



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA CALL TO 2008 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, Hillcrest Knolls and San Lorenzo are hereby called to the Annual Meeting.

DATE: Saturday, May 31, 2008

PLACE: San Leandro Library, Estudillo Room
300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro

9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

9:30 a.m. **John Russo**
City Attorney, Oakland

WHO REALLY CHOOSES THE PRESIDENT? *Electoral System, Super Delegates, Conventions*

10:45 a.m. BUSINESS (See page 2 for Business Agenda)

John Russo was elected Oakland's first City Attorney in March 2000 and also served as President of the League of California Cities where he was honored with the "Champion of Local Democracy" award. In 2005, he was voted a Northern California Super Lawyer by his peers among many other honors he has received since first being elected to the Oakland City Council in 1994.

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

2008 ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast
- 9:20 a.m. Call to order – Alison S. Lewis – Co- President
Welcome and Introductions
- 9; 30 a.m. Speaker – John Russo
Topic: Who Really Elects the President?
- 10:45 a.m. Business Meeting – Alison S. Lewis – Co-President
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - Adoption of Order of Business – Angelina Reyes
 - Adoption of Rules of the Day – Angelina Reyes
 - Action on Minutes of 2007 Annual Meeting
 - Appointment of Committee to Review 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes – Alison S. Lewis
 - Action on Proposed 2008-2009 Budget – Pat Piras
 - Action on 2008-2009 LWWUS Program – Marian Handa
 - Action on 2008-2009 Local Program – Marian Handa
 - President's Report – Alison S. Lewis

 - Election of 2008-2009 Board – Nominating Committee
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
- Noon Adjournment

Please RSVP if you will be attending the meeting. We will be serving a complementary breakfast. Thus, we would like to estimate how many people will be attending.

E-Mail lwvea@aol.com or
call Marian Handa, 577-3367.



EDEN AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RULES OF THE DAY
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QUORUM

The meeting shall not begin until a quorum is present. Ten (10) percent of the members (150) shall constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be 15 members.

VOTING

Every LWVEA member who is current in her or his dues as of July 1, 2007 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 2007-2008
NOMINATING
COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee for 07-08 was chaired by Jo Murdach, assisted by Marianne Dimick.

OFFICERS

President	open
1 st Vice President/Program	open
2 nd Vice Pres/Membership	Jo Murdach
Secretary	Marian Handa
Treasurer	Pat Piras
Administrative Assistant	Marianne Dimick
DIRECTORS	
Director at Large	Alison Lewis
Director at Large	Gail Lundholm
Director at Large	Helen Oertle
Director at Large	Beverly Reliford
Director at Large	Connie Rusk
Director at Large	Patricia Taylor
Director at Large	Winnie Thompson

Historian: Julie Quayle
VOTER Editor: Open

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2008-09

Marianne Dimick, Chair, Angelina Reyes and Sonya Howes

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDEN AREA
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES June 2, 2007 - 9 a.m. to Noon -San Leandro Library, Estudillo Room

WELCOME - The Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Nancy Van Huffel who introduced elected officials and past LWVEA presidents.

BUSINESS MEETING - The Business Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Nancy Van Huffel. She then appointed a Parliamentarian – Jean Gaylord.

ORDER OF BUSINESS – The Order of Business was adopted by consensus.

ADOPTION OF RULES OF THE DAY – The secretary reported that there was a quorum to do business. It was moved by Audrey LePell and seconded by Eleanor Parker to approve. Motion passed.

MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING - Marian Handa moved and Evelyn Cormier seconded to approve the minutes as published. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW 2007 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - The president appointed Jo Murdach and Meg Jurich.

PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET – Pat Piras reviewed the proposed budget as printed in the Annual Meeting Kit. She indicated that it is still a work in progress. Jean Gaylord made a motion and Eleanor Parker seconded to accept the proposed budget. Motion passed.

ACTION ON BYLAWS REVISION – Nancy Van Huffel reviewed the change in wording in LWVEA Bylaws to coincide with the change made in the LWVUS Bylaws. The word “of citizens” is removed from the mission statement and the new version was published in the Annual Meeting Kit. It was moved to approve by Marian Handa and seconded by Suzanne Barba. Motion passed.

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2007-2008

LWVC - Suzanne Barba reviewed the recommendations made at the Program Planning meeting on January 25, 2007. The members came to consensus on prioritizing three LWVC positions for education and emphasis: Universal Health Care, Education and Energy.

LWV ACC - Suzanne Barba reviewed the Updated LWV ACC Position, “Alameda County Board of Education, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, Alameda County Office of Education” which was printed in the current LWVEA Annual Meeting Kit. She explained the updates and noted that the LWVEA Board had approved the update.

Motion made by Marian Handa and seconded by Angelina Reyes to approve the recommendations made by the LWVEA Program Planning Committee for the LWVC positions for education and emphasis. Motion passed.

Motion made by Marian Handa and seconded by Angelina Reyes to approve the updated LWV ACC position as presented. Motion passed.

LWVEA – Suzanne reported that since the local positions had recently been updated, the Program Planning Committee had no recommendations for changes at this time.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Van Huffel reviewed some of the highlights of LWVEA the past year and thanked her Board for the good job they had done to make it a very successful year. Those highlights were published in the Annual Meeting Kit.

ELECTION OF 2007-2008 LWVEA BOARD

President Van Huffel read the names of the new officers and directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee and asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Evelyn Cormier moved and Eleanor Parker seconded that the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee be approved. Motion passed.

The new officers for 2007-2008 are: Co – President – Angelina Reyes; Co-President – Alison S. Lewis; 1st VP Program – Marian Handa, 2nd VP Membership – Jo Murdach; Secretary – Maria Palmeri and Treasurer – Patrisha Piras. Elected Directors at large: Meg Jurich, Alexandra Matteucci, Beverly Reliford, Trish Taylor and Brian Foster.

CHARGE TO THE BOARD – The standard “Charge to the Board” was read by Supervisor Gail Steele as she swore in the new officers and directors.

SPEAKER – Suzanne Barba introduced the speaker, Deborah LeVeen whose topic was “A Prescription for Today’s Health Care Insurance System. Ms. LeVeen discussed the escalating health care crisis and the need to do something. She said that 18,000 people die per year because they did not have access to health care. She indicated that a study by the Lewin Group indicated there was enough savings in Senator Sheila Kuehl’s SB840 Single Payer Health Care bill to make the legislation doable. She reviewed four different health care plans that were being considered by the legislation at present.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

- Supervisor Gail Steele would like the League to help her get the county court system to use mediation instead of the process they are using now which she feels does not serve its clients well.
- The League should emphasize registering voters.
- The League should monitor media coverage.
- The League should train more speakers to present the Pros and Cons on ballot measures.

Respectfully Submitted:
Maria Palmeri, Secretary

**Budget to Actual Performance 2007-08 and
Proposed Budget 2008-09**

	Approved Budget (as of July 2007)	Year-to- Date April 2008	YTD % (10/12th = 83%)	Revised Current Year Budget	Proposed Budget FY 2008-09
INCOME					
Bank Interest	\$200.00	\$170.60	85.3%	\$211.36	\$200.00
Donations	\$400.00	\$180.00	45.0%	\$180.00	\$150.00
Dues 2007-2008	\$3,900.00	\$2,783.00	71.4%	\$2,783.00	NA
Dues 2008-2009				\$2,900.00	\$2,600.00
Dues 2009-2010				NA	\$2,900.00
Fund Raising	\$1,883.60	\$0.00	0.0%	\$0.00	
Education Lunch/Forum	\$300.00	\$430.00	143.3%	\$430.00	\$350.00
Holiday Party/Auction	\$1,500.00	\$1,510.00	100.7%	\$1,510.00	\$1,500.00
Raffle 2007-2008	\$1,000.00	\$503.00	50.3%	\$503.00	NA
Raffle 2008-2009	\$750.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,150.00	\$500.00
Raffle 2009-2010				NA	\$1,150.00
Voter Reg Boxes	\$1,750.00	\$876.30	50.1%	\$1,752.60	\$1,750.00
HOA Elections Income/Trainings	\$2,000.00	\$1,135.00	56.8%	\$2,735.00	\$1,700.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,683.60	\$7,587.90	55.5%	\$14,154.96	\$12,800.00
EXPENSES					
Admin Exp	\$400.00	\$160.00	40.0%	\$356.11	\$350.00
LWVC Webhosting = \$160					
SLVHA Storage = \$120					
Software upgrade = \$76.11					
Conv,workshops	\$3,500.00	\$180.00	5.1%	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
LWVC Ins	\$418.00	\$366.00	87.6%	\$366.00	\$400.00
Member Development					
Member Recognition	\$200.00	\$60.00	30.0%	\$100.00	\$100.00
Memberships: Other Orgs	\$300.00		0.0%	\$180.00	\$200.00
Miscellaneous					
Office Sup & Eq	\$100.00		0.0%	\$100.00	\$100.00
Per Member Pay					
Bay Area - \$1/\$1	\$112.00	\$111.00	99.1%	\$111.00	\$129.50
National - \$26.80/\$28.00	\$3,001.60	\$2,921.60	97.3%	\$2,921.60	\$3,626.00
State - \$21/\$22	\$2,352.00	\$1,764.00	75.0%	\$1,764.00	\$2,849.00
Postage	\$300.00	\$202.93	67.6%	\$250.00	\$250.00
President's Stipend	\$200.00		0.0%	\$0.00	\$100.00
Printing/Photocopy	\$300.00		0.0%	\$60.00	\$60.00
Pros and Cons	<i>from Ed Fund</i>				
VOTER					
Postage	\$200.00		0.0%	\$150.00	\$150.00
Printing	\$500.00		0.0%	\$180.00	\$180.00
Voter Education	\$100.00		0.0%		
Civil Liberties	\$100.00		0.0%		
Student Voter	\$100.00	\$24.98	25.0%	\$50.00	\$50.00
Other Voter Services		\$38.24		\$38.24	
Food costs for events	\$1,500.00	\$957.66	63.8%	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Immigration Study	\$400.00	\$330.39	82.6%	\$330.39	
2008-09 Consensus project					\$400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,083.60	\$7,116.80	50.5%	\$10,657.34	\$12,244.50
YEAR-END BALANCE	-\$400.00	\$471.10		\$3,497.62	\$555.50

LWVEA PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2008-2009

LWVUS POSITIONS

LWVEA held its Program Planning meeting on February 9, 2008 with Suzanne Barba chairing the meeting assisted by Marian Handa. There were 14 attendees.

Members discussed the LWVUS positions and agreed that they were all important and none should be dropped. Members also discussed ten positions in more detail and voted on the three positions that they recommended for LWVUS education and advocacy for 2008-2010.

- **Universal Health Care** – Attendees felt that this was a vital position at both the state and national level and that LWVUS should supporting this issue as a priority.
- **Citizen's Right to Vote** – Because of the current election cycles, members felt that this should also be continued as a priority.
- **Selection of the President** - Attendees suggested that voters were more aware of the electoral system for electing a president and that this would be a good time to do more educating on the LWVUS position supporting a change in the system.

Other LWVUS positions that were reviewed and discussed include: Apportionment, **Campaign Finance, Redistricting, Reproductive Rights, Individual Liberties, Education, Early Intervention for Children at Risk and Abolition of Death Penalty.**

Members also discussed whether LWVUS should have a separate position on Global Warming and that there were elements of that position in the Energy and Natural Resources positions. There was also discussed about a position on Judicial Review at the highest levels.

LWVBA POSITIONS

The LWV Bay Area positions were also reviewed and members thought that they were all pertinent and commended the LWV Bay Area for doing a good job in monitoring, educating and advocating on regional issues.

LWVBA positions included: Regional Government, Regional Planning, Environment (Air, Land Use, Water, Solid Waste), National Resources (CEQA Mitigation), Hazardous Materials Management, Social Policy – Housing, Transportation – Surface, and Transportation – Airports.

LWVEA POSITIONS

The LWVEA local positions were reviewed and no positions were recommended to be dropped or updated since they received a comprehensive update in 2005.

The matrix of positions at all levels— National, State, Bay Area, County and Local— was reviewed to show how local Leagues can use most of the vertical positions when specific issues need education or advocacy.

Members suggested that LWVEA continue to use LWVUS positions identified for priority as its own agenda for developing educational forums for future meetings. Some of the suggestions included Citizen's Right to Vote and Electing the President.

It was also suggested that the local League could do a program on Redistricting since that was a position that the LWVC was attempting to get on the ballot for the November 2008 election.

Many thanks to all Leaguers who have contributed their time this year in support of League activities and objectives.

*Alsion S. Lewis, Co-President
Angelina Reyes, Co-President*

LWVEA HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2007-2008

ACTION/ADVOCACY

- Worked with One Care Now Campaign in support of SB840 (Senator Sheila Kuehl) on a Single-payer Health System.
- Collected petition signatures on LWVC measure on Redistricting to qualify for November 2008 ballot.
- Continued to monitor and report on meetings of the Measure A Oversight Committee.
- Sent action alerts from LWVUS and LWVC to our E-mail Action/Advocacy list of members.
- Sent a press release in honor of the passage of the 19th Amendment and Women's Equality Day.

ADMINISTRATION

- Recognized by LWVUS for unique Observer Meeting Record form that was included in LWVUS guidebook for Observers.
- Conducted a successful raffle of an Oakland A's Skybox donated by Supervisor Gail Steele and won by Crystal Hishida-Graff.
- Held annual holiday party and included a request for attendees to bring toys, clothing or funds to donate to the Family Emergency Services Coalition (FESCO).
- Attended LWVC Workshop on "How to Conduct a Study" and to hear LWVC President Janis Hirohama speak on "League in the 21st Century."
- * Held Meet Your League Garden Party for new members at Winnie Thompson's home.
- Nominated Beverly Reliford for the Hayward Volunteer "Pearl" Award and attended the dinner where she was recognized.
- Appointed Marian Handa to represent League on Registrar's Election Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY AND VOTERS SERVICE

- Worked with Chabot College teachers to recruit students to give classroom presentations on the importance of voting.
- Reviewed placement and servicing of affidavit boxes containing voter registration material.

- Distributed over 2000 Pros & Cons in English. 500 in Spanish and Chinese, and 1000 Easy Voter Guides.
- Provided speakers for eight Pros and Cons presentations to various groups who requested our services.
- Provided candidate forum services for several local races.
- Conducted two elections, one for the San Lorenzo Village Homes Association and the second for the Palomares Homes Association.
- Presented "super delegate" information to child care and referral group.
- Agreed to coordinate appropriate programs and services with AAUW as a co-sponsor.

MEMBER SERVICES

- Published eight issues of the VOTER.
- Maintained a website for up-to-date information for members to access.
- Maintained an E-Mail Action Advocacy list of approximately 100 members.

PROGRAM

- Held a Board Goal Setting retreat in July to do the planning and set programs for the 2007-2008 year.
- Held Annual Meeting in June on Healthcare featuring speaker Dr. Deborah LeVeen, Professor Emeritus, Political Science, San Francisco State University.
- Held monthly meetings of the Immigration Study Committee to review LWVUS materials, discuss provided questions and reach consensus.
- Held well-attended Immigration Study luncheon with panel of four speakers on various aspects of the issue for a diverse audience including non-League members.
- Conducted Annual Program Planning to review and reach consensus on LWVUS, LWVBA and local positions.
- Co-sponsored forum on Transparency in Government and the Public's Right to Records with the Northern California City Clerks group.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

DATE/TIME	Event
May 17-18 Sat. 9:30am	LWVC Leadership Council, Sacramento
May 31 Sat. 9:00 to noon NEW DATE	LWVEA Annual Membership Meeting, San Leandro Library, Speaker John Russo (see page 1)
June 7 Sat. 9:00 to noon	LWV Alameda County Council
June 11, Wed., 5 p.m.	LWVEA Board Meeting at the Hayward City Hall, Room 1C
June 13-17	LWVUS Convention - Portland, Oregon

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