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**ELECTION 2020**  
**Voter Forums**

**10 September at 7pm:**  
**Alameda School Board**

**17 September at 7pm:**  
**Alameda City Council**

**24 September at 7pm:**  
**State Props & Local  
Ballot Measures**

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## Calendar of League of Women Voters Events

Visit [LWVAlameda.org/calendar.html](http://LWVAlameda.org/calendar.html) for more information

### Board Meetings

**Saturday, 19 Sep from 10-11:30am &  
Thursday, 15 Oct from 7:00-8:30pm**

Online. All LWVA members are welcome to attend. Non-board members may email [info@lwvalameda.org](mailto:info@lwvalameda.org) to receive an invitation to the online meeting.

### Book Club Meetings

**Mondays: 21 Sep & 26 Oct**

3:00-4:30pm

Online. The book for 21 Sep. is "Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America" by John Lewis. The book for 26 Oct is "Supreme Inequality: The Supreme Court's Fifty-Year Battle for a More Unjust America" by Adam Cohen. RSVP to Marilyn Ng at [mjklm@yahoo.com](mailto:mjklm@yahoo.com) to receive a RingCentral invitation.

### Community Events on Policing in Alameda

**Wednesday, 30 Sep & Thursday, 1 Oct**

7pm-8:30pm

Online. "Policing in Alameda: Nuts and Bolts," co-hosts: LWVA & AAUW-Alameda. Find out how to watch at [lwvalameda.org/Community-Events](http://lwvalameda.org/Community-Events).

### Election 2020 Voter Forums

**Thursdays: 10, 17, & 24 Sep**

7pm-8:30pm

Online. We will host three forums: Alameda School Board, Alameda City Council, & Issues (State Propositions & Ballot Measures). Submit your questions and find out how to watch at [lwvalameda.org/Election-Forums](http://lwvalameda.org/Election-Forums).

### First Friday Social Hour Gatherings

**Fridays: 4 Sep & 2 Oct**

5:30-6:30pm

Online. LWV of Alameda members and friends: grab your favorite beverage and join us for some togetherness! Email your RSVP to [vpadmin@lwvalameda.org](mailto:vpadmin@lwvalameda.org), and we will send you a link to participate.

### National Voter Registration Day

**Tuesday, 22 Sep**

Stay tuned for details.

### Presidential/Vice-Presidential Debates

**Various dates: Tuesday, 29 Sep; Wednesday, 7 Oct; Thursday, 15 Oct; & Thursday, 22 Oct**

6:00-7:30pm

Televised.

### Vote in the 2020 General Elections

**Sat 31 Oct – Mon 2 Nov**

8:00am-6:00pm

You can vote early and in-person in Alameda County. Stay tuned for locations.

**Tuesday, 3 Nov**

6:00am-9:00pm

Vote on Election Day in California. Stay tuned for locations.

## **Vote Safe California & Make Sure Your Ballot Counts**

Because of COVID-19, all registered voters in California will receive a vote-by-mail ballot (return postage paid) for the 3 November 2020 elections. These ballots will be sent out on 5 October.

- Not yet registered to vote? Do so by 19 October to get a ballot by mail at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).
- Registered to vote? Check your California voter registration at [VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov](https://VoterStatus.sos.ca.gov), and make any updates or corrections at [RegisterToVote.ca.gov](https://RegisterToVote.ca.gov). To ensure your ballot is received, [sign up for ballot tracking](#).

**Worried about mailing your ballot back?** This year, in California, if your ballot is received by the 17th day after the election, and postmarked on or before 3 November, it will be processed. ([See California AB-860](#).) Instead of mailing their ballot back, Alameda County voters can do one of the following:

- Return a vote-by-mail ballot to any one of 66 secure drop boxes located in Alameda County. Ballots will be picked up directly by the Registrar of Voters. [Find an Alameda County vote-by-mail drop box here](#). City of Alameda locations are at City Hall and the College of Alameda.
- Return a vote-by-mail ballot via a drive through Ballot Drop Stop. Locations and hours to be announced soon.
- Vote in-person at any accessible voting location in Alameda County. These will replace neighborhood-polling places, and there will be 60 to 100 of these in our county. They will be open for early voting from Saturday, 31 October through Monday, 2 November, and hours of operation will be 8am to 6pm. On Election Day, Tuesday, 3 November, the hours of operation at these accessible voting locations will be 6am to 9pm. Locations TBD, and will be announced at [acvote.org](https://acvote.org).

### **Make sure your ballot/vote is counted!**

- Follow the directions that come with your ballot. In general, do not choose more candidates than allowed for a race, and ensure that you mark your ballot correctly.
- If you do make a mistake marking your ballot, call your Registrar of Voters for a replacement. Alameda County voters may call their ROV at (510) 267-8683.
- Complete both sides of a two-sided ballot card, and place your ballot in the return envelope provided.
- Remember to sign and write your address on the return envelope.
- To authorize another person to return your ballot, fill out the appropriate section on the return envelope.
- Return your vote-by-mail ballot early OR return your un-voted ballot to election officials at an Alameda County accessible voting location and vote a regular ballot in-person.

[Get more vote-by-mail FAQs and answers at \[acvote.org\]\(https://acvote.org\).](#)

## **Prepare for Election Day**

### **Easy Voter Guide**

The best and easiest way to prepare to vote is to read the [Easy Voter Guide from the League](#). Use it to review the process of voting, what you should know, and what you will be voting on. This is a critical voting year, so you will want to be prepared to register (if you have not yet registered, or if you have moved or changed your name) and vote. The guide is very informative, concise and published in multiple languages.

## **Voter's Edge & Vote 411– What's on Your Ballot?**

Visit the [Voter's Edge California website](#), where you can find out where to vote in-person, see who and what is on your ballot, and determine funding provided to candidates and ballot measures in California. Voter's Edge has versions for voters in the states of Illinois and New York, so please recommend it to your relatives/friends who live there. This website is printed in Spanish and English.

Perhaps you have also heard of [Vote411.org](#). This comprehensive voter website is sponsored by the LWV of the US, and is printed in Spanish and English. Please recommend this site to family and friends who don't have access to Voter's Edge. Note that Voter's Edge provides ballot measure and candidate funding information, which is currently not available on Vote411.org.

## **LWV of Alameda Election Forums**

Watch our election forums in September, details below:

- On 10 Sep at 7pm: Alameda School Board Candidates (choose 3): Beth Aney, John Casselberry, Verna Castro, Heather Little, Megan Sweet, Margi Thomas, Leland Traiman, and Jennifer Williams.
- On 17 Sep at 7pm: Alameda City Council Candidates (choose 2): Gig Codiga, Jim Oddie, Trish Spencer, Malia Vella, and Amos White.
- On 24 Sep at 7pm: Issues (State Propositions & Local Ballot Measures):
  - [Propositions 14 through 25](#)
  - [Alameda County Sales Tax Measure](#)
  - [City of Alameda Measures AA & Measure Z](#)

Email us at [ElectionForums@lwvalameda.org](mailto:ElectionForums@lwvalameda.org) with questions to ask the candidates, or questions about the issues, as we will not ask the audience for questions during the forums. Get updates and find out how to watch at [lwvalameda.org/Election-Forums](#). Note: we do not yet have an RSVP from all the above candidates listed.

## **League of Women Voters Ballot Measure Pros & Cons**

Get our Pros & Cons at [lwvalameda.org/pros--cons.html](#). As of 1 September, only state proposition Pros & Cons are available, but we will update our website as soon as local ballot measure Pros & Cons are approved.

## **Alameda Campaign Finance Review**

Check out [lwvalameda.org/alameda-campaign-finance-review](#) this October to find out who is funding who and what locally here in Alameda.

## **Vote With The League**

Get League of Women Voters' recommendations on state propositions and local ballot measures at [lwvalameda.org/advocacy.html/#vote-league](#). As yet, no recommendations are available, but we will update our website as soon as any are approved.

## **Volunteer to Help with Voter Registration Efforts**

What can you do to help register voters during COVID-19? Plenty! First, let us know you would like to help: email [voterservice@lwvalameda.org](mailto:voterservice@lwvalameda.org). Next, sign up for a "Virtual Voter Registration Class" at [acvote.org/voting/regclass.page](#). You can also attend a "Voter Registration: Best Practices and Preparing in a Time of COVID" webinar on 3 September at 12pm; register at: [tinyurl.com/y6as3pzm](https://tinyurl.com/y6as3pzm). Lastly, if you print page six out and put it up around town, you can help people get registered and find out how to return their ballot.

## **Verify It! Game Ready to Roll**

Can you spot fake news? Could you pass a U.S. Citizenship test? How well do you know our country's election process? Want to learn these things, test yourself, and have fun? Play the LWV of Alameda's news literacy and civics game called *Verify It!* at [lwvalameda.org/verify-it](http://lwvalameda.org/verify-it); follow/like at [facebook.com/Verify-It-101796721661445](https://facebook.com/Verify-It-101796721661445).

### **Purpose of *Verify It!* -- News Literacy and Civics are Important**

News literacy can help defeat the cognitive biases that we all have, which make us vulnerable to false information. The danger of fake news is that it can inflame social conflict, unjustly influence our elections, harm our mental and physical well being, and damage our democratic institutions and processes. To stop the spread of disinformation and misinformation, everyone needs to know how to identify it.

Civics is important because our democracy depends on active participation by well-informed citizens. A solid civics education should inform us about the rights and responsibilities of citizens, and the roles and functions of government. This empowers us to demand good governance from our elected representatives; claim, defend, and responsibly use our democratic rights; and protect and support our democracy.

We, the LWV of Alameda, have created *Verify It!*, an online, single-player game designed to help young voters and voters-to-be to evaluate the accuracy and bias of the news media they read, hear, and share, understand and exercise voting rights in California, and be a more informed citizen. However, people of all ages will benefit from playing this game. We are all susceptible to believing misinformation or disinformation, and we must all become informed citizens to exercise our vote and to protect our democracy.

### **About the *Verify It!* Game**

*Verify It!* was developed and designed by the LWV of Alameda Youth Services Committee to address media literacy, citizenship, and voting knowledge and to encourage civic engagement.

In keeping with our mission to empower voters and defend democracy, the committee developed the game to appeal to people of all ages but especially to young voters and future voters – ages 16 to 29 - to encourage them to become informed and active participants in their democracy.

We hope that by providing the knowledge and understanding of important issues facing our country today, these young voters will become the League leaders of the future!

### **A Special Note to Teachers**

We designed this version of *Verify It!* to appeal to students and to be easily played on mobile phones and other devices in or outside of the classroom. The news articles and posts are regularly updated, and we have tried to make them relevant to current events. Please send any input on technical issues about the game to [VerifyItSupport@lwvalameda.org](mailto:VerifyItSupport@lwvalameda.org). Most importantly, spread the word—especially to any youth you know—about *Verify It!*

## **Policing in Alameda: Nuts and Bolts**

We plan to co-sponsor, with the American Assn. of University Women – Alameda Branch, a two-part moderated discussion with the Alameda Police Department. Our goal is to educate Alamedans about current police operations and policies so that our community can make informed decisions about proposed reforms.

These events will occur on Wednesday, 30 September and Thursday, 1 October from 7-8:30pm online. Get updates and find out how to watch at [lwvalameda.org/Community-Events](http://lwvalameda.org/Community-Events).



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