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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA and  
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## **LUNCHEON FORUM –**

**EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE  
11 STATE BALLOT MEASURES BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!**

**Are you tired of slick ads and 30-second sound bites telling you how to vote?**

**Would you rather hear the objective pros and cons on each  
so you can make an informed decision on election day?**

**Then attend this luncheon forum on:**

**Friday, September 21 from 11:30 to 2 p.m.**

San Lorenzo Village Homes Association Hall  
377 Paseo Grande, San Lorenzo

Lunch is \$10 if paid in advance, \$15 at the door.  
There is no cost for those coming just for the program and not eating lunch.

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RESERVATIONS to attend luncheon \$10 ( ) or program without lunch ( )  
on September 21. Registration @ 11:30, Lunch @ 11:45, Program @ 12:15.

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**Make check payable to LWVEA and mail to:** LWVEA Treasurer, P. O. Box 2234,  
Castro Valley, CA 94546. Reservation/RSVP deadline is Friday, September 14.  
Questions? 538-9678 or email [suzbarba@comcast](mailto:suzbarba@comcast).

















Should the additional taxes pass, the money will go to prevent deeper cuts to the schools, protect local public safety funding, and invest a little more in higher education.

However, because the vote is not until November, the budget, as proposed in January, also contained a "trigger" that would impose 5.4 billion in **additional** cuts, primarily to public education and public safety, should the measure fail. These cuts would include almost 5 billion in cuts to K-12 education, 400 million more in cuts to higher ed, 125 million more in cuts to the courts, 6 million more in cuts to Fish and Game and 7 million in cuts to the flood control programs.

*Sheila Kuehl, former State Senator*

## Voter ID Laws = Voter Suppression

*By Helen Hutchison, LWVC Second Vice President for Program and Advocacy*



The League of Women Voters is all about voting: encouraging voting, educating voters, helping people make their voices heard by voting. We educate and advocate

about voting.

Then why do we protest so loudly about voter ID laws? Because these laws are a form of voter suppression; they are a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

Supporters of voter ID laws point to charges of voter impersonation or voter fraud. The facts simply do not support this charges. Despite many allegations and frequent careful examinations of voting records and patterns, little or no evidence of voter fraud has been found.

When studies are done, they consistently point at vote by mail (absentee) voting as the place where most voter fraud might occur. Voter ID laws deal only with voters at the polls, and not vote by mail voting.

What has been shown, repeatedly, is that voter ID laws reduce access to voting and do this disproportionately among the elderly, students, women, people with disabilities, low income people, and people of color.

In a study commissioned by the Brennan Center for Justice, eleven percent of those surveyed did not have a government-issued ID that would be required for voting. Using census data, this means approximately 21 million otherwise qualified voters who would be turned away at the polls. Of these 21 million:

- more than 70 percent are women
- over one-third are seniors
- approximately 20 percent are between 18 and 24 years old.

Even among those with a government-issued ID, many do not have an ID that shows their current address. This is even more likely among those who earn lower incomes and young people, regardless of income level, because they tend to move more frequently than average.

These same groups of people—women, the elderly, students, people with disabilities, low income people, and people of color—also are more likely to have difficulty obtaining the required photo ID to be able to vote. They may not have the required back-up documents, and they may have more difficulty taking time off work during business hours, getting transportation to the government offices that issue the IDs, and finding the money to pay the application fees.

Voting is a fundamental right. The League of Women Voters stands with those who protect access to voting rather than those who would disenfranchise eligible voters. The impact of voter ID laws is to restrict voting, especially among certain groups of voters. We do not need to protect ourselves against a problem that doesn't exist. We do need to ensure that the greatest number of people possible is offered the chance to exercise their right to vote. For a graphic version of this article, see <http://www.craigconnects.org/voter-protection-infographic>

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### CALENDAR

August 22 (Wednesday) LWVEA Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m.,  
Eden Multi-Service Center, Hayward

September 19 (Wednesday) LWVEA Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m. Eden  
Multi-Service Center, Hayward

September 21 (Friday) 11:30 to 2 p.m., LWVEA & AAUW Forum on  
State Ballot Propositions (see page 1 for details)

See page 2 for future programs and events.

### LIST OF WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION

LWV California: [www.lwvc.org](http://www.lwvc.org)

LWV United States: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

LWV Bay Area: [www.lwv.org/local-league/lwv-bay-area](http://www.lwv.org/local-league/lwv-bay-area)

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