



League of Women Voters Eden Area

# VOTER

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## CANDIDATE FORUM

**When:** Monday, April 5, 2010

**Where:** Hayward City Hall, 777 B Street  
City Council Chambers

6:00-7:00 pm **Alameda County District 2  
Board of Supervisor Candidates**

Kevin Dowling, Mark Green, Liz Figueroa, Nadia Lockyer

7:15-8:15 pm **Hayward City Council Candidates**

Ralph Farias, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Sara Lamnin,  
Steve Oiwa, Marvin Peixoto, Mark Salinas

*Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Eden Area  
and League of Women Voters Fremont, Union City, Newark*

**For more information contact Suzanne Barba (510) 538-9678**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### HOMEOWNER ASSOC. ELECTION—

Thanks to the eight League members who volunteered to help count ballots for the Palomares Homeowners Association board elections on March 23. They opened more than 1200 envelopes, kept track of votes for each of the six candidates and one Tax Measure and tallied the results.

Our thanks to: Lou Andrade, Jennifer Ong, Maria Palmeri, Ron Palmeri, Beverly Reliford, Connie Rusk, Cossette Sun and Nancy Van Huffel.

### LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEWS—

The State League has assigned local Leagues the responsibility of interviewing legislators who represent our district and/or we share the task if the legislator's district covers more than one League area.

Our League has been assigned to interview Senator Ellen Corbett and we are still trying to find a date this month when she will be in town and available. A member of the Fremont/Union City/ Newark League will join us. Two LWVEA members have expressed interest and we will continue to recruit others. So if you are interested, please let me email me at [suzbarba@comcast.net](mailto:suzbarba@comcast.net) or call 538-9678.

### VOTER SERVICE BOARD POSITION—

We are still looking for a person to take over this important job. The Voter Service person oversees a committee of people who have different assignments such as setting up candidate forums, voter registration, assigning people to make presentations on ballot pros and cons, and helping candidates get their information on Smart Voter. It is a big job, but there is a team of members who are helping and doing much of the work now. If interested, contact [suzbarba@comcast.net](mailto:suzbarba@comcast.net). Thanks.

Suzanne Barba

## BOARD BRIEFS

March 17, 2010

- Membership Report - Reported that we have 142 members with four of those being new.
- Brown Bag Luncheon – Consensus was that it was successful and that we should do others on different topics. Doris Marciel wrote an excellent report on what was discussed which appeared in the March VOTER.
- Candidate Forums – LWVEA will have candidate forums for Board of Supervisor candidates for District 2 and 3 as well as for the Hayward City Council.
- Legislative Interviews – Two board members volunteered to be on the interview team and to recruit to find others will continue.
- LWVUS Convention – It was announced that the convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from June 11 to 15. We are authorized two delegates.
- Sunshine Week/Women's History Month – Consensus was that we should send the media a letter to the editor or My Word article on each.
- Affidavit Report Training – The training was held by the Piedmont League and we had three representatives there. The report covers our activity servicing affidavit sites semi-annually and goes to the Registrar of Voters.
- Nominating Committee – The committee chair of the reported that they have been calling members but haven't completed their work yet.

*The Board meets on the third Wednesday of the month at the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association Conference Room at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.*

## KAREN HOLZMEISTER HONORED

On March 12<sup>th</sup> the League of Women Voters Eden Area honored Karen Holzmeister, recently retired Daily Review reporter, at a luncheon in the Hayward Siam Palace Restaurant. Those in attendance were Suzanne Barba, Helene Carr, Stephanie Cartwright, Malca Chall, Gail Lundholm, Doris Marciel, Connie Rusk, Nancy Schluntz, Nancy Van Huffel, and Jean West.

Karen shared her career of 36 ½ years with the newspaper and her travels. She has received a Certificate of Commendation from the City of Hayward for her commitment to local government as a reporter and the Unsung Hero Award for her lifetime of dedication to community reporting from the Northern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

The professional journalism group stated the following: “Karen has reported through newspaper ownership changes and its changing fortunes since the 1970’s. Readers in Hayward, San Leandro, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo know Holzmeister’s stories, big and small, but “big J” journalism often overlooks this kind of reportage. Despite the raft of budget cuts, newsroom shrinkage and daily doom, Holzmeister comes into the newsroom every morning with amazing energy to get to the bottom of things, and to provide local context.”

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> Karen will be a recipient of the Community Service Award at the Hayward Area Historical Society’s 11<sup>th</sup> Annual History Awards dinner.

*Doris Marciel*

## SUMMARY OF LEAGUE MEMBER INPUT FOR 2010 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

At our January Program Planning meeting, attendees discussed LWVUS positions and made recommendations on which ones should be given priority for 2010. The following is a summary from LWVUS on what local Leagues suggested.

Each January, the LWVUS Board of Directors adopts Priorities for Advocacy for the calendar year. Priorities are established in order to assure the best use of LWV resources.

Consideration must be given to issues that are likely to be addressed by the Congress: member interest; the political climate for action on a specific issue; the resources that are available; opportunities for successful advocacy; and, whether the LWV is the organization that can make a difference.

The following is a list of the input received from members in descending order:

- Campaign Finance Reform – many of these suggestions were in support of the Fair Elections Now Act .
- Global Climate Change
- Health Care Reform
- Arms Control
- Immigration Reform
- Election Reform, Ethics and Lobbying Reform, Abolition of the Electoral College, Concerns about how the Congress conducts itself (rules, earmarks, cloture), Civil Liberties, Redistricting, Census 2010
- Specific suggestions to support HR 2766 and S 1215, legislation that would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to repeal a certain exemption for hydraulic fracturing and other purposes
- DC Voting Rights and Budget Autonomy
- Gun Control
- Miscellaneous suggestions: Year Round School, Abolition of the Death Penalty, ERA, Veterans’ Assistance, Civic Education, Affordable Rental Housing

These suggestions were received from individual members, LWVUS Boards, and committees who held meetings to discuss Advocacy Priorities. All suggestions were tallied for the report to the LWVUS Board of Directors.

## LWVEA NONPARTISAN POLICY

*An excerpt from our LWVEA Nonpartisan Policy is being published in this VOTER because some of our members and the public may misunderstand how we keep our reputation for being nonpartisan yet politically active.*

### LEAGUE of WOMEN VOTERS of EDEN AREA—NONPARTISAN POLICY

The League is able to render effective voter service and to gain support for its positions on governmental issues only by ensuring that all LWVEA members and the public understand the League policy of nonpartisanship, as follows:

The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose political parties or individual candidates for elective office. The League does take action to support or to oppose public policy issues based upon those positions and principles of government established through member studies and agreement.

#### League Application of Policy

1. Board members must ensure that the nonpartisan image is preserved, that what the Board does and what it says are not influenced by a party or candidate, or in support of or opposition to a party or candidate. Unintentional support or opposition is often unavoidable when a party's or a candidate's position coincides with League position. However, Board members maintain nonpartisan attitudes at a League meetings and at all public appearances when representing the League.

a. Board members and some members highly visible to the public, such as those filling speaking engagements, are subject to special restrictions. Board members do have a special responsibility to avoid statements or actions on behalf of organizations or issues that are likely to cause public misunderstanding of the League's position.

b. A Board member who wishes to run for or hold public office, or take a major public role in partisan politics, may not remain on the Board unless granted an exception by the Board. The President and the Voters Service Director are not eligible for such an exception. Note: Any League member who becomes a candidate for elective office shall not state or imply in his/her statement

of qualifications that he/she is supported by the League. However, there is no prohibition against simply stating that he/she is a member of the League, or including the League in the list of organizations in which he/she holds membership.

c. No Board member may publicly support an issue in opposition to a League position. If a Board member believes that his/her employment may cause a conflict of interest with an issue under discussion, he/she may decline to discuss the issue and may abstain from voting.

2. The Board ensures that the Nonpartisanship Policy together with the positions and principles of LWVEA are printed in a local membership handbook. The local Board of Directors applies the positions and principles to current issues and determines the League's position and actions. A Board-designated person, often the President, is the spokesperson for the League.

3. Members are encouraged to carry out their responsibilities as voters, but are cautioned to use good judgment. When taking a public partisan stand, individual League members may not identify themselves as representing the League. If writing a letter to an elected official, commission, or other governmental body, the member should write as a private citizen. *Adopted: 12/11/98, Updated 7/05*

### **Health Care Reform Bill Summary: A Look At What's in the Bill**

3-23-10 CBS News Capitol

**Cost:** \$940 billion over ten years.

**Deficit:** · Would reduce the deficit by \$143 billion over the first ten years. That is an updated CBO estimate. Their first preliminary estimate said it would reduce the deficit by \$130 billion over ten years. Would reduce the deficit by \$1.2 trillion dollars in the second ten years.

**Coverage:** · Would expand coverage to 32 million Americans who are currently uninsured.

### **Health Insurance Exchanges:**

· The uninsured and self-employed would be able to purchase insurance through state-based exchanges with subsidies available to individuals

and families with income between the 133% and 400 % of poverty level.

- Separate exchanges would be created for small businesses to purchase coverage- effective 2014.
- Funding available to states to establish exchanges within one year of enactment and until January 1, 2015.

**Subsidies:**

- Individuals and families who make between 100 percent - 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and want to purchase their own health insurance on an exchange are eligible for subsidies. They cannot be eligible for Medicare, Medicaid and cannot be covered by an employer. Eligible buyers receive premium credits and there is a cap for how much they have to contribute to their premiums on a sliding scale. Federal Poverty Level for family of four is \$22,050

**Paying for the Plan:**

- Medicare Payroll tax on investment income -- Starting in 2012, the Medicare Payroll Tax will be expanded to include unearned income. That will be a 3.8 percent tax on investment income for families making more than \$250,000 per year (\$200,000 for individuals).
- Excise Tax -- Beginning in 2018, insurance companies will pay a 40 % excise tax on so-called "Cadillac" high-end insurance plans worth over \$27,500 for families (\$10,200 for individuals). Dental and vision plans are exempt and will not be counted in the total cost of a family's plan.
- Tanning Tax -- 10 percent excise tax on indoor tanning services.

**Medicare:**

- Closes the Medicare prescription drug "donut hole" by 2020. Seniors who hit the donut hole by 2010 will receive a \$250 rebate.
- Beginning in 2011, seniors in the gap will receive a 50 percent discount on brand name drugs. The bill also includes \$500 billion in Medicare cuts over the next decade.

**Medicaid:**

- Expands Medicaid to include 133 % of federal poverty level which is \$29,327 for a family of four.
- Requires states to expand Medicaid to include childless adults starting in 2014.

- Federal Government pays 100% of costs for covering newly eligible individuals through 2016.
- Illegal immigrants are not eligible for Medicaid.

**Insurance Reforms:**

- Six months after enactment, insurance companies could no longer deny children coverage based on a preexisting condition.
- Starting in 2014, insurance companies cannot deny coverage to anyone with preexisting conditions.
- Insurance companies must allow children to stay on their parent's insurance plans until age 26.

**Abortion:**

- The bill segregates private insurance premium funds from taxpayer funds. Individuals would have to pay for abortion coverage by making two separate payments, private funds would have to be kept in a separate account from federal and taxpayer funds.
- No health care plan would be required to offer abortion coverage. States could pass legislation choosing to opt out of offering abortion coverage through the exchange.

*\*\*Separately, anti-abortion Democrats worked out language with the White House on an executive order that would state that no federal funds can be used to pay for abortions except in the case of rape, incest or health of the mother.*

**Individual Mandate:**

- In 2014, everyone must purchase health insurance or face a \$695 annual fine. There are some exceptions for low-income people.

**Employer Mandate:**

- Technically, there is no employer mandate. Employers with more than 50 employees must provide health insurance or pay a fine of \$2000 per worker each year if any worker receives federal subsidies to purchase health insurance. Fines applied to entire number of employees minus some allowances.

**Immigration:**

- Illegal immigrants will not be allowed to buy health insurance in the exchanges -- even if they pay completely with their own money.

## **ALAMEDA COUNTY COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)**

Hayward issued its Climate Action Plan in June 2009. San Leandro is also busy implementing its plan. However, if you live in the unincorporated areas (Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, Cherryland, Ashland, Fairview) you are invited to review the draft AC-CAP at a number of county meetings scheduled from April 12 to June 8 when the Board of Supervisors receives it.

The draft plan includes methods to improve transit, reduce congestion, decrease energy and water usage, reduce waste, and increase recycling. To find out more about the AC-CAP, review the draft and find out when the various meetings are scheduled, go to the following website: <http://acgov.org/cda/planning/climateactionplan.htm>.

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES & SB375**

In January 2010, the Bay Area League held a conference addressing Climate Change. During the conference, SB 375 was discussed. The following is a summary of that important bill.

1. SB 375 creates a Sustainable Communities Strategy that links climate policy with an integrated regional land-use-and-transportation-planning approach to reduce greenhouse-gas (GHG) emissions from automobiles and light trucks. Within the Bay Area, automobiles and light trucks account for about 64 percent of emissions from the transportation sector.

A Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) is based on a regional target for greenhouse-gas reduction and it identifies areas for housing and development for all of the region's population. It identifies significant resource areas and farmland. It sets forth an integrated development pattern and transportation network that will achieve the greenhouse reduction targets for the region, if there is a feasible way to do it.

The plan needs to comply with the federal clean air and transportation laws. An alternative planning strategy is permitted if it is not possible to achieve the targets within an SCS.

2. It aligns the program for the regional distribution of housing to be consistent with the SCS. The bill expands regional and local responsibilities relative to state housing objectives. It requires that the region identify residential areas sufficient to accommodate all of the Bay Area's population, including all economic groups, for 25 years; and it requires that, within three years of amending their housing elements, local governments enact zoning to implement those elements

3. It adds new provisions to the California Environmental Quality Act to encourage land use decisions that implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

4. It adds new modeling provisions to accurately account for the transportation impacts of land use decisions.

SB 375 explicitly assigns responsibilities to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to implement the bill's provisions for the Bay Area. Both agencies are members of the Joint Policy Committee (JPC). The first step will be the establishment of regional greenhouse gas reduction targets by the California Air Resources Board by September 2010. After that, each region, in cooperation with counties and cities, will work on a Sustainable Communities Strategy for their region. For more information,

[www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc-sb375-implementation.htm](http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc-sb375-implementation.htm) or contact me at [craighughes@earthlink.net](mailto:craighughes@earthlink.net).

*Linda Craig, Regional Government Director*

# QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE

**PROP 13** LIMITS ON PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT. SEISMIC RETROFITTING OF EXISTING BUILDINGS. LEGISLATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

## SUMMARY

*Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

Provides that construction to seismically retrofit buildings will not trigger reassessment of property tax value. Sets statewide standard for seismic retrofit improvements that qualify. Fiscal Impact: **Minor reduction in local property tax revenues related to the assessment of earthquake upgrades.**

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Earthquake safety improvements made to unreinforced masonry (such as brick) buildings would not result in higher property taxes until the building is sold.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: Earthquake safety improvements made to unreinforced masonry buildings would continue to be excluded from property taxes but for only up to 15 years.

## ARGUMENTS

**PRO** Proposition 13 makes a necessary change to our state's constitution in order to eliminate a dangerous disincentive for property owners to upgrade un-reinforced masonry structures in order to improve earthquake safety. This proposition promotes fairness by eliminating the unequal treatment of different types of property which undergo seismic safety improvements.

**CON** No argument against Proposition 13 was submitted.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR**  
Senator Roy Ashburn's Support  
Proposition 13 Committee  
P.O. Box 11444  
Bakersfield, CA 93389  
(661) 861-8100

**AGAINST**  
No contact information was provided.

**PROP 14** ELECTIONS. INCREASES RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

## SUMMARY

*Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

Changes the primary election process for congressional, statewide, and legislative races. Allows all voters to choose any candidate regardless of the candidate's or voter's political party preference. Ensures that the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the general election ballot regardless of party preference. Fiscal Impact: No significant net change in state and local government costs to administer elections.

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: All voters would receive the same primary election ballot for most state and federal offices. Only the two candidates with the most votes—regardless of political party identification—would advance to the general election ballot.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: Voters would continue to receive primary election ballots based on their political party. The candidate with the most votes from each political party would continue to advance to the general election ballot.

## ARGUMENTS

**PRO** A YES vote means YOU will be able to vote for any candidate you wish for state and congressional offices, regardless of political party preference. Experts say non-partisan measures like Proposition 14 will result in elected representatives in Sacramento and Washington who are LESS PARTISAN and MORE PRACTICAL.

**CON** The politicians behind Proposition 14 included a deceptive provision, that won't make primaries "Open" at all. Candidates will no longer be required to list their party affiliation on the ballot. They want to look like "independents" while they actually remain in their political party. Business as usual disguised as "reform."

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR**  
YES ON 14-Californians For  
An Open Primary  
info@YESON14OPENPRIMARY.COM  
www.YESON14OPENPRIMARY.COM

**AGAINST**  
California School Employees'  
Association  
2045 Lundy Ave.  
San Jose, CA 95131  
(408) 473-1000

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## PROP CALIFORNIA FAIR ELECTIONS ACT.

# 15

### SUMMARY

*Put on the Ballot by the Legislature*

Repeals ban on public funding of political campaigns. Creates a voluntary system for candidates for Secretary of State to qualify for a public campaign grant if they agree to limitations on spending and private contributions. Each candidate demonstrating enough public support would receive same amount. Participating candidates would be prohibited from raising or spending money beyond the grant. There would be strict enforcement and accountability. Funded by voluntary contributions and a biennial fee on lobbyists, lobbying firms, and lobbyist employers. Fiscal Impact: **Increased revenues (mostly from charges related to lobbyists) totaling over \$6 million** every four years. These funds would be spent on public financing for campaigns of Secretary of State candidates for the 2014 and 2018 elections.

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: The state ban on public funding for political campaigns for elected offices would be lifted. For the 2014 and 2018 elections, candidates for the office of Secretary of State could choose to receive public funds to pay for the costs of campaigns if they met certain requirements. Charges related to lobbyists would be increased to pay for these costs.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: The state ban on public funding for political campaigns for elected offices would continue. Candidates for the office of Secretary of State would continue to pay for their campaigns with private funds subject to current rules. Existing charges related to lobbyists would not change.

### ARGUMENTS

**PRO** YES on 15: The amount of money in politics is outrageous and corrupts the system. The League of Women Voters of California says Prop. 15 will get politicians out of the fundraising game so they will focus on California's priorities. Elections should be won, not bought by special interests. [www.YesOnProp15.org](http://www.YesOnProp15.org)

**CON** Proposition 15 is a trick. It raises taxes with no accountability to provide millions in taxpayer money to politicians to fund their negative campaigns AND ALSO ALLOWS politicians to continue to raise money from special interest groups. Prop. 15 is not real campaign reform. Please vote NO on Prop. 15.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR**  
Derek Cressman  
Californians for Fair Elections  
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Culver City, CA 90230  
(800) 566-3780  
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[www.YesOnProp15.org](http://www.YesOnProp15.org)

**AGAINST**  
STOP PROP 15  
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[STOPPROP15.com](http://STOPPROP15.com)

## PROP IMPOSES NEW TWO-THIRDS VOTER APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL PUBLIC ELECTRICITY PROVIDERS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

### SUMMARY

*Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

Requires two-thirds voter approval before local governments provide electricity service to new customers or establish a community choice electricity program using public funds or bonds. Fiscal Impact: **Unknown net impact on state and local government costs and revenues—unlikely to be significant in the short run—due to the measure's uncertain effects on public electricity providers and on electricity rates.**

### WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Local governments would generally be required to receive two-thirds voter approval before they could start up electricity services or expand electricity service into a new territory.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: Local governments generally could continue to implement proposals involving the start-up or expansion of electricity service either through approval by a majority of voters or actions by governing boards.

### ARGUMENTS

**PRO** Proposition 16 is the Taxpayers Right to Vote Act. It requires two thirds voter approval before local governments can spend or borrow public money to enter the retail electricity business. In tough economic time like these, taxpayers should have the final say in how government spends our money.

**CON** Proposition 16 does two things: First, it drastically limits your choices on who provides you with electricity. Second, it lets the for-profit utilities in California raise your electricity rates again and again, by protecting their monopoly and eliminating competition. For more choice and lower electric bills, NO on Proposition 16.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR**  
YES On 16/Californians to Protect Our Right to Vote  
2350 Kerner Blvd., Suite 250  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
[info@taxpayersrighttovote.com](mailto:info@taxpayersrighttovote.com)  
[www.taxpayersrighttovote.com](http://www.taxpayersrighttovote.com)

**AGAINST**  
Taxpayers Against the PG&E Powergrab, Sponsored by Local Power, Inc. and The Utility Reform Network  
Mindy Spatt  
5429 Madison Avenue  
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[www.powergrab.info](http://www.powergrab.info)

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**PROP 17** **ALLOWS AUTO INSURANCE COMPANIES TO BASE THEIR PRICES IN PART ON A DRIVER'S HISTORY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

## SUMMARY

*Put on the Ballot by Petition Signatures*

Permits companies to reduce or increase cost of insurance depending on whether driver has a history of continuous insurance coverage. Fiscal Impact: **Probably no significant fiscal effect on state insurance premium tax revenues.**

## WHAT YOUR VOTE MEANS

**YES** A YES vote on this measure means: Insurance companies could offer new customers a discount on their automobile insurance premiums based on the length of time the customer had maintained bodily injury liability coverage with another insurer.

**NO** A NO vote on this measure means: Insurers could provide discounts to their long-term automobile insurance customers, but would continue to be prohibited from providing such discounts to new customers switching from other insurers.

## ARGUMENTS

**PRO** Yes on 17 can save insured drivers up to \$250 by eliminating a surcharge for changing insurance companies. 17 allows insured drivers to take continuous coverage discounts with them if they change insurers, just like good driver discounts. A flaw in California law prevents this. 17 saves consumers money. [www.YesProp17.org](http://www.YesProp17.org)

**CON** Mercury Insurance is spending millions on Proposition 17 so auto insurance companies can RAISE PREMIUMS AS MUCH AS \$1,000 on good drivers. It reverses a voter-approved law and allows new insurance surcharges that will harm middle-class families and lead to more uninsured motorists. Consumer advocates OPPOSE Prop. 17.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**FOR**  
Yes on 17-Californians for Fair Auto Insurance Rates  
(916) 325-0056  
[info@YesProp17.org](mailto:info@YesProp17.org)  
[www.YesProp17.org](http://www.YesProp17.org)

**AGAINST**  
Campaign for Consumer Rights  
(310) 392-0522  
[VoteNo@StopProp17.org](mailto:VoteNo@StopProp17.org)  
[www.StopProp17.org](http://www.StopProp17.org)

## Find Your Polling Place

Polling place locations are coordinated by county elections offices. Your polling place will be listed on the back cover of your county sample ballot booklet.

Many county elections offices offer polling place look-up assistance via websites or toll-free phone numbers.

For more information, visit the Secretary of State's website at

[www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_d.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_d.htm)

or call the toll-free Voter Hotline at (800) 345-VOTE (8683).

If your name does not appear on the voter list at your polling place, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot at any polling place in the county in which you are registered to vote.

Provisional ballots are ballots cast by voters who:

- Believe they are registered to vote even though their names do not appear on the official voter registration list;
- Believe the official voter registration list incorrectly lists their political party affiliation; or
- Vote by mail but cannot locate their vote-by-mail ballot and want to vote at a polling place.

Your provisional ballot will be counted after elections officials have confirmed that you are registered to vote and you did not vote elsewhere in that election.

(Note: If you moved to your new address after May 24, 2010, you may vote at your old polling place.)

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 government and influences public  
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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

April 3 Saturday	9 a.m.	LWV Alameda County Council	Nate Miley's Office Redwood Rd, CV
April 5 Monday	6 p.m.	Candidate Forum (See page 1)	Hayward City Hall 777 B Street, Chambers
April 12	6 p.m.	CV MAC - Climate Action Plan AC-CAP	CV Library, Chabot Rm 3600 Norbridge Ave
April 21 Wednesday	6 p.m.	LWVEA Board Mtg	San Lorenzo Village Homes Assoc. Conf Room
April 21 Wednesday	1 to 4 p.m.	South Hayward Stroll (free event)	Tennyson Park at Huntwood, Hayward
April 28 Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Unincorporated Svc Mtg, AC-CAP	San Lorenzo Village Homes Assoc.
May 8	1 p.m.	LWVEA Pros & Cons Presentation	CV Library, 3600 Norbridge Ave, CV

**Please visit our website for  
 up-to-date event information— [www.lwvea.org](http://www.lwvea.org)**