



League of Women Voters Eden Area

**V O T E R**

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**LWV—Eden Area CANDIDATE FORUMS**  
*FIND OUT HOW THE CANDIDATES STAND ON IMPORTANT ISSUES*

**TUESDAY, April 15**  
**6:30 to 7:30pm**  
**Castro Valley Library, 3800 Norbridge Ave**

**15<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**  
Three candidates running for one seat.

**Hugh Bussell**  
**State Senator Ellen Corbett**  
**Congressman Eric Swalwell (Incumbent)**

**Co-sponsored with the Castro Valley Library**

**WEDNESDAY, April 23 (two forums)**  
**Hayward City Hall Council Chambers, 777 B St.**

**6:00 to 7:15pm**

**MAYOR – CITY OF HAYWARD**

**Four candidates running for one seat.**

Rakesh Kumar Christian, Barbara Halliday, Mark Salinas, Francisco Zermeño

**7:30 to 9:00pm**

**HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL**

**Seven candidates running for two seats**

Ralph Farias Jr., “Rocky” Fernandez, Philip Gallegos, Sara Lamnin  
Rodney Loche, Julie McKillop, Marvin Peixoto

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











the impact of air pollution. More recently, we place high priority on reducing carbon and other emissions from vehicles that worsen air quality and contribute to climate change. We support efforts to attain reductions of greenhouse gases in the Bay Area to meet the targets that have been established.

By promoting the use of alternative commute modes, this Commuter Benefits Program will decrease drive-alone commute trips to Bay Area worksites, thereby reducing traffic congestion, improving the speed of traffic flow during peak commute periods, thus reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) and criteria air pollutants.

The Program was developed through a commendable process, which included substantial outreach to businesses and public hearings around the Bay Area.

The pilot program will produce a report to the Legislature, including measurable results from the as to the extent to which the intended objectives of reduced emissions of air pollutants, decreased traffic congestion, and greenhouse gases were achieved.

--LWV Bay Area Board of Directors

**Join the League in telling Congress that everybody counts and to protect all voters' right to the ballot box.**

Today's barriers to the ballot might look different than they did when the League was founded 94 years ago, but they remain threats to our democracy all the same. Present-day voter suppression measures were bolstered last summer when the U.S. Supreme Court in *Shelby v. Holder* gutted a key provision of the pivotal Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965.

Long hailed as the "crown jewel of the Civil Rights Movement," the VRA was

effectively used for decades to strike down attempts to restrict minority voters. As soon as the Supreme Court released its ruling, states were free to move forward with suppressive voting measures, including those that had previously been barred as racially discriminatory under the Voting Rights Act. Months later, the fallout from the Supreme Court's decision continues.

Like the dedicated suffragists who helped form the League of Women Voters 94 years ago, today's League members will not be silent in the face of attempts to weaken our democracy and block access to the polls. Since June, the League has joined with sister voting rights advocates in pushing Congress to stop the flood of voter suppression and repair the Voting Rights Act.

*Elizabeth MacNamara, President, LWV United States*

## FROM LWV CALIFORNIA

### **Do You Care About Higher Education? We Need You!**



Interested in higher education in California? We are seeking members of a new statewide study committee on access to public higher education.

The committee will research the topic and provide material to our local Leagues for consensus meetings that will lead to a new LWVC position on this vital issue. [Learn more and submit your application.](#)

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 and unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro Valley,  
 Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo

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 2<sup>nd</sup> member same Household \$25,  
 Student \$20

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 encourages the informed and active  
 participation of the public in  
 government and influences public  
 policy through education and advocacy.*

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**CALENDAR**

DATE	TIME	EVENT
April 9	6-7:30pm	Candidate Forum for Alameda County Superintendent of Schools—Oakland
April 12	1:00pm	Adapting to Rising Tides, “Sharks in My Backyard?”—page 6
April 15	6:30pm	Candidate Forum: 15 <sup>th</sup> Congressional District—Castro Valley Library—page 1
April 16	5:45pm	LWVEA Board Meeting—Hayward
April 23	6-7:15pm 7:30-9pm	Candidate Forum for Mayor of Hayward—page 1 Candidate For Hayward City Council—page 1
May 3	10am	LWV Bay Area Convention
May 12	6:00-8pm	Dark Money in Politics Forum—page 3

**For up-to-date info and specific details on events,  
 email: [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com) or check out the calendar  
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