

THE VOTER



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MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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The Board meets at noon on the 2nd
Thursday of each month at the League office.
All members are welcome to attend.

Calendar

October 12, LWVYCC Board meeting, noon, League office at YUU Church

October 24, *League Conversation*, 5:30-7:30, Ann Ingham Room, UUCY. Tentative speaker, YPD representative on De-Escalation Training.

Notes From Cynthia and Criss

At the September Board Meeting, the focus was on planning the coming Yakima City Council Forum scheduled for September 26. Representing our co-sponsors were Steve Hill from the NAACP and Jeanie Tolcacher from WA Women Lawyers. Our forum moderator, Sarah Augustine, from the Dispute Resolution Center, was also present. We are very pleased to have these two non-partisan organizations co-sponsoring the Forum and Sarah serving as a very able Moderator.

Rhonda Hauff and Elaine Smith made a brief report from their attendance at the Membership and Leadership Development Training co-sponsored by the Oregon and WA LWVs in September.

New Members

We are pleased to welcome new member, **Carole Folsom Hill**. Carole recently retired from the position of Executive Director of La Casa Hogar Yakima Interfaith Coalition. She has been and will continue to be a long time Yakima activist with a focus on our Hispanic community.

Lee and Michael Murdock are also welcomed new members. Michael and Lee own RiverRock Consulting which provides support for local area nonprofits working to meet the needs of the community. Support includes assistance in the development of data-informed solutions and program planning through improved access to data and resources.

Initiative 940

In August, the League of Women Voters of Washington endorsed **Initiative 940 De-escalate Washington** and encouraged league members to help collect the required signatures.

This initiative:

- Requires training for law enforcement in violence de-escalation, mental health and first aid.
- Provides that police should render first-aid at the crime scene.
- Applies a good faith standard for use of deadly force and removes de-facto immunity.
- Requires investigation of use of deadly force when there is death or injury.
- Brings diverse community stakeholders for development of standards.
- Includes Tribal governments when a Tribal person.

We are hoping to have a representative from the Yakima Police Department to discuss this issue at our October 24 *League Conversation*. We also have Initiative Signature sheets and will get them to any one who requests them. Please email your request to yakimacountylwvyc@gmail.com

Successful City Council Candidate Forum Held

All agreed that the Forum held on September 26 was well attended and well received. The City Council Chambers were filled, with some overflow seated in the lobby watching on close circuit TV. Sarah Augustine, our guest Moderator, set the tone for serious and

thoughtful responses to questions presented to candidates. All six candidates were in attendance, two each for Districts 2, 4 and 6.

We were especially pleased with the co-sponsorship of the local NAACP, highlighted in a welcome from Rev. Robert Trimble, and the WA Women Lawyers, also highlighted by their President Jeanie Tolcacher. We hope for continued contact with both these organizations.

Several individuals on our voluntary sign-in sheet indicated interest in LWVYC. Our new Membership Chair, Rhonda Hauff, will be following up.

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Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!**

Name: _____	Membership Categories:
Address: _____	_____ \$10 Student Associate
_____	_____ \$60 Basic
Phone: _____	_____ \$70 Contributing
E-Mail: _____	_____ \$80 Supporting
	_____ \$40 Each additional family member at the same residence

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