in Corvallis** on the OSU campus, Strand Agricultural Hall - **STAG 161**, 170 SW Waldo Place (bldg. East MU Quad) from **Noon – 2 PM**.

The legislation would establish a program which will cap climate pollution, price all qualified greenhouse gas emissions under the cap, and invest the proceeds in clean energy, while addressing the needs of vulnerable communities and investing in . . .

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President's Corner – Laura Lahm Evenson

Six of our local League members attended the LWVOR Fall Workshop "Mediating the Message - The League's Role in the 21st Century", held at Lane Community College in Eugene. This is an annual event put on by our state League. I had the good fortune to attend Peggy Lynch's breakout session on how to follow the Oregon Legislature on line. This was a hands-on workshop and many of the participants had brought their own laptops. You too can follow legislation from the comforts of home!

Using OLIS - Oregon Legislative Information Service - you can follow legislation through committees; watch and read testimony presented at committee hearings, and follow the debate on the floors of the House and Senate. Check it out at olis.leg.state.or.us. Take one bill or topic you are interested in and follow it from beginning to end. This is a great way for those of us who can't get to Salem to stay informed. I encourage you to attend the Fall Workshop next October. There are breakout sessions on a variety of topics that help us at the local level.

Your LWV of Corvallis Board is always looking for topics of interest to the membership. This month we chose Immigration as our focus. There is a lot of conversation at the national level on immigration and we hope you will benefit from the program.

Speaking of planning, in January we will have our Soup and Planning dinner. Now is the time to consider issues or topics that the membership wants our local League to focus on. It is during this planning meeting that the membership gives the Board direction for the next year. Give this some thought over the next two months.

Don't forget our annual fundraiser! The fruit sale revenues support all of our local activities. You can order oranges, grapefruit or a mixed box. If you can't eat an entire box, consider splitting one with a friend or neighbor. Some people order boxes to donate to a local food bank, helping two organizations with one purchase!

I hope all of you have a lovely fall and thank you for your participation in the League.

LWVOR Fall Workshop:



On the right is Claudia Keith & friends



On the right is Peggy Lynch

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This is the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Corvallis which is produced nine or ten times a year.

Contact Cathy Frischmann or Louise Marquering with your suggestions, submissions, comments, or story ideas. We welcome your input.

Submissions are due no later than the 15th of the month.

Members subscribe through their dues. Membership in the League of Women Voters of Corvallis is open to men and women of all ages and includes membership in the League of Women Voters of Oregon and the League of Women Voters of the United States. A membership form is on the last page.



Fifth-Annual Benton County Environmental Award

This award was presented to Marilyn Koenitzer at the Benton County Environmental Issues Advisory Committee Fall Forum on October 18th.

It recognizes a private citizen who has contributed significantly as a volunteer to the advancement and support of the county's environmental goals of its Sustainability Policy; particularly in the areas of improved air quality, water quality, energy savings, environmental health, healthy ecosystems, natural habitats and sustainable resources.

In attendance at the award presentation was Marilyn's fellow League member, Annette Mills, who shared, "Within 10 seconds of Marilyn receiving the award, she was giving the audience an update on the new state air quality regulations and encouraging people to advocate on the new regulations. She went right into action!"

Congratulations to Marilyn for tirelessly working for decades to improve our air quality.

COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE



Have You Participated in the Community Conversation on Land Use?

Corvallis City Planners want to hear from you about your neighborhood. What land use problems need to be fixed? What in your neighborhood should be preserved? What additions would you like to see? Information gathered from you and your neighbors will go into future planning and zoning policies.

For this outreach process, the Corvallis has been divided into six "Study Areas" to help organize feedback from everyone. Please review the map at:

<http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=2078>

Then take any or all of the surveys listed below the map. You are not limited to your own neighborhood.

Do it soon as this first phase of the outreach process is almost over. If you want to get notices of ongoing activities for planning the future of Corvallis, sign up at: <http://www.corvallisoregon.gov/index.aspx?page=18>. Check "Community Conversations on Land Use" from the box of options at the bottom of the page.

The Community Planning Committee welcomes new members. We are currently monitoring the discussions by City boards as they consider updates to the Land Development Code to meet the requirements of SB 1051. We will also be examining the applications for annexations that are expected to be completed in the near future. **Our next meeting is Thursday, November 9th at 4 PM, 3115 NW McKinley.** Email shellym@peak.org if you wish to receive the agenda or want to be on the mailing list.

Shelly Murphy, Community Planning Chair

Con't from p. 1 **LWVOR Action Alert** . . . training workers for new, growing opportunities in a clean energy economy.

LWVOR joined the Renew Oregon Campaign Coalition in 2015 to support legislation to price emissions. At the LWVUS Convention 2014, the following resolution was adopted by a large margin: "*The LWVUS should support a price on carbon emissions that will increase in stages, as part of an overall program to improve energy efficiency and to replace fossil fuels with renewable energy, fast enough to avoid serious damage to the climate system.*" LWVOR has supported legislation each session to reduce greenhouse gases. A CEJ bill is being worked on for the 2018 legislative session based on **SB 1070** from the 2017 session. [CEJ Legislative Work Groups](#) have been meeting to improve that bill.

ACTION NEEDED: Hold a house party or attend a local rally on November 4th. Renew Oregon is planning a statewide DAY OF ACTION November 4. League members and/or local Leagues can support this Day of Action in a number of ways. Please consider hosting or co-hosting a house party (materials and statewide Facebook livestream are provided by Renew Oregon) and/or a Community Clean Energy Jobs campaign party.

We need your Support! Here are a few ways you can support the Clean Energy Jobs (CEJ) statewide campaign:

- * **First and foremost, Renew and LWVOR would like to encourage you to [hold a house party](#).** You can direct any questions or plans about house parties to Sonny Mehta with Renew, sonny@reneworegon.org. We hope to have a party in every county. Some groups are using larger spaces in their communities (churches, schools, libraries, etc.)
- * **Second, you can post on social media on November 4** (or any other day!) about Clean Energy Jobs using the attached [social media toolkit](#).
- * **Third, you can attend the [rally in Portland](#) on November 4, 12 noon to 2 pm** at the PCC Cascades campus student union building, 2nd floor. More rallies are being planned for Salem and Eugene as well as other communities.
- * **Fourth, please sign up for [Renew Oregon](#) emails** to get the latest information.

The League of Women Voters believes that climate change is real and we all need to do our part to reduce greenhouse gases. We have joined Our Children's Trust to require government to address this serious threat to our world. Here is one small way you can help. Host a CEJ house party on November 4th!

If you have any questions or did not receive this in your email and want to get on the LWV of Oregon Action alert distribution list, contact lwvor@lwvor.org.



Comment and Attend: DEQ Public Hearing on the New *Cleaner Air Oregon*

You have an easy way to testify on the new Oregon air quality regulations. The Department of Environmental Quality is holding one of six statewide public hearings on the Draft regulations in Corvallis! You can get the materials at the Cleaner Air Oregon website: cleanerair.oregon.gov.

WHAT: **Hearing 3 - Corvallis**
 WHEN: **Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 at 5:30 - 8 PM**
 WHERE: **Walnut Community Room, 4950 NW Fair Oaks Dr., Corvallis, OR**



Or you can comment to 'Joe Westersund' westersund.joe@deq.state.or.us, and you can comment online at the Cleaner Air Oregon website at cleanerair.oregon.gov.

Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO) is the name for the initiative to overhaul new Oregon Air Quality Rules. The draft rules are ready for comment now until December 22, 2017. **Marilyn Koenitzer is holding two informal information sessions on the Draft rules at the South First Alternative Coop Meeting Room on SE Chapman Dr. on Nov. 6 and 13 from 6 – 9 pm.** Everyone is invited, League members and neighbors. These sessions are follow-ups to the meeting held on Oct. 7.

On October 7, LWVC co-sponsored one of three statewide Workshops on how to comment on the rules. Presenters were representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), SKEO, a contractor for the EPA, the Department of Environmental Quality, Clean Corvallis Air, Beyond Toxics, and our own Peggy Lynch and Marilyn Koenitzer. The library was filled and the information was useful.

LWVOR is pleased that the draft rules broadly cover areas of air quality that haven't been regulated. The first chart in the Draft Rules Tables gives you important numbers for the amount of allowable emissions for various categories of emissions sources. In that chart, the allowable number of people per million that can die from cancer caused by toxic emission from existing factories has been increased from 1 person per million, the number in force in California, to 500 people per million. And the Hazard Index related to chronic non-cancer diseases for existing factories has increased from 1 to 30 for the new rules. We think these numbers are not health-based. The timeline to bring all companies under the Cleaner Air Oregon tent is long. Only 80 companies will be included in the first five years. The Department of Environmental Quality has not gotten enough funding to hire necessary personnel to enact the new rules or to finish a vital statewide emissions inventory. Cleaner Air Oregon cannot happen without funding and political will.

We need as many people as possible to testify either in writing or orally. Two paragraphs, one about your story of how dirty air affects you and a paragraph supporting strong health and science based air regulations would help get us cleaner air.

Marilyn Koenitzer, LWVOR Air Quality Portfolio



Dues

Have you sent in your 2016-2017

League dues? They are only \$60 for a single membership, \$90 for a household, and \$30 for students. Use the form and envelope that came with your September bulletin or the form on the last page of this issue. **While you're sending your dues**, think about adding another donation check for LWV of Oregon or LWV US Education Fund. These donations also help our League by lowering

our per member payment (PMP) to those levels of the League. Note: These donations are tax-deductible, but your local dues are not. Thank you to everyone who already renewed.

Membership Survey

If you haven't taken the membership survey go to: <https://goo.gl/forms/CmQbT2Q NzVnRVuyp1>.

VOTE Mark your ballot, sign it and send it or drop it in an official ballot box by 8:00 PM Election Day, November 7, 2017.

Order Your Fruit by November 15 and Support League



Send your fruit orders in to Louise Marquering or go to LWVC website to order and pay with PayPal. This is our **only** fund raiser and it supports all of our local action and programs. Don't forget, you can donate a box or two to your favorite charity. If you can deliver fruit boxes the first week of December, let Louise know at lwvclouise@aol.com or call 541-753-0012.

CREATING HOUSING OPTIONS: 2nd Housing Forum: Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Co-Sponsor LWVC Housing Committee - Monday, Nov. 13, 7:00 to 8:30 pm



The second forum on affordable housing in Corvallis will focus on what the City code allows in terms of housing on existing residential properties, ideas for shared housing, and more. Panelists will include City Planning Division Manager Jason Yaich, Housing and Neighborhood Services Division Manager Kent Weiss, the owner of a tiny home, and a homeowner who is reconfiguring her house to accommodate more residents. You are invited to attend at Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 NW Monroe Ave. For more information, visit www.sustainablecorvallis.org, contact info@sustainablecorvallis.org or call 541-230-1237.

LWVC Testimony RE: Recommendations for Changes to Land Development Code Specific to ADU's

Your League has been advocating on the housing issue in Corvallis by using the positions adopted by the national LWVUS and developed testimony. The Housing Committee brought to the board the letter below, it was approved and delivered to the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board on October 4, 2017. This is the League in ACTION!

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. has advocated for housing as a basic human need since the 1960's. In line with this position, the League of Women Voters of Corvallis urges the City of Corvallis to support the development of low-income housing in our community.

As recommended by the Housing Development Task Force, changes to the Land Development Code on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) would provide one immediate tool to increase the supply of achievable housing in Corvallis. While current code allows the development of ADUs, it is overly restrictive and therefore not being utilized to satisfy the demands of a growing and diverse community.

The League of Women Voters of Corvallis supports the following regarding ADUs:

- **Allow multiple ADUs on a single lot.** ADUs can provide higher density and still maintain the flavor and integrity of our neighborhoods.
- **Remove architectural restrictions on ADUs.** Just as the architecture of individual residences may vary in any neighborhood, varying architecture in ADUs can add aesthetic interest to the neighborhood and (in many cases) can be more pleasing than the original residence. Current code propagates bad architecture as well as good.
- **Remove lot-size restrictions for ADUs on zoned residential lots.** Lot size restrictions in the current code are unnecessary.
- **Eliminate additional setbacks.** ADUs that meet lot setbacks of the zone should not be subject to additional setbacks and limits.
- **Eliminate unnecessary restrictions.** ADUs should not be subject to restrictions on the placement of windows, doors, or walkways.
- **Allow the "Tiny Home."** Tiny Homes that meet state building code requirements and which sit on permanent foundations should be acceptable as ADUs.
- **Remove the owner-occupancy requirement.** The owner-occupancy requirement is a disincentive to build an ADU. It makes properties difficult to appraise for income-based valuation and difficult to finance. Deed restrictions make the sale of property difficult and thus lower value for the property. When an ADU is present, the owner is locked in: they cannot move out and rent the home, which would free up needed housing.

We urge the Housing and Community Development Advisory Board and city staff to revise the Land Development Code for ADUs as one step in the solution to the housing crisis in our community.

Farewell to LWVC member Patty Joyce (Kennelly) McClintock, 1930-2017



Patty McClintock, a stalwart supporter and lifelong committed member of the LWV of Corvallis, died peacefully on May 2, 2017, at her apartment near Portland, after a brief illness. She was 86. She was a loving sister, wife, mother and grandmother; a teacher, librarian, and lifelong lover of books; and a dedicated community volunteer who enriched the lives of many in Corvallis and the Oregon State University community. (*See obituary September 8, 2017 Corvallis Gazette-Times*)

A memorial service was held on September 16 at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis. We extend our condolences to Patty's family.

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LWV Calendar

November 2017

- Wed 1 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Sat 4 Clean Jobs Bill Rally, OSU Strand Ag 161
Noon-2 PM
- Mon 6 Review Air Quality Rules, S Co-op, 6 PM
- Tue 7 Election Day - Deposit Ballots by 8 PM
- Thur 9 Housing Committee, Habitat Ofc, 2 PM
Community Planning, 4 PM
- Mon 13 Housing Forum, 7-8:30 PM, Library
Review Air Quality Rules, S Co-op, 6 PM
- Tue 14 Monthly Meeting: 7- 9 PM, Library
- Tue 28 Climate Change Committee Mtg,
Noon-1:30 PM

December

- Wed 6 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- Thur 7 Monthly Meeting: 7-8:45 PM, Library

January 2018

- Wed 3 Board Meeting, 12-1:30 PM
- TRA Annual Soup/Program Planning

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What special skills/talents/interests can you share with League?

LWV's membership year begins **October 1**.
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