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The League of Women Voters of New Mexico, 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

## CALL TO COUNCIL - MAY 15, 2010 League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County

### Saturday, May 15, 2010

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Hilton of Santa Fe  
100 Sandoval Street, Santa Fe

**Cost:** \$20 for registration & lunch  
**Mail** Registration Form by **May 5** to:

LWV OF Santa Fe County  
1472 St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

### Hotel Accommodations

#### Hilton of Santa Fe

\$88 per night, single or double,  
for Friday and Saturday  
Please ask for Annabel Tiberi at  
(505) 986-6415 or  
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Delegates and guests  
responsible for making their  
own reservations.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

9:30-10 a.m. Registration

10-11:45 a.m. Business Meeting

- Treasurer's Report
- Presentation and adoption of budget changes
- Report from state committees
- Reports from local Leagues

Noon **LUNCH**

12:30-1:15 p.m. Speaker  
Fred Nathan, Executive Director,  
Think New Mexico  
"The Challenges of Passing Ethics  
Reform Legislation in New Mexico"

1:15-3 p.m. LWVNM Board Meeting

**Delegates** are the president of each local League or an alternate; one additional member from each local League; a delegate representing the members-at-large; and all State Board Members (officers and on-board directors). All other League members are invited to attend as observers or to join us for lunch and speaker at noon.

**Directions:** From I-25 take the St. Francis/Santa Fe Plaza exit. Continue North to Cerrillos Road. Turn right on Cerrillos Road. Move to the left lane. Follow the left split that turns into Sandoval Street. Remain on Sandoval Street for 0.5 miles. The Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza is on the left hand side after crossing over West Alameda.

**Registration:** Due by **May 5**. Registration Form is on page 9.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During May and June, our Leagues get together to share ideas and renew their enthusiasm and commitment to our work for another year. 2010 is a national Convention year (see article on p. 4), and state Leagues, including New Mexico, will hold smaller state Council meetings this year. Nevertheless, the four local New Mexico Leagues have much to share with one another, so please come prepared to learn and share on the morning of May 15 in Santa Fe (details p. 1.)

The complete program for Council is still under development. However, at its March 13 Board meeting, the state board spent a fascinating hour brainstorming ideas for promoting interactions among the local Leagues and between the local and state Leagues. Some of these are going to show up as short presentations at Council! If your League has invented or developed something--a workshop, a way to solicit new members, a way to train new leaders, or just about anything else that another League could adapt or adopt--drop me a line. We'll give you five minutes at Council to present a thumbnail sketch to the delegates.

One idea proposed on March 13 and already implemented was the establishment of a LWVNMLeaders listserv. Current presidents and vice-presidents have been subscribed automatically, but the listserv is open to others interested in LWVNM leadership issues. Please encourage those who will be joining your boards this spring, as well as any members in or interested in leadership positions in your League to sign up. Contact

your League president if you would like to join this listserv.

### **Grant opportunity**

The LWVNM has received a \$1,000 grant from the LWV Education Fund (LWVEF) to support its work advocating for voter protection in New Mexico. The five focus areas of the LWVUS Public Advocacy for Voter Protection (PAVP) program are:

1. Oppose ID and documentary proof of citizenship.
2. Improve administration of statewide database systems.
3. Guard against undo restrictions on voter registration .
4. Improve polling place management.
5. Improve poll worker training and strengthening poll workers.

While the state League pursues these goals in a number of ways, so far we have not thought of any project that might use this particular grant. The terms of our contract with LWVEF suggest that advocating against laws, rules and administrative practices that disproportionately affect underserved populations would be an appropriate use of the funds, but clearly PAVP encompasses many other areas as well. If you have a project that could use some or all of this \$1,000 to promote one or more of the above focus areas in this election year, please send a short description of the project, including the person or people who would carry it out, to [president\(AT\)lwvnm.org](mailto:president(AT)lwvnm.org) before **May 15**. We would love to get this money out to you to work in your community!

*Kathy Campbell, President*

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## **Board Meeting Highlights -**

*Jennice Fishburn, Secretary*

**January 9, 2010** – Manzano Multigenerational Center, Albuquerque – 9:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

- Action priorities for 2010 adopted as recommended by the Action Committee: state budget/taxation, and ethics/campaign financial reform.
- Program planning: Recommended a review of the fiscal policy position to make it relevant to upcoming debates on budget and tax policies at the federal level.

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## Board Highlights *(Continued from page 2)*

- Passed a motion that 2010 revenue sharing be used to supplement local Leagues' *Voters Guide* expenses.
- Heard a presentation from Molly Seibel, LWVSFC, on communication tools available to the LWV, including Capwiz, the LWVUS database, websites, and Yahoo groups.
- Authorized Lora Lucero, Natural Resources Director, to work with local Leagues to identify a member to serve on a task force to identify issues related to the updating of the LWVNM natural resources position.
- Authorized President Campbell to send a letter to Environment Secretary Ron Curry encouraging the designation of the waters within the U.S. Forest Service wilderness as Outstanding Natural Resources Waters by the Water Quality Control Commission.

**March 13, 2010** – New Mexico Technology University, Skeen Library – 12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

- Finalized plans for LWVNM Council on May 15, 2010.
- Approved a revised 2010-2011 budget for presentation at LWVNM Council.
- Adopted new LWVNM water position.
- Signed on to a resolution urging LWVUS to support “Medicare for All” bill in Congress, to be presented at the LWVUS national convention.
- Reviewed results of the “State League Vitality and Training Needs Assessment Tool” completed by board members.

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## Report of the LWVNM Action Committee for 2009-10

*Dick Mason and Barbara Calef, Co-Chairs*

**State Legislation** - The 2010 legislative session and the follow up special session have just ended. This was a 30 day session - that means the legislature only dealt with the budget and issues that were put on the Governor's “call”. The major issue in this session was dealing with the revenue shortfall, although some other LWVNM priorities were on the legislative agenda. Here they are by category:

**Budget Issues** – As reported in an earlier *La Palabra*, the LWVNM joined the Better Choices for New Mexico (BCNM) campaign. The BCNM campaign was advocating for a balanced approach to dealing with New Mexico's revenue shortfall – that meant looking at new revenue as an alternative to cutting crucial services in education, health care and public safety. The campaign was somewhat successful in that the Legislature did tap some reserve funds, took back unused capital outlay money and appropriated an additional \$233 million in revenues. This avoided drastic cuts in

needed services. The bad news is that two of the major revenue sources were regressive taxes, the partial reinstatement of food tax and the 1/8 of a percent increase in the GRT. The package did include one progressive revenue source, the repeal of the deduction for state and local taxes. The budget package also included an increase in the Low Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate (LICTR) which will partially offset the regressive taxes mentioned above. As we go to press, it is unclear whether or not the Governor will, or legally can, line item veto the partial reinstatement of the food GRT. The bottom line is that the Governor, by threatening a veto, and the senate leadership failed to choose the two clear progressive revenue sources, repeal of the 2003 tax cuts for those making over \$150,000 and Mandatory Combined Reporting that would have made out-of-state corporations pay taxes on the profits they earn in New Mexico. There is a good chance that when new revenue projections are available in April, the

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## Report of the LWVNM Action Committee *(Continued from page 3)*

Governor will have to call another special session to deal with additional revenue shortfalls. For more information on the Better Choices campaign visit: <http://betterchoicesnewmexico.com/>

**Ethics and Election Reform** – The legislature did pass, and the Governor signed, a bill (SB195) that would create an online Sunshine Portal where all major government information would be available to the public. Same Day Voter Registration and creation of an Ethics Commission showed some movement, but got bogged down in the details, and the legislature just ran out of time.

**Health Care** – The legislature was waiting to see what happened with federal reform. They did pass HB 12 that required insurance companies to spend at least 85% of each health care dollar on direct health services. They also passed SJM 1 that would create a Health Care Reform Working Group to coordinate implementation of federal reforms.

**Natural Resources** – The National Heritage Conservation Act (SB186) was passed and signed by the Governor.

**Social Issues** – The Domestic Partnership Bill (SB183) was tabled in the Senate Finance Committee.

**National Legislation** – The LWVNM was active in advocating for LWVUS positions on

national health care reform and climate change legislation. As we go to press, the climate change legislation has passed the House and is awaiting action in the Senate. Versions of the health care reform have passed the House and Senate and are awaiting reconciliation.

The Action Committee wants to thank LWVNM members for their responses to our action alerts on state and national issues.

**League Day at the Legislature:** About 45 people showed up for League Day at the legislature. We also got a lot of activity at the League of Women Voters table we set up at the Round House. The highlight of the day was memorials that were passed in the House (HM8) and Senate (SM2) recognizing the LWVUS's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The President of the LWVNM and representatives from each of the local Leagues were introduced on the floor of the House and the Senate. The LWVNM wants to thank Senator Dianna Duran and Representative Gail Chasey for introducing the memorials.

The Acton Committee will soon start to plan for participation in the Interim Committees that meet when the legislature is not in session. In addition, the Committee will discuss whether we want to initiate any legislation. If you want to be kept up to date on activities of the LWVNM Action Committee, please go to <http://www.lwvnm.org/links.html> and subscribe to the LWVNM Action list serve.

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### LWVUS 2010 Biennial Convention – *Carolie Mullen, LWVUS Liaison*

LWVUS will hold its biennial Convention this year from June 11-15 in Atlanta, GA, where delegates will adopt a budget and program, make bylaws changes, and elect officers and directors to the LWVUS Board. In addition to plenary sessions, Convention days (and nights) are filled with workshops, caucuses and question and answer (Q&A) sessions covering a variety of subjects and issues. Nationally known speakers and panelists will be featured also throughout the event. Before, during, and after, delegates will network and exchange ideas with League members from all over the country.

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## **LWVNM Water Position** - *Barbara Calef, Chair*

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The League of Women Voters of New Mexico believes that consumptive use of water in New Mexico must be in balance with renewable supply. Healthy ecosystems naturally perform services that benefit both people and nature such as cleaning water, reducing floods, and creating fish and wildlife habitat. To secure the benefits of functioning ecosystems and to conserve New Mexico's biodiversity, sufficient water must be budgeted for environmental flows. The creation and adherence to comprehensive water budgets is essential to preserve public lands, water, and open space, and to ensure that there will be enough water for future generations of New Mexicans. The state, water regions, and local governments must

1. monitor and measure all water resources and uses, and publish this information;
2. use a public process to create and follow water budgets;
3. educate citizens on their responsibilities as well as their rights;
4. promote strategies to reduce demand;
5. minimize water contamination in order to promote the health and safety of all life;
6. preserve and restore rivers and watersheds.

Conservation of water and efficiency of use must be encouraged to enable New Mexico to meet its interstate compact obligations, to help balance use with supply, to relieve stress on the physical system, and to reduce net depletion.

### **Regional Water Planning**

The League supports continued funding for regional planning. Using a public process, regional planning should

1. gather and publish data on supply and demand, and provide regular updates;
2. create a balanced water budget;
3. identify critical and emerging issues.

Local land use plans should be required to be consistent with applicable regional water plans.

The public welfare statements of a regional water plan should be considered by the State Engineer when reviewing applications for transfer of water rights.

### **Land Use and Water**

Land use and development must be tied to water availability. To encourage this:

1. Compliance with water availability determinations by the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) under the Subdivision Act should be mandatory.
2. Review of subdivision applications pursuant to the Subdivision Act should be expanded to encompass all divisions of land.
3. Long-term cumulative impacts as well as short-term water requirements of development should be taken into consideration by the local permitting authority.
4. The applicant must be required to acquire water rights before development can proceed.
5. The impact of any transfer of water rights on the area of origin must be assessed.
6. The permitting authority should evaluate the impact of proposed developments on "public welfare" as defined by the applicable regional water plan and be able to demonstrate that the proposed development is consistent with the plan.

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## **Water Position** *(Continued from page 5)*

7. New residential and commercial developments should be water-efficient.
8. Growth should not be permitted where water is not available.

Local zoning and subdivision statutes should be updated. State and local governments should collaborate in addressing the problem of antiquated subdivisions in order to facilitate planning and to make the water budget process meaningful.

### **Role of Government**

State government and the legal process must work to reconcile the many claims on New Mexico water in a manner that is open and as fair as possible. Among other considerations:

1. Communal as well as private interests must be respected in applying water law.
2. Maintenance of in-stream flow and general ecological health must be recognized as a “beneficial use” of water.

The Office of the State Engineer (OSE) should be adequately funded to execute its functions. In addition:

1. The OSE must be given more authority to regulate domestic well permits. Improved regulation and monitoring of domestic wells and septic systems are essential to protect groundwater supplies and should be adequately funded.
2. The effort to gather data must be coordinated and adequately funded by the state, which should establish consistent protocols, accounting methods, and terminology.
3. The state also should help implement regional water plans and provide coordination among planning activities at the different levels of government and across river basins.

Government should support research on water-related issues including:

1. Methods to manage and store water that lose less to evaporation.
2. Best agricultural practices that optimize the use of water for both farmers and downstream users, while sustaining the natural flow.
3. Urban systems that maximize water re-use.
4. Health of the state’s rivers and watersheds.

Governments at every level must educate citizens by developing and disseminating data about water resources. Local governments must promulgate and enforce regulations promoting conservation including positive incentives and rate structures.

Adopted: LWVNM Board Meeting, 3/13/2010

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## **LWVUS 2010 Convention** *(Continued from page 4)*

Members may attend Convention as delegates of their local or state Leagues or as observers. Each local League is entitled to at least one delegate. Additional delegates are allocated according to membership numbers. Other attendees include as many as three delegates from each state League, one delegate from each Inter-League Organization (ILO), and the members of the national board.

On a personal note, everyone I know who has attended a LWVUS Convention, including me, has come away a more passionate, dedicated, and inspired League member. This may be the boost you need to turn a recently joined member into a future League leader!

Some icing on the cake - LWV-Atlanta offers tours to the CNN Center, the Margaret Mitchell House and the Martin Luther King Center if you can work them in. (See p. 12 for more details.)



## Fair Representation Study Group

Cheryl Haaker, Chair

**Census support:** The study group's focus has been on helping the 2010 Census to be successful and complete. The Santa Fe and Central New Mexico local Leagues are working with or monitoring local Complete Count Committees. Study group members have prepared articles for the *Voters* and *La Palabra*: "Census 2010: the Undercount", "The Census Takers", "How the Census Protects Your Information", "What are the Census Questions?", and the occasional snippet and quiz question. During League Week in 2010, Fair Representation had a table in the Capitol Rotunda with Census information.

This legislative session, Senator Rod Adair (R-Roswell) re-submitted his joint resolution to create a bipartisan independent redistricting commission by amending the New Mexico Constitution. This bill was SJR 13. Rep. Keith Gardner (R-Roswell) submitted an identical bill in the House as HJR 15. Unfortunately, both bills died during the brief 30-day session.

The study group's assessment of this legislation is basically positive. The statement developed last year (but not released) was as follows (with edits noted in [square brackets]):

*"The League of Women Voters of New Mexico (LWVNM) cautiously endorses [...] Senator Adair's suggested amendment to the New Mexico Constitution that creates a bipartisan commission to determine congressional and state legislative district boundaries.*

*At present, the legislature redistricts itself, and also determines other statewide districts such as those for Congress and the PRC.*

*LWVNM has just completed a two-year study on "Fair Representation", one component of which is redistricting. [The joint resolution] has several desirable features, including:*

- *Taking redistricting out of the hands of [the legislature] whose seats may be at stake.*
- *Requiring a political balance for the commission and excluding current public office holders.*
- *Mandating adequate resources for the redistricting commission.*
- *Stating several basic criteria for redistricting, with which the League agrees.*

- *Specifying that partisan voter registration and voting history will NOT be used (except perhaps to evaluate "competitiveness" of alternatives).*
- *Specifying that the residences of incumbents will not be identified or considered.*

*As presented, the resolution could be improved, however. The League suggests:*

- *Restoring the clause that states that redistricting will be done ONCE following each decennial Census.*
- *Increasing the requirement for public involvement in the process—as stated, the public need only be informed after the new maps have been drawn, and only given a 30 day period to comment.*
- *Opening the commission membership to more than merely representatives from the top two political parties; permitting third parties or non-political members and increasing commission totals to an odd number would be preferable.*
- *Defining "communities of interest"*
- *Making it clear that the only permissible use of partisan voter registration and voting history is in evaluating alternatives for criterion G (7): these should not be used to characterize "communities of interest."*
- *Making it clear that not only should geographic features and municipal/county boundaries be used where possible, but in fact districts should not be bisected by geographic features that form significant barriers to travel and municipalities and counties should not be partitioned beyond what is necessary to achieve equal population and conform with other federal requirements.*
- *Adding that no political party will be favored by intent.*

*The League generally supports Senator Adair's effort to improve the way that New Mexico reallocates its representative districts, and urges the adoption of these recommendations for further improvements."*

This summer, the study group hopes to participate in discussions on redistricting during the Interim Committee meetings which are sure to be held. If you would like to help out, please contact Cheryl Haaker via phone (505.298.7415) or email (Cheryl(AT)haaker.org)!

## Local League News from the Presidents

### **Central New Mexico** - *Jan and Olin Bray*

In January, LWVCNM had 326 members and our latest count is 349, with over 250 signed up for LWVCNMTopics., So our membership efforts continue to pay off. For example, Jan recently spent the day at the Women's Expo on March 6 and talked to a number of people that were interested in League, some of whom may become members.

For Open Government month, our luncheon program invited Emile Nakhleh to talk about "Intelligence in an Open Society." Emile retired from the CIA as director of the Political Islam Strategic Analysis Group.

The speaker for our annual meeting will be David Campbell, Albuquerque's new Chief Administrative Officer. David was on the Albuquerque Charter Review Commission and worked with our Advocacy Committee on the explanations of charter amendments for the *Voters' Guide*.

Our Leadership/Participation Committee continues to meet and reviewed the results of our January unit meetings on leadership/participation. We are planning a survey to determine how active our members want to be and what they are interested in. Earlier the Board had a workshop for new Board members and has just had a strategic planning session.

Our Education Fund solicitation letters have been prepared and are being sent out to both members and non-members who have contributed in the past.

### **Greater Las Cruces** - *Bonnie Burn*

Students who were 18 and eligible to vote in the February 2 school bond election were registered by League members in the three high schools in the Las Cruces Public School District. The Town of Mesilla held a municipal election on March 2, and the League moderated a candidates' forum on February 16. This election brought together long-time and newly annexed voters.

In celebration of the League's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the City Council of Las Cruces and the Doña Ana County Commissioners presented proclamations to the League recognizing that milestone.

A successful membership survey was held. Ninety-five surveys were mailed and a total of 79 were completed, either returned in the mail or through follow-up telephone calls. We now know our members a little bit better.

The Branigan Library study group has been "following the money," as the Library had a setback when funding for renovations that were already underway was withdrawn during the recent NM budget challenges. During the 2010 legislative session, funding was restored.

Establishing a metropolitan court in Doña Ana County suffered a disappointment when HB 229 sponsored by our local Representative Andrew Nuñez passed both houses and was signed by Governor Richardson on March 9. Any Class A County in NM will have to have a census population of 250,000 before a metropolitan court can be established.

We are supporting the proposed constitutional amendment that would remove the stigmatizing words, idiot and insane, from the constitution (SJR6). The League has been observing meetings of the South Central Solid Waste Authority and South Central Recycling Partnership (SCRaP), two groups involved with recycling and solid waste management. The groups have been asked to make presentations and are nominated for recycling awards at the NM Recycling Conference on June 22-23.

In collaboration with the Academy of Learning in Retirement, the League launched a major effort to educate local citizens about government by sponsoring a four-lecture series on "Know Your Local and State Government."

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## **Los Alamos** - *Barbara Calef*

After consideration, the Los Alamos County Council decided on February 2 that they were not ready to establish a renewable energy financing district. Instead, concerned by the challenges involved in implementing the legislation sponsored by Senate Peter Wirth in 2009, they chose to table the idea until they could see the results in Santa Fe. That city has adopted an ordinance to form a district and put out a request for proposal (RFP) for the design, administration, and financing.

The Los Alamos Water Committee, which has met each month since 2007 to work on both a state and local water study has completed its mission. Following the last LWVNM consensus meeting, held in Las Cruces in January, the committee reviewed the reports from all seven meetings and drew up a position reflecting the opinions held in common by LWVNM members. The draft position has now been submitted to the state Board for its consideration. The local Los Alamos study was completed and a new water position adopted in 2009.

Residents of Los Alamos have been engaged by three excellent Lunch with a Leader speakers since the beginning of the year. In January, District Attorney Angela "Spence" Pacheco explained the responsibilities and challenges facing her staff as the state continues to cut her budget. Felicia Orth, the Administrative Law Judge or Hearing Officer for the New Mexico Environment Department, described her job, which she loves because, in the process of conducting hearings on wastewater treatment plants, restaurants, swimming pools, landfills, and so forth, she has learned so much in so many fields, including geology, hydrology, engineering, and chemistry. And this week, Charlie Kalogeros Chattan, the Los Alamos County Library Manager, reflected on the difficulty of protecting the privacy rights of her readers while fulfilling the requirements of the PATRIOT Act.

The League co-sponsored a public forum on the County Charter because the County Council has convened a Charter Review Committee. Speakers discussed the original charter of 1965, the review that occurred in 1994-95, and the current issues before the committee. During the public comment section there was a wide-ranging discussion of different forms of government.

Finally, the League co-sponsored a talk by Dr. David Gutzler, Professor of Climatology at UNM, who presented Global Warming 101 to convince his audience that the earth is definitely warming. What cannot be predicted, the professor said, are the long-term drought cycles for the Southwest. Scientists are sure that summers in the next half-century will be much warmer than any in history, but winters will be quite variable. Asked for his recommendation for public policy regarding climate change, Gutzler warned that we must not ignore the projections. Even if we could fix carbon dioxide at the 2000 level, the temperature will continue to rise. We must pursue new energy sources, investigate sequestration, and think about adaptation.

## **Santa Fe County** - *Meredith Machen*

LWVSFC is highly visible in the community and welcoming new members who want to participate in activities and events. New technology tools are improving communication with members and the public. The VOTER is now emailed to most of our members and is available online in our newly upgraded website.

Our Santa Fe Municipal Election *Voters' Guide* and mayoral and city councilor candidate forums were covered well by the local media, but voter turnout was light. All of the incumbents were re-elected.

Our work at the legislature supporting limits on contributions by lobbyists' and potential contractors, education, domestic partnerships, Same Day Voter Registration, ethics reform, carbon emissions caps, and more required intense focus. Seeing good bills die in the political quagmire was

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## **Santa Fe County** *(Continued from page 9)*

frustrating and scary. Our Santa Fe legislators (mostly LWVSFC members) are well informed and have made significant contributions in spite of lobbyists and road blockers. Reform advocates cannot afford to despair and disappear. Ongoing work on the massive Santa Fe County Sustainable Land Development Plan is spurring consolidation of our various natural resources positions and fostering more transparency and citizen involvement in planning and decision-making.

### **Some Spring Highlights:**

**3/10-** Santa Fe County Manager and staff discuss their progress and challenges regarding implementation of last year's Transparency Report recommendations, prepared by LWVSFC, ACLU-Northern

Chapter, and the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government. Practices, policies, and programs were audited with regard to New Mexico Open Meetings and Public Records Acts.

**3/30-** Representatives from the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico state government, business, and law will discuss current immigration policies and implications for economic development, social programs, education, and healthcare. Panelists will likely discuss federal policy and legislative action.

**4/7** Discussion of implications of the 2010 census data on redistricting in NM.

Please check [www.lwvsfc.org](http://www.lwvsfc.org) for Transparency Report, Immigration Discussion, Census, and much more.

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## **League Urges EIB to set Carbon Cap** - *Lora Lucero, director, Natural Resources*

On March 1, four LWVNM members joined a packed audience in the Willie Ortiz Building in Santa Fe to testify before the Environmental Improvement Board (EIB). This is a seven (currently five) member board appointed by the Governor charged with the responsibility for developing rules and regulations to protect the public's health—such as water and air quality, hazardous wastes, and food protection.

LWVNM and others are asking the EIB to establish a cap on carbon emissions in New Mexico, citing concerns about climate change. Mary Stockley, a member of the Santa Fe League, read a prepared statement on behalf of LWVUS President Mary Wilson who could not attend. Kathy Campbell, president of LWVNM, Meredith Machen, president, LWVSFC, and Lora Lucero, director, LWVNM Natural Resources, also testified. The EIB will hear expert testimony during the summer, and a decision is expected later this fall or winter.

Opponents of the carbon cap in New Mexico argued that it will have a minimal impact on national or global emissions. However, a 2008 summary of the greenhouse gas emissions inventory for our state indicates that greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in New Mexico increased 30% between 1990 and 2000. The largest contributor is the energy sector which accounted for 90% of the gross GHG emissions in 2000. New Mexico must curb its carbon appetite immediately.

The EIB is accepting written comments from the public. Send comments to Environmental Improvement Board, c/o Joyce Medina, 1190 St. Francis Drive N2153, Santa Fe, NM 87502.



Kathy Campbell, president, LWVNM addresses EIB board members.

Questions? Please contact Lora Lucero at 505-247-0844 or [LoraLucero\(AT\)aol.com](mailto:LoraLucero(AT)aol.com)

## Council Registration Form - May 15, 2010

Please send this Council registration form and a check for \$20 payable to LWV of Santa Fe County.  
**Mail to: LWV of Santa Fe County, 1472 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505**  
**Due date:** Registration must be received by **May 5, 2010**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State /Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending as (please check one)

Local League delegate from \_\_\_\_\_

MAL delegate

LWVNM Board Member

Non-delegate member/observer/guest (circle one)

### LWVNM Proposed Budget for 2010-11

Fiscal Year is May 1, 2010 to April 30, 2011

#### OPERATING FUND

**INCOME**

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Contributions                | \$500   |
| Fund Raising Events/Mailings | \$2,000 |
| Local League PMP             | \$6,564 |
| Members-at-Large             | \$260   |
| Other Income                 | \$800   |
| Reimbursement from Ed Fund   | \$1,600 |
| Use of Retained Earnings     | \$6,031 |

**Total Income** **\$17,755**

**EXPENSES**

**PROPOSED**

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Board Administration             | \$475   |
| Delegate Expenses                | \$3,955 |
| Fundraising Expenses             | \$225   |
| Member Services                  | \$3,650 |
| Operating Expenses               | \$2,150 |
| Program Expenses-Advocacy        | \$1,300 |
| Grants to Local League           | \$4,400 |
| Voter Service <i>Voters' Key</i> | \$1,600 |

**Total Expenses** **\$17,755**

#### EDUCATION FUND

**INCOME**

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Contributions       | \$2,000        |
| <b>Total Income</b> | <b>\$2,000</b> |

**EXPENSES**

**PROPOSED**

|                                     |                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Voter Services - <i>Voters' Key</i> | \$1,600        |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>               | <b>\$1,600</b> |

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## CALENDAR

May 15 **LWVNM Council - Santa Fe, NM**  
Board Meeting following end of Council

June 11-15 **LWVUS Convention - Atlanta, Georgia**  
For more information and the registration form,  
go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org).

**CALL TO COUNCIL**  
*May 15, 2010*

*Please mail registration to:*  
**LWV of Santa Fe County**  
*1472 St. Francis Dr.*  
**Santa Fe, NM 87505**

**Deadline: May 5, 2010**

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