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### Q1 Name of League

League of Women Voters of Alameda

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### Q4 What was the name of your project?

Alameda Campaign Finance Review

### Q5 What was the date of your project?

Ongoing beginning August 2018

### **Q6** Briefly describe your project:

We created easily read charts from California 460 filings showing for each candidate and ballot measure on the November 6 ballot (1) what cities the contributions were coming from; (2) whether they were coming from individuals, businesses, unions or political groups; (3) how much money was raised with small vs. large donations; (4) the sources of contributions of \$1,000 or more; and (5) how much money was raised for each vote cast in favor of the candidate or measure. This will be ongoing for each future election. To view the charts, go to https://www.lwvalameda.org/alameda-campaign-finance-review.html

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

This was done independently, but our community newspaper, the Alameda Sun, is interested in collaborating with us in the future.

Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

To educate the electorate about the sources of campaign funds and prepare them for the next phase of the project, which will be to present to the City Council a menu of campaign finance reforms that have worked in other municipalities.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

We received a great deal of positive response to the publication of the charts on our website, which generated interest in campaign finance and heightened awareness of LWVAlameda.

**Q10** Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

This project can be replicated rather easily by any chapter with a website and a volunteer with Excel skills. We will be contacting other League chapters in the San Francisco Bay Area to offer our help in teaching them how to do their own version of this project, and we will be offering to conduct a session at the state LVW meeting in Pasadena.

# #2

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Q4 What was the name of your project?

Yes in My LA!

Q5 What was the date of your project?

2018

# Q6 Briefly describe your project:

Yes in My L.A. is a campaign that took on a life of itself. Started in 2018 by our League's Homelessness Action Committee, who wanted to bring awareness to the solutions around homelessness. Members decided to make a guide, website and weekly newsletter to educate people about the different types of housing, policy to watch and tangible things to do.

Website: https://yesinmyla.org/

Twitter: @yesinmyla

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

In late 2018 we had our second print run of the guide and printed 5,000 for distribution.

Funding partners have been the Haynes Foundation, United Way of Greater Los Angeles and the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council.

Worked with the City of LA Public Library to distribute 1,460 to all 73 branches.

Outreach to high priority neighborhood:

- Wilshire Center/Koreatown NC
- Boyce Heights NC
- Hollywood Hills West Neighborhood Council
- Van Nuys Neighborhood Council
- o Midtown North Hollywood NC
- o Additional NCs as housing or shelter sites are identified

Continue seeking speaking opportunities. Upcoming plans include:

- Congress of Neighborhoods Workshop
- Presentation for the NELA Homeless Coalition

Currently working with United Way to identify a plan to translate the guide into Spanish and Korean, and possibly Chinese.

### Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

The "Yes In My LA" guide was created to provide a simple, trusted resource for community members to learn about homelessness and the current proposed solution to it: supportive housing.

Fear and misinformation in our community is currently blocking critical solutions that would reduce and end homelessness. "Yes In My LA" is a vital resource that lets communities have more informed discussions about supportive housing and other city/county proposed solutions. We pair the guide with community and digital outreach to ensure as many Angelenos can find the information they need to contribute productively to solutions.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

#### 2018 Accomplishment Highlights

- Reached an estimated 3,000 Angelenos with events, the guide and the website\*
- Distributed over 1,800 guides to the community
- Presented at 15 community events and neighborhood councils
- The guide was shared by United Way's Everyone In campaign, LAHSA, the Mayor's office, LA Family Housing, LA Works and Empower LA
- Held a speaker training in Aug 2018 which 12 LWVLA members and 2 United Way reps attended
- We were able to use our research and work from the guide project to advocate for the PSH
  Ordinance, the Motel Conversion Ordinance, support the Lorena Plaza complex in Boyle
  Heights, support the Schrader temporary housing in Hollywood, and feasibility studies for
  shelters and housing in Studio City, Hollywood and beyond.

#### Community Reach

Library - 10 guides for each of the 73 branches - 730 Community Events - 369 Government Offices -Mayor's office, all of City Council - 269 Neighborhood Councils - 26 of the NCs - 201 Nonprofits - CSH, SFV Rescue Mission, Inner City Law - 48

#### LWVLA Members Reach

New members and members training to become speakers - 82 LWV Beach Cities - 25

### Digital Reach

- 1,401 Unique website visitors (1/1/18 9/8/18)
- Top referrers to the website include Twitter, Facebook, Nextdoor.com and LA Family

#### Housing's website

- Estimated 700 digital downloads of the guide
- 82 Mailing list subscribers
- 287 Twitter followers
- 30 Facebook likes

We have been contacted by neighboring county government agencies about our guide and consulting on how they can create one for their county.

Q10 Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

### Outreach Strategies:

- 1) Reach as many interested parties as we can with digital materials (info about the project, the website, the guide and the brochure). This is mainly nonprofits, city and county government entities working on homelessness.
- 2) Distribute print guides to highest impact organizations and groups of people. Mainly neighborhood councils, residential groups, homelessness coalitions and grassroots volunteer groups.
- 3) Build a social media presence and consistent content calendar to get people to share the guide and ask us to speak about it at high profile events.
- 4) Be present and highly visible at as many homelessness/housing events as we can. This could include tabling, passing out guides or speaking. Example events include LA Works' Day of Advocacy, the Ebell Stories from the Frontline, and the Congress of Neighborhoods.

# #3

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**Q1** Name of League

LWV of the Mt. Baldy Area

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Q4 What was the name of your project?

Voting is Your Voice

Q5 What was the date of your project?

December 2017 - November 2018

#### **Q6** Briefly describe your project:

Our goal was to improve voter participation in the 2018 general election with a campaign for "Voting as the thing to do" in our community using social media and outreach to community groups. We focused on the city of Claremont as a pilot. We sponsored school contests to select a slogan and create a video, "Voting is Your Voice". Winners received cash prizes & city recognition. We held an event to introduce the slogan and video to over 50 organizations ranging from youth sports, educational boosters, religious groups, merchants & elected officials & asking them to promote "Voting is Your Voice to their members."

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

The city of Claremont recognized and promoted our campaign on the city's social media. The Council recognized the students who won our contests. The school district supported our contest & promoted "Voting is Your Voice." We contacted 50 community groups, half attended our "kick-off" event and 18 committed to promoting "Voting is Your Voice" to their members. Our video was available to anyone with access to the Internet. Our members were promoted our campaign.

### Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

Our immediate goal was to improve turnout in the 2018 general election. Longer term, we wanted to increase civic engagement as well as voting. One example of increased interest in the democratic process was the democratic party elections held in Claremont after the 2018 election had a record turnout. Our materials were promoted on social media beyond the city of Claremont. We plan to expand our campaign to other cities in the future.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

Voter turnout in Claremont in the 2018 general election was 73%; the highest of the 11 cities in our League. This turnout also was one of the highest in LA County. In the 2014 general, mid-term election, Claremont's turnout was 49%.

Independent of the election results, the fact that our League has cultivated connections to other active groups in the community is a huge value, potentially inspiring continued local collaborations in the future.

Q10 Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

Other Leagues could model a program after ours, as it is not specific to one city or one election year. The video is available for anyone to use. Critical elements are support of the city, school district and community organizations. League members need to use social media to promote the project. Because we used social media rather than "door to door" promotion the volunteer time commitment was relatively small.



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Q1 Name of League

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Q4 What was the name of your project?

**Democracy Concierge Service** 

Q5 What was the date of your project?

began September 2017 and ongoing

### **Q6** Briefly describe your project:

Our League collaborated with the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and other city officials to promulgate and follow best practices of civility and civil discourse at public meetings of the San Luis Obispo City Council. Volunteers with the Democracy Concierge team staff a table at City Hall for bi-monthly Council meetings. They assist members of the public with agenda items, finding staff reports, filling out speaker slips, and set a welcoming tone for members of the public attending City Council meetings. The mayor reads a Civility Pledge at the beginning of each meeting and the civility expectations for the council members and the public are printed on the back of the public comment speaker slip.

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

Our collaborative partners are the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and members of the City Council of the city of San Luis Obispo. This Democracy Concierge Service is a program we hope to expand to other cities in our county to encourage civility, diversity, inclusivity, and collaboration in our communities. The Mayor, Heidi Harmon, has fully supported the program and the response from the public has been positive. Ms. Harmon has noted that the service helps to promote greater participation at council meetings. She says, "We aim to build a city that works for everyone with a politics of belonging; to create stronger and more viable solutions for our community; to promote a collaborative environment. Civility is essential to this."

### Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

The primary goal is to create a culture of civility at a time when divisiveness and confrontation are prevalent. To promote greater participation and reasoned discourse in public meetings while reducing tensions when passions run high. To demonstrate that civil discussion and the calm exchange of ideas is the efficient and effective way to approach common problems. To strengthen democracy by encouraging public participation and making people feel comfortable with and confident of public institutions.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

Public response to the League volunteers who offer information and assistance has been overwhelmingly positive. People feel more engaged and listened to. City officials have reported it allows them to better understand the public's opinions on matters pending before the Council and the public has become better informed and more engaged. Democracy depends on people feeling they have a say. The Democracy Concierge Service encourages them to speak and be involved in the decisions that affect them.

Q10 Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

Yes. Crucial elements including 1) developing Civil Discourse proclamations, guidelines, and best practices that local governments can sign onto; 2) gaining the respect and support of local officials for the program; 3) making the public aware of the program through new stories and websites; 4) recruiting a committee group of volunteers who are enthusiastic about improving the climate at public meetings, promoting civility as the way to address common problems, and engaging the public in democracy.

# #5

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**Q1** Name of League

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**Q4** What was the name of your project?

LWV Fresno, et al vs. Friant Ranch LP

Q5 What was the date of your project?

March 7, 2011

#### **Q6** Briefly describe your project:

In February, 2011, Fresno County Supervisors approved Fresno's first 55+ age-qualified active-adult lifestyle community, a 2500 unit residental development on 1000 acres adjacent to the community of Friant. This required amending the Fresno County General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance because at that time the County did not have the zoning districts for that type of residential development. LWVFresno, along with Sierra Club and Revive the San Joaquin (referred to as Sierra Club, et al), citing failure to comply with planning and environmental laws, filed suit asking the Superior Court to set aside the project. In 2012, the trial court ruled against Sierra Club, et al. In 2014, the losing parties argued before the Fifth District Court of Appeal. Later that year, the Court of Appeal ruled in favor of Sierra Club, et al on a single point, that of air quality. The Court ruled that the project failed to correlate emissions to impacts on human health, that the long-term air quality impacts were vague and unenforceable and the conclusion int he air quality section of the EIR were unsupported

and unexplained. The County of Fresno and Friant Ranch LP appealed the Fifth District decision to the California State Supreme Court. The Supreme Court was briefed in 2015; oral arguments were heard in October, 2018, and on December 24, 2018, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Sierra Club, et al. This case was successfully argued before the Supreme Court by LWVFresno member, attorney Sara Hedgepeth-Harris. The decision has been hailed as one of the most important CEQA decisions of the last decade.

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

Our partners in the suit were the Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club and Revive the San Joaquin. By joining forces with these two active environmental groups, the League's long-honed expertise on the Fresno County General Plan was critical to challenging the approval of development that was out of compliance with the General Plan and would have negatively impacted the lives of many Fresno County residents.

Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

The goal of the lawsuit was to force compliance with Fresno County's General Plan

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

The resulting Supreme Court decision mandates that air quality impacts be tied directly to human health effects. This is extremely important in Fresno County where poor air quality contributes to one of the highest rates of childhood asthma in the US. Air pollution concentrations in our region are commonly above state and federal clean-air standards. It is all too easy for local officials to bow to the demands of developers in contradiction to good planning practices and to overlook the consequences to the community. The persistence required to see this decision through, is a lesson in the power of the democratic process.

**Q10** Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

This is an example of the persistence of the League and its environmental partners. I'm not sure that this is a model for other Leagues; rather it is a reminder of how difficult (but sweet) small victories can be.

# #6

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Q1 Name of League

LWV of Santa Barbara

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Q4 What was the name of your project?

Redistricting Reform – Turning Adversity to Activism!

**Q5** What was the date of your project?

July to November 2018

# Q6 Briefly describe your project:

While at the National Convention in June, LWVSB was notified by political consultant and League member Mary Rose that a stealth initiative had qualified for the ballot in Santa Barbara County to alter the way Supervisorial District Lines were drawn. The initiative and its signature gathering effort had been funded by special interests seeking to gain control of the Board of Supervisors. This ultimately made it to the ballot and as Measure H. The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara immediately jumped into action, contacting the LWV Santa Maria to obtain their concurrence. LWVSB authored the ballot statement in opposition to Measure H.

LWVSB members worked diligently with a quickly formed grassroots coalition that developed an alternative measure to establish a broad-based independent redistricting commission, largely based on the CA Statewide Commission. This proposal drew heavily from the League's national platform on independent redistricting. In less than 10 days the alternative measure was developed and received the sponsorship of the majority of the Board of Supervisors to place Measure G on the ballot. League members spoke in opposition to the special interest proposal and in support of the proposal at the Board of Supervisors meeting. League recommendations were largely adopted by the Supervisors and formed the basis of the competing ballot measure.

LWV Santa Maria endorsed the "Yes on G/No on H" proposal, and League members continued to be active with the campaign, including Board Member Vicki Allen who chaired the campaign committee. LWV's positions were featured prominently throughout the campaign. LWV Santa Barbara sponsored both an advocacy track – featuring the Yes on G/No on H message in their "League recommendations" advocacy workshop, and with a broader educational tract discussion featuring speakers on the broader issue of redistricting and the need for independent redistricting commissions. Our local TV station gave an interview to Measure H. We jumped into action, contacted them, and were able to present our support of Measure G.

The voters in Santa Barbara County agreed with the League's position, voting overwhelmingly to reject the special interest proposal (No on H 66.94%/Yes 33.06%), and adopting the League sponsored Independent Redistricting Commission (Yes on G 53.58%/No 46.42%).

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

LWV Santa Barbara collaborated with LWV Santa Maria on the positions, creating a countywide League statement. Measure G was endorsed by both the Democratic and Republican Parties, Sierra Club, CAUSE and the Santa Barbara County Action Network. Each of these organizations provided their own unique perspective on why independent redistricting was so important and provided resources and communication channels to reach the wide diversity of voters throughout the County.

### Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

The primary goal was to prevent the special interest takeover of the local redistricting process. If they had been successful in Santa Barbara County, there would have been a proliferation of these special interest driven redistricting proposals throughout California. As a result of the special interest proposal, Santa Barbara County has developed a model independent redistricting ordinance that we can share with the rest of the State.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

See answer to question #8.

Q10 Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

Absolutely, we want to share our lessons learned – what worked well and what didn't work as well. Our County's model ordinance is available to other Leagues to tailor to their own areas, and our committee members are happy to help other Leagues if desired. Our ability to move quickly and work as a coalition is the result of years of working with other organizations in a cooperative manner, which can also be a model for other Leagues. We also recognize that our success would not have been possible without the longstanding work by the State and National League on independent redistricting.

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Q1 Name of League

League of Women Voters North County San Diego

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Q4 What was the name of your project?

Community Safety & Guns

Q5 What was the date of your project?

September 11, 2018

# Q6 Briefly describe your project:

- League members created the "Community Safety & Guns Interest Group". The group provided a forum to learn, educate, discuss and advocate for community safety in relation to guns, in accordance with the League's National Position on Gun Control.
- League members attended and spoke at Fair Board Meetings and protests supporting the end of gun shows at the state owned Del Ma Fairgrounds.
- At the September 11, 2018 California 22nd District Association Board Meeting, LWVNCSD presented and read a letter to the Board requesting that they end a 30-year old practice of hosting five gun shows per year on state owned property.
- LWVNCSD pursued a request that LWVC follow and support California AB 893 during this legislative session. This proposed bill by Representatives Todd Gloria and Tasha Horvath is currently working its way though the legislative process and has passed the Public Safety committee enroute to the assembly. "This bill would, on and after January 1, 2021, prohibit the sale of firearms and ammunition at the Del Mar Fairgrounds property located in the 22nd District Agricultural Association, as specified, and would thereby make a violation of that prohibition a misdemeanor. The bill would exclude from its provisions a gun buy-back event held by a law enforcement agency."
- The work of the group has continued with two community events thus far. The first event was a forum on gun safety in the community and featured four speaker presentations followed by a question and answer session. Speakers were: Summer Stephan, San Diego County District Attorney, Rebecca Mendiola, San Diego County Office of Education, Greg Gunther, Owner, Gunther Guns, and Melinda Case, Palomar Hospital Trauma Program Manager. The League prepared a 5 page report on gun statistics for all in attendance. The second event was done in partnership with the League's Women's Issues group and the San Diego City Attorneys office. Nicole Crosby, Chief Deputy City Attorney presented information about Gun Violence Restraining Orders and how San Diego County residents could use them to have guns removed from the homes of people who are a danger to themselves or others.

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

Yes, NeverAgainCA. By presenting information at various meetings concerning gun shows, gun laws, the National Rifle Association and the proliferation of guns in our communities. Individual League members of this group made donations to the group in exchange for NeverAgainCA t-shirts to wear to gun protest events.

**Q8** What was the primary goal of your program/project?

End Gun Shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, a State Owned Property.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

- With only one vote against it, the 22nd District Agricultural Association Board agreed not to sign a contract for 2019 gun shows.
- Promoted discussion, education and action which strengthen a democratic process in our community.
- 7% of the new members of LWVNCSD joined League specifically because they felt their participation would strengthen a democratic process in our community and that the League was the best way to accomplish this.

**Q10** Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

Yes.

- Set Goals.
- Study the Facts.
- Educate members and the general public.
- Partner with other groups and organizations.
- Appear before the appropriate governing bodies.
- Promote and follow legislation.

# #8

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Q1 Name of League

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Q4 What was the name of your project?

MDW Locally Via The Voter's Choic Act

Q5 What was the date of your project?

Oct 2017 - Nov 2018

### **Q6** Briefly describe your project:

Sacramento County was the largest of the 5 Counties that participated in the Voter's Choice Act and we knew he outcomes in our County would impact decisions by other California Counties to participate in this election with all mail ballots, drop boxes and vote centers.

"No more neighborhood polling places" This was a major education effort in low VBM communities.

The campaign message was "More Days More Ways" but those days and those ways all had to be communicated to voters who had never requested a mail ballot, may not even recognize it as a ballot and were used to going to their neighborhood polling place. Our mission was to reach these particular voters and potential voters in low VBM areas with the information about the options for casting a ballot, location of drop boxes and locations of vote centers if they wanted to vote in person.

**Q7** Did you have collaborative partners? Briefly name them and describe how their inclusion strengthened the project/program:

. It was crucial to join coalitions and advisory committees focused on enlarging enfranchisement across neighborhoods and backgrounds. Engagement with community-based organizations as partners in providing information on VCA was key to extending the League's reach. Leaders of groups with whom the League had established working relationships included the Sacramento Mayor's office, Sacramento City Council members who had connections with several nonprofit community groups in target areas. We had many partners, all part of a collaborative effort. Emerging Latino Foundation, Hmong Innovating Politics, Greater Sacramento Urban League, Sacramento NAACP, League of United Latin American Citizens, Cruz Reynoso Nonpartisan Voter Engagement Alianza, Street Vets, ACLU, Disability Rights, Organize Sacramento, Immigration Coalition, and more.

It was collaboration with these groups that gave our League the entry into under-represented communities to do the education required regarding all the significant VCA changes in the number of "days to vote and ways to vote", same day voter registration, pre-registration, etc.

# Q8 What was the primary goal of your program/project?

Our goal was to reach voters in low voter propensity communities, those communities that had never voted by mail, using various means to educate voters about Sacramento County's NEW VCA model. The June 5, 2018 Primary Election recorded a 41.9% voter turnout in Sacramento County, significantly surpassing the 2014 Primary Election turnout of 29.6%. The Nov. 6, 2018 General Election resulted in a record voter turnout as more than 68% registered voters cast ballots.

In addition our goal was to build relationships in under-represented communities with our partners by offering all of our voter services i.e. voter registration candidate forums, pro con ballot measure forums, Voter's Edge info etc.

**Q9** Briefly describe the results of your work, including whether it was effective in strengthening a democratic process in your community:

Working in concert with these partners and expanding that list was a critical step to the League successfully collaborating to deliver the message on VCA specifically, and to facilitate greater citizen participation in our democracy overall. We carried an important message about the VCA everywhere we could so it was an opening in communities of color and communities we had never engaged.

One example was our work engaging people in 3 long lines for free monthly pet clinics in the parking lot of a libraries in underrepresented communities. This engagement was unique and not rushed so conversation flowed, connections to people were made and we felt we were developing trust. We also trained high school leadership students in a number of schools in our target areas to register their peers online We served on the language accessibility and voter access committees for the ROV. All was effective in strengthening the democratic process.

Q10 Do you believe that this program/project has potential to be a model for use by other Leagues? If yes, tell us the critical elements for success:

We would encourage Leagues in other counties to meet with their County Registrar of Voters and Board of Supervisors members who will make the decisions about adopting the Voter's Choice Act. Every County has different considerations especially with budget matters and age of their equipment etc. however, we found working on the Voter's Choice Act great for League visibility and building relationships with so many partners.

The Voters Choice Act provided the bridge for the League of Women Voters Sacramento to these underserved communities because we all had the same goal of using the education required for the success of the Voter's Choice Act to strengthen democracy and encourage participation.