



# League of Women Voters Eden Area

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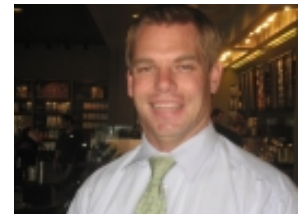
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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

*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:** Saturday, June 15, 2013
- PLACE:** Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue
- 10:00 a.m.** Registration & Light Refreshments
- 10:30 a.m.** League Business (See page 2 for Business Agenda)
- Noon** Congressman Eric Swalwell

Newly elected Congressman Eric Swalwell will discuss his role as a congressman and provide a virtual tour of the hallowed halls of Congress. Congressman Swalwell now serves on the following committees: Science, Space, Technology; Energy; and Homeland Security.



The Town Hall session is sponsored by the Castro Valley Library and is open to the general public at no cost.

***Those attending the League Business Meeting which includes election of new officers for 2013-14, are asked to rsvp to [suzbarba@comcast.net](mailto:suzbarba@comcast.net) or call Suzanne at 538-9678.***



**THIS ANNUAL MEETING KIT CONTAINS INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE ACTED UPON AT THE MEETING. PLEASE BRING THIS KIT TO THE MEETING AND HELP SAVE TREES AND PRINTING COSTS.**

# 2013 ANNUAL MEETING AND PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS



10:00 a.m. Registration & Refreshments

10:30 a.m. Business Meeting – LWVEA President [Jennifer Ong](#)  
Welcome and Introductions

- Appointment of Parliamentarian by President [Jennifer Ong](#)
- Credentials report for quorum – [Nancy Van Huffel](#)
- Adoption of Order of Business – [Suzanne Barba](#)
- Adoption of Rules of the Day – [René Besold](#)
- Action on Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting – [Secretary Linda Slater](#)
- Appointment of Com. to Review 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes – [Jennifer Ong](#)
- Action on Proposed 2013-2014 Budget – [Rick Kalish](#)
- Action on 2013-2014 LWVC Program – [Suzanne Barba](#)
- Action on 2013-2014 Local Program – [Suzanne Barba](#)
- President's Report – [Jennifer Ong](#)
- Election of 2013-2014 Board – Nominating Committee – [Sonya Howes](#), Chair  
Nominations may be made from the floor.
- Charge to the Board [Gail Steele](#)
- Swearing in of New Board Officers and Directors [Gail Steele](#)
- Directions to the New Board – Member Recommendations

11:30 a.m.--. Adjourn Business Meeting

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Noon-1:00 p.m.



Town Hall –  
Congressman Eric Swalwell

# League of Women Voters—Eden Area Rules of the Day

## QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. Ten (10) percent of the members (108) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be 12 members.

## VOTING

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of July 1, 2012 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 (3) 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 2013-2014 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 2013-14 was chaired by Sonya Howes, assisted by Marian Handa and Nancy Van Huffel.

## OFFICERS (Two year terms, staggered)

**President-** Jennifer Ong (2013-14)  
**1<sup>st</sup> VP Prog-** Delmo Della-Dora (2013-15)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership-** OPEN (2013-15)  
**Secretary** Linda Slater (2013-14)  
**Treasurer** Nancy Van Huffel (2013-14)

## DIRECTORS (One year term)

Director Suzanne Barba  
Director René Besold  
Director Doris Marciel  
Director Jewell Hargleroad  
Director Evelyn Comier  
Director OPEN  
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## OFF BOARD POSITION

Victoria Del Rio, Smart Voter/Web

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2013-2014

1. Open
2. Open
3. Open

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

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

## League of Women Voters—Eden Area Saturday, June 16, 2012—Annual Meeting Minutes

- The Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:16 AM
- President Nancy Van Huffel opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, and welcoming elected officials and guests in attendance.
  
- A presentation was made to Eleanor Parker in celebration of her 50 years of continuous membership with the League of Women Voters of the Eden Area. Eleanor thanked the league for the recognition, and read a letter she wrote to league outlining her approval of the work of the league

### Meeting Agenda:

1. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Nancy Van Huffel, President  
Jewell Spaulding was appointed parliamentarian for the meeting.
2. Credential Report – Jo Murdach, VP Membership  
Jo reported that the Eden Area league currently has 102 members. League bylaws require a minimum of 10% of the membership be present to constitute a quorum...required 11 had 21. Jo Loss moved and Eleanor Parker seconded the credential report. It was approved.
3. Adoption of Rules of the Day/Rules of the Day- Nancy Van Huffel, President  
René Besold moved approval of the Order of Business and Rules of the Day. Jewell Spaulding seconded. It was approved.
4. Action on Minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting - Connie Rusk, Secretary  
The 2011 Annual meeting was held on June 11, 2011. Connie moved for approval of minutes as written. Jo Murdach seconded. It was approved
5. Appointment of Committee to Review 2012 Minutes - Nancy Van Huffel, President  
The 2012 Annual Meeting minutes are being taken by incoming secretary, Linda Slater, and will be reviewed by Suzanne Barba, and René Besold.
6. Action on Proposed 2012/13 Budget – Christine Wise, Treasurer  
Christine presented the budget to the membership. She explained that the Board was able to balance the budget by use of a small amount from the League reserve account. A member from the floor asked, "Does that indicate a need to raise dues or other funds?" Christine replied, "Perhaps yes, but it's not the Board's intention to raise dues." Nancy then explained that the Board wants to raise additional funds by increasing fundraising and/or asking members to increase donations voluntarily if they can afford to do so. Christine moved to adopt the 2012 budget. Jewell Spaulding seconded it and it was approved.
7. Action on 2012/12 LWVUS Program - Suzanne Barba, Chair of Program Planning  
In 2011/12 was asked to review the National positions. This year will be the State positions. What is a position? The League creates positions so they can oppose or advocate for propositions or amendments and to ensure that correct information is available to voters prior to elections to make informed choices. Suzanne handed out a sign-up sheet for pro and con presenters. Our League recommended that the LWVUS focus on **fiscal policy, campaign finance, and military policy and defense spending (privatization)**. At the National convention, campaign finance was voted in as the primary focus. Suzanne moved to approve two motions: (1) That the program for education and advocacy by the LWVUS for 2012/13 be campaign finance and (2) Program in annual meeting kit. Seconded by Eleanor Parker. Connie Rusk stated

that the program-planning meeting was open to all members and that Nancy had sent out a survey. Motion was approved.

8. Action on 2012/13 Local Program - Suzanne Barba, Chair of Program Planning  
Suzanne Barba moved that education, state and local finances, and boards and commissions be adopted as our local programs for 2012/13. Evelyn Cormier seconded. It was approved.
9. President's Report – Nancy Van Huffel, President  
Nancy thanked all past year board members. She mentioned something important provided by each one, which will not be outlined here. The League did lots of successful programs this year. The Youth Voter Education project helped over 200 students at many high schools, mostly in San Lorenzo, to learn about how their vote matters and the importance of registering to vote. Nancy introduced Victoria Del Rio the new SMART Voter coordinator who also posted all candidate forums on YouTube. She will also update the website.
10. Election of 2012/13 Board - Jewell Spalding, Chair of Nominating Committee  
Jewell thanked the committee members: Evelyn Cormier and Sonya Howe. She introduced the slate of officers:
  - President - Nancy Van Huffel
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Jo Loss
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Membership - Jo Murdach
  - Secretary - Linda Slater
  - Treasurer - Christine Wise

Additional Directors:

Suzanne Barba, René Besold, Delmo Della-Dora, Doris Marciel, Jewell Spalding, Gail Lundholm, and Victoria Del Rio.

Jewell asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Evelyn Cormier volunteered to serve on the Board. Seeing that there were no other nominations, Jean West moved to approve the slate of officers. Marian Handa seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved. Sonya Howe has agreed to chair the Nominating Committee for 2013/14. No other nominating committee members were announced.

12. Swearing in of New Board of Directors and Charge to Board - Gail Steele  
Ms. Steele read the charge to the Board. All incoming officers and Board members were brought forward to hear their charge and have their picture taken.

13. Guidance to the New Board - Entire Membership  
Alison Lewis stated that she is interested in education and library issues (funding for literacy programs). Eleanor Parker wanted to second Alison's recommendation and stated that she feels the local library system is so much better than the State and that the League should push the State to improve theirs. Al Murdach recommended that the League address immigration issues, the importance of citizenship. Evelyn Cormier stated that she feels that campaign finance reform may not get very far nationally because of the *Citizen's United* case, but that we could work for more transparency at the local and State levels. Jo Loss stated that she doesn't want us to forget the huge cuts in adult education. She feels the League could be a force to educate the public on issues relating to adult education.

President Van Huffel adjourned the business meeting at 12:10 p.m.

# LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2012-2013

## ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Sponsored candidate forums for the 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly Districts; Alameda County Board of Supervisors, 4th District; Alameda County Board of Education, 4th Trustee District; San Leandro City Council; San Leandro School Board; and Castro Valley School Board.
- Videotaped most of these forums and put them on LWVedenarea - YouTube.
- Forwarded Action Alerts from LWVC and LWVUS to members by E-mail.
- Continued to monitor and report on meetings of the Measure A Oversight Committee (*Alameda County sales tax to support healthcare for underinsured and indigent.*)
- Partnered with Association of University Women (AAUW) on programs of mutual interest.
- Used VOTER to include information on Healthcare, Education, Climate Change, Initiative & Referendum, State and Local Finance and issues at all levels of League—local, regional, state and national.

## COMMUNITY AND VOTER SERVICE

- Maintained 70 sites for voter registration forms and recruited new volunteers.
- Distributed over 2,000 Easy Voter Guides in English, 500 in Spanish and Chinese for the November election.
- Trained speakers for Pro and Con presentations and conducted more than 25 presentations.
- Provided election services for the Palomares Homes Association, including printing ballot information, collecting ballots and final counting.
- Videotaped the Pros and Cons in Spanish

## MEMBER SERVICES

- Published 12 issues of the VOTER, emailing to those with email and mailing hard copies to those who don't.
- Maintained a LWVEA website to keep membership informed.
- The State LWV President was keynote speaker at our New Member Orientation Meeting

## PROGRAM

- Held four informational programs:
  - [Pros & Cons for November](#) – featuring experts and League members.
  - [State and Local Finance](#)-- featuring a representative from Next 10.
  - [League Use of Social Media](#) - featuring Jennifer Waggoner, President, LWVC.
  - [State Budget](#) - featuring State Controller John Chiang
- Conducted Annual Program Planning to review and reach consensus on LWVC, LWVBA and local positions.

## ADMINISTRATION

- Members attended local, regional and state meetings to observe and gather information of interest to the league. Encouraged members to participate in LWVC Webinars.
- Donated \$1,000 to SmartVoter to ensure it will continue to provide voters and candidates with needed information.
- Updated candidate rules and established a videotape policy to preclude forum disruptions.
- Updated our membership brochure.

## LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2013-2014

### LWV California Positions

On January 19, 2013, members gathered to review the 24 State League positions in the areas of government, natural resources, and social policy.

The grassroots exercise began with a survey sent to all members asking them to select rank the top issue in each of the three categories noted above so that the Program Planning group could come to consensus on which positions we would recommend for state league emphasis for education and advocacy.

The survey resulted in a more comprehensive discussion of **(1) State and Local Finance, (2) Energy, and (3) Education**. After much discussion, the three issues were selected for recommendation to the state league and also for future forums for the local league.

### LWVBA POSITIONS:

The LWV Bay Area Positions were reviewed—Regional Government, Regional Planning, Environment, Natural Resources and CEQA Mitigation, Hazardous Materials Management, Surface Transportation, Airports. Attendees approved all LWVBA positions and commended members for their good work on these important issues.

### LOCAL POSITIONS:

The positions were reviewed as well as the Matrix showing positions at each level of League and how local Leagues can use those that are vertical position. Attendees approved local League positions.

The group recommended that the local League educate and advocate on State and Local Finance, Energy and Education.

Thanks to Jo Loss, V.P., Program for arranging for this forum and helpers Linda Slater, Evelyn Cormier, Del Della-Dora and Jo Murdach.

## LOOKING FOR LEADERS IN ALL THE RIGHT PLACES

Throughout its history, the League of Women Voters has been a dynamic, changing organization, adapting procedures to meet current and future needs.

League leaders play an important role in making the League a positive force in our community.

Leadership is an elusive concept, subject to personal interpretation. But we all know it when we see it....and we all suffer if it is lacking in our lives, in the organizations for which we volunteer and in the places where we work.

Leaders have different personalities, very different experiences, and a wide variety of styles. They come in all sizes, shapes, colors, and ages.

League leaders, men and women, are no different. The paths to leadership are as varied as leaders themselves.

The purposes of the League are: to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of the public in government, to work to increase understanding of major public policy issues and to act on selected government issues.

We are looking for members who are interested in working with us in the following areas:



Voter Services  
Program or Study committees  
Observers at public meetings  
Pro & Con Speakers  
Candidate Forum helpers  
Social media & publicity  
Membership  
VOTER Newsletter  
Webmaster for website

Email: [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com) if you would like to know more about opportunities to volunteer with the League.

