



**U.S. Attorney Anderson
to address the
League of Women Voters®
August 2018**

The new U.S. Attorney for NM, John C. Anderson, will discuss “Violent Crime in NM” during the August 9th League of Women Voters® of Central NM (LWVCNM) Luncheon Unit meeting. As U.S. Attorney, Mr. Anderson serves as the top federal law enforcement official in New Mexico, and he represents the United States’ interests in civil cases. Prevalence of violent crime victimizes both NM residents and businesses, reducing resident safety and the desirability of neighborhoods and communities, further deterring NM economic development. Criminal prosecution also results in overloading the judicial system with increasing costs for both prosecution and incarceration of those convicted.

LWVUS adopted a Violence Prevention Position during the 1994 Convention:

The League of Women Voters® supports violence prevention programs in all communities and action to support:

- Public and private development and coordination of programs that emphasize the primary prevention of violence

- The active role of government and social institutions in preventing violent behavior
- The allocation of public monies in government programs to prevent violence

John C. Anderson became the 46th U.S. Attorney for the District of New Mexico on February 23, 2018. President Donald J. Trump nominated Mr. Anderson to be U.S. Attorney in November 2017, and the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed his nomination on February 15, 2018. Mr. Anderson previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of New Mexico from 2008 to 2013, primarily focusing on the investigation and prosecution of white-collar crime. Prior to serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Mr. Anderson was a litigation associate at the New York City law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP from 2004 to 2008, where his practice focused on antitrust, securities and general commercial litigation. Since leaving the U.S. Attorney’s Office in 2013, Mr. Anderson has been with the law firm of Holland & Hart in Santa Fe, where his legal practice has focused on complex litigation and government investigations. Mr. Anderson received his A.B. from Bowdoin College and his J.D. cum laude from Fordham University School of Law in New York City. Mr. Anderson clerked for Judge Paul

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AUGUST 2018

Thursday, August 2 **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.

Monday, August 6 **10:00 am** **Reservation Deadline**

Thursday, August 9 **11:45 am** **Luncheon Meeting**
1:00 pm **Free "Social Media 101"**

Workshop for Members Trish Lopez

Embassy Suites
1000 Woodward Place NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Sunday, August 15 **Submission Deadline for September Voter**

Sunday, August 26 **1-3 pm** **Women's Equality Day Event**
Tiguex Park
1800 Mountain Road NW
Albuquerque, NM

SEPTEMBER 2018

Monday, September 3 **Labor Day - Office Closed**

Thursday, September 6 **5:30 pm** **Board Meeting**

Monday, September 10 **Reservation Deadline for Luncheon**

Thursday, September 13 **11:45 am** **Luncheon Unit Meeting**
Topic: Campaign Finance Chair: Trish Lopez

Saturday, September 15 **Deadline for Voter Submissions**

Monday, September 24 **10:00 am** **NE Heights Unit Meeting**

SAVE THE DATE....FEBRUARY 10, 2019

The League of Women Voters® was born in February 1920...
...so to celebrate the League's 99th Birthday...

LWVCNM will hold a special event on
Sunday afternoon **FEBRUARY 10, 2019**
More information to come out in early October.

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J. Kelly, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit in Santa Fe, N.M., from 2003 to 2004.

The LWVCNM Luncheon Unit will meet at 11:45 am Thursday, August 9th at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1000 Woodward NE in Albuquerque, more information on page 9. The cost of the luncheon is \$22.00 and reservations may be made at lunch@lwvcnm.org or by calling the LWVCNM office (884-8441) prior to 10:00 am Monday, August 6th. Please specify if you would like a vegetarian meal.

Who Does What in the League of Women Voters® of Central New Mexico and how you can be involved

When you are a new member to the League of Women Voters® of Central New Mexico it is a little confusing to figure out how we work, so this is an effort to clarify things. Since we are a non-profit organization relying on volunteers there are many ways to participate in the work.

Office Volunteers

We try to keep the office open from 10 to noon every week day during the fall lead up to the election. Co-president [Leah Ingraham](#) coordinates the schedule for volunteers and organizes the work they need to do. Anyone who can volunteer for working in the office should contact Leah.

Voters' Guide

[Peggy Howell](#), First Vice President is the editor in chief for the *Voters' Guide*. This is a big project for the November election. Her committee has finished formulating questions for candidates running for office. They will now email

the candidate questions and collect their answers. [Janet Blair](#) is organizing this operation and could use help. If you are interested, contact her. This is mostly telephoning or texting candidates to remind them to complete their questions.

[Mary Smith](#) is collecting information about bond issues and any questions for voters that might appear on the ballot. [Diane Goldfarb](#) is working on questions for statewide candidates and constitutional amendments.

When the information is collected in late September we will need proofreaders. When the Voters' Guide is distributed in early October, we will need volunteers to help with distribution. Second Vice President [Andrea Targhetta](#) will be working out the distribution logistics and needs your help. These are short term jobs that will require only a few hours of your time. Contact Peggy if you can help with any of these jobs.

APD Forward

The League has joined with other civic organizations to back APD Forward. This is a citizens' organization that monitors compliance of the Albuquerque Police Department with the provisions of the compliance decree the City of Albuquerque has signed with the U.S. Department of Justice. The decree is meant to force changes in the way APD deals with citizens and the use of excessive force. The League monitors compliance at each step of the way, and we have very dedicated volunteers who attend the monthly meeting and report back to the league. If you are interested in a longer-term commitment, and you have the patience to monitor the process, this is the volunteer opportunity you have been looking for. Please contact [Peggy Howell](#) First Vice President.

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Program

In June members gathered to map out our program for the coming year. Volunteers will find speakers for each of the areas we've decided we want to learn more about. Third Vice President [Trish Lopez](#) facilitates the process. If you have ideas about speakers you would like to hear from, email her. This will give her ideas that she can use this year or next year when we meet again.

[Mary Wilson](#), a board director is leading a committee to increase voter turnout in New Mexico. The committee has decided to concentrate its efforts on young mothers under 35. This is one of the most important projects the league will undertake this year. If you are interested in participating with her committee, please contact her. This committee will work until the election in November, so the time commitment is for a very finite period.

Mary is also handling requests for candidate forum moderators. She organizes training for moderators, time keepers and question sorters. We expect to get requests for moderators for forums throughout the fall, so if you want to volunteer for a job that requires lots of interactions with others, here's an opportunity. Being a League Candidate Forum moderator is a genuine time commitment and moderators find themselves on call for forums ranking from community mayoral elections to major federal elections. The jobs of time keepers and question sorters are much less intense and require a much more limited time commitment. The League does regular training for moderators, time keepers and question sorters.

Raising Money

This is one of the toughest and most important jobs in the League. Our Fourth Vice President [George Richmond](#) raises money for the League to operate. He is very active in working with other groups and getting our story out. If you have fundraising talents and are willing to help him with this most important job, please contact him. He would like to train his replacement.

Voter Services

Voter Services is the core of what the League of Women Voters® does. [Michelle Meaders](#) is the director of Voters Services. She organizes activities to register voters and keeps track of our voter registrars. The League sometimes gets requests to act as voter registrars at events hosted by other organizations. We try to comply with as many of these requests as we can, but it takes a lot of volunteers. Michelle also attends naturalization of new citizens ceremonies on behalf of the League and we sometimes register voters there. Voter registration is a short-term event specific volunteer job. You can pick and choose your opportunities to fit your schedule and be an important part of the League at the same time. This is the job for people with limited time availability.

Public Relations

[Brenda McKenna](#) films and photographs our speakers and posts the videos for members who cannot make the actual meetings. She also does public relations for the League, including advertising our public forums and luncheons to the media and to membership. Her committee monitors and posts to our social media accounts (SM) (Facebook and Twitter) and is actively looking for additional committee members

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because workload has increased. If you are interested in graphic design, photography, film editing, and Social Media, please contact Brenda.

Who's Who

To compile the updated 'Who's Who Political Directory' we track any changes in leadership over the past year, at the federal, state, and local levels, including contact information. [Margaret Krahenbuhl](#) welcomes volunteers with detective capabilities. The work is most intensive after the November elections through end of January, when the publisher usually produces the printed copy. (We also have education elections in February, and town and village elections in March, which sometimes require an updated Who's Who.) This is a short-term time commitment and the work can be done at home on your own computer.

We've just listed the volunteer opportunities for our local league so far, but there are also opportunities to participate in state league activities.

League History Project

A small committee is working on researching the League of Women Voters® of Central New Mexico. Did you know we have been a civic organization in Albuquerque since 1948? That's a long history, but the documentation of our work is a little sketchy. We are looking for evidence of how the league has shaped the city and we need some detectives. Anyone with an interest in helping can contact [Karen Wentworth](#), co-president of the league. We want to have enough information available to share on our website.

Website Committee

A website committee is working to update the look and information on our website. We are

looking for people willing to do some internet research and help up find links to information that will make life easier for voters. The work is mostly done at home on your own computer, and we meet periodically to share ideas and discussing what we are doing. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact [Karen Wentworth](#) or our webmaster [Cheryl Haaker](#).

Volunteer to Advocate with the State League of Women Voters®

The issue positions the League of Women Voters® takes on a federal, state and local level are all outlined in our Member Handbook or on the LWVCNM website. But how do we advocate for our positions at the state level? That work takes place under the direction of [Dick Mason](#), our state advocacy leader. He organizes and directs volunteers who want to speak before legislative committees on specific subjects. When advocating for League all testimony has to be approved by the LWVNM President or her designated person. You can volunteer to work on one or many subjects. Just contact him and explain what interests you. The state League will sponsor a workshop for volunteer lobbyists in December in Santa Fe.

State studies

Small groups of volunteers work together to study issues that interest us and help the League to arrive at positions on issues. We use a consensus process that allows for lots of discussion as we study issues. There are currently two study committees at work in New Mexico.

[Karen Douglas](#) chairs the Spent Nuclear Fuel Study Committee. That committee is looking at how the U.S. proposes to handle spent nuclear fuel from electric power plants, and in particular

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at the current proposals to open storage repositories in New Mexico and Texas. Contact her if you are interested in this issue and want to learn more.

[Barbara Calef](#), from the Los Alamos league and [Judy Williams](#), president of the New Mexico League co-chair a committee working on the study about the transfer of federal lands to the state. If you are interested in this topic, they welcome volunteers interested in the topic.

IN MEMORIUM

Laina Koljonen, a member of the League of Women Voters® of Central New Mexico has passed away. According to her daughter, she was most active during the early 1980's, serving on the local board and serving as president of the state league. Her daughter says Mrs. Koljonen's work with the league was extremely important to her. Here is a link to her [obituary](#).

Welcome New Members

Alan Ramos
Jennifer Black
Kristin Hogge

BOOK REVIEW

Not a Scientist: How Politicians Mistake, Misrepresent, and Utterly Mangle Science by **Dave Levitan**, 2017, W. W, Norton and Company, paperback, 256 pages.

Science touches many, if not most, policy issues today, so how can we get good policy if the policy makers and politicians don't have at least a basic understanding of science. Several decades ago both the White House and Congress had, by whatever name, an office of science and technology policy, both of which have now disappeared. Levitan describes a number of ploys and decep-

tions that politicians use when discussing science and analyzes numerous examples. They include oversimplification, cherry-picking, butter up and undercut, demonize, blame the blogger, ridicule and dismiss, credit snatch, certain uncertainty, blind eye to follow up, lost in the translation, and straight-up fabrication. The public needs to be aware of these techniques and call the politicians of whichever party on them whenever possible.

Cherry-picking is a common technique. By picking appropriate end points you can show the climate is warming or cooling. Two data points tell you nothing, you need to look at the overall long term trend lines to see what is really happening. Also there are different ways to measure temperature and each one results in slightly different results, so you need to look the overall agreement among the measurements, not use just the one that happens to support your preferred policy. Blame the blogger is another approach that is used when a politician is called on a mistake. Don't blame me if the data is wrong, I got it from source X, which may or may not be a credible source. A related problem is lost in the translation where they are a chain of sources each of which may have contributed its own errors. He gives an example of a politician challenging a proposed EPA regulation by claiming they said pregnant women were catching and eating six pounds of fish a week. (One of Levitan's guidelines is that if it seem absurd it probably is.) When challenged the former senator said he got the information from a Wall Street Journal op-ed, but he did not cite his source. The op-ed writer said he got his information from a Heritage Foundation amicus brief to the Supreme Court, which he did not cite. The Heritage

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brief got its information from two uncited EPA reports, which it got confused and erroneously combined incompatible data. Under ridicule and dismiss he mention Senator Proxmire's Golden Fleece Awards and their successor the Golden Goose Awards, which look at an isolated piece of scientific research and ridicule it, and by inference other scientific research, as a waste of money. He gives an example of a politician ridiculing research of genetics of a fly — who cares about the common house fly. The politician never pointed out, if he even knew, that the fly is a good model organism for genetic research since it shares over 8,000 genes with humans and the research can go through orders of magnitude more generations than with other lab animals or humans. Furthermore, fly based research has gotten numerous scientific awards, including at least two Nobel prizes.

Even when politicians try to use science they can also fall into traps. He talks about the blind eye to follow up. Research gives us the best information at a point in time, but subsequent research may modify the current results or even invalidate them. Using very old scientific data that supports your position and ignoring more recent data that challenges it is deceptive if they simply didn't check for later results or downright fraudulent if they knew about the later results and didn't use it because it didn't support their policy position. A key example here is the debate over the dangers of vaccines and autism. The medical journal that published the original article has since retracted it as fraudulent and subsequent research has invalidated the hypothesis, but the original article is still cited by those opposed to vaccines.

A frequently used technique is the credit snatch, -7-

in which a politician tries to claim credit for changes caused by things unrelated to his or her policies. He cites one governor who claimed his policies were reducing pollution when in reality his policies were making it worse. The real reason for the reduction was an economic downturn that reduced industrial production and its pollution. When politicians claim credit, make sure there is really a causal relationship between their policies and the effects, not just a correlation — “I was in office when something happened, therefore I caused it.”

As a last example, Levitan mentions what he calls certain uncertainty. All scientific results have a certain amount of uncertainty that future research addresses. That is how science progresses. To identify any uncertainty and claim that we know nothing and should wait until that uncertainty is resolved before we develop a policy is simply a stalling tactic that suggests that the person simply does not understand science and how it progresses. If we wait for all of the uncertainty about climate change to be resolved, we will never do anything. Public policy should be based on the best current information, not the best information that may be available sometime in the future.

This is a fascinating, easy to read book that will make voters more aware of the scientific nonsense that is sometimes used to support public policy. He contends that politicians in both parties use these techniques either through ignorance or intentionally, but one party does it far more frequently and to a greater extreme. We should challenge it whenever we see it, even if it is being used to support policies we agree with. If our positions can't be supported with real data, then maybe we should rethink our positions.

Olin Bray

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF CENTRAL NEW MEXICO
INVITES THE PUBLIC
TO A VERY SPECIAL ALL AGES EVENT
ON
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY
AUGUST 26, 2018
1:00—3:00 PM
TIGUEX PARK
1800 Mountain Road NW, Albuquerque, NM

There will be special guest speakers who will talk about the importance of voting, the history of Women's Suffrage, VOTER REGISTRARS, information about the ISSUES to consider in elections...AND A FUN EVENT AREA FOR THE KIDS to create pinwheels. Come dressed in suffragist attire—white clothing with yellow sashes.

LWVCNM will launch its **VOTE: New Mexico** project. The League believes that every eligible voter should register to vote AND VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION. Therefore, the League is undertaking a special project to increase voter turnout. This is a long-term project. Rates of voter participation did not decline overnight and will not be improved overnight. BUT we can break down the barriers to voting, give voters the non-partisan information they need to feel comfortable voting, and demonstrate that EVERY VOTE COUNTS.



We will LAUNCH our special emphasis on INCREASING VOTER TURNOUT at this event on August 26. This is a perfect date to focus on voter turnout. August 26, 1920 was the date that women got the right to vote in all elections across the United States because of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

In recognition of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment — and the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters® of the United States, an organization which was a key player in the ratification efforts in the months leading up to that wonderful summer day in 1920, LWVCNM has targeted **MOTHERS 35 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER** as our first target group for this project. It is especially important that young women understand the significance of the right to vote and exercise that vote in every election.

Their foremothers (and forefathers) fought hard to secure that right for us and we need to keep women front and center in the electoral process. The voter turnout in the under age 30 group has fallen far below the voter turnout rate for their elders. The League wants to make sure this group VOTES. And, the reason for targeting mothers is because we know that mothers play a special role in teaching their children about the importance of voting. Children emulate their mothers. If Moms vote, their children will become lifelong voters too!

HELP US increase voter turnout. Come to our event on August 26 and have fun. To VOLUNTEER to help us that day, contact Mary Wilson, chair of the committee, at (505) 881-6136 or T3Wilson@aol.com.



FREE CLASS!



SOCIAL MEDIA 101

Immediately following our August luncheon, Trish Lopez, new board member and Founder of ABQ-based Teeniors™ will teach a free mini-workshop on Social Media 101! Learn with us and support the League's efforts on social media!

No previous experience necessary.

Teeniors™ are tech-savvy teens and young adults who help older adults learn technology through one-on-one, personalized coaching. Bring your cell phone, tablet or computer in August!



**THURSDAY, AUG 9
1:00PM**

**SOCIAL MEDIA 101
FREE Mini-Workshop
for LWVCNM
Members**

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***Banquet Rooms are in the back North
portion of the building.***

***Park in the west parking lot near the double doors,
about half-way between
the front portico and the north end of the building.***