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Independent Monitor Reports Unlawful Treatment of Youth in Jail

by Heather Kelly, Action Chair

On December 21, 2017, King County Council enacted Ordinance 18637 prohibiting, among other practices, the solitary confinement of juveniles in jail. However, our jails continue to use solitary confinement on our youth in direct violation of the ordinance. On March 26, 2019, the King County Council Law and Justice Committee met to discuss this issue and hear the concerns of the public. Councilmembers also reviewed the report of an independent monitor detailing the jails' failure to comply with the new law and considered a motion acknowledging receipt of the report.

Members of the public spoke passionately against the practice of solitary confinement, citing the evidence of its harmful effects, which are profound. The consequences of solitary confinement are particularly long-lasting when the person in isolation is a child whose brain is still developing. Depriving a young person of social and other stimuli exacerbates mental health conditions and puts them at risk of developing new ones. The new law was intended to address these very concerns. The ordinance itself goes into some detail about why solitary confinement is so cruel, particularly when imposed on youth.

Yet, fourteen months after the law was enacted, parents, coaches, lawyers and pastors were assembling once again to share their stories. Attorney Devon Knowles, Community Passageways Director Dominique Davis, and Pastor Harriet Walker were all on hand to stress

that full compliance was urgently needed. Many of the speakers questioned why additional advocacy was needed to end this harmful practice so long after the Council had forbidden it by law. One mother described through tears the horrific changes she saw in her child after a stint in solitary. The child was forbidden from receiving visits from family members during this time, and has since become fearful and withdrawn.

The findings of the independent monitor were repeatedly cited as a basis for concern. Jail officials did not appear to follow any consistent criteria to determine which youth would be subject to solitary confinement. There were at least 51 cases in which youth were subjected to periods of solitary confinement exceeding the four-hour maximum allowed under the new law. One girl had been placed in solitary confinement for months while jail officials investigated her alleged misconduct. In at least one instance, a child reported only emerging from her cell one hour three times per week.

In addition to these problems, the monitor

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Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m.

Seattle First Baptist Church

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The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Connecting with the Leadership

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's third annual Voices of Democracy event such a success. This year's event took place on March 27th at the Palace Ballroom in Seattle. We were a hot ticket in town as we sold out nearly two weeks before the event. Be sure to get your tickets early next year to ensure you don't miss out on an inspiring night.

The always insightful and delightful powerhouse that is our Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz, proved to be the perfect emcee for our evening. Commissioner Franz has the uncanny ability to put the entire room at ease, making it feel as though you're having a personal conversation with a long-lost friend. Then former CEO of REI and Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, shared her wisdom and insightfulness as our special guest. Secretary Jewell did not hold back as she shared impactful stories of her prolific career in both the public and private sectors.

Our main event, of course, is the Making Democracy Work awards; our primary goal is to honor those who dedicate their lives to giving back to their community. Each year, we give out three awards; traditionally two to community leaders and one to a community organization. We ask you, our loyal membership, to nominate community leaders and organizations you see deserving of our highest award.

This year's Making Democracy Work award winners are forces to be reckoned with! Congratulations to award-winner Tandy Williams, who is dedicated to honoring the legacy of her ancestors by fighting for democracy and better education; award-winner Alexandra Baker, an educator with a passion for social justice, environmentalism,

and civic engagement; and organizational award-winner Civil Survival, a 501(c)3 organization that empowers formerly incarcerated individuals to lead a movement that educates community members, policymakers, and legislators about ways to reduce incarceration rates and remove barriers to successful reentry. We encourage you to keep following the hard work and dedication of these incredible leaders in our community.

Together, we raised over \$42,050 to support the League's voter service and education activities. All money raised will be put to work this summer and fall organizing more incredible candidate and ballot measure forums, registering voters and encouraging registered voters to vote, and producing informational materials about the elections. We set a very aggressive goal for ourselves this year of raising \$50,000, and with your additional support we can make that goal a reality.

Our democracy depends on the support of our incredible membership, we wouldn't be here without you! We appreciate each and every one of your voices.

Christy Wood
1st VP and Development Chair

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Board Meeting 10 a.m. Election Methods 3 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Great Decisions 7:15 p.m.	15	16 Annual Meeting 5:30 p.m.	17	18 Education Committee Meeting 11 a.m.
19 Redistricting & Census 3 p.m.	20	21 Homelessness Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Econ & Tax Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.
26	27 Memorial Day <i>office closed</i>	28 Great Decisions 7:15 p.m.	29	30	31	June 1

Units meet during shaded period — see pages 17-18 for details.

May

Board Meeting
Saturday, May 4
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Special Speaker:
Alternative Election Methods
Saturday, May 4
3:00 p.m.
Northwood Elementary
Mercer Island

Great Decisions
Saturday, May 14
7:15 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 16
5:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave
Seattle

Education Committee
Saturday, May 18
11:00 a.m.
League Office

Workshop:
Redistricting & Census
Sunday, May 19
3:00 p.m.
Crossroads Comm. Ctr.
Bellevue

Homelessness Committee
Tuesday, May 21
4:30 p.m.
League Office

Econ. & Tax. Committee
Saturday, May 25
9:30 a.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Great Decisions
Saturday, May 28
7:15 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

June

Board Meeting
Saturday, June 1
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Forum Schedule

Special Speaker:

**Saturday, May 4 - Alternative
Election Methods**

Northwood Elementary on Mercer Island
3 to 4:30 p.m.

Workshop:

**Sunday, May 19 - Redistricting &
Census**

Crossroads Community Center
3 to 5 p.m.

The League frequently presents public forums on issues of public interest. Check *The Voter* each month or the LWVS-KC website, seattlelwv.org, for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

See details of this month's events on pages 8-9.

Board Briefs by Katie Dudley, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on April 6, 2019. This is a summary of their meetings.

The Board opened the meeting with 1st Vice President Christy Wood at the helm in President Cirkovich's absence.

As usual, the meeting began with the C4 financial report. We need to keep the Leadership Circle up-to-date and growing, to maintain this steady source of funds. Please let us know if you have suggestions for helping us do that. Additionally, we'd like you—the membership—to consider going green and foregoing print copies of the Voter. Instead, please read it online!

Kathy Sakahara visited from the State League and provided an update on democracy and action issues. There are some changes that we can expect to see with voter registration, especially with automated registration. Among these changes are:

- Those aged 16-17 can preregister to vote

- Automatic voter registration
- Same-day voter registration

If you're helping out with voter registration drives, please learn how best to serve people, especially since preregistration involves sensitive information that is protected based upon the age of the preregistered person.

Automatic voter registration is still in the works.

Further discussions regarded forming a committee for ballot measure endorsements and possibly for a clean water advisory committee.

Please let us know what you thought about this year's Voices of Democracy gala. What should we do next year? What do you want to see and hear?

We look forward to hearing from you!

Committees

Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, May 25

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Education Committee

DATE: Saturday, May 18

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

Homelessness Study Committee

DATE: Tuesday, May 21

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

International Relations Committee

This committee is in hiatus while the Great Decisions group meetings are occurring. Check back in June or contact the chair for more information.

We encourage participation in our committees by all interested members. It's a great opportunity to meet and talk to community leaders, stakeholder organizations, and experts where you can have direct input on local issues that affect you.

Don't see a committee that covers your issue? Call the office and let us know. Sometimes people are working more informally without regularly scheduled meetings. If so, we may be able to help connect you with them or help you start your own.

Have a question? Contact information for committee chairs is listed on the inside back cover.

Education Committee Schedule Update

Beginning Saturday, April 20, the Education Committee has been pilot-testing meeting on the third Saturday of every month.

Attendance at any meeting varies according to the topic and other events happening at the time. We have had good luck with guest presenters on Thursdays, but we have heard that Thursday meetings are a challenge for some, especially for those who don't have jobs in the downtown core.

Please let us know your thoughts on meeting schedules.

Meetings are at 11:00 a.m. at the League office.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, gender identity and/or gender expression, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWVS-KC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS-KC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVS-KC affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.

King County Connects — Announcements

Observer Corps

We have more reports online for you to read, including those of the Bellevue School Board and Planning Commission and the Seattle Community Police Commission. We are on a learning curve, not only about how our local government works, but how to best report on it. As you read the reports, feel free to send me or the observer questions or a note asking for clarification. This gives us valuable insight into how to best report on the organizations. At the Seattle Community Police Commission attended by Barbara Reid, there was a lot of talk about the controversial KOMO-TV news special called *Seattle Is Dying*. The video can be found online at: <https://komonews.com/news/local/komonews-special-seattle-is-dying>.

Questions? Want to be an Observer? Contact Cathy O’Shea at 425-753-4182 or coshea120@gmail.com.

League State Convention Coming Up: Be a Delegate

The League of Women Voters of Washington will convene its biennial Convention on Friday, June 7, and end on Sunday, June 9. The business of Convention will set the stage for the 2019-21 biennium, and voting delegates will adopt the Program of Work, elect officers and board of directors, approve the budget and by-law amendments. There will be workshops on League history, current and new League programming, and League management.

The Seattle-King County League currently has 18 open spots for voting delegates, and would love to fill all of the slots! If you’re unable to commit to attending all three days of the Convention, let us know and we can work with your schedule.

More information about Convention can be found on the State League’s website: <https://www.lwvwa.org/Convention-2019>

If you are interested in serving as a voting delegate or have any questions, please contact Alyssa Weed at afweed1@gmail.com no later than May 15.

Volunteers Needed to Review League Positions and to Review Proposed Library Levy

League positions are the foundation of our advocacy work. They must be reviewed and examined periodically to ensure League advocacy is responsive to the issues facing our communities today. Action Chair Heather Kelly is looking for members interested in reviewing our public policy positions to identify areas of potential study and revision.

Also, this August voters will be asked to decide whether to renew the Seattle Libraries levy. The League is looking for members to chair and staff a committee to study the proposal over the next two months. The committee will provide a recommendation to the Board whether to endorse the measure based on our League positions.

Please contact Heather Kelly at hejokelly@gmail.com if you are interested in working on either of these projects.

Forum: A Discussion of Approval Voting

Our current political environment is more polarized and partisan than ever before, and a growing number of voters feel that their representatives don't actually represent them. One major contributor to our political woes is our terrible, choose-one voting method.

The League has been a strong proponent of exploring alternative voting methods and is excited to host the Executive Director of the Center for Election Science, Aaron Hamlin, to discuss what a voting method is, address the problems caused by our current voting method, and explain the ways that a better system, such as approval voting, could help create a stronger, healthier, and more representative democracy. See the details below.

Approval voting is a single-winner voting method that allows voters to choose any number of candidates. The candidate chosen by the greatest number of voters is the winner.

Supporters of approval voting believe it to be a more expressive method that removes vote splitting, results in fewer spoiled ballots, has easy to understand results, and tends to elect more consensus winners. Further, alternate candidates get a more accurate measure of support.

Fargo, North Dakota, became the first city in the U.S. to implement approval voting for citywide elections in November 2018. The method is used by

several political parties and professional organizations throughout the United States.

Aaron Hamlin has been featured as an electoral systems expert on MSNBC, NPR, Free Speech TV, Inside Philanthropy, 80K Hours, and Popular Mechanics, and has given talks across the country on voting methods. He's written for Deadspin, USA Today Magazine, Independent Voter Network, and others. Additionally, he is a licensed attorney with two additional graduate degrees in the social sciences. Hamlin's other interests include chess, urban planning, contraceptive technology, and jiu-jitsu.

The Center for Election Science is a national nonpartisan nonprofit organization comprised of voting experts and activists dedicated to creating a better world through studying and advancing smarter voting methods.

www.electionscience.org.



CURRENT BALLOT	
VOTE FOR ONE NAME	
Superman	<input type="radio"/>
Batman	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Wonder Woman	<input type="radio"/>
Green Lantern	<input type="radio"/>
Lex Luthor	<input type="radio"/>

APPROVAL BALLOT	
VOTE FOR ALL THE NAMES YOU APPROVE OF	
Superman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Batman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wonder Woman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Green Lantern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lex Luthor	<input type="checkbox"/>

Saturday, May 4, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Northwood Elementary School Commons
4030 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island

Workshop:
Redistricting and the Census:
Action Planning for One Person, One Vote

Join Alison McCaffree as she takes us through the census and redistricting advocacy. A League of Women Voters of Washington report indicated that for public hearings for the Redistricting Commission to be of real value, the public needs to be better educated about the process. Come and learn what you need to know!

The success of our unique form of democracy depends on fair, equal, and trusted representation. Elected officials should represent the rights, needs, and desires of all residents. However, currently our democracy is threatened by partisan gerrymandering, secret map drawing, and challenges to the courts, which are charged with upholding election laws. Washington State is in a better position than many other states due to clear laws that created our redistricting commission and laid out the criteria for designing districts. Join a nonpartisan discussion of the process and the controversy around drawing maps for voting districts.

Come and discuss:

- Is the citizenship question constitutional?
- Who decides district lines?
- What is gerrymandering and is it legal?
- What does technology have to do with redistricting?
- How can we influence the process in Washington State?

This two-hour workshop will get you talking about how you would like to see districts drawn and what you think the process should look like going forward. Interactive and entertaining, this workshop is packed filled with information you can use.

Sunday, May 19th, 2019, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St., Bellevue, WA
Across the parking lot from Joann Fabrics

Please RSVP to help us plan. The link for free registration is on our website, www.lwvskc.org.



In Memoriam — Janet Anderson

Janet Anderson joined the League of Women Voters in 1959. She was fiercely independent, loved debate, and was politically involved throughout her life. Within the League she was a strong advocate for proportional representation and representative voting methods. She served as chair of the Ballard/Magnolia/Queen Anne unit and welcomed many to her unique home and beachfront across from the Ballard locks.

Janet was born and raised in Seattle, attended Lincoln High School and Whitman College. She and her husband, Jerry, spent several years in Minneapolis and San

Francisco before resettling in Seattle where their sons, Paul and Mark, were born. During six years of living in Japan Janet furthered her circle of friends and an appreciation of Asian art. Back in Seattle, Janet pursued a career in real estate which lasted until she died on December 24, 2018. Janet's League friend, Heidi Carpine, wanted it known that in addition to her long participation in LWV, Janet was active in other civic groups, including the Heron Habitat Helpers and Discovery Park Advisory Council. She took a carload of friends weekly to the Woodland Park zoo grounds for walking exercise.

— written by Carol Goldenberg

In Memoriam — Myra Lupton

A force of nature, a community conscience, and a long-time League member, Myra Lupton passed away on March 31 at the age of 90. Many of you probably knew her. Certainly everyone on Mercer Island did, and she knew everyone: mayors, city council members, city staff, school board members and schools superintendents, and newspaper reporters. That is, anyone who had plans to do something on the Island. She also knew other public figures in the area, many of whom were her students at Sammamish High School in Bellevue.

In the introduction of her for the Carrie Chapman Catt Award, Martha Jordan said:

She exemplifies the League of Women Voters by her uncommon interest in the common good, by her activism, her stand on principles, and her example of what one citizen can do in her community. Her principles are nonpartisan and practical—the right to vote must be protected at all costs, government must be transparent and accountable to its citizens, meetings and minutes of meetings must be public and accessible,

parcs and public property must benefit ordinary residents, education must be responsive to students of all abilities.

The mayor of Mercer Island came to that annual meeting to speak of her.

Some of her friends remember her for her short phone calls—business done, good-bye—her support of everyone with short handwritten notes thanking them for a good presentation, coffee, lunch, some favor. She was the Mercer Island unit's liaison to the MI school district and always gave a summary of the latest meeting. When she could no longer attend City Council meetings in person, the City Clerk sent her the meeting packet and she watched the meetings on TV.

Myra was not only a big supporter of the League, but she was also a lifetime member and supporter of Phi Beta Kappa and a generous supporter of the MI Youth and Family Services.

Myra attend the March MI unit meeting, where she participated with enthusiasm. According to her daughter, Susan, "Myra was

so delighted to make it to that last meeting, that was the highlight of the last good week. . . . She represented much of what is and was the best about the LWV.”

There will be a celebration of Myra’s life at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.

— written by Amanda Clark

Outreach to High Schools

By Julie Sarkissian

As part of the Outreach to High Schools grant, Julie Sarkissian and Susan Vossler provided voter registration and voting training on April 20 to 20 teens participating the programs of the Institute for Community Leadership in Kent (<http://icleadership.org/democracy-education/0>). The students are drawn from Kent high schools and participate in programs that “engage youth in their society and empower them towards academic, social, and professional achievement.” Part of the curriculum includes democracy education.

It was an amazing group of young people. We were greeted with gifts and applause. The students listened, engaged with the material, asked questions, and provided testimony explaining why they want to register voters. One young woman remembers going to a naturalization ceremony with her family as a young girl. She returns this year to register voters. They will be doing voter registration in their high schools and encouraging youth to vote. Wow, the energy left us feeling inspired and hopeful. The coordinator

said “they expressed to us one on one in the car rides home and by phone they feel prepared, empowered and excited to register voters in their high schools.” We plan to work with the Institute to hold a candidate forum in Kent later this year and they have asked us to return to provide voter registration training when they have a new class. Please contact voterservice@seattlelwv.org if you’re interested in the Outreach to High Schools grant and what it can do.



Students and League members Julie Sarkissian and Susan Vossler at the voter registration training.

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found that African-American youth were disproportionately subject to another form of punishment involving restricted access to programming. Data regarding the ethnicity of youth in solitary confinement was not even recorded by the jails. Youth who aged out of the youth detention center before their terms expired were transferred to an adult facility with little or no preparation, that the

transfers were poorly coordinated between facilities, and that youth reported feeling stressed and even suicidal after arriving at the adult jail. Overall, the youth reported significant boredom, anxiety, and depression.

Present to speak about the jail’s implementation process were Brenda Bauer (Interim Jail Director), Pam Jones (Director of the DAJD Juvenile Division), and Shannon

Braddock (Deputy Chief of Staff to Executive Constantine). Councilmember Dembowski questioned them closely about the monitor's report. Ms. Braddock explained that sections of the report were vague or confusing, such as the way solitary confinement was defined. Councilmember Dembowski pointed out that the limitations of the report were partially due to the jails' own inaccurate or inadequate data collection.

Ms. Braddock then addressed the central question of the meeting—why was it taking so long to implement the new law? She explained that the delay was caused by the complexities involved in coming up with alternatives to solitary confinement and to ongoing discussions with jail staff. Ms. Bauer added that several of the youth who were interviewed by the monitor had ongoing disciplinary issues.

Councilmember Dembowski asserted that DAJD should have advised the Committee of these challenges so that a timeline for implementation could be discussed. He also remarked on the irony of listening to DAJD blame their noncompliance on unruly youth, when the purpose of the hearing was to address DAJD's own failure to follow the law.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Council voted to defer acknowledgment of the monitor's report and its attendant recommendations pending additional assessment of the jails. Ms. Braddock noted that the monitor's contract was expiring, and the Committee agreed it would be prudent to see if the contract could be extended. The date and time of the next Committee meeting have not yet been published online.

The League must stand with Councilmember Dembowski in demanding accountability from DAJD. League positions maintain that community treatment programs should be used in lieu of incarceration for at-risk youth. The League supports prevention and

intervention programs for adolescents to “overcome problems of violence, suicide, homelessness, and family dysfunction.” Such programs should promote equality of opportunity and diversity, serve a prevention and/or intervention purpose, be evaluated for effectiveness, and reflect the needs of the neighborhood and specific special populations. (LWVS-KC 2018 Positions.) Solitary confinement of incarcerated youth is antithetical to these positions. In fact, the practice exacerbates the very problems identified in those positions. Above all, it is cruel.

We must also support the incredible advocates at Columbia Legal Services and other organizations who brought about the passage of Ordinance 18637 and are demanding that it be implemented at once. As the last year has shown, simply monitoring this issue is inadequate. Leaving compliance in the hands of jail administrators ignores the potential for institutional bias and inertia to thwart change. If our laws are to offer meaningful protection to vulnerable youth, they must include a meaningful provision for enforcement grounded in real penalties and incentives.

If you would like to get involved in this issue, please email Heather Kelly at hejokelly@gmail.com.

For a video of the Committee hearing, go to: http://king.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=4&clip_id=7486

To review a copy of the motion and the monitor's report, go to: <https://aqua.kingcounty.gov/Council/agendas/LJ/20190326-LJ-packet.pdf>

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

Cyber-War: How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President

By Kathleen Hall Jamieson

Jamieson is an eminent political communication scholar who writes about the ways Russians dealt with messaging and hacking content in 2016, not about cyber technology per se. The Russian's goal was "to roil social discontent and damage the electoral prospects of" Hillary Clinton, and if she won to "sabotage her ability to govern."

How does the author know this? She has been researching every presidential election since 1976. Her special interest has been advertising and various ways to persuade voters. Since 1996 she has done research on debates. Using surveys, she looked for reasons why viewers' perception of Clinton's character might have changed. By the fall of 2017, looking at Facebook ads released by the House Intelligence Committee, Jamieson became suspicious about the reasons for Trump's victory.

To ensure that Americans would believe disparaging messages about Clinton, "Russians set up virtual private networks on American servers," then distributed hacked content stolen from Clinton's staff and associates and released by WikiLeaks. They used assumed names and appeared on Facebook, Twitter, and other platforms. Seemingly no recipient knew she was reading messages sent by Russians.

Why would anyone believe what appeared on Facebook or other media? Jamieson says "[t]he Russian desire to intravenously feed hacked Democratic 'secrets' through WikiLeaks into mainstream media was abetted by two [common pursuits] of U.S. reporters." There is a tendency for the press to simply describe the more attention-getting content to attract readers fascinated by insider gossip, especially about opposing

political camps. What the mainstream media did not do was to question the value of the content itself. In effect they helped the Russians by getting more and more people interested in unvetted "gossip." In addition, they tended to refer to hacking as "meddling" or "interference," rather than the far more serious words, "act of cyber war," which would have demanded more action on the part of readers and politicians.

Jamieson says "[f]raming is central" to explaining how Russians affected votes. The Russians put Trump's lewd Access Hollywood statement about female body parts in the same frame with segments of Clinton's speech stolen from John Podesta's emails and Wikileaked to the public. With both names in one frame, Trump looked less bad, while Clinton looked worse, simply by being counter-positioned in the same statement.

Another Russian technique was to take advantage of American tech giants. Since tech "platforms were designed to efficiently reach the customers coveted by advertisers, it is unsurprising they have unique capacities to home in on desired audience members." For example, "Facebook permits messengers to single out users by ideology, political affiliation, political activity, a sensitive issue." In fact, Jamieson quotes one data journalist as saying, "American tech companies have set up the infrastructure needed to hack an election." In addition, "Russian operatives could track the size of the online audience reached through posts such as likes, or comments and reposts."

"The Russians exploited these capacities." They could target specific groups of Americans through "Facebook's self-service psychographic advertising services." For example, they "amplified extreme anti-Clinton memes already in U.S. media" by asserting that "Clinton was responsible for

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Annual Meeting



League of Women Voters® of Seattle-King County and the Education Fund

Plan to attend the annual meeting of the membership of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County. It is here that members decide on the issues that set the direction for the coming year, elect and meet new officers and directors; approve the budget; vote on bylaw changes, and decide on the adoption new studies and positions. While five percent of the membership makes up the required quorum for all votes, a strong grassroots voice requires all members to be engaged.

The Carrie Chapman Catt award will be presented to a member who has contributed significantly to the League over the years, 50-year members will be honored, and our leaders and volunteers will be recognized for their dedication to making democracy work.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for all of us to regroup and to renew our commitment. It is a time to reaffirm the mission and principles of the League and to set goals. It is only with the continued support and participation of the members and units that the LWVS-KC can realize its mission.

***\$20 — includes dinner. Pay online or cash/check at the door. Please RSVP.
Thursday, May 16 at the Seattle First Baptist Church***

5:00 Registration

5:30 Call to Order

LWVS-KC Annual Meeting

- Updates to and Re-adoption of Current Positions
- New Program: Proposed Program and Motions to Consider Program Items

6:30 Dinner

7:05 Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Reconvene

- Vote on Program Items
- Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee
- Volunteer Recognition
- Adoption of Budget

8:20 Direction to the Board and Discussion

8:30 LWVS-KC Education Fund Annual Meeting

- Election of Board of Directors
- Adoption of Budget

The complete annual meeting workbook will be available a week before the meeting and will be emailed to all members. If you would like a print copy mailed to you, please contact the office.

Proposed Program 2019–2020

Overview

The League program for the year consists of educational and action forums, along with related discussion topics at the unit level. In some cases, the forums represent the culmination of League studies at the national, state, or local level, and the discussions may lead to new positions. Alternatively, forums may present information or lead to action on existing positions.

Because the League year begins in July, planning for the coming year is a process that begins at the unit level in January. The program chairs prepare a proposal based on responses from not only the units, but also the standing committees and individual members. From the suggestions that meet the criteria listed below, they select those in which there is high interest from the membership. Finally, they choose topics that members have signed up to work on. The last phase of program planning consists of the adoption of the program and approval of any new studies at the annual meeting.

Criteria for Selection of New League Programs

- The issue must be one on which government action is needed.
- The issue must fall within the principles of the League of Women Voters.
- League members must be willing to spend time and effort on the issue.
- League involvement must be expected to make a difference.
- It should be a crucial time for the issue.
- The issue should be a current topic of discussion in the community or able to generate interest from the community.

Types of Programs

Studies: Members of the League propose new studies when they believe existing positions are not adequate to support action in an area that falls within the Criteria for Selection of New League Programs. In addition to meeting all those criteria, successful proposals will have a core study group in place, with a chair on board to set up the study committee and get the study going. The proposals will set out the scope of work to be undertaken, as well as its focus. Studies generally take one or two years from plan to production. A study is just what it sounds like: a careful investigation of a subject. The study committee will read available materials, interview experts, determine what the key questions are and figure out where to dig up the answers. Committee members take on the project because they are interested and consider it necessary, but they approach it with an open mind, not a predetermined outcome.

Updates: An update is a mini-study or report that provides new or additional information of current interest to League members on an issue or topic that has been previously studied. Like studies, updates need to fall within the criteria for the selection of local programs previously cited. In contrast to full studies, updates are meant to be brief and concise reports targeted at bringing new or additional information to light regarding a previously studied topic. They typically take about four to nine months to complete from the initial planning stage to final production.

Hot Topics: Hot topics are designed to be a more flexible, streamlined and sustainable model for producing League program. They are hot button issues that everyone in the civic community is talking about. In contrast to studies or updates, these are not limited to local issues. They may be issues on which

the League positions are adequate, but on which action is needed. Or they may be national or even international issues which are of interest to League members. Hot topic programs do not have the stringent requirements of studies and updates. Study materials may consist of existing resources. If the League has positions on the issue, forums do not have to represent both sides. national or even international issues which are of interest to League members. Hot topic programs do not have the stringent requirements of studies and updates. Study materials may consist of existing resources. If the League has positions on the issue, forums do not have to represent both sides.

Other Proposed Hot Topics

Following the January 2019 forum where members heard from committee chairs, board members, and other members about issues they're most passionate about, surveys were issued asking for input about the 2019-2020 forum schedule. While topics members proposed and showed interest in are listed in the Proposed Schedule, other issues that our membership voiced strong interest in are below. These issues could be addressed at smaller, unit- or committee-sponsored forums or events throughout the year.

- Waterfront Development
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Redistricting
- Gun Control

A member who wishes to propose a study or update must present in writing a scope and focus for the study/update and the name of a potential committee chair. Adoption of a non-recommended (not on the board recommended schedule at right) study or update requires approval by a 2/3 majority vote.

Proposed Program Schedule for 2019-2020

September: Candidate and Ballot Issue Forums

October: Candidate and Ballot Issue Forums

November: No forum

December: Homelessness

January: Program Open House

February: Juvenile Justice

March: The Census

April: Public Banking

May: Reserved for small event or hot topic

If you have any questions about the Proposed Program Schedule prior to the Annual Meeting, please contact Program Chair Alyssa Weed at afweed1@gmail.com.



Book review continued:

the 2012 deaths at the Benghazi [Libya] compound," and including pictures of violence on the Embassy grounds. "Many were moved to share the picture with others," and thereby nudge voters to think badly of Clinton.

This book shows what Jamieson learned about Russian techniques for skewing the U.S. election in 2016. She reports that we are ill prepared for "the evolving weapons of cyber war."

Opinions in this review are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the League.

Unit Meetings

We invite you to check out neighborhood discussion groups, called unit meetings, to meet people passionate about League and our community. Units meetings are a great way for new members to learn about League. Discussion usually focuses on the topic which is discussed at the monthly forum. In addition, background materials are generally included in our newsletter, *The Voter*.

(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)
Meetings are open to all.

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
Wednesday, May 8			
NORTHEAST SEATTLE (formerly View Ridge) – Cynthia Butler			
cjbutler14@gmail.com	206-359-0340	12:45 p.m.	Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle
<i>Directions: Go into the Park through North entrance at 74th and drive EAST toward water. At the STOP sign, turn LEFT to park in front of the Brig, or RIGHT, for more parking.</i>			
QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING – Kathy Pugh and Marlis Worthington			
ckp1966@comcast.net	503-580-1240	7:30 p.m.	Magnolia Church of Christ
marliswrt@hotmail.com	206-283-7147		3555 W McGraw St, Seattle
Thursday, May 9			
MERCER ISLAND – Paneen Davidson and Toni Okada			
paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
td.okada@yahoo.com			4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island
ISSAQUAH – Judy Love			
judysteveL@gmail.com	425-417-8600	10:00 a.m.	Issaquah City Hall, Coho Rm. 2 nd Flr. 130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah
SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW – Cathy Dormaier			
clcathy@skynetbb.com	360-802-6799	12:00 p.m.	Location: Enumclaw Library
Special Voter Registration Training			1700 1st St, Enumclaw
Monday, May 13			
CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE – vacant			
	206-329-4848	7:15 p.m.	Hostess: Linnea Hirst 1602 E McGraw St, Seattle 206-322-3076

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Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Thursday, May 16

NORTH KING COUNTY – Lea Galanter

leagal99@hotmail.com	425-820-9096	7:00 p.m.	Church of the Redeemer 6210 181 st St, Kenmore
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Friday, May 17

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Janet Kime

kraftyjanet@comcast.net	206-588-0988	2:00 p.m.	University House, San Juan Room 4400 Stone Way N, Seattle
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Saturday, May 18

BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Judy Ostrow

2jostrow@comcast.net	206-922-2678	10:00 a.m.	Hostess: contact unit leader
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Monday, May 20

FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds

adelereynolds@netscape.net	206-621-4867	10:30 a.m.	Horizon House, Forum & Social Room 900 University St, Seattle
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SOUTH SEATTLE – Vivian Montoya

montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620	5:30 p.m.	Raconteur at Third Place Books 5041 Wilson Ave S, Seattle
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Tuesday, May 21

BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND Day – Cathy O’Shea

coshea120@gmail.com	425-753-4182	12:00 p.m.	<i>No meeting this month</i>
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WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane

etheljw@comcast.net	206-932-7887	1:00 p.m.	Daystar Retirement Village
pgblain11@gmail.com	206-932-1578		2615 SW Barton, Seattle

BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND Evening – Rita Schulte/Cathy O’Shea

rita.schulte@comcast.net	425-445-4371	6:00 p.m.	Hostess: contact unit leader
coshea120@gmail.com	425-753-4182		

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A Speaker and a Workshop this month!

A Discussion on
Approval Voting

Saturday, May 4

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Northwood Elementary
School Commons
4030 86th Ave SE
Mercer Island, WA

Redistricting &
Census Workshop

Sunday, May 19

3 to 5 p.m.

Crossroads Community
Center
16000 NE 10th St
Bellevue, WA

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