



**League to hear about
Albuquerque Economic
Development Strategy at
Annual Meeting**

Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller has now been in office for three months and his director of Economic Development is putting together the strategy the city will pursue over the next four years as it relates to business priorities.

Synthia Jaramillo will speak to the Annual Meeting on May 5. She has worked with the Hispano Chamber of Commerce where she worked with small businesses on entrepreneurship, community and small business growth and community empowerment. She completed graduate level executive training at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College. Synthia is also a graduate of the Stanford Latino Entrepreneurship Graduate Program at the Stanford School of Business.

She is also a board member of the City of Albuquerque's Small Business Regulatory Advisory Committee, a board member at Siembra Leadership Academy, a new entrepreneurial high school, a board member of the Parker Center for Family Business at UNM Anderson School of Management, a member of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center's Small

Business Development Center Advisory Council, and a member of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Leadership Committee that focuses on Women in Business & Leadership.

Brunch Costs: \$20.

Your reservation is a promise to pay.

As noted in the April Voter the reservation deadline for the Annual meeting is May 1, 2018

Annual Meeting 2018

Saturday, May 5, 2018
MCM Elegante Hotel
2020 Manual Blvd NE

Program

Synthia Jaramillo
Albuquerque Economic
Development Strategy

Schedule of Events

Registration 9-9:30a.m.
Business Meeting 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Brunch * 11:30 a.m.

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MAY 2018

Tuesday, May 1 *Reservation Deadline for Annual Meeting*

Saturday, May 5 **Annual Meeting**
 9-9:30 am Registration
 9:30-11:30 am Business Meeting
 11:30 am Brunch

Tuesday, May 15 *Deadline for June Voter Submissions*

Saturday, May 19 **LWVNM Council Meeting**

Monday, May 28 **Memorial Day - Office Closed**

JUNE 2018

June 5 Nexus Fundraiser

Tuesday, June 5 **Fundraiser @ Nexus Brewery**

Thursday, June 7 **5:30 pm Board Meeting**
 Sutin, Thayer & Browne
 6100 Uptown Blvd, 4th floor
 Enter on North side of building- Doors are locked after 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 **9:30 am Calendar Planning**
 9:00 am Coffee, Tea, Pastries

La Nueva Vista
 10501 Lagrima de Oro Road NE
 Nueva Vista Building -2nd floor Creative Arts Room
 Juan Tabo & Lagrima de Oro Road NE
 (parking available across the street @ St. Stephen's United Methodist Church)

Monday, June 11 *Noon Reservation Deadline*

Thursday, June 14 **11:45 am Luncheon Meeting**

Friday, June 15 *Submission Deadline for July Voter*

LWVNM Council Meeting

Saturday, May 19

MCM Eleganté Hotel Albuquerque
 2020 Menaul Blvd NE

Dear League members,

The LWVCNM Board of Directors has voted to recommend to the members at annual meeting that we vote to adopt **Increasing Voter Turn-out** as our league's program priority for the next year.

I hope you will come to annual meeting on May 5 and express your thoughts about this proposed priority.

But, prior to annual meeting, I would also like to collect your thoughts and ideas about how such a project should be structured.. AND I would like to invite you to express your interest in joining a committee to plan and undertake this project should it be voted as a priority at annual meeting. If we can show the members at annual meeting that we have a group of dedicated members willing to work on such a project, our chances of being successful are much stronger.

Some background: According to the Pew Research Center in "The Party of Nonvoters," the most likely people to not vote on a regular basis are younger, more racially and ethnically diverse, less affluent and less educated. I think you would agree that these groups are the very groups who are most likely to be short-changed when it come to social policies that can improve their well-being. While we in the League are good spokespeople for these groups of voters because of our positions on public policy issues, we must do everything that we can to let the voices of the people speak for themselves. Voting is their voice. We must help them find and express that voice.

Are you willing to help increase voter turnout? **Email me at T3Wilson@aol.com or call me (505-975-0685) and volunteer to help on**

this project. (While donations of money to the league are always welcome, this time I am truly asking for your TIME and remember that you can help even if you are homebound – the telephone is still a useful instrument!)

Regards,

Mary Wilson

LWVCNM Board Member

Help Decide on Speakers for the Coming Year

The Calendar Planning Meeting is one of the best ways to help guide the activities of the league over the coming year. Although we are especially interested in looking for ways to get out the vote, we will invite speakers on many different issues to share their knowledge with us this year. This is the meeting where we decide what we want to learn about.

Every member of the League of Women Voters of Central New Mexico is invited to attend this meeting at La Nueva Vista (10501 La Grima de Oro) on June 9. We meet in the Arts and Crafts room at the facility. If you are not sure where you are going, ask at the front desk.

Coffee and munchies will be available at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 9:30. We expect to complete our discussion by noon.

If you have ever wanted to get a little more involved with the league, this is a painless opportunity. The league thrives on the various interests of our members and we would like to hear what you have to say. Come share your interests as we plan our future work.

Book Review

Destined for War: Can America and China Escape the Thucydides's Trap? By Graham Allison, 2017, Houghton Mifflin, Harcourt, hardcover, 364 pages.

This second part of the review of Allison's book focuses on the US/China relations in the context of the Thucydides's Trap. Allison makes the point that not only is China a rising power challenging the current US dominance initially in the Asia-Pacific area and eventually globally, but that its rate of growth is unprecedented. While people talk about China's economic growth slowing or even stagnating, its GDP growth has declined from over 10 percent to only seven to eight percent — still several times the US growth rate. Allison's research projects that by 2024 China could have a GDP almost 50 percent larger than the US. Consider the implications for larger R&D investments and military modernization and growth. Allison has a quiz (its available on their web site belfercenter.org) for his students on when they think China will exceed the US on a number of economic benchmarks. They have already become number one in all of those benchmarks.

In one chapter Allison raises the question of what would China be like if it behaved like the US during the period when we were challenging Britain. The Spanish American War freed Cuba and got us Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Teddy Roosevelt supported (instigated) Panama's revolt from Columbia and built the Panama Canal, challenged British actions over Venezuelan debt, and took a hard line on an Alaska/Canadian border issue. In 1900 British officials thought war with America was more likely than war with Germany. War during this transi-

tion was probably averted more by British accommodation and a realistic view of what was possible than by US actions. Allison quotes a Chinese admiral that there is virtually no probability of a collision between American and Chinese warships in the Caribbean. It suggests that they accept our sphere of influence and we should accept theirs in the China seas. However, a complicating factor is that the US has a number of key allies (South Korea, Japan, the Philippines, and Taiwan) within what they consider their sphere of influence, again proving Allison's point that allies can complicate as well as help relations. In one chapter Allison describes several scenarios that could serve as sparks to ignite a US-China war that nobody wants, but that nobody can figure out how to avoid or once started stop. These scenarios include a collision at sea, a conflict between China and one of our allies (such as over Taiwan independence or conflict over some of the islands in the China seas), instability in North Korea, or an economic dispute that spirals out of control. If the last one seems far fetched remember that it was an economic conflict, not a military one, that led to the attack on Pearl Harbor

A shared culture eased the British to US transition, but the lack of such commonalities is a major complicating factor in US-Chinese relations. Our timeframes are different — we think in terms of years (at most), while they think in terms of decades and centuries and have been around for 1000s of years. To Americans freedom, individuality, and majority rule are important. To the Chinese order is important and it requires a hierarchy in which everyone knows their place and behaves accordingly. Xi

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wants “to make China great again.” (Where have we heard that phrase?) He wants to return to China’s predominance in Asia (to before the West arrived), reestablish control over the territories of “Greater China,” regain China’s historic sphere of influence along its borders and seas, and command the respect of other great powers. Allison contends that our China policy is fundamentally flawed because China is not going to become a democracy and play by our rules. China is not going to be like Germany and Japan after WW II, both of which were militarily defeated, occupied, and governed by the US for awhile.

Allison says most foreign policy makers today don’t focus on strategy and long term strategic analysis. He says we need to consider all of our policy options, even the bad ones we don’t like and identifies four basic approaches. First, there is accommodation, like the British used when the US was the rising power. However, at this point I am not sure anyone could get elected with that strategy. Second, we can take a more cold war approach and try to undermine China since there is a lot of internal dissent among minority groups and much of the legitimacy of the Chinese Communist Party now rests on rapid economic growth. Third, we can try detente or negotiate a long peace, in effect agreeing to avoid some areas of conflict. Fourth, we can try to redefine the relationship and focus on areas of commonality such as nuclear weapons and arms control, terrorism, and global warming. However, such analysis and planning are difficult when our timeframe tends to be the next election. He says a key difference is that the US is playing

chess while the Chinese are playing Go, which is a very different type of strategic game.

This is an important book that provides a lot of insights into what is happening with US-China relations. One hopes that our policy makers are reading it and seriously thinking about its points.

Olin Bray

Redistricting

Congressional districts and government legislative bodies should be apportioned substantially on population. We oppose partisan and racial gerrymandering that strips rights away from voters.

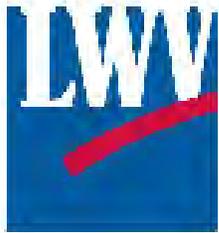
Why it matters

Political and racial gerrymandering distorts and undermines representative democracy by allowing officials to select their voters rather than voters to elect their officials. When done for purposes of racial discrimination or to ensure the dominance of one political party, gerrymandering runs counter to equal voting rights for all eligible voters.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

We promote transparent and accountable redistricting processes and to end hyper-partisan practices that don't benefit constituents. We believe responsibility for fair redistricting should be vested in an independent special commission, with membership that reflects the diversity of the unit of government. The League works in states across the country to pass ballot initiatives to institute independent redistricting commissions.

<https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/redistricting>



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See website for details nexusbrewery.com**

NOTE: No reservations accepted & very busy after 6:00 PM

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