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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

All members of the League of Women Voters Eden Area representing Hayward, San Leandro and surrounding unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo are hereby called to the Annual Meeting.

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2009 **(NOTE NEW DATE)**

PLACE: San Leandro Library, Karp Room
300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro

6:00 p.m. Registration and Light Dinner

6:30p.m. Welcome and Introduction

6:45 p.m. Speaker – Lynn M. Suter, Legislative Advocate

7:45 p.m. League Business (See page 2 for Business Agenda)

LYNN M. SUTER, Legislative Advocate Blowing Up Boxes in Sacramento— Living with the Fiscal Nightmare

Lynn Suter and Associates was named as one of the Top Ten Lobbyist Firms in Sacramento. She is well known and respected among state legislators and works with key decision makers.

This Annual Meeting Kit contains information, which will be acted upon at the meeting. Please bring this Kit to the meeting

2009 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 6:00 p.m. Registration and Light Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Introductions
Honor Jo McLellan and Joan Webber for 50 years of service
to the League.
- 6:45 p.m. Speaker – Lynn M. Suter
- 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting – LWVEA President Marianne Dimick
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - Adoption of Order of Business – V.P. Program Marian Handa
 - Adoption of Rules of the Day – V.P. Program Marian Handa
 - Action on Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting – Marianne Dimick
 - Appointment of Committee to Review 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes – Marianne Dimick
 - Action on Updated LWVEA Bylaws – Marian Handa, Chair, Bylaws Committee
 - Authorize new Board to affirm the new Officers at their first meeting.
 - Action on Proposed 2009-2010 Budget – Marianne Dimick
 - Action on 2009-2010 LWVC Program – Marian Handa
 - Action on 2009-2010 Local Program – Marian Handa
 - President's Report – Marianne Dimick
 - Election of 2009-2010 Board – Nominating Committee
Nominations may be made from the floor
 - Charge to the Board
 - Swearing in of New Board Officers and Directors
 - Directions to the New Board – Member Recommendations
- 8:30 p.m. Adjournment

Please RSVP if you will be attending the meeting. We will be serving a complimentary light dinner. Thus, we would like to estimate how many people will be attending. E-Mail rsvp to suzbarba@comcast.net or call Suzanne @ 538-9678.

EDEN AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RULES OF THE DAY

QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. Ten (10) percent of the members (130) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be 13 members.

VOTING

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of July 1, 2008 shall be entitled to one vote. Absentee and proxy voting are not permitted. A majority vote of those local League members present and qualified to vote and voting shall constitute an election. Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote providing proposals have been submitted to the membership one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

WRITTEN MOTIONS

Main motions and substantive amendments shall be given to the Secretary in writing with the name of the maker of the motion included.

DEBATE

Any member, upon recognition by the President, shall address the body stating his/her name and shall limit remarks to the question. Debate shall be limited to three minutes for each speaker unless time is extended by the Chair. No person shall speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

PROGRAM ADOPTION

Each recommended program item shall be moved and seconded, but there will be no vote on any item until all items have been discussed.

A majority vote is needed to adopt a recommended item.

NOMINATIONS

Additional nominations for Officers, Directors and the Nominating Committee may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been secured in advance.

REPORT OF THE 2008-2009 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 08-09 was chaired by Angelina Reyes, assisted by Sonya Howes, Alison Lewis, and Patrisha Piras who replaced Alison Lewis in May 09 .

OFFICERS

President	Suzanne Barba
1st V.P. Program	Nancy VanHuffel
2nd V.P. Mbership	Jennifer Ong
Secretary	Maria Palmeri
Treasurer	Linda Slater

DIRECTORS

Director	Gail Lundholm
Director	Helen Oertle
Director	Beverly Reliford
Director	Jo Murdach
Director	Connie Rusk
Director	Patrisha Piras

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2010-2011

Marian Handa, Sonya Howes,
Dr. Jennifer Ong

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, shall govern.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – May 31, 2008, 9 a.m. to Noon –
San Leandro Library, Estudillo Room**

WELCOME - The Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Co-President Angelina Reyes who introduced elected officials, former elected officials and past LWVEA presidents. She said that there was changes to the agenda published in the VOTER and referred members to the revised agenda noting that the Business Meeting would come first.

BUSINESS MEETING – Angelina Reyes then called the Business Meeting to order at 9:40 am and appointed Bonnie Hamlin, MTA, as Parliamentarian for the day.

ORDER OF BUSINESS - Angelina Reyes indicated another change in the Order of Business noting that Action on the Proposed Agenda would be the first item after Adoption on the Rules of the Day.

ADOPTION OF RULES OF THE DAY – Jo Murdach reported that there were 27 members in attendance which satisfied the requirement for a quorum to conduct business. Suzanne Barba moved and Marianne Dimick seconded that we approve the Order of Business and the Rules of the day. **MOTION APPROVED.**

PROPOSED 2008-2009 BUDGET – Pat Piras explained that the proposed budget that appeared in the VOTER was a shortened version and did not contain the explanatory notes that the original contained. She said that Stephanie Cartwright and Brian Foster, members of the Budget Committee, had reviewed the proposed budget and approved it going forward to the membership. Pat said that the budget shows actual revenues and not net revenues. She said that because LWVUS raised its dues, that our local League actually loses money on each membership since we have to send PMP (Per Member Payment) to national, state and Bay Area level League.

She said the budget shows we are sending one delegate to the National Convention; that she now has electronic access to our bank account; that we are now getting a higher interest rate for our CD; and that she was advised to print the budget sideways so that there would be more room for explanatory notes.

Pat also mentioned that sending hard copies to those members who do not have email or who choose not to receive the newsletter by email cost the League approximately \$10 a person. (There are fewer than 30 people who receive hard copies.) Pat said that the Board chose not to impose a yearly charge to cover that expense. (More discussion on this below after motion to approve budget.) Pat Piras moved and Shelia Young seconded that the proposed 2008-2009 Budget be approved. **MOTION APPROVED WITH ONE ABSEPTION (Van Huffel)**

Mike Gregory suggested that those who have email “buddy” with those that don’t and print them a copy of the emailed VOTER. He said he would be happy to do that. Supervisor Gail Steele wrote out a check for \$50 and said she hoped that would eliminate the need for a separate charge for non-email users. Trish Taylor said that Chabot College had just awarded LWVEA \$50 for the work it did with students on voter education and perhaps that money could be used for paying for hard copy printing and mailing. No action was taken on these suggestions.

Jo Murdach, who is going to LWVUS Convention in June, asked the membership for “guidance” on how she should vote when the subject of raising national dues came up at convention. Bonnie Hamlin, Nancy Van Huffel and Suzanne Barba all agreed that LWVUS does an outstanding job of educating and advocating on important issues at the national level and just completed an important study on Immigration. It was generally felt that our dues were well spent in supporting national League. LWVEA has kept its dues in order not to discourage members from joining or renewing.

MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2007 ANNUAL MEETING – Marian Handa said the minutes show she was at the meeting, and she wasn’t. It was moved by Nancy Van Huffel and seconded by Betty Moose that the Minutes of June 2, 2007 be approved with the one correction. **MOTION APPROVED WITH TWO ABSEPTIONS (two members who were not at the meeting)**

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW 2008 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - Angelina Reyes asked for volunteers to review this year’s Annual Meeting Minutes. Nancy Van Huffel and Shelia Young volunteered and were appointed.

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2008-2009 - Marian Handa reviewed why Program Planning is such an important League process and is “grassroots democracy at work.” She said that the Program Planning group met on February 9, 2008 and reviewed the National as well as Bay Area and Local positions. Three LWVUS positions were recommended for education and advocacy— Universal Health Care, Citizen’s Right to Vote and Selection of the President. It was also recommended that there be a separate position on Global Warming and that there were elements of that position in the Energy and Natural Resources positions.

Local positions were also reviewed and consensus was reached that LWVEA should continue to use the list of National positions as its own priority in developing educational forums for future meetings. It was also suggested that LWVEA should do a program on Redistricting since it is a position that State League was attempting to get on the ballot for the November 2008 election. Marian Handa moved and Jo Murdach seconded that we approve the recommendations made by the Program Planning Committee for LWVUS and LWVEA positions for education and advocacy. **MOTION APPROVED.**

CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Angelina Reyes referred members to the Highlights section of the VOTER that listed many of the activities of the LWVEA during the past year. She mentioned the Immigration Study for LWVUS, thanked Gail Steele for donating the Skybox for our raffle, and thanked Winnie Thompson for hosting the Garden Party at her home. She commended the League for partnering with the Northern California City Clerks Association to put on a program on Civic Engagement and Transparency in Government. She said it was the first time that the two groups had partnered and will serve as a model for other City Clerk groups to do the same. She commended Pat Piras and Eleanor Parker for reviewing and making preliminary recommendations for updating our Bylaws and invited other members to volunteer to help with this project, which will continue next year. She asked Pat Piras to discuss training to be held on June 7, regarding how to get information out about abolishing the death penalty.

Angelina also thanked the 2007-2008 Board members: Marian Handa, Jo Murdach, Pat Piras, Brian Foster, Beverly Reliford, Patricia Taylor, Sal Tedesco, Winnie Thompson, Nancy Van Huffel and Suzanne Barba. She explained that co-president Alison Lewis couldn't be here because she had to attend a commencement at Chabot where she is a board member. Betty Moose suggested that the League send her a note of thanks for her service. Angelina Reyes said she would do that.

ELECTION OF 2008-2009 OFFICERS - The Nominating Committee, Jo Murdach, chair and Marianne Dimick, member, presented the names of the proposed new officers and directors and explained some of the changes made to the list since the VOTER was published. Jo mentioned that one director was inadvertently left off the list and that was Angelina Reyes. Also that Patricia Taylor was moving and would not be able to serve on the new Board.

The offices and nominees are: President – OPEN; V.P. Program – Marian Handa; V.P. Membership – Jo Murdach; Secretary – OPEN; Treasurer – Pat Piras; Board Assistant – Marianne Dimick; and Julie Quayle - Historian. The Nominating Committee nominees – Angelina Reyes and Sonya Howes. The third person,

Marianne Dimick is no longer eligible since there can be only one elected officer or director on the Nominating Committee. Therefore, one position is still open on the Nominating Committee.

Angelina Reyes asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Pat Piras moved and Betty Moose seconded to close the nominations. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Jo Murdach moved and Linda Bennett seconded that the slate of nominees as presented be approved. **MOTION APPROVED WITH ONE ABSTENTION, Nancy Van Huffel**

CHARGE TO THE BOARD - The new Board was sworn in by Supervisor Gail Steele.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

- Update the Bylaws (mentioned earlier by Angelina Reyes)
- Discuss whether LWVEA needs to raise its dues in the near future. (Submitter unknown)
- Conduct a financial audit including reconciling membership numbers and to give a copy to each board member. (Nancy Van Huffel)
- After each fund raising event, the board should receive a detailed list of income and expenditures so that the activity can be evaluated. (A. Reyes)
- New Board members need to respond to availability for Goal Setting Retreat. A form was distributed. (Marianne Dimick)

BUSINESS MEETING CONCLUDED AND SHORT BREAK CALLED AT 10:50 A.M.

SPEAKER – Marian Handa introduced John Russo, Oakland City Attorney, speaking on “Who Really Chooses the President?—Electoral System, Super Delegates, Conventions. Mr. Russo gave the history of how Super Delegates were established and their purpose for making sure an “electible” candidate was chosen. He also suggested that there be a lottery to pick which states have their primaries first, etc. This would be fair and eliminate problems such as the one that came up this year regarding Michigan and Florida not obeying the rules. He said we should get rid of the electoral process and that there should be direct election of the president by popular vote. He said it could be done on a three-day weekend to ensure that everyone has a chance to vote. He suggested that we implement Instant Runoff Voting which would give voters true choice and it would mitigate negative campaigning.

Respectfully Submitted
Suzanne Barba, Acting Secretary

**LWVEA BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL PERFORMANCE for FY 2008-09
and PROPOSED BUDGET for FY 2009-2010**

	FY 2007-08 End of Year June 2008	Adopted Budget FY 2008-09	Estimated End of Year (May09)	NOTES	Proposed Budget FY09-10
INCOME					
Bank Interest	\$225.64	\$200.00	\$27.65	Investments diversified; interest now accrues within individual accounts	\$0.00
Donations	\$491.00	\$150.00	\$250.00		\$150.00
Dues 2007-2008	\$2,783.00	NA	NA		NA
Dues 2008-2009	\$1,750.00	\$2,600.00	\$3,440.00		NA
Dues 2009-2010		\$2,900.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Dues 2010-2011					\$2,500.00
Education Lunch/Forum(s)	\$430.00	\$350.00	\$477.00	FY08-09 = Pros & Cons plus Health Forum	\$450.00
Holiday Party/Auction	\$1,510.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,335.00		\$1,200.00
other Fund Raising	\$0.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Raffle 2007-2008	\$503.00	NA	NA		NA
Raffle 2008-2009	\$478.00	\$500.00	\$526.00		NA
Raffle 2009-2010		\$1,150.00	TBD *		TBD *
Raffle 2010-2011					TBD *
Voter Reg Boxes	\$876.30	\$1,750.00	\$2,628.90	Assumes 3 payments from RoV during FY08-09; thereafter 2 payments of \$876.30.	\$1,750.00
HOA Elections	\$2,835.00	\$1,700.00	\$6,200.00		\$6,000.00
Grants/Special Projects			\$1,200.00	Oxfam Workshop re Climate Change added	
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,881.94	\$12,800.00	\$17,384.55		\$14,550.00
EXPENSES					
Administrative Expense	\$257.85	\$350.00	\$450.00	Includes SLVHA storage through March 2009	\$300.00
Convention, workshops					
2008 National Conv	\$275.00			Registration paid FY08, other XP FY09	
2009 State Convention		\$2,500.00	\$1,500.00		
2010 National Convention					\$2,000.00
misc local events	\$180.00				
Fundraising: Holiday Event		\$0.00	\$420.00	tickets for Holiday event	
LWVC Insurance	\$366.00	\$400.00	\$395.86		\$450.00
Member Development			\$100.00		\$100.00
Member Recognition	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
Memberships: Other Orgs		\$200.00	\$350.00	San Leandro and CV Chambers of Commerce	\$350.00
Miscellaneous		\$0.00	\$25.00		\$50.00
Office Sup & Eq		\$100.00	\$150.00		\$150.00
Per Member Pay (PMP **)					
National	\$2,921.60	\$3,626.00	\$3,281.00		\$2,847.00
State	\$1,764.00	\$2,849.00	\$2,916.90	10% paid from Ed Fund FYs for 2008 and 2009	\$2,145.00
Bay Area	\$111.00	\$129.50	\$127.50		\$97.50
Postage	\$284.93	\$250.00	\$2,300.00	Includes General (LWVEA P.O. Box, Stamps & Mailing), VOTER, & HOA Elections	\$350.00
President's Stipend		\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
Printing/Photocopy		\$60.00	\$1,600.00	Includes VOTER, HOA Elections, misc	\$500.00
VOTER				Costs reflected in Printing/Postage	
Voter Education	\$63.22	\$50.00	\$50.00	Includes Voter Service, Students, Civil Liberties	\$50.00
Food Costs for Events	\$1,019.31	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,100.00
Costs for HOA Elections				(\$2506.63 for FY08-09; included elsewhere)	\$2,500.00
Consensus/Special Project	\$330.39	\$400.00	\$1,200.00		\$400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,633.30	\$12,314.50	\$16,266.26		\$13,589.50
Transfer to RESERVE			\$1,118.29	<i>per proposed Bylaws change, June 2009</i>	\$960.50
YEAR-END BALANCE	\$4,248.64	\$485.50	\$0.00		\$0.00
ADDITIONAL NOTES:					
* Status of Baseball Raffle unclear, so will be extra revenue if available.					
** Total proposed PMPs for FY 2009-2010 are \$52 or \$26, compared to local dues of \$50 or \$25.					

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2009-2010

LWVC POSITIONS

LWVEA held its annual Program Planning meeting on January 24, 2009, with Marian Handa, V.P. Program, chairing the meeting, assisted by Suzanne Barba. There were 13 attendees.

Members discussed the LWVC positions in three broad areas: Government, Natural Resources and Social Policy. Members agreed that all were important and none should be dropped. However, the members also agreed that some of the positions under Natural Resources be updated to align with the newer data on climate change and technology.

Attendees also recommended that LWVC consider updating its state library position using our LWVEA Library position as a model.

After presentations and discussion, LWVEA recommended the LWVC put emphasis on education and advocacy for following three positions:

- State and Local Finance –

Attendees felt that with the problems in passing a state budget in a timely manner made this a top priority for the LWVC.

- Child Care – Members felt that child care has a direct effect on the economy because it is needed by many working families, in addition to helping to ensure that children get a good start on their education.

- Redistricting – Members agreed with the LWVC that this is an important issue in order to ensure a fair and equitable election process state legislators.

LWVEA POSITIONS

Attendees reviewed LWVEA local positions. Since they received a comprehensive update in 2005, no major recommendations were offered. However, it was suggested that the Board or a committee look at the position

on Boards and Commissions to discuss whether “Limitation of appointment to two full terms or ten years, whichever is longer,” needs reconsideration.

LWVEA has six local positions: Boards and Commissions, Unincorporated Area, Park and Recreation District, Mental Health Care Services, and Library Services. The LWVEA uses the LWVUS Health Care Policy position, as does LWVC.

It was suggested that LWVEA do an educational forum on Health Care Services in 2009 since that topic seems to have risen to the top of the agenda this year.

ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER LYNN M. SUTER

Lynn M. Suter, has been a California Legislative Advocate for more than three decades. The firm she established (LMSA) was both the first firm in California dealing with multiple local agencies and the first woman-owned advocacy firm in the state capitol.

Suter's public policy background is in local government finance, emphasizing the fields of Revenue and Taxation and specializing in state budget provisions. She is a recognized political, legislative, and fiscal strategist. Lynn and her colleagues profoundly believe that "all politics are local," bringing a local perspective and sound strategic advice to many legislative and budget debates. The firm has been at the negotiating table for the most serious and complicated fiscal negotiations of recent years. They are known for their ability to work on a bi-partisan basis with legislators from throughout the state, and with major state agencies.

The firm's long "institutional memory" proves useful to new members and staff alike in the current term-limited legislatures. A number of former LMSA clients from local elected bodies throughout the state are now, or soon will be, new legislators. LMSA also has a long history of promoting diversity.

Prior to founding her firm in 1977, Ms. Suter was involved in public finance and political consulting in her hometown of Oakland. LMSA has recently been become Suter, Wallauch, Corbett & Associates

LWVEA BYLAWS - MAJOR CHANGES AND UPDATES FOR REVIEW AND ACTION AT ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 25, 2009

OVERVIEW - Language and sequencing have been updated in order to conform to LWVUS Model Bylaws (MB)

Article III – Membership

1. “Citizen” has been removed or added in alignment with LWVUS.
2. Used classification of “Voting Members” and “Non-Voting Members” per MB
3. Honorary Life Membership has been changed to Life Membership per MB.
4. Termination of Membership - “behavior that impairs the ability of the Board to function” was added as another reason to terminate someone's membership.

Article IV Officers

1. Ex-officio defined as a voting member per Robert's Rules of Order.
2. Immediate Past President made ex-officio member of Board and Executive Committee.
3. Added that the Office of President could be held by co-presidents.
4. President - added Financial Review Committee to exceptions where President cannot be a member.
5. Vice Presidents - Kept two as before. Added descriptive language from MB.
6. Secretary – added electronic file and minutes of committee meetings.
7. Treasurer – added language from MB about reporting to Board at each regularly scheduled meeting or as determined by the Board.

Article V – Board of Directors

1. Reduced number from minimum of 11 to 9 to ensure meeting quorum requirement.
2. Four Directors may be appointed by the Board, not to exceed the 15 total Board member maximum.
3. Vacancies – spelled out past practice of Board being able to elect the President when there is a vacancy.
4. Special Meetings - Use of Electronic notice added.
5. Quorum – “then in office” added to assist in meeting quorum when board positions are not filled on Board. Language in MB.
6. Participation in meetings by electronic conferencing added per MB
7. Action Without a Meeting – Use of mail or email ballot language added per MB

Article VI – Committees

1. Appointment and Powers of Committee language per MB.
2. Composition, appointment and duties of Executive Committee clarified.

Article VII - Financial Administration

1. Changed date of membership termination due to late payment of dues from three months after close of Fiscal Year to “by December 31.” Also, New Members paying dues after January 1 shall be considered current members until the next dues cycle.
2. A balanced budget shall be sent to each member changed from 15 days to 30 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Article VIII – Other Provisions

1. Article VIII added for Other Provisions taken from Article VII – Financial Administration that didn't have direct relevance.

Article IX – Membership Meetings and Voting Rights

1. Balanced budget added.
2. Notice – increased minimum days of notice from 10 to 30 days before Annual Meeting to be consistent with other timelines. Added emailing notices and modified other language from MB.

Article X – Nominations and Elections

1. Reporting – changed 15 days to 30 days when report of Nominating Committee goes to members before Annual Meeting for consistency.
2. Election – language changed for clarity.

Article XI – Program

Adoption of Program - changed 15 days to 30 days for consistency.

Article XII - Conventions and Councils

No substantive changes.

Article XIII – Parliamentary

No substantive changes.

Article XIII – Amendments

1. Proposed Amendments - submission of proposed amendments to the Bylaws changed from two months to 60 days for consistency of language and from 10 days to 30 days to send to members before Annual Meeting in line with previous timeline requirements.
2. Added Secretary should sign and date amended bylaws per MB.

NOTE: The full text of the updated/revised Bylaws showing deletions and added text are enclosed with this Annual Meeting Kit as an attachment. The LWVEA bylaws can also be viewed on our website: www.LWVEA.org

Bylaws: How the League Governs Itself

Bylaws are fundamental rules drawn up by organizations to govern their internal affairs and their dealings with members and others. They include rules that the organization considers so important that they cannot be changed without prior notice to members and the vote of a specified majority.

League bylaws define the League's purpose and how it organizes to further that purpose. They are meant to protect the organization and to provide an operating framework.

LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2008 - 2009

ACTION/ADVOCACY

?Continued to monitor and report on meetings of the Measure A Oversight Committee.

?Partnered with Association of University Women (AAUW) on programs on health care and education.

?Participated in legislative interviews with Reps. Pete Stark and Barbara Lee, State Sen. Ellen Corbett and Assemblymembers Mary Hayashi and Alberto Torrico.

?Distributed information in the VOTER on redistricting, National Popular Vote Compact and global climate change.

COMMUNITY AND VOTER SERVICE

?Restructured servicing and accounting for voter affidavit boxes to be in line with new county procedures.

?Maintained 70 sites distributing voter affidavits to ensure voter registration is available in three languages.

?Distributed over 2,000 Pros & Cons in English, 500 in Spanish and Chinese and 1000 Easy Voter Guides for the November 2008 election.

?Distributed 500 Easy Voter Guides in English and 100 in Spanish for the May 2009 special election.

?Provided training and speakers for Pros and Cons presentations for both the November 2008 and May 2009 elections. Over 20 presentations were completed throughout the community.

?Conducted candidate's debate for the Castro Valley School Board election in November 2008.

?Partnered with Baskin Robbins Ice Cream for a voter registration campaign.

?Sent Action Alerts from LWVC and

LWVUS via e-mail to members.

?Conducted two elections as fund raisers for the Old Highlands Homeowners Association and for the Palomares Homes Association.

MEMBER SERVICES

?Published eight issues of the VOTER with distribution to more than 150 people.

?Maintained an LWVEA website to keep members informed.

?Recruited 18 new people to join the League in 2008/2009.

PROGRAM

?Held annual meeting in June 2008 with Oakland City Attorney John Russo speaking on the Electoral System, Super Delegates and Conventions.

?Held board retreat in June to do program planning for the year.

?Presented Pros and Cons Forum in September.

?Annual program action policy review on LWVC positions in January 2009 with members reaching consensus to be presented at the annual meeting.

?Presented a healthcare forum in March on the status of care in Alameda County.

ADMINISTRATION

?Appointed a Bylaws Review Committee to align local bylaws with the League Model Bylaws.

?Nominated Evelyn Cormier as a Hayward Volunteer Shining Star. Attended the dinner where she was honored.

?Hosted holiday cocktail party and trip to the Holiday Chorale presentation at Douglas Morrison Theater.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of the public in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

CLIMATE CHANGE FORUM



Join us **Saturday, June 6th 8:30-noon**
at **Chabot Community College's Little Theater**
to learn how to combat climate change at the state, regional, and local level

Presenters from: **Planning for Sustainable Communities, Center for Resource Solutions,
and Al Gore's Climate Change Campaign**

Exhibitors will display and provide sample products from innovative recycling programs, solar financing and much more. *Become part of the solution!*

RSVP by May 30th to receive a free parking pass to
Dr. Jennifer Ong at (510) 521-0551 or drjenniferong@gmail.com.
Continental breakfast will be served.

This program is made possible by a grant from Oxfam of America and the League of Women Voters Education Fund
It is co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women.