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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2005 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, Hillcrest Knolls and San Lorenzo are hereby called to the Annual Meeting.

- DATE:** Saturday, June 11, 2005
- TIME:** 9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- PLACE:** Eden Medical Center, Conference Center, Room A
20103 Lake Chabot Road, Castro Valley
- SPEAKER:** **Loretta Lynch, former Director of the
9:30 a.m. State Public Utility Commission**
- Topic:** ***Has the energy problem been fixed?
Will we have blackouts again this summer?***

Loretta Lynch served as President of the California Public Utilities Commission from 2000 through 2002. Ms. Lynch guided the PUC through the California energy crisis and fought against gouging and manipulation by energy sellers. She was an early critic of energy deregulation and is a strong advocate of keeping rates reasonable and affordable.

- BUSINESS:** (See page 2 for Business Agenda)
10:45 a.m.

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

Call 538-9678 or e-mail lwvea@aol.com for reservation information. Meeting open to the public.



2005 ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

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| 9:00 a.m. | Registration and Breakfast |
| 9:20 a.m. | Call to order – Nancy Van Huffel, President
Welcome and Introductions |
| 9:30 a.m. | SPEAKER: LORETTA LYNCH
TOPIC: HAS THE ENERGY PROBLEM BEEN FIXED? |
| 10:45 a.m. | Business Meeting – Nancy Van Huffel, President |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appointment of Parliamentarian• Adoption of Order of Business – Suzanne Barba• Adoption of Rules of the Day – Suzanne Barba• Action on Minutes of 2004 Annual Meeting• Appointment of Committee to Review 2005 Annual Meeting Minutes – Nancy Van Huffel• Action on Proposed 2005-2006 Budget – Marianne Dimick• Action on Bylaw Revision– Nancy Van Huffel• Action on 2005-2006 LWVC Program – Angelina Reyes• Action on 2005-2006 Local Program – Angelina Reyes• President’s Report – Nancy Van Huffel• Election of 2005-2006 Board – Nominating Committee
Nominations may be made from the floor• Charge to the Board—Supervisor Gail Steele• Swearing in of New Board Officers and Directors• Directions to the New Board –
Member Recommendations |
| Noon | Adjournment |

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 (150) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be 15 members.

VOTING

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of June 1, 2005 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.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern.

REPORT OF THE 2004-2005 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee is pleased to nominate the following slate of officers and directors of the LWVEA for 2004-2005. Additional nominations will be welcomed from the floor. Nominating Committee Members: Chair, Linda Tangren, Jean West, Jean Gaylord.

Officers

President	Nancy VanHuffel
1st VP Program/Admin.	Patricia Taylor
2nd VP Membership	Jo Murdach
Secretary	Suzanne Barba
Treasurer	Marianne Dimick

Directors

Action – Local	Open
Action – State	Melody Kearney
Action – National	Jen Thompson
Program – Social Policy	Beverly Reliford
Program Planning Mtg.	Evelyn Cormier
Voter Registration	Jean Gaylord & Evelyn Cormier
Voter Service	Angelena Reyes
Communications	Jo Ann Martinez
Newsletter Editor	Helen Wu
Historian	Eleanor Parker

2005-2006 Nominating Committee (3):
Melody Kearney, Open, Open

League of Women Voters of Eden Area

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, Saturday, June 5, 2004, Eden Medical Center, Castro Valley, CA

CALL TO ORDER - 9:30 a.m. Suzanne Barba welcomed all and introduced the elected officials. She thanked the Annual Meeting Committee, chaired by Lenore Holle, for setting up today's event.

President Barba spoke of the past year's highlights with the biggest accomplishment of raising the membership to its all time high of 143 members. She spoke of the Student Voter Education Program that is currently being organized by new member Patricia Taylor in conjunction with AmeriCorps and Chabot College. This program will be presented at various local high schools in the fall. The League will be making a strong push for voter registration prior to the November presidential election. Members will be needed to staff registration tables in the upcoming months throughout the area. The Observer Corps program co-chaired by Eleanor Parker and Jennifer Thompson will be re-evaluated in the months to come. President Barba acknowledged the hard work of the board members in making the 2003/2004-year a huge success.

BUSINESS MEETING: Jean Gaylord was selected as Parliamentarian for the Day. Treasurer, Nancy Van Huffel reported that a quorum of 30 members was present. It was moved by Marianne Dimick that we adopt the order of business for the day, seconded by Eleanor Parker. Motion carried unanimously. Marianne Dimick moved that we accept the rules of the day, seconded by Evelyn Cormier. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES - Ernie Avelar moved to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of June 28, 2003. Angie Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Angie Reyes and Gail Lundholm volunteered to review the annual meeting minutes.

BUDGET - Treasurer, Nancy Van Huffel presented the proposed 2004-05 budget. There was explanation and discussion regarding the income for the upcoming year. Nancy reminded everyone that the Skybox Raffle and Holiday Auction are the main sources of income other than annual dues. Annual dues will be increased by \$3.00 to \$48.00 per person and to \$24.00 for additional household members. Evelyn Cormier moved that the budget be adopted, seconded by Rita Freres. Motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARY PRESENTATION- Eleanor Parker on behalf of LWVEA, presented to Carolyn Moskovitz, representing the Alameda County Libraries, seven books entitled "VOTE" which focus on the elementary student level. Our league feels that it is never too early to begin teaching democracy and importance of participating in the process. Cosette Sun made an appeal for the league and the libraries to reach out to the bilingual voters.

BY LAWS REVISIONS - Eleanor Parker presented the Bylaws Committee's revisions which were mailed to the membership in the annual meeting kit. The proposed bylaws amendment, Article XI, Section 4 would strike the following wording in the last sentence "provided consideration is approved by a majority vote and the proposal for adoption receives a two thirds vote" and would be replaced with the words "by a majority vote." Discussion pro and con followed. Eleanor Parker moved to approve the bylaws change, seconded by Nancy Van Huffel. Votes 17 Yes and 13 No. The President declared the motion to change the bylaws had passed. **POINT OF ORDER** - Parliamentarian Jean Gaylord declared that the motion to change the bylaws did not pass by the simple majority because, according to the by-laws, a two-thirds vote was required to pass a bylaw amendment. The motion had failed.

PROGRAM - VP Program, Evelyn Cormier presented the LWVUS and Bay Area (LWVBA) positions for

2004/2005 as voted on at the LWVEA January planning meeting. She moved that we adopt the LWVUS positions. Seconded by Marge Schwab. Motion passed unanimously. Evelyn Cormier moved that we accept the LWVBA positions. Seconded by Rita Freres. Motion approved unanimously. Evelyn Cormier indicated that the LWV Alameda County Council (ACC) asked for LWVEA participation in an ACC study to study the efficacy of appointing a County Superintendent of Schools versus electing one. Evelyn Cormier moved and Ernest Avelar seconded the motion to participate in the ACC study. Motion passed unanimously.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - On behalf of the board of directors, Nancy Van Huffel presented outgoing president Suzanne Barba with a recognition plaque resembling the front page of the VOTER and thanked her for all her hard work and dedication. Along with the plaque Suzanne received tickets to attend a Kennedy Center performance and dinner while attending the National Convention.

ELECTION OF THE 2004/2005 BOARD - Jean West presented the slate of nominees: President, Nancy Van Huffel, VP Program, Angelina Reyes, VP Membership. Jo Murdach, Secretary, Suzanne Barba, Treasurer, Marianne Dimick. Directors: Beverly Reliford, Lenore Holle, Eleanor Parker, Jean Gaylord, Jennifer Thompson, Patricia Taylor Linda Sandsmark, member-at-large. Nominating Committee: Jean Gaylord, Linda Tangren, and Jean West. There being no nominations from the floor, Evelyn Cormier moved to close the nominations, seconded by Ernie Avelar. Motion carried. Jo Murdach moved by acclamation to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Eleanor Parker. Motion passed unanimously. The new and revised "Charge to the Board" was read by Allison Lewis as she swore in the newly elected board members.

SPEAKER - Suzanne Barba introduced keynote speaker, Lynn Suter, President Lynn Suter and Associates. She presented an entertaining look at life in the state capitol with our new governor.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD - The attendees requested that last year's directions be applied for the upcoming year. The following additions were made:

- Allison Lewis asked that we honor Sara Connor for her longtime support and contributions to the league. Nancy Van Huffel stated that we are donating a bench in her honor to be placed at the Josephine Lum Lodge. Her memorial fund is being used for voter education projects.

- Ernie Avelar asked the board to consider taking the new Voter Education project into the Juvenile Court classrooms.

- Nancy Van Huffel reminded members about Internet privacy and sending mass e-mails. She encouraged all to send blind cc's so that e-mail addresses are not shown.

- Eleanor Parker voiced concerns about redistricting and the importance of having a third party accomplish this gruesome task in the idea of fairness. She asked for a series of articles and education on this issue.

- Voter registration was mentioned by many. An all out effort prior to the upcoming election is needed. Volunteers will be needed to staff tables at local festivals and outside supermarkets.

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned by Nancy Van Huffel at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Dimick, Secretary

LWVEA RECOMMENDED PROGRAM FOR 2005-2006

At two Unit Meetings in April, the LWVEA local positions were reviewed using the same process used at program planning meetings. Each position was reviewed and consensus reached on whether to retain, update, study or delete the position.

The recommended changes are indicated below and should be compared with the present positions that have been furnished to each member. Positions are also on our website – www.lwvea.org.

(Note: *underscore indicates added information. A strikethrough indicates deleted material.*)

LWVEA LOCAL POSITIONS GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UPDATE

Policies to Promote:

- A. An up-to-date directory of boards and commissions to make the following information available to the public, including electronically.
- B. Public awareness of the obligations and responsibilities of appointees elected and appointed members.
- C. Limitation of appointments to two full terms or ten years, whichever is longer.
- D. No change.
- E. ~~League involvement in~~ Publicizing vacancies and ~~cooperating with~~ established talent banks and applicant requirements.
- F. Periodic review of existing boards and commissions including Brown Act compliance.
- G. Justification for formation of new boards and commissions; discontinuance of ~~non-~~ useful unnecessary boards and commissions.
- H. ~~Better~~ Effective communication and coordination between boards and commissions and the elected bodies which appoint them.

(New lettering to add Alternative Dispute Resolution policies under Boards and Commissions. Refer to original position to note deleted material.)

- I. Adoption by public agencies of policies and procedures which require the use of alternative dispute resolution (ADR*) processes in local public policy disputes as a predecessor/supplement to the traditional litigation process. *ADR – non-adversarial collaborative approaches to building consensus and resolving differences.

UNINCORPORATED AREAS

A re-study of this position was recommended in 2004 Program Planning. The study committee is presently meeting and may have it ready for review at the January 2006 Program Planning Meeting.

LAND USE AND PLANNING UPDATE

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area supports positive planning policies ~~which help~~ to achieve a livable and harmonious physical environment for a diverse population with a healthy balance of residential, commercial, industrial, ~~and~~ public uses and open space; a variety of densities and housing types; and the necessary services and amenities for all residents.

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area supports measures which ensure protection for parks, open space, agricultural and, and baylands with emphasis on comprehensive regional land use planning, control of urban sprawl, transportation and ~~increased adequate~~ inclusive public participation and review in land use decisions.

Policies to promote:

- A. ~~General Plan~~ and Master Plans: support the concept of the General and Master Plans as guides to long-range planning.
- B. General and Master Plans should be comprehensive, flexible and innovative, and require adequate public discussion to change designations and more extensive notification procedures prior to hearings and appeals on rezoning, variances and conditional use.

- C. Specific planning for urban growth (infilling) rather than continued urban sprawl; choices should include single-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings which include affordable housing, townhouses, condominiums, density comparable with surrounding community, with quality and inclusion of good, adequate transportation plan for such development.
- D. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines should be followed in recommendations for mitigation and identification of the comprehensive and realistic environmental impacts of a project. Support the LWV Bay Area policy.
- E. Zoning: Support a planning approach to zoning which conforms to the General Plan:
 1. Strengthening requirements for naturally developed open space;
 2. Greater compliance by Planned Unit Development (PUD) to the presented precise plans. When a PUD is approved by a city or county planning commission/ council, the Board of Supervisors should allow only minor modifications. Major modifications to a PUD should require a public hearing and input.
 3. ~~A re-evaluation of the applicant fee structure to reflect the rising costs of the hearing process.~~
- F. Adequate funding should be provided to cities and counties for general and specific plan development and adequate fees for building inspection.
- G. Planning Commissions ~~which~~ should represent the entire community. ~~which~~ have standards and procedures for appointment, and ~~which~~ do long-range planning and study, including capital improvement projects which may be reviewed as they relate to the General Plan.
- H. (no change)
- I. ~~Justification of approval or disapproval by the Local Agency Formation Commission of city boundary annexation or de-annexation of properties of adjacent sphere of~~

~~influence should be considered with regard to decision making.~~

Community concurrence with the decisions made by the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of city boundary annexation or de-annexation of properties of adjacent spheres of influence.

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area supports:

- ~~Support the mission statements of the park and recreation district within the area served by the LWVEA.~~

Policies to promote:

- C. ~~1. Continuation of salt production for commercial, historical and educational value.~~ Preserve the historical and educational value of area salt ponds.
- D. Encourage joint planning and cooperative projects for acquisition, creation and maintenance of
- E. Expenditure of capital ~~outlay~~ funds....
- F. Support developer fees for acquisition and maintenance of parklands
- G. Protection of existing parklands from degradation or intrusive urban intrusion development, freeway, roadway, intrusion utility lines, visual intrusion obstructions, and traffic.

SOCIAL POLICY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**DROP LOCAL POSITION AND
USE LWVUS HEALTH CARE
POSITION**

MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES UPDATE

The League of Women Voters of the Eden Area supports the availability of comprehensive mental health care for all residents of Alameda County, regardless of their ability to pay for these services.

Policies to promote:

- A. ~~The Short-Doyle aim of comprehensive mental health care.~~ Implementation of legislation and regulations that provide community-based mental health care.
- B. ~~Proactive pre-crisis counseling and appropriate level of follow-up therapy services for patients of all ages.~~ A three-tiered module approach consisting of prevention, intervention and follow-up therapy for patients of all ages.
- C. Emphasis placed on meeting the needs of children and veterans.
- D. Appropriate level of treatment of patients in their local environment when possible.
- E. Expansion of the number of quality facilities in all communities to provide necessary follow-up care for the mentally ill, particularly those who have been hospitalized.
- F. No change.
- G. No change.
- H. No change.
- I. No change.
- J. No change.
- K. Support community development of resources promoting publicly accessible mental health education and awareness.
- L. Eliminate barriers and disparities for providing appropriate mental health services for different ethnic populations.
- M. Effective implementation of evidence-based best practices and support for research in mental health care.

- A. Measures to improve patron services; including:
 - 1. ~~Ensuring~~ Ensure....
 - 2. ~~Achieving~~ Achieve...
 - 3. Provide adequate hours of service, including evening and weekend hours, and maintain staffing levels adequate for the hours open, size of collection, and usage level;
 - 4. Continue the use of volunteers to support staff.
 - 5. Encourage cooperation between the public library system and local school districts, including after-school homework programs, etc.
 - 6. ~~Providing~~ Provide
 - 7. No change.
 - 8. No change.
 - 9. No change.
- B. No change.
- C. Methods of financing for new libraries, expansion, and/or rehabilitation of existing facilities:
 - 1. A state bond issue, a National Library Service and Technology Act grant, a local tax, such as utility-user tax, parcel tax, assessments or districts; general funds.
 - 2. Encourage private contributions.
 - 3. Achieve cost-effectiveness by consolidation of functions/systems.
- D. No change.
- E. No change.

LIBRARY SERVICES UPDATE

The League of Women support a free public library system that meets the informational, educational, technological and recreational needs of all Eden Area residents and that is financed with long-term, assured, stable and adequate public funding. ~~Free publicly-funded library programs are the highest priority.~~

The LWVEA supports access by all persons to free library services/ functions that educate and inform on a wide variety of issues to facilitate citizen participation in government decision-making.

Policies to promote:

LWVEA Bylaw Amendment

The following is a proposed bylaw amendment to include voting on League action measures require a 75 percent as well as voting on ballot measures.

Section 7. Voting Ballot and Action Measures. For LWVEA to endorse a ballot measure or to take action on a League position, a 75 percent majority vote of the authorized number of Directors in office shall be required. Directors, if not present at the meeting, must be polled. If a 75 percent majority of the Directors in office are unable to agree on the action or application of League positions, then LWVEA will take no action.

LWVC PROGRAM PLANNING 2004-2005

At its Program Planning meeting held on January 22, 2005, the LWVEA reviewed and voted to retain/keep all the LWVC positions. Members also came to consensus on the following "update" recommendations for specific positions:

GOVERNMENT

- Campaign Financing - Update based on legislation passed since the last update.
- Election Systems - Update to address the issue of electronic voting.
- Initiative and Referendum Process - Update to limit the number of measures which can appear on any one ballot; have the measure pass legal and constitutional viability before it is put on the ballot; use multipartisan instead of bipartisan in the position language.
- Public Libraries - Recommend this position be moved to Social Policy section.
- Redistricting - Update regarding doing it only

after census is completed.

- State and Local Finances - Update based on recent legislation passed.
- Voting Rights - Update to address the e-vote and the individual's right to a paper ballot.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- In all policies we urge the replacement of the designation "citizens" to "community members."
- Recommend consideration of integrating Land Use, Solid Waste, Transportation, and Water Positions as they overlap and impact each other in a variety of ways.

SOCIAL POLICY

- Child Care - Update relative to recent legislation and impact of universal pre-school.
- Housing - Update to emphasize that decisions on housing should be made at local level.

RECOMMENDED ISSUES FOR EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY FOR LWVC 2005-2006

- Redistricting
- State and Local Finances
- Land Use

LWVEA BUDGET INFORMATION:

INCOME	2004-05	2005-06	EXPENSES	2004-05	2005-06
Interest	140.00	250.00	Action funds		300.00
Donations	200.00	250.00	Admin funds	400.00	400.00
Dues 04-05	2000.00		Workshops	1200.00	1500.00
Dues 05-06	3000.00	7200.00	Insurance	265.00	300.00
Fund Raising			Develop/Recog	500.00	1050.00
Educ lunch	300.00	300.00	Per Mem Pay	5280.00	6870.00
Auction	1600.00	1800.00	Office Sup	600.00	400.00
Raffle		1800.00	Misc		130.00
			Printing/Pub		650.00
Misc	3000.00	400.00	Postage	250.00	200.00
Regist boxes	1000.00	2000.00	Voter	2745.00	1800.00
			Voter Educ		400.00
TOTAL	\$11240.00	\$14000.00		\$11240.00	\$14,000.00

This is a condensed version of our proposed 2005/2006 budget. A full line item budget will be available at the annual meeting. The current budget reflects our growth in membership. Funds have been allocated to continue our Student Voter Project and send delegates to the National convention in 2006. We are continuing to fund Member Development and Member Recognition in the coming year. Partial funding for the VOTER will come from our Education Fund. As for office expenses we are continually trying to cut back and thank all of our volunteers and the donations they make throughout the year to keep our operating costs low.

Marianne Dimick, Treasurer



LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS 2004-2005

ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Responded to Action Alerts on pending legislation by calling and/or writing elected representatives regarding legislation for the following:

1) Wrote Gov. Schwarzenegger regarding Sen. Alpert's SB1161 supporting free public libraries.

2) Wrote a letter in support of the application for funding for the Castro Valley Library.

3) Sent a letter to the governor regarding the proposed state budget on Education.

4) Attended community meetings, reviewed the EIR, attended Planning Commission meetings and wrote letter to Board of Supervisors on the Boundary Creek Housing Project.

5) Sent letter to State Senator Liz Figueroa in support of SB840 Keuhl for universal health care insurance.

- Advocated on behalf of Measure E to secure additional revenue for San Lorenzo School District.
- Participated in the SmartVoter Project on the Internet, requesting candidates to list campaign information and issues on the website
- Initiated and/or participated in developing and supporting the following countywide issues with the seven (7) Alameda County Leagues joined as the Alameda County Council:

1) Alameda County Medical Center Board of Trustees -- Sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking that it create the oversight committee and support the grand jury recommendations which outlined several suggestions for better management. Subsequently, met with two of the supervisors and Cambio consulting firm.

2) Alameda County Board of Education – A letter has been sent to the ACBE and the county superintendent reminding them of ACC's previous communication that they should abide by the Grand Jury's recommendations to make their meetings more visible to the public.

3) LAFCo Recommended that staff be more diligent in describing agenda items so that members of the public will have a clear understanding of what subjects are going to be presented to LAFCo, in accordance with the Brown Act and that published materials be made more readily available to the public when requested.

4) Eden Information and Referral-- Agreed to endorse a proposed 211 social services referral phone number.

5) Alameda County Board of Education – A letter has been sent to the ACBE and the county superintendent regarding violations of the Brown Act.

6) Sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Juvenile Hall situation with counselors

7) Attended informational hearings on the Koi Indian Nation Casino proposal for land purchased from the Oakland Port. Participated in writing a letter stating our objection to the project.

ADMINISTRATION

- Conducted a review of Board job descriptions and recommended some reorganization changes
- Increased membership from 137 to 150, plus three supporting members who belong to other Leagues as well as LWVEA.
- Purged three years accumulation of League files.
- Had Stephanie Cartwright, League member and accountant, audit the books for 2000-2004.
- Presented Eden Housing a memorial bench honoring longtime member Sara Connor.

- Submitted a \$500 mini grant to the LWVC for the Education Forums. It was approved and funds transferred to our Education fund account.

COMMUNITY & VOTER SERVICES

- Televised/moderated Candidate Forums for San Lorenzo School Board, San Leandro City Council, San Leandro School Board, Castro Valley Sanitary District, AC Transit District, BART, and H.A.R.D.
- Conducted 20 State and County Pros & Cons presentations.
- Sponsored a forum on three of the State propositions; speakers included Tom Orloff, District Attorney and an ACLU Attorney.
- Serviced LWVEA affidavit boxes for voter registration at 75 businesses and agencies in the Eden Area.
- Distributed 3,500 Pros & Cons and 1,500 copies of the Easy Voter Guide.
- Registered several hundred voters at Hayward Street Fair, San Lorenzo Wine and Flower Festival, All Saints Church Festival, Harmony Festival, ten grocery stores, and all 14 San Lorenzo Schools.
- Worked with Chabot College students, went into 18 classrooms in 8 high schools to explain the importance of voting • Worked with various community groups such as NAACP, San Lorenzo PTAs, San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, and AAUW to promote voter registration and education.
- Conducted legislative interview with Assemblymember Johan Klehs using LWVC guidelines.
- Monetarily supported the LWVC Civil Liberties Committee.
- Participated in the court-ordered Sikh temple election in January 2005.

MEMBER SERVICES

- Published twelve issues of the VOTER.
- Held an Annual Holiday Party, including a successful fundraising auction.
- Published a Member Directory.

- Held an orientation session and put together an orientation book for new members.
- Established a Website for up-to-date member information.
- Established an E-Mail Action Advocacy list for approximately 100 members.

PROGRAM

- Conducted the Annual Program Planning meeting to review and make recommendations on LWVC positions in January. Reviewed local Positions and recommended priorities for presentation to the membership in April 2005.
- Program for Membership Meetings: Propositions Debate -- Sept. 04; Candidate Forums -- Oct 04; Meet Your Elected Officials -- April 05; Annual Meeting — June 05.
- Re-established Observer Corps.
- Presented recommendations to the Alameda County Leagues (ACC) for suggested changes to the Alameda County Board of Education agenda.
- Sponsored two educational forums in December. The forums were part of a Statewide study to update the League's position on Education for California and are intended to assist LWVEA in developing a local consensus on education. We discussed educational issues facing State and local K-12 schools with emphasis on governance, school finance, accountability, equitable access to education, and the public's role in the educational process and system.

UPDATE LOCAL POSITION FOR UNINCORPORATED AREA

- Appointed a committee to study of the governance, policies, revenue, and expenditures which determine the services provided for an Unincorporated Area (UA). The Study will include a review of alternatives to the current governance structure.

PARTICIPATION IN COUNTYWIDE LEAGUE STUDY

- Selected a representative to participate on the countywide study of the efficacy of appointing or electing a county superintendent of schools.