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## Important Notice

If you are a LWVSD member in good standing (you've paid your dues), then please pay attention to this important notice. In the past, donations and dues to the League were only tax-deductible if you sent it to the LWVSD Education Fund. We have the opportunity to allow both of those to be tax-deductible; no Education Fund is needed.



If we vote to change our Articles of Incorporation to make our tax status from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3) organization, that will be possible. Please read the information on pages 9-11 and vote one of two methods: (1) At 11 am, prior to the luncheon on **September 25, we will hand out ballots at Tom Ham's to League members to vote** whether we should change, or (2) mail the enclosed ballot before September 25. All ballots must be received by noon on September 25, 2013.

Each member is receiving a paper copy of the *Voter* so they have a ballot.

## September Unit Topic ~ Mental Health

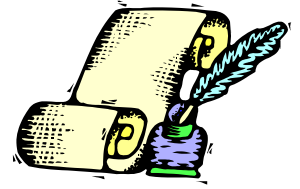
Massacres by mentally unstable shooters have focused attention on the inadequacies of the US mental health care system, in which less than half of the seriously ill can get treatment. Yet statistics show that the mentally ill are more likely to be victims of violence than perpetrators. As always, League members want to make informed decisions about important issues. **September's Unit Meetings plan to combine relevant information with facilitated discussion.**



**How good is San Diego County's Mental Health System and what needs to be done to improve it? The LWVSD will be looking at this question and the County League's Health Position created in 1997** in order to have a serious and informative discussion on what the County is doing or not doing, what is **Laura's Law** and the connections between mental illness, alcohol and drug use and violence. **Be sure to attend our September Unit Meeting on this timely and important topic. If you have information to share on this topic, please bring it with you. And be sure to read the "Overview of Mental Health" in this Voter, written by Liz Kruidenier, our Mental Health Director for the LWV of San Diego County.**

~ Jeanne Brown, Co-Director, Program Committee

# LWVSD Co-President's Message



Your new Board of Directors attended a retreat on June 29th at the beautiful home of Co-President Kay Ragan. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other and identify **what each person's goal is for the next year. We identified what we considered our value** to the community including civic education, information on propositions, election information, leadership development, monitoring, and training for government service among others. We discussed ideas

for growing our membership, revitalization of the units, member service, fund raising, updating the by-laws, co-sponsorships and coalitions, and development of a calendar for the year. Those of us who attended the convention in San Jose reported on our observations and how we would like to sponsor the 2015 State Convention here in San Diego.

The new Board held its first regular meeting on August 6 to begin the necessary discussion and decisions to carry out the work we would like to accomplish this year.

I would encourage all members to attend the Unit meetings coming up. We have great topics for the coming months such as mental health, the agricultural study, affordable housing, sustainability, and civility. The September luncheon will be a fascinating discussion on gun control.

You have a great Board working very hard to make all this happen but we need your attendance at the events and your support. Most important to growing our League is to talk to your friends and neighbors and let them know what League is about and encourage them to join us.

Think BOLD. Think LEAGUE.

~ Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President


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## September Units ~ Mental Health



Sat, Sep 14 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	<b>Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744</b>
Mon. Sep 9 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Rd., Poway 92064	<b>Claire Weiner...858-679-7350</b> <b>Betsy Stevens...858-451-5653</b>
Mon, Sep 9 1:30-3:30 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak..858 450-1521 <b>Catherine Stoll...858-755-4119</b>
Tues, Sep 10 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	<b>Joan Dahlin.....858-454-5019</b>
Tues, Sep 10 1-3 pm	College Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	<b>Barbara Evje.....619-463-0673</b>
Wed, Sep 11 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	<b>Carole Porter.....858-279-5474</b>
Wed, Sep 11 5:30-7:30 pm	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy, near Ikea, San Diego 92108	<b>Debra Blum.....619-225-0353</b>
Thu, Sep 12 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270
Thu, Sep 12 10:30 am- 12:30pm	Ocean Beach	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	<b>Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230</b> <b>Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314</b>

## LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ September

Tues	3	4 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor Conference Room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, San Diego 92111
Thurs	5	9:30 am	Unit Chairs, League Office, 7710 Balboa Avenue, Ste 224A, San Diego 92111
Fri	6	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, San Diego 92131
Fri	13	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego 92111
Fri	20	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego 92111
Wed	18	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 309

## Special Events ~ September

Sat, Sep 21	<b>LWVSD and partners present, “Women Speak UP,” at the Women’s Museum of California, p 4</b>
Wed, Sep 25	LWVSD Membership vote on changing our Articles of Incorporation ~ prior to luncheon ~ see front page, pages 9-11, and separate ballot
Wed, Sep 25	<b>LWVSD Luncheon on Gun Safety ~ Tom Ham’s (11:30 am) see flyer</b>

## Mark Your Calendars

Thurs, Oct 10	<b>“The Amish Project,” LWVSD theatre party and fundraiser at Mo’olelo, see page 4</b>
Sat, Oct 26	<b>“Citizen-funded Elections,” Common Cause Meeting, see page 4</b>
May 15-17, 2015	<b>LWVC Convention in San Diego?? (It’s looking more like it all the time!)</b>

Changes in bold type. Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html>



Saturday, September 21, 9:30 am-12 noon

League of Women Voters of San Diego and partners present, "Women Speak UP;" at the Women's Museum of California, Local experts lead this workshop as they describe what sexual harassment is (and isn't) and what to do in response to such behavior. This workshop is one of the first programs in a series scheduled to address all forms of violence against women and girls.

Light refreshments served. Free, but donations accepted. Questions: 858.245.1677 or [ahoiberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahoiberg@sbcglobal.net)

2730 Historic Decatur Road, Barracks 16, San Diego, 92106. [Map at http://womensmuseumca.org/hours-location](http://womensmuseumca.org/hours-location)



*Save the Date!*

*Common Cause Meeting*

*Saturday, October 26*

*12:00 noon - 2 pm*

*Mission Valley Library*

"Opening the Doors of Political Power to the Citizens of San Diego. It's not about Clean Elections anymore!"

Learn about the new type of citizen-funded elections that uses matching funds for city-wide elections.

This is a version of Clean Elections that was supported and passed by the LWV and Common Cause in Los Angeles.

There is a new movement to bring this to San Diego in its improved version. Come hear the details and decide if this is something that you believe would be good for San Diego.



*Save the date:*

Thursday, October 17, 7:30 pm  
at Mo'olelo's 10th Avenue Theatre

*Evening at the Theatre  
and Fundraiser for LWVSD*

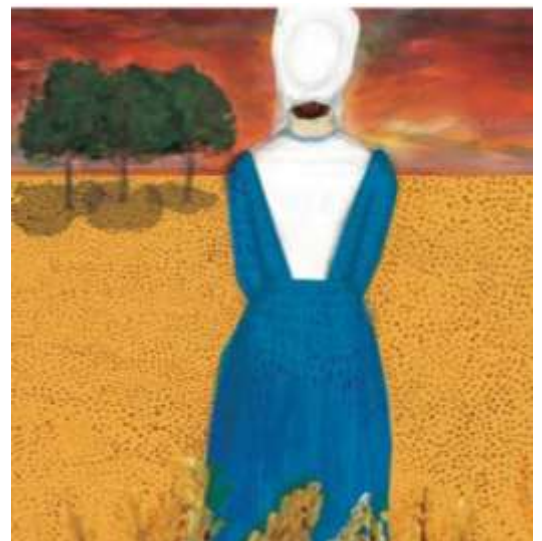


Please reserve your seat through the League office for another thought-provoking evening!

### **The Amish Project**

A play by Jessica Dickey

Directed by Delicia Turner  
Sonnenberg





## Meet Your Board Members ~ Kay Ragan, Co-President

I joined the East San Gabriel League in **the 60's because I had an interest in** politics and often said I would have run for public office if I did not have to fund raise.

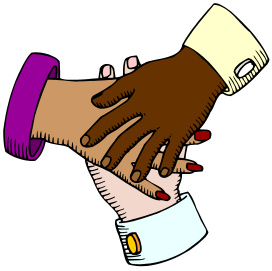
I have served in numerous positions throughout the years as committee member, committee chair, and director of different portfolios, treasurer and president. I served as president of the East San Gabriel League, the LWV San Diego City and LWV San Diego County. I consider myself a recycled



League member in that I returned July 1 to the LWVSD as co-president .

I actually retired in 1996 after working 34 years, mostly in community college administration. Since my retirement I have continued to work in interim assignments almost continuously up until October 2012, for a total of 45 years.

### Membership



This has been the month for husbands to join as household members - it is an easy way to increase our League membership numbers and our clout. When we testify that there are 350 members supporting our statements, that's impressive. Please help us to bring it up to 400. Guys are very welcome in the League - in fact, the last Public Policy meeting had four men attending and Myles Pomeroy is the chair!

We welcome:

**Richard Bartlett-May, 91978.....Eugene Dershem, 91913.....S.P. Masouredis, 92037.....Donald Sandweiss, 91902**

This is the last month to renew your dues before we print the membership list for the year. You also must be a current member to vote on amending the Articles of Incorporation as described elsewhere in this *Voter*.

I plan to set up a calling tree for those of you who do not receive our email blasts so you will also get reminders of upcoming events. If you do not want to be called, please let me know.

~ Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, 858-459-4406

### Thanks to our Donors!

Gail Zides	Kay and Clarence Ragan	Nancy Koehn
Phoebe Telser	Donna and Richard Bartlett-May	Ethel Slayen
Sylvia Smith	Maryolive Shoupe	Ursula Sasso
Patricia Plovovich	Donna and Peter Worcester	Esther Morse

LWV's *Voter* has space limitations and will be listing more donors next month.

## County League Day ~ August 9, 2013

County League Day was held at the County Operations Center in Kearny Mesa. Anita Reith had the great idea of holding the event there and then having a tour of the art installations.

The day started out with a presentation by our host, County Supervisor Dave Roberts, followed by Tom Carson's presentation of Financial Reporting and LWV Tax Status. Chris Carson then gave a presentation on Raising League Visibility. After a wonderful lunch, we toured the different buildings and the fabulous art installations in their lobbies with Gail Goldman who directed the art installation and Artist Jay Johnson who created the artifact exhibits on each floor. A big thank you to all who made this event possible. Enjoy the photos!



Thanks to  
Donna  
Bartlett-May  
for the  
great  
photos.



## Overview of Mental Health in California 1957-2012\*

California has a history of progressive change in its public mental health system. The first of these changes was in 1957 with the Short-Doyle Act. This created the funding structure for the development of community-based mental health services. This was followed in 1968 by the enactment of the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act, which established strict standards for involuntary treatment and removed financial obstacles to utilizing community-based services rather than state hospital services.



Legislators and voters have acknowledged the inadequacy of California's historically underfunded mental health system to care for the state's residents, especially those with serious mental illness, over the past few decades. In 1991, to build a more community- and county-based system of care, the California legislature instituted realignment, a delegation of the control over mental health funds and care delivery from state to county. This represented a landmark action to restructure government. The intent of mental health realignment was to provide a more stable funding base for local mental health programs and appropriately shift program operation and accountability to the local level. However, both the state and counties soon ran into funding problems. The need was much greater than the money passed through from the federal government.

In 2004, California voters acted upon a widespread perception that state and county mental health systems were still in disrepair, underfunded, and requiring a systematic, organizational overhaul. This perception echoed a nationwide perspective, with the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health in 2003 calling for fundamental transformation of the historically fragmented mental health system. The MHSA is California's attempt to lead the way in accomplishing such systemic reform.

In the end, voter consciences were pricked by the well-organized and -funded campaign that displayed both the need (50,000 mentally ill homeless people, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the promise (successes of past mental health initiatives) of increased funding for the mental health system. Then-

Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg and Rusty Selix, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in California, led the initiative by collecting at minimum 373,816 signatures along with financial (\$4.3 million) and vocal support from stakeholders. Though Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the business community were opposed to Proposition 63 because of the tax it would impose on millionaires, the opposition raised only \$17,500. On November 2, 2004, Proposition 63 passed with 53.8% of the vote, with 6,183,119 voting for and 5,330,052 voting against the bill.

The voter-approved MHSA initiative provides for developing, through an extensive stakeholder process\*, a comprehensive approach to providing community based mental health services and supports for California residents. Approximately 51,000 taxpayers in California will be helping to fund the MHSA through an estimated \$750 million in tax revenue during fiscal year 2005-06.

The MHSA is an unprecedented piece of legislation in California for several reasons:

- Its funding source, quantity, and allocation dedicated to mental health services provide generously for mental health programs in a time of budget cuts to many other public programs;
- It is consumer-directed and -oriented;
- It focuses on developing preventive and innovative programs providing integrative wraparound services, such as with FSPs.

To accomplish its objectives, the MHSA applies a specific portion of its funds to each of six system-building components:

- Community program planning and administration (10%);
- Community services and supports (45%);
- Capital (buildings) and information Technology (IT) (10%);

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\* Information from [Wikipedia](#)



- Education and training (human resources) (10%);
- Prevention and early intervention (20%); and
- Innovation (5%).



Notably, none of the funds can substitute for existing fund allocation; all have to be put towards expansion or creation of programs, and 51% have to be spent on children's services.

The MHSA stipulates that the California State Department of Mental Health (DMH) will contract with county mental health departments to develop and manage the implementation of its provisions. Oversight responsibility for MHSA implementation was handed over to the 16-member Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) on July 7, 2005, when the commission first met.

The MHSA specifies requirements for service delivery and supports for children, youths, adults and older adults with serious emotional disturbances and/or severe mental illness. MHSA funding will be made annually to counties to:

- Define serious mental illness among children, adults and seniors as a condition deserving priority attention, including prevention and early intervention services and medical and supportive care;
- Reduce the long-term adverse impact on individuals, families and State and local budgets resulting from untreated serious mental illness;
- Expand the kinds of successful, innovative service programs for children, adults and seniors already established in California, including culturally and linguistically competent approaches for underserved population;
- Provide state and local funds to adequately meet the needs of all children and adults who can be identified and enrolled in programs under this measure; and
- Ensure all funds are expended in the most cost-effective manner and services are provided in accordance with recommended best practices subject to local and State oversight to ensure accountability to taxpayers and to the public.

It was in August 2005 that 12 meetings and 13 conference calls involving stakeholders across the state result-

ed in the final draft of rules by counties of their own three-year plan, a requirement outlined in the act, in order to receive funding under MHSA. Counties were obliged to collaborate with citizens and stakeholders to develop plans to accomplish desired results through the meaningful use of all community resources, including things such as employment, vocational training, education, and social and community activities. County proposals were evaluated for their contribution to achieving the following goals:

- Safe and adequate housing, including safe living environments, with family for children and youths;
- Reduction in homelessness;
- A network of supportive relationships
- Timely access to needed help, including times of crisis
- Reduction in incarceration in jails and juvenile halls; and
- Reduction in involuntary services, including reduction in institutionalization and out of home placements.

While the county mental health departments were involved in the actual implementation of MHSA programs, the MHSA mandates that several entities support or oversee the counties. These include the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).

MHSA in San Diego has resulted in over 200 new programs that can be accessed by formerly unserved or underserved populations. Particularly effective have been the Full Service Partnerships (FSP) that wrap around and **provide a “whatever it takes” commitment to recovery.** According to the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, the 2007 and 2009 California Health Interview Surveys (CHIS) demonstrate continued mental health needs of almost two million Californians, about half of which were unmet in 2011 in spite of \$7.4 billion raised as of September 2011. The high numbers who lack treatment contrast starkly with new programs like the FSPs, which may cost tens of thousands of dollars annually per person.

~ Liz Kruidenier, Director of Mental Health, LWVSDC





## Important General Meeting of the Membership

**Summary:** The LWVSD has joined with many other local Leagues in California to apply to the IRS to switch its tax exempt status from 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(3) to 501(c)(3). A necessary part of making this change is that LWVSD's Articles of Incorporation must be changed as described below prior to the IRS decision, and these amendments must be approved by both the Board and the LWVSD members. The Board has approved these amendments, so the special, short meeting of the members to discuss this matter and vote will be before the next Lunch with League on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 at 11:00 am at Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego 92101. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may mail in your ballot (included) prior to that date to the LWVSD, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego, CA 92111. You must be a member in good standing in order to vote. Please be sure to sign the ballot. We need a voting quorum of at least 5% of our total membership (351).

### Questions:

What is a member in good standing? Someone who has paid his/her dues to the LWVSD after July 1, 2013.

What is the difference between 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)? 501(c)(4) status allows for exemption from income taxes but allows for unlimited lobbying activities. However, membership dues and contributions paid directly to the League are not tax deductible to the members/donors. Currently, the only opportunity for a donor to get a tax deduction is by making a contribution to the LWV of California Education Fund/San Diego, but such funds cannot be used to support a very significant portion of the League's annual expenditures.

In order to qualify for 501(c)(3) status, a League's lobbying activities cannot constitute more than 20% of its total expenditures over a multi-year period. On the other hand, 501(c)(3) status allows all LWVSD dues and contributions to be tax deductible to the members/donors who itemize their deductions.

**Will LWVSD's advocacy/actions activities be limited under this new status?** In considering the **alternative of converting a League's tax status to §501(c)(3)**, almost the only concern that most members have is whether the change will cause any limitation on **their League's advocacy activities.** The answer, very clearly and simply, is that there will be no real limit of any kind on the normal advocacy activities which Leagues conduct. And while there are technical limits **on a subcategory of advocacy, "lobbying" activities (see below)**, from a practical standpoint a League will never come close to the applicable limitation.

**The definition of "lobbying" for tax purposes is closer to the League concept of "action" rather than the broader term "advocacy."** Activities are classified as lobbying if they are related to acts, bills, resolutions, or similar items (a) at the federal, state or local legislative level, or (b) in ballot measures, e.g., a referendum, initiative, constitutional amendment, etc. Lobbying activities can involve the introduction, amendment, enactment, defeat, or repeal of Acts, bills, resolutions, or similar items. Additionally, lobbying activities must involve communication with any member or employee of a legislative body, or with any other government official or employee who may participate in the formulation of the **legislation. It also includes "grass roots" lobbying, or communication with members of the organization or members of the public to urge them to contact their legislator, etc., or to vote for or against a ballot proposition, etc.**

The limitation under the §501(c)(3) rules is that a **League's lobbying activities cannot constitute a "substantial part" of its overall activities. In determining whether its lobbying activities constitute a "substantial part" of its overall activities, a League can elect to measure the magnitude of its lobbying activities based on the ratio of its lobbying expenditures to its total expenditures (rather than by the number of hours spent on lobbying as a percentage of total time spent).** It is **only if a League's lobbying expenditures reach or exceed 20% of its total expenditures over a multi-year**

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period, that its lobbying activities are **deemed to be a “substantial part” of its overall activities.** Based on discussions with more than 80% of the Leagues in California, their lobbying activities, like their general advocacy activities, **involve their members’ time but only miniscule** amounts of expenditures, if there are any such expenditures at all. In fact, most Leagues could not even identify any lobbying expenditures they incur at the local level at all except for possible some part of the cost of their newsletters or websites at election time. Typically, lobbying work involves going to meetings of city councils or boards of supervisors, writing letters to the editor, etc., and there typically is no financial cost to such activities, and it seems inconceivable how a League could ever come close to spending 20% of their budget on lobbying activities. Therefore, Leagues can qualify under §501(c)(3) without having to change their normal level of activities at all, and definitely should not have to limit their levels of advocacy or even action.

Are other Leagues switching their tax-exempt status? Yes, many local Leagues in California and other states are going through this process. One state League has also done it, but LWVC deferred making a decision on conversion pending completion of its overall strategic planning.

What are the advantages of switching to 501(c)(3) tax exempt status? All members who itemize deductions for tax purposes will be able to deduct their LWVSD membership dues and contributions. As a result of this, we expect to receive more and larger contributions. We will not need to divide our finances between the Education Fund and the Operating Fund which, in turn, will reduce financial administrative work. It may be easier to qualify for a foundation or government grant for League activities. Paypal reduces the fee it charges for 501(c)(3) organizations by 15-20% compared to the fee it charges 501(c)(4) organizations.

What are the disadvantages of switching to 501(c)(3) tax exempt status? LWVSD has paid a very minor application fee and done related paperwork for

the IRS and state government agencies (most of this is completed). LWVSD will need to amend their Articles of Incorporation and their Bylaws. Annually, information must be collected and retained as to our lobbying expenses including that connected to the PMP's. There will be a very modest additional tax reporting requirement.

Who is advising the LWVSD on this matter? Tom Carson, recent Treasurer of the LWVC, was appointed by the Board of the LWV of California (LWVC) to handle the legal and financial matters. He has made a group application to the IRS for several Leagues and has written the language for these amendments.

Why was this not done at the last Annual Meeting? It was not docketed on the LWVSD Board agenda nor that of the Annual Meeting, so the information was not available to members at least 30 days in advance. The LWVSD bylaws were rewritten in 2012 to accommodate the merge with the East County League and the amendment process was changed to eliminate special membership meetings to amend the Bylaws; the Board was unaware of this small change.

When will the Bylaw Amendments be made to accommodate the switch to 501(c)(3), if it is approved? The Bylaws will need to be amended at the next Annual Meeting in 2014.

How can I vote on the proposed change to the Articles of Incorporation?

a) Attend the meeting at Tom Ham's Light-house Restaurant, 2150 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego, CA 92101 at 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

b) Mail in the ballot below (be sure you have paid your dues for 2013-14) by September 25, 2013 to the LWVSD, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego, CA 92111.

If I have questions, who should I contact?

Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406 or [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net)

# Proposed Amendment of Articles III and IV of the Articles of Incorporation for the League of Women Voters of San Diego

Note: Additional language is underlined. Deleted language is crossed out.

Proposed and Recommended for Approval by the Board of Directors:

*That the Articles of Incorporation be amended as follow, but these amendments shall not be filed with the California Secretary of State until the Board of Directors, in consultation with LWV California, is confident that the Internal Revenue Service will **approve the League's application (as part of the LWV California group exemption request)** to convert to tax exempt status under §501(c)(3) following the implementation of these amendments.*

Article III: This corporation is organized pursuant to the General Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California (Part 1, Division 2, Title 1 Corporation Code). Nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed to authorize this corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its members, to distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to any of its members, or to issue any capital stock. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under such provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

Article IV: This corporation is formed solely and exclusively for nonprofit purposes, and not for pecuniary gain or profit, and no pecuniary gain or profit shall over inure from its business to any director or member of this corporation, or to any other private person. The earnings, if any, of this corporation shall be used exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation is formed. No member or director of this corporation shall have any personal, proprietary, or beneficial interest in the property of this corporation, either during its corporate existence or upon its dissolution, it being hereby expressly provided that all property acquired by the corporation, real or personal, and all increments,

interest, or earnings thereof are and shall be devoted in perpetuity and irrevocably dedicated exclusively to promote political responsibility, take action on local, state and national government measures, and policies in the public interest.

In the event of the merger or dissolution of the corporation for any reason, all money and securities or other property of whatsoever nature which at the time be owned or under the absolute control of the corporation shall be distributed at the discretion of the board, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the corporation and its affairs, to any member organization of the League of Women Voters national organization which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or if none of these organizations are then in existence or exempt under those tax provisions, then, at the discretion of the board, to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under such designated tax provisions. This provision shall have priority over any conflicting provision on this topic in the corporation's Bylaws.

~~Upon any dissolution or winding up of the corporation any assets remaining after payment of or provision for its debts and liabilities shall be transferred or paid over and applied to such one or more corporations, foundations, organizations, or associations meeting the qualifications set forth below in this Article as the directors of the corporation, or such other persons as shall be charged by law with the liquidation or winding up of the corporation and its affairs, may in their discretion select. No part of such assets so remaining shall be paid or distributed to any corporation, foundation, organization or association unless such corporation, foundation, organization or association shall be one organized and operated exclusively for the promotion of political responsibility, taking action on local, state and national governmental measures, and policies in the public interest, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder, member or individual, and which does not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.~~



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