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Compassion and Choices to address LWVCNM in January

Jan Wilson and Erin Marshall of Compassion and Choices will present “End of Life Options in NM – Preparing for a Changing Landscape” to the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico during the January Luncheon Unit Meeting on Thursday, January 14th, 11:45 am, at the MCM Elegante (2020 Menaul Blvd NE).

Compassion and Choices is a national movement to offer everyone more decisions and control in end-of-life choices. Many Americans would choose alternatives including:

- Hospice Care to remain in their homes
- Stopping or refusing treatment
- Pain and Symptom Management
- Sedation adequate to render pain and symptom-free

Individual states have approved initiatives to provide some of these compassionate alternatives beginning with Oregon in 1997, with more recent legislation considered in Washington, Montana, Vermont and California. New Mexico is now at a critical juncture in this process with a pending decision by the NM Supreme Court.

Current LWV positions considering some of these alternatives include:

- LWVNM Health Care
 - Effective management of health care costs
 - Improvement of health care quality
 - Comprehensive level of health care for every resident
 - State and local government to support adequate funding of mental health care

LWVCNM Drug Policy

LWVCNM believes pain management is the process of providing care to alleviate or reduce acute or chronic pain

LWVCNM Health Care

...LWVCNM supports home health care



Jan Wilson is a Compassion & Choices volunteer with the Albuquerque Action Team. Her passion is helping others and she specializes in providing support to people in understanding and completing their Advance Healthcare Directives. Jan teaches workshops on Advance Healthcare Directives in addition to recruiting and assisting to schedule speakers for community groups on the topic of preparing for end-of-life. Jan lives in Albuquerque with her husband and enjoys golfing.



Erin Marshall is the Campaign Manager for Compassion & Choices – New Mexico. She is an independent consultant assisting clients in identifying priorities and reaching their full potential while establishing their niche within the convergence of health, environment, and food policy. Creating engaging and coordinated strategies with clients that emphasize efficiency and sustained impact is her goal. Erin is committed to the good health of New Mexicans and all Americans, and she has worked to bring a health lens to all types of public policies for over 17 years. Her experience includes work with hospital and health systems and providers, alliance with engineers



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on built environment issues, collaboration with food and agricultural interests, and myriad nonprofits, including teaching nonprofit advocacy workshops. Erin is an anthropologist, graduated from the University of Colorado at Denver, and she is married with two sons and a Belgian Malinois dog.

Please make reservations for the January 14th General Meeting online at [Email LWVCNM](#) or, by calling the LWVCNM office (884-8441) by 10:00 am Monday, January 11th. Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal.



JANUARY 2016

Thursday - January 7 5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
Sutin Thayer & Browne

Tuesday - January 12 6:00 p.m. Evening Unit Meeting
Dick Mason to address Affordable Care Act
implementation across the states.
Erna Ferguson Library, 3700 San Mateo Blvd NE

Monday - January 11 10:00 a.m.
Luncheon Reservation Deadline

Thursday - January 14 11:45 a.m. Luncheon Meeting
MCM Eleganté- 2020 Menaul Blvd NE

Monday - January 18 Office Closed for MLK Holiday

Monday - January 25 10:00 a.m.
NE Heights Unit Meeting
Heidi Jordan, City of Albuquerque, to address
Programs to End Homelessness.
La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima de Oro NE

SAVE THE DATES

February 3-4, 2016

League Day at the Legislature

Garrett's Desert Inn, 311 Old Santa Fe Trail*

Legislative Reception Wednesday, February 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Budget Issues Richard Anklam, President/Executive Director of the NM Tax Research Institute, former Assistant Secretary/Director of Tax Policy for NM Taxation and Revenue

League Day Thursday, February 4, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Ethics Commission Paul Biderman, Institute of Public Law; Santa Fe Ethics and Campaign Review Budget and Tax Policies Bill Jordan, Senior Policy Advisor/ Government Relations, NM Voices for Children

*Garrett's Desert Inn, located down the street from the capitol, is offering us a special group rate of \$60 plus \$10 per additional person (not including tax) for any size room based on availability. Call 1-800-888-2145 or 505-982-1851 to reserve a room. You must reserve your room by January 12 with the code "Swing Vote" to get this discounted rate.

Thursday, February 11, 2016, 11:45 a.m.

MCM Elegante Hotel, 2020 Manual Blvd NE



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