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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2010 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 19, 2010

PLACE: Castro Valley Library
3600 Norbridge Avenue, Castro Valley

10 a.m. Registration
Welcome and Introduction

10:15 a.m. League Business (See page 2 for Business Agenda)

11:30 a.m. Lunch
Program – Guest Speaker Supervisor Gail Steele

Noon - HONORING SUPERVISOR GAIL STEELE



Gail Steele has been an active and supportive League member for 45 years. This year, she will be retiring from the Board of Supervisors after 18 years of outstanding service. Her community activism is legendary. Her commitment to families and children renowned. See details on page 6.

Cost of Lunch is \$10. To RSVP, please use form sent with invitation by mail. If you did not receive a mailed invitation, call Nancy at (510) 562-4473 or email lwvea@aol.com.

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

2010 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

10 a.m. Registration
Welcome and Introductions

10:15 a.m. Business Meeting – LWVEA President Suzanne Barba

- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Credentials report for quorum – V.P. Membership Jennifer Ong
- Adoption of Order of Business – V.P. Program Nancy Van Huffel
- Adoption of Rules of the Day – V.P. Program Nancy Van Huffel
- Action on Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting – Suzanne Barba
- Appointment of Committee to Review 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes – Suzanne Barba
- Action on Proposed 2010-2011 Budget – Treasurer – Linda Slater
- Action on 2010-2011 LWVUS Program – Suzanne Barba
- Action on 2010-2011 Local Program – Suzanne Barba
- President’s Report – Suzanne Barba
- Election of 2010-2011 Board – Nominating Committee – Sonya Howes, Chair
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

11:30 a.m. Adjourn Business Meeting

11:35 a.m. Lunch

Noon – Annual Meeting Speaker – Supervisor Gail Steele

12:30 p.m. Tribute to Supervisor Gail Steele

1 p.m. Adjourn Program

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, 2009 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 2009-2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee for 09-10 was chaired by Sonya Howes, assisted by Marian Handa and Jennifer Ong.

OFFICERS

President Nancy Van Huffel (10-12)
1st V.P. Program Helene Carr (10-12)
2nd V.P. Membership Jennifer Ong (10-11)
Secretary Maria Palmeri (10-12)
Treasurer Linda Slater (10-11)

DIRECTORS (One year terms)

Director Rene Besold
Director Gail Lundholm
Director Doris Marciel
Director Jo Murdach
Director Beverly Reliford
Director Connie Rusk
Director Jewell Spalding
Director Shelia Young

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2010-2011

Marian Handa, Sonya Howes,
Jo Murdach

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

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

League of Women Voters Eden Area
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2009 • 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - San Leandro Library

1. WELCOME

President Marianne Dimick called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone and introduced elected officials present—Michael Gregory, San Leandro City Council and Anna May, Hayward City Council.

She then honored Joan Webber and Jo McClellan, who could not attend, upon reaching their 50 years of League Membership. She said that each would be given a 50-year League pin to commemorate the occasion. Eleanor Parker volunteered to deliver and present the honorary pins to each one. She then called up Malca Chall and awarded her a 50-year pin, which was recently designed and not available at the time that Malca reached her 50th year of membership. Malca was appreciated for her continuous dedication to the League.

2. BUSINESS MEETING

- a. Appointment of a Secretary. President Dimick appointed Angelina Reyes.
- b. Appointment of a Parliamentarian. President Dimick appointed Brian Foster.
- c. Credentials Report for Quorum – Jennifer Ong reported that 21 members were present to fulfill quorum requirements.
- d. Adoption of the Rules for the Day. Vice-President Marian Handa reviewed the Rules for the Day as printed in the Annual Meeting Kit. Motion approved by acclamation.
- e. Adoption of Order of Business. Vice-President Handa said there was one change to the order of business to include “Instruction to the Board to affirm the election of officers and directors.” Thus, the Order of Business was revised and this would be inserted after the Charge to the Board. Motion approved.
- f. Appointment of Committee to Review 2009 Annual Meeting Minutes. President Dimick appointed Sara Lamnin, Sonya Howes, Jennifer Ong, and Suzanne Barba.
- g. Action on Minutes of 2008 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting Kit included these. Moved to approve by Eleanor Parker and seconded by Jennifer Ong. Motion approved.

3. SPEAKER (Arrived at 7 p.m. due to traffic issues.) - Lynn Suter spoke on how the Legislature and Governor were working on the budget to avoid a financial crisis in the state. She commented that understanding the budget was rather difficult and that because of term limits, newer legislators were finding it difficult to deal with the complicated budget process.

At the conclusion of her presentation, the LWVEA Annual Business Meeting continued as follows:

Continued 2. **BUSINESS MEETING**

h. President's Report – President Dimick referred to the League Highlights for the year as published in the Annual Meeting Kit. She thanked the Board for its hard work and dedication during the year and said that the League gained 18 new members. She said the League tried a new fundraiser, which included attending a performance at a local venue, and it was successful and there are plans for another event on October 10. She also reported that June Ann Cook, a student at Chabot College had videotaped the Climate Change Forum and that a copy for those who missed it will be available.

i. Action on Proposed Budget 2009-2010. President Dimick presented the actual and the proposed budget as published in the Annual Meeting Kit. She indicated that Ms. Cartwright would also make a final review. Motion to approve the proposed budget by Sonya Howes and seconded by Ursula Batz and approved.

j. Action on Updated LWVEA Bylaws. Vice- President Handa chaired this committee that included Pat Piras, Eleanor Parker and Suzanne Barba. She reported that there were several drafts to address issues such as board flexibility, and voting using technology that could assist in

allowing the Board to work more efficiently. Some of the changes made in the amended bylaws were intended to align LWVEA's bylaws with the Model LWVC Bylaws. She referred to several more significant changes as described in the two-page summary published in the Kit. It was moved to approve the LWVEA Bylaws as amended by Marian Handa and seconded by Nancy Van Huffel and approved.

k. Presentation of Recommended Program 2009-2010. President Dimick asked that Vice-President Handa present the recommendations from the Program Planning meeting held on January 24th. It was reported that the review of the LWVC positions concluded that no position be dropped. The recommendations did suggest that more emphasis be placed on education and advocacy for State and Local Finance, Child Care, and Redistricting.

Regarding the LWVEA local positions, the Program Planning attendees recommended no changes but that a committee looks at the local position of Boards and Commissions to see if it needs updating.

Audrey LePell said she believed the League had a Land Use Position including the protection of shoreline to see if it could be used in a local Hayward situation involving siting of a power plant. In response, it was noted that the current positions were on our website and that she should restate her recommendation during the "direction to the new board."

k. Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers and Directors. Angelina Reyes, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the slate as follows: President, Suzanne Barba; 1st V.P. Program, Nancy Van Huffel; 2nd V.P. Membership, Jennifer Ong; Secretary, Maria Palmeri; Treasurer, Linda Slater. Nominated for directorships: Gail Lundholm, Helen Oertle, Beverly Reliford, Jo Murdach, Connie Rusk, and Patrisha Piras.

Nominating Committee Chair Reyes asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion to approve the officers and directors as presented by the Nominating Committee made by Eleanor Parker and seconded by Linda Bennett and was approved.

Chair Reyes presented the members to participate as the Nominating Committee for 2009-2010: Marian Handa, Sonya Howes and Nancy Van Huffel. She asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Motion to approve the slate presented for the Nominating Committee 2009-2010 was made by Eleanor Parker and seconded by Evelyn Cormier and approved.

l. Swearing in the New Board - Malca Chall presided as the Swearing In Officer and read the Annual Charge to the Board. President Dimick thanked her for graciously presenting the charge as Supervisor Steele was not available this year.

m. Instruction to the Board regarding confirming election of officers at the first board meeting of the new board members. As previously discussed, by consensus, attendees, representing the membership approved the recommendation.

n. Directions to the Board 2009-2010.

(1) Audrey LePell recommended that the League use its position on Land Use to oppose the power plant being sited on the Hayward Shoreline.

(2) Brian Foster recommended the League continue to provide pro and con information on issues and not do advocacy as it dilutes the reputation of the League. He emphasized that the League's main objective is commonly known as a source and provider of information that one can count on not to be biased on issues that are advocated.

(3) Evelyn Cormier recommended that LWVEA take positions in line with the adopted positions and not take positions on topics or issues that haven't been studied.

(4) Outgoing President Marianne Dimick expressed her concerns on membership and the future growth of this League. She stressed that to reverse the decline of League membership, the League needs to aggressively recruit new young members.

4. **ADJOURNMENT** – The 2009 Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angelina Reyes, Annual Meeting Secretary 6-29-09

TRIBUTE TO SUPERVISOR GAIL STEELE

Gail Steele has been an active member and supporter of the League of Women Voters for 45 years. During all those years she has shown an amazing commitment to the mental health and well being of children and families. This leadership effort were evident during her years as a citizen advocate, Hayward City Councilmember, creator and Executive Director of the non-profit Eden Youth Center and during her 18 years of outstanding accomplishments as an Alameda County Supervisor.

Gail grew up near Guerneville and graduated from U. C. Berkeley with a B.A. in Sociology and then received her Master's in Non-profit Administration from the University of San Francisco. She has received numerous awards including the Angels in Adoption Program Award from the Congressional Coalition on Adoption in 2009. She is responsible for creating the National Children's Memorial Flag Day which was adopted by the U. S. Congress in 2001.

In an interview a few years ago, Gail was quoted as follows: "I have worked hard since my college years to make a positive difference for the community, and for children within the system." We think she has succeeded and applaud her goal to continue this work in the future.

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2010-2011

LWVEA held its annual Program Planning meeting on January 23, 2010, chaired by Suzanne Barba. There were 19 attendees.

LWVUS Positions

The group came to consensus on two of the 75 LWVUS positions—Health Care System and Climate Change for education

and advocacy. Attendees also reviewed three proposed studies which were submitted by three other Leagues who are recommending that the LWVUS during its convention in June, consider them for study. Attendees at the LWVEA Program Planning meeting did not come to consensus to approve any of the three for LWVUS study.

One was to study the Federal Role in Education. Attendees felt that education is a local and state issue and should be dealt with on that level.

A second was to consider a Peace Department at Cabinet Level. Although there were some favorable opinions, it was agreed that the proposal was not written clearly and it was hard to determine what this position would do.

A third was to study Adult Civic Literacy. Again, the participants thought this was a commendable idea, but the proposal was not clear on how it was to be accomplished and that some local Leagues are already working on this.

LWV Bay Area Positions

The Bay Area League's positions were reviewed and no changes suggested. Attendees approved the LWVBA proposed plans for monitoring, education and advocacy for 2010-2011.

LWVEA Positions

Local positions were reviewed and it was agreed that we should update our Mental Health position. There was also consensus that we should implement some of the items in our Boards and Commissions position such as finding out and publicizing appointed position vacancies that Boards and Commissions have.

There was also a recommendation to establish a committee to discuss State and Local Finance Issues. Volunteers included Nancy Van Huffel, Sara Lamnin, Rene Besold, Evelyn Gertler and Shelia Young.

LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2009-2010

ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Sent 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.
- Contacted elected official for Legislative Interviews.
- Used VOTER to include information on Redistricting, Popular Vote Compact and Climate Change.

COMMUNITY AND VOTER SERVICE

- Reviewed placement and servicing of affidavit boxes containing voter registration material and visited each of our 70 sites to ensure proper management.
- Distributed over 2,000 Easy Voter Guides in English. 500 in Spanish and Chinese, and for the June 8, 2010 election.
- Provided speakers for 6 Pro and Con presentations for the June 8 election for community groups who requested our services.
- Provided candidate forum services for Board of Supervisors race and for the Hayward City Council.
- Conducted one election, for the Palomares Homes Association.

MEMBER SERVICES

- Held an orientation for new members and supplied new members with informative membership handbooks.

- Called new members to welcome them to our League and ascertain what their interest and skill sets were.
- Published 10 issues of the VOTER, emailing to those with email and mailing hard copies to those who don't.
- Maintained an LWVEA website to keep membership informed.
- Maintained an E-Mail Action Advocacy list of approximately 100 members.

PROGRAM

- Convened a Board Retreat in July to do the planning and set programs for the 2009-2010 year.
- Held a program on November 5, 2009 on State Finance and Budget Problems and Solutions and the proposed CA Constitutional Convention featuring a well-known panel of experts and State Treasurer Bill Lockyer
- Conducted Annual Program Planning to review and reach consensus on LWVUS, LWV Bay Area and local positions.
- Held a Meet and Greet Your Elected Officials program and produced and showed a video to commemorate LWVUS 90th Anniversary in Hayward City Hall.
- Held our first Brown Bag Luncheon On February 19, on the topic of Education-Financing and Legislative Impact. Good turnout and exchange of information.

ADMINISTRATION

- Attended local, regional and state meetings to observe and gather information of interest to the League and well as League trainings, including Webinars.
- Held a successful Holiday Party which included collecting clothing, toys and other gifts for local Emergency Shelters.

LWV EDEN AREA ANNUAL MEETING KIT

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 2010-11

In the last quarter of FY 2009-10, our League should end up about \$4,000 ahead of last year's budget. Our total assets remain around \$46,000, which is an ample amount and more than our annual budget. The Board decisions this year reflect a desire to group revenue and expenses by broad categories: Membership; Voter Services; Fundraisers; Programs; Special Projects and Administration. The Board felt this strategy would make it easier to ascertain the actual income and expense for each program/project. For FY 2010-11, the Board is recommending a balanced budget, that includes member dues remaining at the current level for the year.

MEMBERSHIP	BUDGET	PROGRAMS	BUDGET
Income		Income	
Membership Dues	\$6,150	Programs	\$ 200
Individual		Annual Meeting	
Other Household		Program Planning	
Students		Educational Forums (3)	
Member Donations	\$ 200	Expenses	
Expenses		Programs	(\$1,000)
National Dues	(\$2,850)	Annual Meeting	
State Dues	(\$2,150)	Program Planning	
Local Dues	(\$ 100)	Educational Forums (3)	
Membership	(\$ 500)	Net Programs	(\$ 800)
Printing			
Promotional Items			
Postage			
Orientation			
Angel Fund			
Net Membership	\$ 750		
		SPECIAL PROJECTS	BUDGET
		Expenses	
		Special Projects	(\$1,000)
		ADMINISTRATION	BUDGET
		Income	
		Interest Earned	\$ 100
		Expenses	
		Convention/Meeting Expenses	(\$2,500)
		Accommodation/Meals	
		Travel/Parking	
		Registration/Fees	
		Legal or Professional Fees	(\$ 500)
		Sunshine Committee	(\$ 150)
		Postage	(\$ 150)
		Printing	(\$ 150)
		Supplies and Materials	(\$ 250)
		Voter Newsletter	(\$ 200)
		LWVC Insurance	(\$ 400)
		Website	(\$ 200)
		Net Administration	(\$4,400)
		TOTAL INCOME	\$16,500
		TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$16,500)
		NET INCOME	\$ 0
FUNDRAISERS	BUDGET		
Income			
Holiday Party/Auction	\$1,200		
Membership Raffle	\$ 900		
HOA Election Services	\$6,000		
Expenses			
Holiday Party - Food	(\$ 300)		
Membership Raffle - Printing	(\$ 200)		
HOA Election	(\$2,500)		
Postage			
Food			
Net Fundraisers	\$5,100		

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	PLACE
May 17	6-8pm	P & C Presentation	Hayward Library
May 26	Noon	P & C Presentation	Public Health Dept. S.L
May 29	10-2pm	LWV Bay Area Convention	Castro Valley Library
June 8		Election Day	
June 11-15		LWVUS Convention	Atlanta, GA
June 19	10-1:30pm	LWVEA Annual Meeting	Castro Valley Library

**Please visit our website for
up-to-date event information— www.lwvea.org**