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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 6 – 10

LWVAZ Legislative Week Lunch and Learns

Monday – Reproductive Rights 12:00 – 1:00

Tuesday – Education Legislation 2023 12:00 -1:00

Wednesday – Voting Rights and Election Administration 12-1

Friday – Behind the Scenes at the Legislature 12:00 – 1:00

Sign up Here!

<https://linktr.ee/lwvazlunchandlearn>

More info on page 6

February 9

Sundog Connector Educational Meeting

12:30-1:45 pm Yavapai College, Building 3, Rm 119 (page 2)

February 14

103rd Birthday of the League of Women Voters

February 20

LWVCYC Board Meeting

4:30 pm

Location to be Determined.

March 11

State League Water Policy in an

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Era of Drought and Shortages

Prescott Public Library, Founders Room (page 4)

April 14

Ruffner Scholarship Applications Due

May 6

LWVCYC Annual Meeting

time TBD

May 19-21

LWVAZ State Convention in Cottonwood

LWVAZ Issue Teams

February 16

Gun Safety Issues Team Meeting

2:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83306929341?pwd=USttRTJCaVIOSHhoUzd hM2ZQZzRidz09>

February 21

Learn About Medical Aid in Dying (page 3)

6:00 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84758904429?pwd=LzFoY1ppejJoamZicXJk VTZVd0E0QT09>

SUNDOG CONNECTOR

Thursday, February 9, 2023
12:30 – 1:45 p.m.
Yavapai College, Building 3, Room 119

Managing growth in our community is an issue that impacts everyone - now and in the future. Balancing growth with other important quality of life issues is one of the greatest challenges we face. The proposed Sundog Connector, a road that would run parallel to highway 69, has the goal of making travel in the tri-city area easier and to help alleviate congestion on Highway 69. Please join us to learn more about this proposed project from a team from CYMPO.

Vinny Gallegos
Executive Director
Central Yavapai Metropolitan
Planning Organization (CYMPO)

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Three Speakers will speak about the plans for the Sundog Connector Highway:

- Vincent “Vinny” Gallegos is the Executive Director of the Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization (CYMPO).
- Kate Bondy has a BS in Civil Engineering from Arizona State University in 2002. She is a registered professional engineer (PE) in the State of Arizona and a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer (PTOE). Kate has over 20 years of experience in transportation planning and engineering.
- Lindsay Post is a Transportation Planner at CYMPO.

These will be their focus areas:

- History of CYMPO and Project
- Traffic Analyses
- Emergency Response
- Connectivity to Open Space
- Population Growth
- Environmental Overview
- Engagement Activities

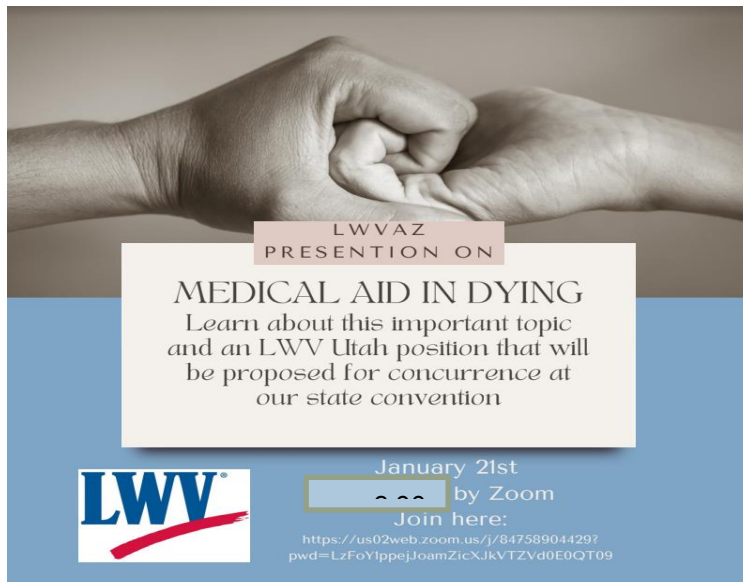


Here is the initial Study from 2013 on this Project:

<https://www.cympo.org/docs/sundog-connector-study-2013-compressed.pdf>

Here is the link to the CYMPO webpage about the Sundog Connector:

<https://www.cympo.org/sundog-connector/>



Interested in the Medical Aid in Dying Concurrence?

Here are the white papers you can read on the topic.



LWV Arizona White Paper 2013.pdf



LWV Utah Study on MAID Jan 2016.pdf

This was their presentation to the Tucson League in September 2021:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efCzqsCe-ms>

Sign up today for the event on the 21st!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84758904429?pwd=LzFoY1ppejJoamZicXJkVTZVd0E0QT09>

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF UTAH HAS RELEASED A TWO-POINT CONSENSUS POSITION STATEMENT BASED ON OUR RECENT STUDY "DEATH WITH DIGNITY."

The study provides information about laws in the five states currently allowing terminally ill persons to request physician aid in dying, as well as a detailed history of death with dignity through the ages.

Our position states:

1. The League of Women Voters of Utah believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed physician to end one's life. The League of Women Voters of Utah believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel.
2. Death with Dignity legislation has become of increasing public interest and concern. Currently five states have legislation allowing physician aid in dying - Oregon, Washington, Montana, Vermont and California. Additionally, interpretation of physician assisted dying legal standing is under review in New Mexico. It is anticipated that this issue will remain on legislative agendas not just in Utah, but many other states as well.

Reviewing our State League Water Policy in an Era of Drought and Shortages



On March 11, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. the League of Women Voters of Central Yavapai County will hold an in-person meeting for all League members to discuss water in Arizona and to review proposed changes to the LWVAZ state policy position on water. The meeting will be at the Prescott Public Library, Founder Room, 215 E. Goodwin St. in Prescott.

Lyn Loveless and Ellie Laumark, members of the LWVAZ Water Policy Review Committee, will review the current state league policy, present their revised policy draft, lay out the similarities

and differences between the two documents, and explain their thinking in proposing these revisions and amendments. The goal of this meeting is to familiarize all league members with the revised policy draft and to help ensure that they understand the reasons behind the committee's recommendations.

It is important to the Water Policy Review Committee to get feedback from League members. The committee held a state-wide educational webinar, "Achieving Water Sustainability in Arizona," on January 14, 2023. If you were unable to attend this session, a summary of the meeting with a link to the recording can be found in the article from "The Voter".

The Guest speaker Sarah Porter from the Kyl Center for Water Policy of the Morrison Institute at ASU talked about "Water and Arizona's future", and the Water Policy Review Committee outlined the next steps involved in updating the State's policy positions on Water. You can also read the current LWVAZ policy and the proposed policy revision draft on the State LWVAZ website. In addition, there is an information hub of reading, videos, and other materials if you want to better familiarize yourself with water issues in Arizona.

We hope you will join us on March 11th at 1:00 pm to participate in this discussion, to share your questions about state and local water issues, and to understand the reasons behind these proposed changes in our LWVAZ policy. The committee will use your feedback to prepare a final draft to be presented for adoption at this year's League convention in May. You can also email your comments to lwvarizona@gmail.com.

Please add your voice to the discussion!

Please prepare for this meeting by reviewing the documents related to the work and proposed revisions of the LWVAZ Water Policy Review Committee at these links:

DRAFT PROPOSED WATER POLICY REVISION DOCUMENT

https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/1.03.01_final_policy_draft_for_discussion.docx.pdf

NARRATIVE OUTLINE/EXPLAINER OF THE WATER POLICY DRAFT

COMPARING THE PROPOSED DRAFT WITH THE EXISTING WATER POLICY
[HTTPS://MY.LWV.ORG/SITES/DEFAULT/FILES/1.03.02_OUTLINE_OF_POLICY_DRAFT.DOCX.PDF](https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/1.03.02_outline_of_policy_draft.docx.pdf)

YOUTUBE LINK FOR RECORDING OF THE JAN 14, 2023, WEBINAR WITH SARAH PORTER

<https://youtu.be/pdLtVG93rGI>

Email your comments to <mailto:my.lwv.org/arizona> before March 12, 2023.

Are you Familiar with LWV State and Local Policy Positions?
Check out this PowerPoint - Just click on the slide!



State & Local Position Review

Saturday, February 2, 2019

Since the presentation above in 2019, the LWVAZ has adopted positions on:
Criminal Justice Reform and Gun Safety

The Climate Change and Environment position on Water will be voted upon at the May Convention
– our March meeting will cover the details – here is the link to the work being done:

<https://my.lwv.org/arizona/water-issues>

Voter Rights Security and Integrity of the Election Process will be added to the
Representative Government position to be voted upon at the May Convention.

A vote to Concur with the LWV Utah's Public Policy on Death with Dignity will also be on the May
Convention agenda.

See all LWVAZ's Policy Positions here: <https://my.lwv.org/arizona/lwvaz-positions-2021-2023>

Are you Interested in Learning about Request to Speak?

Use Request to Speak (RTS) to Influence the Outcome of Legislation

Request to Speak (RTS) is an online real-time system that allows the public to register opinions on bills being heard in committee. You can:

- Indicate whether you are "for" or "against" the bill.
- Write a brief comment explaining your position.
- Register your willingness to speak (testify) during the committee hearing.

We encourage you to use this powerful tool to make your voice heard at the legislature.

RTS is integrated into the Bill Status Inquiry (BSI) functionality of the AZ Legislature website. If you want to follow bills through the legislative process. [BSI](#) is the place to go.

Arizona RTS
(Request to
Speak) Tutorial

[Slides](#)
[Video](#)

If you need an RTS account, please complete this [Google Form](#).

Legislative Week - 2023

Feb. 6 - 10

Lunch and Learn - Virtual Events

Mon. Feb. 7, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

SPEAKERS: Kelley Dubbs Senior Director of Public Policy & Government Relations, Planned Parenthood Arizona/Advocates of Arizona, Jodi Liggett, LWVAZ Lobbyist, Jennifer Allen, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona. **Moderator:** Alexis Lane (LWV MP)

Tuesday, Feb 8, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. EDUCATION LEGISLATION IN 2023

SPEAKERS: Beth Lewis, Save Our Schools Arizona, Senator Catherine Miranda (invited). **Moderators:** Karen Devine (LWV NWMC) & Tina Mollica (LWV NWMC)

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

SPEAKERS: Senate Elections, Senate Government, House Municipal Oversight & Election Committee members (Invited). **Moderators:** Pinny Sheoran & Gitelle Seer (LWV AZ)

Friday, Feb. 11, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE LEGISLATURE

SPEAKERS: Rhonda Barnes, House Minority Deputy Chief of Staff/ General Counsel and Elizabeth Higgins Senate Minority General Counsel/Policy Advisor. **Moderators:** Gitelle Seer and Jodi Liggett



REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS
<https://linktr.ee/lwvazlunchandlearn>

Please participate in these Lunch and Learn Virtual Events!

<https://linktr.ee/lwvazlunchandlearn>

With our Sundog Connector Meeting on February 9th, most of us will not be able to go in person to the Legislative Day, so the lunch and learns are a great way to hear from legislators speaking for each session – Grab a cup of tea and take an hour!

How Does the League Select Issues for Emphasis?

In League, Program means the issues that we choose for concerted study, education, and action at local, state and national levels. Programs can include both education and action.

The Program Planning process is part of what makes the League a grassroots organization; each League member has the opportunity to influence the selection of issues where the local, state, and national League will focus time, talent and money.

Every two years, members of local Leagues engage in Program Planning. Based on the results of this, the Board of Directors makes recommendations to the biennial convention delegates about the program to be adopted for the coming two-year period.

Studies

The League of Women Voters takes action on an issue only when we have a position addressing it. If the members have not studied and come to consensus on it, the League has no position and therefore cannot take action. Studies (whether national, state, or local) are a defined process lasting one to three years, during which we undertake thorough pursuit of facts and details, both positive and negative, and come to a consensus about policy.

What Studies Are There?

Studies from across the nation are in our [League of Women Voters Education Fund Clearinghouse for studies](#).

What Is the Study Process?

1. Study Committee members fashion consensus questions that are then asked of the membership as part of a study kit. Kits often include articles, books, data in the form of charts and graphs, videos, suggested speakers, discussion questions, and other resources. Members use the study kit internally and often with their community to better understand the issue.
2. Consensus is the overall decision-making process by which substantial agreement among members is reached on an issue. Often this happens over the course of several meetings but may include surveys and other methods. If the members reach consensus, the board forms recommended positions based on that consensus. Those recommendations are submitted to the Study Committee.
3. The Study Committee then reviews all the submissions. It works to form a consensus statement - the statement resulting from the consensus questions - that becomes a recommended position.
4. That recommended position is then reviewed and voted on by our members (usually by delegates at our Convention). The proposal may be approved, amended, or be rejected at that time.
5. If a position is adopted, firm action can then be taken on the particular issue addressed by the position. Without a position, action can not be taken on that issue.

Read the national [Guidelines for LWVUS Studies](#).



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2022-2023 LWVCYC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Name(s) of additional member(s) in household: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Member information – Note type of membership and make check to LWVCYC

Voting Members

- _____ \$60/yr Individual Membership \$_____ Associate/ Friend of the League
- _____ \$90/yr Household Membership
- _____ \$40/yr Student Member \$_____ Contribution to our local League operations

Local League membership dues and donations are **not** tax deductible. Your support helps our Voter Service and local program activities! Please include this form with your check(s).

Donations to the LWVAZ Education Fund and Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund.

Make check out to LWVAZ Education fund with notation as to where it is to be used. Contributions to 501(c) 3 funds are generally tax deductible and must be made by **separate check** to preserve tax deductibility. Thank You

\$_____ Contribution to LWVAZ Elisabeth Ruffner Scholarship Fund 501(c)3. *The funds you contribute under this program will be used for the Scholarship program.* Make Ruffner Scholarship Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line: **CYC - Ruffner Scholarship.**

\$_____ Contribution to LWVAZ Education Fund 501(c) 3 *The funds you contribute to the League of Women Voters Education Fund under this program may be used to support the charitable and educational activities of our League and to make contributions to [state 501(c)(3)] and the national League of Women Voters Education Fund.* Make Education Fund check payable to: **LWVAZ Education Fund** write on notation line: **CYC – General.**

You may also make donations to the Education Funds through PayPal by following the donation link on our website: LWVCYC.org.

For Membership Use: Date received: _____

Membership / Renewal form (06/20/2022)