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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Message from Robyn Cook, LWV Sanibel President

Greetings dear members and friends,

Due to the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the last weeks around the island have gone from tense to surreal, including for religious organizations, non-profits, retailers, restaurants and clubs. Nearly everything related to group gatherings over 10 people has been cancelled or postponed. The City of Sanibel is stepping up its efforts to support social distancing, including closing beach parks and parking. The same goes for Lee County and our surrounding communities. We hope that all of our members are staying healthy and safe throughout this shared community ordeal.

The LWV of Sanibel board has had to make a number of difficult decisions concerning our upcoming events. The Tuesday, March 31 special event with the author Elaine Weiss has been cancelled. Sadly, BIG ARTS closed on March 13 until further notice and thus all events there are cancelled, including ours. Since that date there have been rolling interruptions or cancellations of most events on the island, including the closings of beach parks and parking. If you purchased tickets from BIG ARTS for the Weiss event, please email BIG ARTS at info@bigarts.org for refund information.

In addition, the LWVS board has decided to cancel the Thursday, April 16 luncheon; we hope to reschedule the program for our first luncheon on Thursday, November 19. As for the Annual Meeting portion of the April 16 luncheon, our League By-Laws require us to have an annual meeting in

April or soon after. To fulfill this obligation, we will be sending out (via the Voter) the agenda and required documents for members to review. We are going to ask you to provide your vote on the 2020-2021 slate of officers and board members; the proposed budget for 2020-2021; and the proposed Program topics for 2020-2021. We will be asking you to vote by phone and we will provide you with the number to call. Look for this soon in the upcoming April edition of The Voter.

We urge you to take seriously what the health officials are asking of us. We hope that all of you stay healthy and ready for whatever is in front of us. Thank you for your understanding and loyalty to the Sanibel League.

Yours in League.....

Robyn Cook

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