



City of Hayward

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Eden Area League of Women Voters is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on April 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Hayward Area League of Women Voters was founded in 1957 by a group of Hayward women interested in non-partisan study of local and broader issues, and non-partisan voter education.; and

WHEREAS, The Hayward Area League is an expression of the National League founded in 1920, dedicated to enfranchising all voters, educating its members and the public on local, state, and national issues, providing non-partisan public forums for candidate interviews and ballot measure discussions; and

WHEREAS, The Hayward Area League joined with the San Leandro League in 1988 to become the **Eden Area League of Women Voters**; and

WHEREAS, Some of the outstanding projects of our League have been: Developing the Charter Amendment language for the successful; Election in Hayward that established the present form of City Council/City Manager government that resulted in the first Elected Mayor; Conducting studies on children's mental health, health care education, energy, juvenile justice, transparency in government, voting systems, state and local finance, land use, parks and open space and boards and commissions; Training our members in the legal requirements for homeowner Association elections and then providing qualified election inspectors to oversee such elections; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Eden Area League of Women Voters have given thousands of hours to their communities improving voter knowledge of local, state, and national issues, encouraging community members to become involved with local issues, especially focusing on educating voters on state ballot propositions, local issues, and understanding the governance structures and information within which we all vote; and

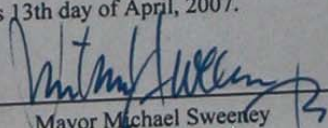
WHEREAS, The League, at all levels, has a well-deserved reputation for educating themselves and the public about critical public policy issues and events that shape our democratic process.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Michael Sweeney, Mayor of the City of Hayward and on behalf of the entire Hayward City Council do hereby congratulate:

Eden Area League of Women Voters

on its 50 years of being a nonpartisan, multi-issue, grassroots organization that encourages informed, active participation of residents in local, county, state and national governments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hayward to be affixed this 13th day of April, 2007.



Mayor Michael Sweeney

