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Riverside-Moreno Valley-San Geronio (CA) Branch

THE PIPELINE

October and November 2020

Barbara Purvis obtained the following detailed guidelines for voting from the League of Women Voters. Thank you Barbara!



Plan and Prepare to Vote

In 1920, when passage of the 19th amendment appeared imminent, members of the National American Woman Suffrage Association met to form the **League of Women Voters**.

The League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.

Our mission remains the same 100 years later – empower voters by giving them the non-partisan information they need to make their best choices on Election Day and defend democracy by advocating for policies that are responsive to the will of the people.

Given the current health crisis and troubling issues with the U.S. Postal Service, League of Women Voters recommends that **voters devise a ‘voting plan.’**

First, there is no need to request a mail-in ballot. **All registered California voters will receive a mail-in ballot. They begin mailing on Oct 5th.** There is still time to [register to vote](#) and [check your registration status](#).

The official Riverside County Voter Guides began going out on September 24st. The Guides are key to your voting plan – they list the locations, times and dates for [early voting](#), [ballot drop box locations](#) and [vote centers](#). All this information is also posted at the Registrar’s site www.voteinfo.net.

If you choose to vote by mail, do it early. No stamps are required – all ballots are treated as first class mail.

Riverside County is not staffing traditional polling places on Election Day. Instead, the County will operate **130 [Voter Assistance Centers](#) throughout Riverside County.** You can vote in-person at any location from Saturday, October 31 - Tuesday, November 3, 2020 or drop off your mail-in ballot.

Given the pandemic, Registrar of Voters recommends that **voters only use the in-person Voter Assistance Centers if absolutely necessary.** Social distancing will be required when visiting a Voter Assistance Center and face coverings are strongly encouraged.

Voters can also track their ballots at WheresMyBallot.sos.ca.gov. Voters can receive notifications when their ballot is mailed, received, and counted.

As always, League of Women Voters is ready to **help with your election homework.**

The [Easy Voter Guide](#), our unbiased publication for new and busy voters, provides important information about voting and the state ballot measures.

The [Pros & Cons](#) is a detailed, unbiased overview of the state ballot measures, along with the arguments for and against so you can weigh the arguments and make informed decisions about issues before you vote.

[Voter's Edge](#), our comprehensive, nonpartisan online guide to candidates covering federal, state, and local races in California. You can also learn about state ballot measures, find your polling place, and more.

Finally, we recommend you include three steps in your voting plan.

Vote early – Riverside County begins preparing ballots to be counted when they arrive at the registrar's office. Getting your ballot in early ensures your ballot will be in the earliest counts and gives employees more time to prepare for what will surely be an increased number of mail-in ballots.

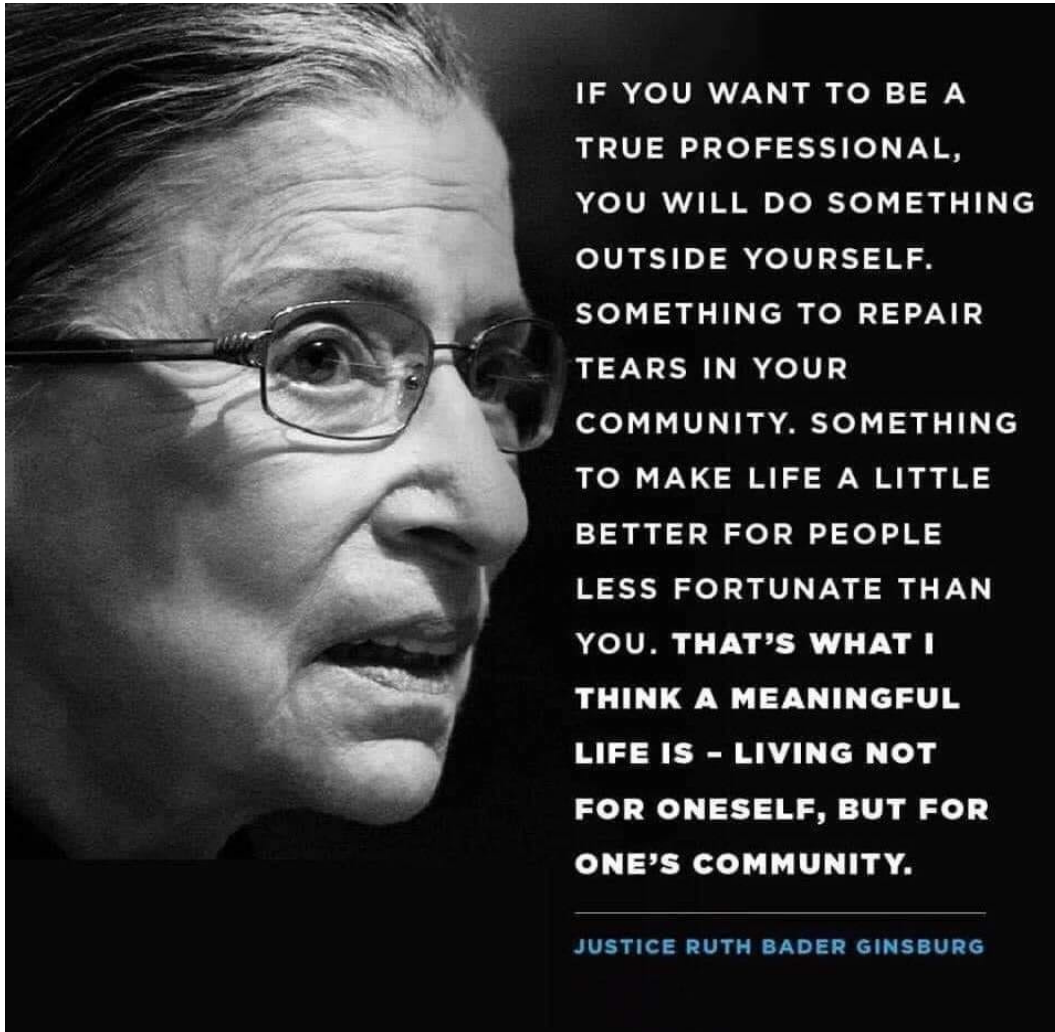
Don't forget to sign and date the back of your ballot's envelope. One of the 'scare tactics' used to suggest mail-in voting is unreliable is to quote the number of ballots that go uncounted. In truth, the chief reason for uncounted ballots is that people simply neglect to sign their ballot envelope.

Take advantage of a ballot drop-box location. There is no reason to burden the Post Office. Mark your ballot at home and drop it in the most convenient and secure drop box location.

Please plan to take advantage of the voting options provided by the State of California. Americans have voted during tough times before and we can do it again.



In response to the passing of Justice Ginsberg, LWV US wrote, “We want to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible breadth of Justice Ginsburg’s life.



We are a better nation because of her, and we should feel awed and honored to have walked this earth during her lifetime.”

Honor Justice Ginsberg and protect our democracy by helping to get out the vote on November 3rd.

To honor Justice Ginsberg, we recommend taking action during the final weeks of this election. Helping to get out the vote will surely help repair the tears in our national community.

Tech Trek News

AAUW National announced that in the 2021 season, Tech Trek camps in all states must be delivered on a virtual platform. This decision was made due to the many unknowns and changing regulations, which are happening so rapidly that in-person events cannot be advised this far in advance.

UC San Diego offered a virtual Tech Trek camp this year which was offered to only 40 of the 100 plus girls who were slated to go to the camp at the college. Only one of our girls was able to attend.

Earlier this year, our board decided that we would not be participating in Tech Trek in 2021. We have enough money to send one group of girls to camp and know that they will appreciate physical camp over a virtual camp after potentially being online all school year.

Hopefully, by 2022, we will once again be able to send girls to a Tech Trek camp that is held on the campuses of UC San Diego and Whittier College. We do not anticipate that school districts will be able to fund another group of girls due to the budget cuts surrounding Covid for several years.