

LWV Dakota County

Member/Public Meeting
December 5, 2017



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome/Call to Order/Nonpartisan Policy Reminder
- Featured Speaker: Steven Chavez & Wendy Wulff, “Met Council 101”
- LWVDC Updates
- Announcements/Opportunities
- Action Items
- Wrap-Up



Featured Speakers: Met Council 101

Steven Chavez & Wendy Wulff

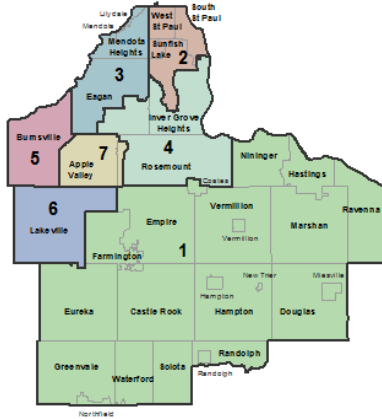
Metropolitan Council Representatives
District 15 and District 16

www.MetroCouncil.org



What's happening around Dakota County?

Holly Jenkins



- 2018 County Board Priorities:
 - Transparency and Community Engagement
 - Transparency: 2017 Board Priority and Actions Taken
 - Community Engagement: Current Practice vs. Research Findings
 - 2018 Board Priority
 - Reforming the Metropolitan Council - A Legislative Priority
 - Various opinions and recommendations
 - Dakota County's position



About LWV Observer Corps

- LWV Observer Corps is made up of members who regularly attend a particular meeting and who fill out a report form to turn in to the coordinator and leadership team or board.
- This helps LWV know when our advocacy is needed and to act in a timely manner.
- Observer Corps is being formed at both the local and state level.
- Training will be provided by LWV Minnesota.



Anne Koutnik



About Observer Corps cont.

- Citizen-at-large vs. LWV Observer Corps
 - Observing as a citizen-at-large:
 - **DO** attend meetings and speak up as a citizen and community member;
 - **DON'T** wear a League button;
 - **DON'T** mention League or appear to be speaking for League.
 - Observing as an LWV Observer Corps Member:
 - **DO** wear your League button and be acknowledged as an observer by the meeting chair;
 - **DON'T** speak at the meeting. Observe and report back.
- Dakota County Meetings, for example:
 - Dakota County Board of Commissioners;
 - Physical Development Committee (environmental mgmt, parks, roads/highways, etc.);
 - Planning Commission (environmental, natural resources).



ISD 196 Candidate Forum Recap

- Planning committee of 5
- 7 of 8 candidates participated
- 64 audience members attended
 - 65% were non-members
 - 85% were from cities within ISD 196
- Live-streamed
- 256 views after-the-fact on our YouTube channel
- Thank you to our 19 event volunteers!
- 78 volunteer hours (estimated)!



ISD 196
School Board
Candidates Forum

10/18/2017, 7-8:30 pm
at Rosemount City Hall

Email your questions to lwvdakotacty@lwvmn.org

Because of the large number of candidates, the questions will be chosen before the event.

There are three available at-large seats. ISD 196 serves approximately 28,000 students and encompasses portions of all of Rosemount, Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Coon Rapids, and Empire and Vermillion townships. Ballots will be cast for the candidates during the general election November 7.

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LWV Dakota County Leadership Team Updates

- Welcome Julie Ethan and Lindsey Frette, our new co-leads for Visibility!
- Jamie Fitzke changing to an at-large LT role
- Nancy Hall stepping down as co-lead Web & Social Media
- LT strategic planning retreat held Saturday 12/2
- presentation planned for January meeting

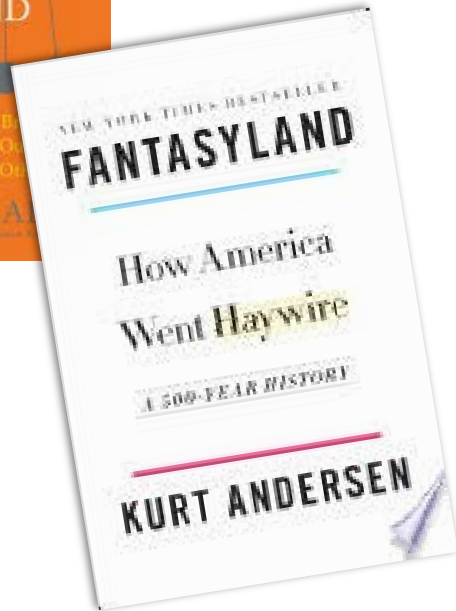
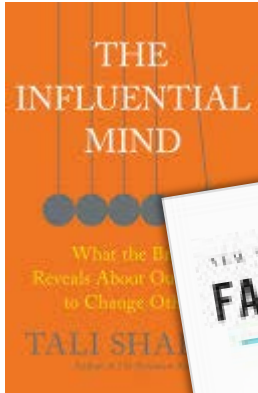


Introducing “Hot Topics”

- Opportunity for member feedback!
 - Feedback and impressions from each meeting
 - What’s working, what’s not
 - Suggestions for future topics
- Coordinated by our membership team
- LWVDC leadership team will review Hot Topics submissions on a monthly basis



LWV Dakota County Book Club



- Completed *The Influential Mind* by Tali Sharot with book club discussion 11/30/2017
- Current book is *Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire, a 500-Year History*
- Next meeting is Thursday, January 25, 2018, 6:30 pm, Wescott Library
- Sign up if you're interested in being on the email list



Announcements



- Solar United Neighbors of Minnesota (SUN) meeting
 - Tuesday, January 30, 2018 7:00 pm
 - Apple Valley Senior Center, 14601 Hayes Road, Apple Valley
 - Learn about benefits of solar co-ops
 - Community approach leverages bulk-purchasing power



Action Items

- Join LWV and tell a friend! **(Everyone is on the membership committee!)**
- See Anne or Holly if you are interested in LWVDC Observer Corps
- Sign up by 12/15 for LWV Minnesota Observer Corps or Lobby Corps
- Sign up for LWVMN Capitol Letter
- Sign up for LWVUS and LWVMN Action Alerts
- Follow us on our [website](#), on [Facebook](#), Twitter and Instagram!



Wrap Up

- Next meeting, **Tuesday, January 2, 2018**, Burnhaven Library (Burnsville)
- ****Members** please drop your name badge at the check-in table
- Please fill out and drop off your Hot Topics slip as you leave
- Adjourn

Have a safe and happy holiday season!
See you next time!

