



League of Women Voters Eden Area

VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2014 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 14, 2013
PLACE: Castro Valley Library, 3600 Norbridge Avenue
1:00 p.m. Registration & Light Refreshments
1:15 p.m. League Business (See page 2 for Business Agenda)

2:45 p.m. What Are Your Priorities For California's Budget?



While California is no longer experiencing an immediate budget crisis, important decisions will be made balancing this year's budget that will impact our shared future. How quickly should the state pay off \$28 billion in budget debt? What should California do to plan for long-term pension and retiree health care costs? How much should be invested in programs cut during the recession? How much should the state have in reserve, and where should those funds come from?

YOU have a chance to decide on CA Budget priorities using the Next 10 Interactive Challenge. Next 10 is an independent, nonpartisan organization that educates, engages and empowers Californians to understand how the state budget is developed. Attendees will use a unique hand-held device so they can participate in the budget decision-making.

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Those attending the League Business Meeting which includes election of new officers for 2014-15, are asked to rsvp to 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.

2014 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

1:00 p.m. Registration & Refreshments

1:15 p.m. Business Meeting – LWVEA President [Jennifer Ong](#)
Welcome and Introductions

- Appointment of Parliamentarian by President [Jennifer Ong](#)
- Credentials report for quorum – V.P. Membership [Nancy Van Huffel](#)
- Adoption of Order of Business – V.P. Program [Del Della-Dora](#)
- Adoption of Rules of the Day –[Rene' Besold](#)
- Action on Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting – Secretary [Linda Slater](#)
- Appointment of Com. to Review 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes – [Jennifer Ong](#)
- Action on Proposed 2014-2015 Budget – [Linda Slater](#)
- Action on 2013-2014 LWVUS Program –[Del Della Dora](#)
- Action on 2013-2014 LWVBA Program –[Jewell Spaulding](#)
- Action on 2013-2014 Local Program –[Nancy Van Huffel](#)
- President's Report – [Jennifer Ong](#)
- Election of 2014-2015 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](#)
- Recommendations to the New Board – Member Recommendations

Noon. Adjourn Business Meeting

[2:45 p.m. Program –](#)

3:20 p.m. Q & A

3:30 p.m. 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 (109) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be eleven 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 2014-2015 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 2014-15 was chaired by Sonya Howes, assisted by Marian Handa and Nancy Van Huffel.

OFFICERS (Two year terms, staggered)

President: Jennifer Ong (2013-15)
1st VP Program: Del Della-Dora (2014-16)
2nd VP Member: Gail Lundholm (2013-15)
Secretary: Penny Peck (2014-16)
Treasurer: Nancy Van Huffel (2013-15)

DIRECTORS (One year term)

Director Suzanne Barba, **VOTER Editor**
Director René Besold, **Board Assistant**
Director Evelyn Comier
Director Jewell Spaulding
Director Beverly Reliford
Director Joanne Young

Off Board

Victoria Del Rio, Smart Voter Coordinator
Doris Marciel, Affidavit Coordinator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2015-2016

1. Open
2. Open
3. Open—Board position

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

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

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE EDEN AREA
SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2013 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

The annual meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM

President Jennifer Ong opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming, for helping to set up and welcoming elected officials and guests in attendance. Jennifer shared her reasons for joining the League. She said democracy should be a verb and that the League epitomizes the work of democracy. She encouraged all to join us in the work we do, grab a brochure and share it with your friends, neighbors and family. The League is non-partisan, and includes both men and women who engage the public in the political process.

A few announcements: Malca Chall and Eleanor Parker are 50 year members. Please welcome "Simply Irresistible" as our official caterer.

Introduce our guests in the audience: Aisha Knowles, Alameda Cty Office of Education, Penny Peck, Tony Santos, former Mayor of San Leandro, Gail Steele, BOS, Shelia Young, San Leandro Mayor Emeritus, Al Mendall Hayward City Council. Isobel Dvorsky, Chabot College

Meeting Agenda:

Appointment of Parliamentarian – Jennifer Ong, President
Alison Lewis was appointed parliamentarian for the meeting.

Credential Report – Nancy Van Huffel, Treasurer
Nancy reported that the Eden Area League currently has 113 members. League bylaws require a minimum of 10% of the membership be present to constitute a quorum. Required 13, in attendance 40+. May 15, 2013 was the cut-off date for eligibility for voting. Only one new League member, Maryann Tracy-Baker is unable to vote.

Adoption of the Order of Business – Suzanne Barba
Suzanne moved approval of the Order of Business. Seconded by Rene'. Motion approved

Adoption of the Rules of the Day – Rene Besold
Rene moved approval of the Rules of the Day as revised, correction of date to May 15th. Seconded by Suzanne Barba. Motion approved..

Action on Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting – Linda Slater, Secretary
The annual meeting was held on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Linda thanked Suzanne Barba, Rene Besold and Shelia Young for their review of the minutes. Linda moved approval of minutes as written. Gail Lundholm seconded the motion. Sonya Howes indicates that her name was spelled wrong; it will be corrected. Motion approved as amended.

Appointment of Committee to Review 2013 Minutes – Jennifer Ong, President

The 2013 minutes were taken by Linda Slater, Secretary. Jennifer asked for volunteers to review the 2013 minutes. Suzanne Barba, Rene Besold and Shelia Young volunteered to review the minutes. They were assigned.

Action on Proposed 2013- 2014 Budget – Rick Kalish
Rick Kalish presented the budget to the membership. The budget was projected on the screen. Rick reviewed the proposed budget, highlighting the fact that League has fundraisers that defray costs and allow us to keep the dues low and at the same amount for the last several years. Malca Chall moved approval of budget as written. Suzanne Barba seconded. Motion approved.

Action on 2013-2014 LWVC Program – Suzanne Barba, Director

Each January we have a program planning meeting to look at the positions based on studies used to promote or oppose political actions. Our League is one of 64 Leagues that recommended State & Local Finance, Education, and Energy for action for this year. The State will be completing a study on Education during 2013-2014. Anyone interested in reading the information to help the State to study the issues, please contact Suzanne.

Action on the 2013 – 2014 Local Program – Suzanne Barba, Director

Suzanne Barba moved Money, Politics, Health Care and Water be adopted as our local programs for 2013-2014. Rene seconded. Motion approved.

Eleanor Parker commented that our League's Public Library position is one of which we should be very proud.

President's Report – Jennifer Ong, President

Jennifer introduced Bonnie Hamlin, our liaison with the State League. Many of us were involved with the Initiative and Referendum study conducted for the State. The volunteers came together to read the in-depth research. These studies are important to ensure that when we advocate for and improve positions, we need all the facts. The upcoming issues on Health Care, Education, Money (dark), and Politics will require careful review of the issues so that a fair, informed and equitable review maybe given. The State will begin a study on Higher Education that will require about 3 years of in-depth and thorough study.

Eleanor Parker wanted to thank the Board for the excellent programs. The League wrote a letter to the Energy Commission on the Cal Pine power plant about the landscaping to be done. Eleanor thought the letter was well written. The League got a response advising us that the landscaping is being postponed for further study.

Jennifer invited all of the new League members to stand and introduce themselves so the membership could welcome them to our League.

Election of 2013-2014 Board – Sonya Howes, Chair of the Nominating Committee

Sonya thanked the committee members. She then introduced the slate of officers:

President – Jennifer Ong (2013-2014)

1st VP Program – Delmo Della-Dora (2013-2014)

2nd VP Membership – Maryann Tracy-Baker (2013-2014)

Secretary – Linda Slater (2013-2014)

Treasurer – Nancy Van Huffel (2013-2014)

Directions to the New Board – Jennifer Ong, President

Eleanor Parker asked that the new board obtain the Guide to California Government and provide a copy to all members at the September meeting. Alison Lewis will repeat the comments on Library position from the 2012 minutes for 2013.

President Jennifer Ong adjourned the business meeting at 11:30 a.m.

The town hall meeting with Congressman Eric Swalwell will commence at 12 noon.

PROGRAM PLANNING 2014 SUMMARY

More than 30 members returned a survey form ranking their top three choices from a list of over 35 LWVUS position in four categories: Government, Social Policy, Natural Resources and International Relations. Two positions in each of the four categories were picked for discussion and to determine the top two positions which would be sent to LWVUS for consideration for continued education and advocacy.

Members were made aware, that LWVUS would continue education and advocacy or opposition using national positions on any legislation being proposed which is covered by those positions whether it is healthcare, education, climate change or others which the League has studied.

Each subject area was presented by a different speaker: Suzanne Barba (Government), Terry Guillory (Social Policy), Linda Morine (Natural Resources) and Al Murdach (International Relations). After each informative and thorough presentation, a discussion was held in order to make additional points and/or to ask questions.

After all the presentations, there was a lively discussion on each issue. At the conclusion, each member voted for the single issue that they thought should be sent to National. The membership voted overwhelmingly for **CAMPAIGN FINANCE** as their #1 priority with the second being **CITIZEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE**.

As a result of the discussions, the rationale for why the group picked these two issues will also be sent to LWVUS. The recent Supreme Court decision in Citizens' United ruling that corporations have the same rights as individuals when it

came to donating to candidates, was cited under Campaign Finance. The rash of voter suppression legislation at the state level that was passed after the recent election was cited as an important reason to continue the League's effort to ensure the voter's right to vote—nationwide.

LWV BAY AREA POSITION SUMMARY

Jewell Spalding reviewed the Bay Area positions and gave an update as to the work being done. It was recommended that our League ask the Bay Area League to form a committee to review and update the older positions as necessary and that the meetings be publicized so that local leagues can participate.

The members were concerned that none of the areas (except Transportation) had been updated since May of 2000. Jewell, who is the LWVEA representative to the Bay Area League said that it is crucial to decide how the League can make the regional agencies more representative.

It was recommended that the top priority Issues for LWVBA should be: Water and Climate Change Issues with Mitigation.

LOCAL LEAGUE POSITIONS

Suzanne Barba reviewed the local positions. It was decided that all of the positions be retained and that a committee be formed to review and update as necessary.

The recommendations made by the Program Planning participants were taken to the LWVEA Board for final approval. The three positions indicated for update were: Boards and Commissions, Unincorporated Areas and Land Use and Planning.

LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2013-2014

ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Sponsored candidate forums for the 15th Congressional District, 20th Assembly District; Mayor of Hayward and Hayward City Council and co-sponsored a candidate forum for Alameda County Superintendent of Schools Council,
- Videotaped most of these forums and put them on LWVedenarea - YouTube.
- Forwarded Action Alerts from LWVC and LWVUS to members.
- 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); Alameda League; Theta Sigma Delta Sorority; Sierra Club SoAC; CSUEB; Assoc. Students, Inc., CSUEB; Castro Valley Library and AC/CC Optometric Society on programs of mutual interest.
- Used VOTER to include information on Healthcare, Education, Climate Change, State and Local Finance, Human Trafficking, Hunger and Homelessness, Fracking and issues at all levels of League—local, regional, state and national.
- Participated with environmental groups to put on three “Adapting to Rising Tides” programs.

COMMUNITY AND VOTER SERVICE

- Maintained 70 sites for voter registration forms and recruited new volunteers.
- Distributed 1,000 Voter Guides for the June 3, election.
- Provided election services for the Palomares Homes Association, including

printing ballot information, collecting ballots and final counting.

- Participated in the Hunger and Homelessness in Hayward program

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.
- Forwarded League Action Alerts and other pertinent information to members.

PROGRAM

- Held four informational programs:

Adapting to Rising Tides partnering with environmental groups.

Modern Slavery—Human Trafficking co-sponsored with the Alameda League

Dark Money in Politics featuring Ann Ravel, vice chair FEC.

- Annual Program Planning to review and reach consensus on LWVUS, LWVBA and local positions.

ADMINISTRATION

- Members attended local, regional and state meetings to observe and gather information of interest to the league.

- 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.

League of Women Voters—Eden Area Proposed Budget for 2014-15



The Budget Committee composed of Chair Linda Slater, Rene' Besold and Nancy Van Huffel, Treasurer is recommending a balanced budget, that includes member dues remaining at the current level of \$50. Towards this effort the Committee will utilize the 2013-14 carry over funds to offset the expenditure increases.

MEMBERSHIP	BUDGET	PROGRAMS	BUDGET
Income		Income	
Membership Dues	\$4,775	Programs	\$ 1,000
Individual		Annual Meeting	
Other Household		Program Planning	
Students		Educational Forums (3)	
Member Donations	\$ 700	Expenses	
Expenses		Programs	(\$ 500)
National Dues	(\$3,151)	Annual Meeting	
State Dues	(\$2,343)	Program Planning	
Local Dues	(\$ 109)	Educational Forums (3)	
Membership	(\$ 400)	Net Programs	(\$ 500)
Printing			
Promotional Items			
Postage		SPECIAL PROJECTS	BUDGET
Orientation		Expenses	
Angel Fund		Special Projects	(\$ 500)
Net Membership	(\$ 528)		
		ADMINISTRATION	BUDGET
VOTER SERVICES	BUDGET	Income	
Income		Carry Over	\$ 1835
Voter Registration Site Service	\$1,000	Expenses	
Expenses		Convention/Meeting Expenses	(\$2,247)
SMART Voter	(\$1,000)	Accommodation/Meals/Fees	
Voter Education	(\$1,500)	Legal or Professional Fees	(\$ 200)
Candidate Forum		Postage	(\$ 150)
Net Voter Services	(\$1,500)	Printing	(\$ 300)
		Voter Newsletter	(\$ 200)
FUNDRAISERS	BUDGET	LWVC Insurance	(\$ 250)
Income		Website	(\$ 160)
Holiday Party/Auction	\$1,000	Net Administration	(\$1,337)
HOA Election Services	\$6,400		
Expenses		TOTAL INCOME	\$12,510
Holiday Party - Food	(\$ 200)	TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$12,510)
HOA Election	(\$3,500)	NET	\$ 0
Postage			
Printing			
Net Fundraisers	\$3,700		
CARRYOVER FUNDS	\$ 1835		