



League of Women Voters Eden Area

# VOTER

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## LWVEA CANDIDATE FORUMS

*Find out how the candidates stand on important issues.*

**TUESDAY, April 10 (Two forums)**

Hayward City Hall Council Chambers  
777 B Street, Hayward

### ➤ **HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL**

All nine candidates have been invited to participate for the four seats  
**6:30 to 7:45pm**

### ➤ **15<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT—one seat**

CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" J. PAREJA, Small Business Owner  
FORTNEY "PETE" STARK, United States Congressman  
ERIC SWALWELL, Prosecutor/ Dublin City Councilman

**8:00 to 9:00pm**

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## **WEDNESDAY, May 2**

Hayward City Hall Council Chambers  
777 B Street, Hayward

### ➤ **20<sup>th</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT—one seat**

SARABJIT KAUR CHEEMA, Transportation Engineer/ Educator  
MARK GREEN Mayor of Union City  
JENNIFER ONG, Doctor of Optometry  
BILL QUIRK, Hayward City Councilmember/Scientist  
LUIS REYNOSO, Hayward Unified School District Governing Bd Member

**6:30 to 8:00pm**



*LWVEA is proud of its efforts to provide the voters of Eden Area an opportunity to meet, listen to, and objectively question their candidates so they may be informed voters!*

















## FORMER SUPERVISOR GAIL STEELE HONORED FOR DECADES OF SERVICE



Former supervisor Gail Steele was recently honored by having a building named after her—Gail Steele Wellness and Recovery Center in Hayward.

The Center was dedicated to Gail for her innumerable contributions both as an Alameda County Supervisor for eighteen years and as a community advocate for children and families for almost forty years.

A bronze plaque which will be placed at the building states....”Gail Steele is a tireless advocate for poor and disenfranchised communities in Alameda County. She has a vision of a comprehensive system of mental health and substance overuse services for county residents.....Her vision is broad, hopeful, spiritual, holistic and encompassed programs that mitigate the effects of poverty, stress and environmental challenges affecting the well-being and quality of life of all individuals.

Gail is also a long-time member and supporter of the League of Women Voters.



### LWVUS - SUNSHINE WEEK

March 11 – 17 was Sunshine

Week, a nationwide effort to call attention to transparency in government and freedom of information. While government transparency is its real objective, this election year, there is a greater need for transparency and disclosure of secret money in elections. Voters want to know just who is pouring millions of dollars in secret contributions into our elections.

Polls show the public overwhelmingly supports transparency for candidate campaigns and outside spending groups. A cardinal rule of campaign finance laws is that citizens are entitled to know the identity of and amounts given by the donors who are funding campaign expenditures to influence their votes.

Introduced in Congress in February, the DISCLOSE Act restores this fundamental right to know. The choice for members of Congress is clear: do you support disclosure to provide citizens with basic information they have a right to know or do you support secret money being spent to influence our elections? For decades, members of the League of Women Voters have acted as government watchdogs at the federal, state and local levels. Join us in supporting the DISCLOSE Act which will hold our federal officials accountable and help to make our democracy healthy, vibrant and strong for all.



**May 21** - Last day to register to vote for the June primary.

**May 29** - Last day for the county election office to receive your vote-by-mail application. [Find your County Election office](#)

**June 5** – Election Day (polls open from 7am-8pm). Find your polling place on [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)

Correction - In last month’s VOTER, in Board Briefs, there was incorrect information and the misspelling of Jewell Hargleroad’s name. It should have said:  
*“There will be a hearing on Chabot Las Positas Community College’s petition for review of the PSD (Prevention of Significant Deterioration) of the air permit issued to Calpine to construct Russell City Energy Center (RCEC) at the U. S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal, Courtroom 3, 95 Seventh Street, SF (Civic Center BART).”*

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### CALENDAR

#### March

29 (Thurs.)  
Noon to 2 p.m.

Meet Lilly Ledbetter, Perf. Arts Center  
Chabot Community College

30 (Fri.)  
11:30 to 2 p.m.

Privatization of Government Services  
Luncheon Forum – San Leandro Library

#### April

10 (Tues.)  
6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

LWVEA Candidate Forums  
Hayward City Council Candidates

8 to 9 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District  
Hayward City Hall (both forums)

18 (Weds.)  
5:45 p.m.

LWVEA Board Meeting  
Eden Multi-Service Center, Hayward

19 (Thurs.)  
4 to 7 p.m.

Privatization Consensus Study Group  
Eden Multi-Service Center, Hayward

#### May

2 (Weds.)  
6:30 to 8 p.m.

LWVEA Candidate Forum  
20<sup>th</sup> Assembly district, Hayward City Hall

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