



Welcome to a new League season! With many interesting and informative activities planned, we hope to see you more often in the coming months!

September Units: Pros and Cons for the November Ballot

As I write this notice, there are only six propositions from the state and none from San Diego City or County. Our Speakers' Bureau members recently shared their research with each other, as they always do. Leader Margaret Stevenson has made sure that each Unit has a speaker assigned. A summary of what will be covered is:

- What was Prop 43 has now been changed to Prop 1 - The Water Bond Measure, an edited version of the original plan that had too much "pork."
- Prop 44 has been changed to Prop 2; it is a fairly complex measure about California's "Rainy Day" reserve.
- Prop 45 is an approval of healthcare insurance rate changes. It, too, is fairly complex.
- Prop 46 is a very controversial initiative stature regarding the drug and alcohol testing of physicians.
- Prop 47 would change certain felonies to misdemeanors.



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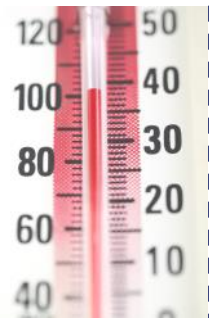
Climate Change and Its Challenges

Please join us September 18 to learn more about climate change and what is happening to address it at the state and local levels. Is it enough? From a governance perspective, should climate action plans be implemented at the regional, not local agency level to assure consistent actions and requirements?

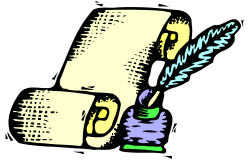
California has been a leader on air quality and climate change for decades. The state has adopted two bills addressing these issues:

- AB 32: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 requires the Air Resources Board to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emission limit equivalent to 1990 levels by 2020 - adopt rules to achieve the maximum greenhouse gas reductions.
- SB 375: The Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act was passed in 2008. It requires regional agencies to design more efficient land use patterns along with compatible transportation investment and strategies to reduce transportation demand in a "Sustainable Communities Strategy"

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President's Message



Here it is on the deadline date for the Voter and I get this message from our wonderful Voter Editor, Dolores Nelson, reminding me that her deadline was yesterday. I like to think I am on top of my schedule, but clearly the schedule is on top of me.

We have had a busy August, beginning with our Board retreat on August 1. Dolores hosted us in her beautiful home. Lottie Fox shared some membership leadership development material focusing on the importance of offering new members the opportunity to serve in leadership roles while being mentored by an experienced Leaguer. This is something that Board members want to work on this year.

Several members, under the leadership of Jeanne Brown, worked at this year's Politifest event at Liberty Station. They were successful in making new contacts and reaffirming some partnerships that will be available to cosponsor some of our luncheons and other events.

One of the organizations that we have been working with is the Women Judges Association. They are sponsoring the Involved Voter Project aimed at educating citizens about the role of judges and being informed as voters. Too often, voters get to the candidates for judges on the ballot and choose not to vote because they lack information.

Voter registration and education is our mission and we want to remain constant in this effort. The Candidate Forum scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, is one such opportunity to learn more about the candidates that will be on the November ballot. This event will be held in the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park from 6-8 p.m. I hope you will mark your calendars and invite your friends.

I would be remiss not to mention the state convention that we are hosting on May 15-17, 2015 as a way of reminding you of the work that is ongoing relative to the planning. We are in need of additional members to volunteer for the many tasks both in the planning and during the three days of the convention. Cris Hagaman has volunteered to chair the volunteer committee. Please let Cris know how you would like to help.

I hope to see you at our next event at Tom Ham's Lighthouse on Thursday, September 18. We will hear from an informed panel speaking about Climate Change and Its Challenges including the proposed Climate Change Plan for San Diego.

~ Kay Ragan, kragand@cox.net

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Not a bird! Not a plane! It's a drone!!!

Learn all about drones at the October 16 LWVSD luncheon!

September Units ~ Ballot Pros and Cons

Mon, Sept 8 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Rd., Poway 92064	Claire Weiner....858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
Mon, Sept 8 1:30-3:30 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak...858 450-1521 Catherine Stoll...858-755-4119
Tues, Sept 9 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Terri Prevost.....619-384-3062 Alice McCauley....858-642-1856
Tues, Sept 9 1:30-3:30 pm	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Wed, Sept 10 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Sept 10 5:30-7:30 pm	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy, near Ikea, San Diego 92108	Debra Blum.....619-225-0353
Thurs, Sept 11 10 am-noon	Ocean Beach/ Point Loma	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230 Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314
Fri, Sept 12 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270
Sat, Sept 13 12-2 pm	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ September

Tues	Aug 28	1 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting , League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Thur	Sept 4	9:30 am	Unit Council, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Mon	Sept 8	11 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Fri	Sept 12	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	Sept 17	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 305
Fri	Sept 19	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111

LWVSD Activities ~ September

Thurs, Sept 18, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, Lunch with League, “Climate Change,” see flyer

Save the Dates ~ Mark Your Calendars

Wed, Oct 1	Meet the Candidates ~ see flyer
Thurs, Oct 16	Lunch with League ~ “Drones: The Good, the Bad and the Amazing”
Wed, Oct 22	Education Committee Film Premier ~ see page 5
Thurs, Feb 19	Lunch with League ~ “The Rising Costs of Higher Education”
Thurs, Mar 19	Lunch with League ~ “Campaign Finance Reform”
Thurs, April 16	Lunch with League ~ “Schools and Infrastructure Issues”
May 15-17, 2015	LWVC Convention in San Diego! Watch for more information. You can help.



Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html>

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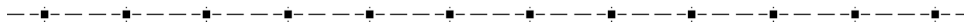
CONVENTION 2015

Where: Westin San Diego Gaslamp Quarter
910 Broadway Circle
San Diego, CA 92101

When: Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17



The League of Women Voters of San Diego has been working on the plans for this convention for several years. We are so excited to see it taking shape and to have the opportunity to show off our beautiful city. We need volunteers for both the planning and during the three days of the convention. Cris Hagaman has volunteered to chair the volunteer committee. Please let her know how you would like to help. cristinhagaman@gmail.com



(continued from front page) to meet the regions' allocated shares of greenhouse gas emissions reduction from transportation - it encourages coordination of housing, land use, avoiding sprawl development and promoting urban infill with mixed use, transit service and walkable communities. It sets greenhouse gas reduction targets 2035 for both 2020 and 2035. SANDAG efforts have met with legal challenges, still pending at this writing. In response, local agencies have been developing climate action plans over the past few years. The cities around the bay are working together to try to address the impacts of rising ocean levels - the San Diego County Climate Action Plan has been challenged in the courts - they continue to support development in certain fire prone, infrastructure costly areas of our back country.

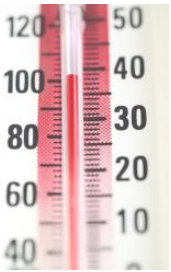
More than three years ago San Diego began what was to be a one year effort to prepare their climate action plan. It got delayed by political changes and administrations but will be coming forward to the council this fall, hopefully before the election, while we still have a majority to support taking strong action.

San Diego is blessed to have an incredible group of scientists at Scripps and local universities who can tell us what we can expect in the future. The San Diego Foundation, working with these experts several years ago, published a report: "San Diego's Changing Climate: A Regional Wake-Up Call." Recently they released their latest report: "San Diego, 2050 Is Calling. How Will We Answer?" Each attendee at the luncheon will receive a copy.

Their research shows that 97% of global climate scientists agree that warming trends are very likely due to human activities and require urgent action. Eighty four percent of San Diego County residents believe climate change is happening. This probably was reinforced when we faced three major wild fires in MAY (not your usual fire season) in more urban areas! We already are being asked to change our lives due to the enduring drought with no relief on the horizon. How shall we prioritize our uses of water? Should that include fracking? We depend on agriculture to provide our food. Should that water go to new development? How do we balance all of these demands, realizing that our county will continue to grow in population?

We have serious challenges in the future. Come learn more about climate change and how it does and will impact your life and what you can do about it.

Our speakers: Timu Gallien from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Nicola Hedge from The San Diego Foundation Climate Initiative, and Kayla Race, Environmental Health Coalition Policy Advocate, are highly qualified to address the impacts of climate change, especially sea level rise, community preparedness and the politics of passing climate action plans. Sign up now for the September 18 luncheon at Tom Ham's. Information about registering is on the flyer.



~ Diane Coombs

Save the Date! Wednesday, October 22, 5-8 pm

LWVSD Education Committee Presents Premier Documentary Movie Event

"The Raising of America - Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation" will be shown Wednesday, October 22, in the auditorium of the Central Library preceded by a reception with food provided by the Culinary Institute. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion and conclude with a dessert reception. This free event is cosponsored by LWVSD, the SD Library, SD Regional Chamber of Commerce, SD County Child Care and Development Planning Council, the YMCA Childcare Resource Service, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the 9th District PTA.



Membership



We were saddened to learn that **Allan McAllister** passed away on May 3, 2014. Allan has been a member since 2000, and his wife Joy was very active in the LWVSD for many years. Allan is also the father of Dan McAllister, Treasurer of San Diego County. Both Joy and Allan were educators and taught in local schools. Allan continued as a counselor. They were such a lovely couple, active in their church and always willing to volunteer.

Another long-term member died on June 23 - **Hadarah Chemnick**, a member of LWVSD for well over 50 years. She was born in San Diego, was married for 60 years, and was active in many organizations including a docent at the Natural History Museum, Hadassah, Jewish Family Services, and a book club for over 55 years. Professionally, she was a biology teacher. Hadarah served as Unit Chair for the East San Diego League and was always prepared and a valuable member of the discussion. She was an inspiration to all who knew her.

You should have renewed your dues by now - renewal letters went out the end of June and reminder letters were mailed on August 11. Please do this promptly so we can publish the membership roster soon. Your membership is very valuable to us - supports our work and gives us clout when we testify on your behalf. If you have any questions, please contact Beryl Flom.

There are several new members to the LWVSD this summer - some are household members:

Julie Lowen - 92083

Wayne Riggs - 92123

Betty Joan Maly - 92109

Herb Solomon - 92037

Joy Mann - 91911

Cindy Stoll - 92111

Rachel McDonald - 92110

~ Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, edflom@sbcglobal.net, 858-459-4406

The LWVSD has received a donation of the movie "Iron Jawed Angels" on DVD.

If you would like to borrow it, please contact Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406.



The new email address for the LWVSD is lwvsandiego@gmail.com.

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Prop 48 is about changing a bill regarding an Indian gaming compact that was passed by the legislature.

Prop 49 was taken off the ballot by a state Supreme Court decision. It addressed the "Citizens United" US Supreme Court decision.

We will also do a short review of this for the October Units along with looking at the Port of San Diego, its practices and our position.

Because more and more people are marking their mail-in ballots as soon as they get them, we want to make sure that we have the information out at the Units ahead of time, in September.

These ballot measures often interest the public, so be sure to invite interested friends, neighbors or family to

attend. And remember, if you can't make your usual Unit meeting, there are eight others scheduled throughout the week for your convenience.

It's interesting to visit other Units to meet new people or reconnect with others you may not have seen for awhile.

To find out more about the candidates on the ballot, please attend our "Meet the Candidates" Forum on October 1 at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park from 6-8 pm. Bring friends and neighbors to that as well.

Let's get out the vote! Remember National Voter Registration Day is September 23!

~ Jeanne Brown, Program Director



The Equal Rights Amendment

It is time to add, finally, the Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as a proposed 28th amendment. The 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, stands as the only women-specific amendment in the U.S. Constitution, dating back to 1920. A second women-specific amendment, the ERA, was written by attorney and suffragist Alice Paul in 1923. Although introduced in each congressional session over the years, the ERA was not passed by Congress until 1972, after which it was sent to the states for ratification. Thirty-five states supported ratification, but 38 states in favor were needed for adoption to the Constitution.

If women had been protected with the ERA in our Constitution, court cases of domestic violence, unequal pay, sex discrimination, and reproductive rights would have been easier to defend. Others claim that we have our rights protected, but we do not have our rights guaranteed, to paraphrase ERA author Alice Paul. We need the ERA for that reason. Would such U.S. Supreme Court decisions as equal pay, Hobby Lobby, violence against women, or Walmart have had a different conclusion with the ERA in our Constitution?

The ERA continues to be introduced in each opening session of Congress. Lobbying is needed to have Congress consider supporting one of two strategies: 1) the "three-state" bill requiring only three more states to ratify, joining the 35 states that ratified prior to 1982 and 2) to begin afresh with the "Fresh Start Strategy," that would require 38 states to ratify the ERA, including the original 35 states. It is time to guarantee our rights. Ratify the ERA!

~ Anne Hoiberg, Director, International Relations

Sat, August 9
Liberty Station

Amy Garapich
Mary Hanson
Jeanne Brown
Toni Adkins
Debbie Blum



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LWVC News: Our Recommendations on the November Ballot Measures

On Election Day - vote with the League! Here are our recommendations:

- ◆ YES on Prop 2, the measure to strengthen the state Rainy Day Fund (reserve) process.
- ◆ YES on Prop 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act that will change the lowest-level, nonviolent crimes such as simple drug possession and petty theft from felonies to misdemeanors, and dedicate the savings to crime prevention.
- ◆ We opposed Prop 43, the water bond originally placed on the 2010 ballot then postponed to 2012 and again to this year. It has just been replaced by a new water bond, Prop 1. We are currently reviewing this measure and do not yet have a recommendation.



Read more about our recommendations and download our *Vote with the League* flyer to share. We have no position on Props 45, 46, and 48. Read more about how we make these decisions.

<http://lwvc.org/ballot-recommendations>

Visit the California Secretary of State's Web site to read about the six measures on the November ballot.

<http://www.sos.ca.gov/>

Budgetary Boost: Cap-and-Trade Revenue Is Being Used for Transit*

Fees from businesses that produce greenhouse gas emissions above a certain cap are now being diverted to several aspects of public transit in California. The 2014-15 budget is being used in five categories:

- \$250 million for the High-Speed Rail Authority for initial construction in the Central Valley as well as environmental and design work throughout the system.
- \$200 million to the Air Resources Board to expedite the transition to low-carbon freight and passenger transportation as well as deploy 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles in California by 2025.

- \$25 million for low-carbon transit vehicles for bus and rail services.
- \$25 million for transit and intercity rail capital expenses - Caltrans will manage a competitive grant program.
- \$130 million equally divided between affordable housing and sustainable communities including preserving agricultural land. Low-income areas will get preference.

With the increase in state tax on gasoline and more public transit, it is expected that fewer vehicle miles will be driven in California by 2025.

Crude Oil Arriving in California by Long Tanker Trains*

Crude-by-rail is a growing trend to ship fracked oil out of the North Dakota's Bakken oilfields and tar sands out of Canada to several refineries in northern California. Since pipelines are expensive and political, producers are turning to rail for transit to refineries. In southern California, Phillips 66 is proposing to build a rail facility at its refinery in Santa Maria which will bring the trains to the Santa Barbara area. There is concern about spills and combustion with this much oil traveling above ground through populated areas. However, the rail industry is starting to use safer tank cars. The only pipeline to the West Coast travels from Alberta to Vancouver, B.C. where oil is transferred to ships or barges, some of which comes to California, but now rail shipment is competitive.

~ Beryl Flom

*excerpts from the *Bay Area Monitor*, LWV of the Bay Area Education Fund, August/September 2014

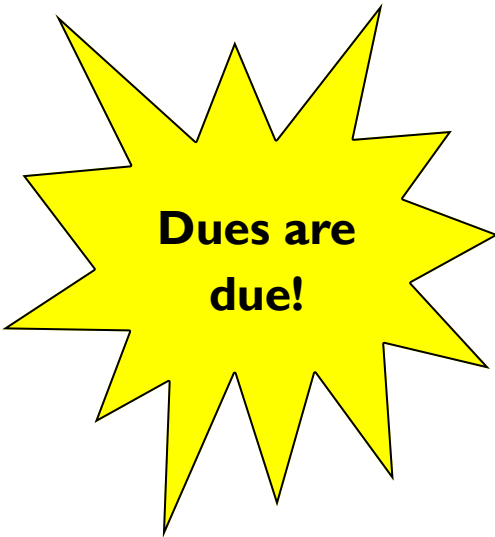


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