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Program Planning Time – 2016: Local, County, and National Positions

Program planning is a valuable League tool for identifying issues for focus and for insuring that League resources, human and financial, are engaged where they have the most impact.

National League bylaws define program as “Action to implement the principles and those governmental issues chosen by the convention for concerted study or concurrence and action...” The League principles are concepts of government supported by the League and “are the authorization for adoption of national, state and local program.” Action to implement those principles guides every League activity.

On **Saturday, February 6 at 10 am** LWVSD will hold its annual Program Planning meeting to discuss and vote on recommendations. First we will look at existing national and local positions to see if any need updating or emphasizing next year and then members can add possible topics for new studies (a two-year process). We will divide members into four subject categories to speed up the process: Government, Social Policy, Natural Resources, and International Relations. You should decide ahead of time in which topic discussion you would like to participate. After about an hour, each group will report to the whole and then we will vote for LWVSD's recommendations to the LWVUS Board and the LWVSD Board. The final vote on Program is at the LWVUS Convention and the LWVSD Annual Meeting in June. If you are suggesting a new study, you should be prepared to provide a scope - a description of the study and what should be included in it (to separate it from what should not be included in the study). Be sure you have looked at all relevant existing positions because we do



not want to do a study unless we need to. You can find those positions here: <http://www.lwvsandiego.org/Positions.html>

The LWVUS has communicated that their board prefers continuing work on "Making Democracy Work," taking the power from the few and returning it to the many, as the single focus for

LWVUS education and advocacy work in the 2016-2018 biennium. This includes Money in Politics, Voters' Rights, and Redistricting. Our League may or may not agree with this plan for the national program.

In providing input, we ask that your central focus be on where the League should put its energies and resources in the coming biennium. Consider:

- In what way can the League best empower citizens to shape a better nation and communities during the next two years?
- What do our communities and nation need from the League right now?
- Where can the League's strengths have the greatest impact?
- What program work would best help enhance the League's influence, credibility, visibility, and membership?

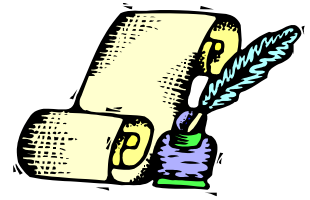
We will meet at the Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway and will begin promptly at 10 am; please arrive a little early.

Please RSVP to lwvsandiego@gmail.com even though the event is free. We need to know how many will be attending to plan for materials and light snacks.

Beryl Flom

President's Message

This month we will have Program Planning which is one of my favorite events. It is when we remind ourselves of the positions we have and check to see if we need any others. Since it is an even-numbered year, we will be going over the national, county and local positions. After having five studies this past year, it seem a good time to stop and reflect on action; how can we use the positions we have to promote better government?



I am also looking forward to the upcoming luncheons. The February luncheon will look at how community planning groups can become a positive vehicle for change. The speakers will help us understand the role of planning groups in our communities' futures. We will be looking at both city and county planning groups.

The March luncheon will be looking at the fate of immigrants and refugees and the difficulty of becoming a legal immigrant. Speakers at this luncheon will help us understand what we can do to improve the system. As you remember, we had a study that resulted in a position on immigration back in 2008. It states :

“Promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business and employment needs of the United States; be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises; and provide for student visas. Ensure fair treatment under the law for all persons. In transition to a reformed system, support provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status.”

Reading this position is a perfect example of what we need to do when we are participating in Program Planning. What is the League doing to promote these principles in our position? This is where we can direct our LWVUS Board and president to act. Join us at Program Planning on February 6 (details on front page) as we do the exciting work that makes LWV truly a grassroots organization.

In League,

Jeanne

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East County Unit News

The members at our last Unit meeting decided that it would be best if we went to another Unit because of falling attendance. We are welcome at any of the other Units. The closest Unit to us is College/Rolando which meets at the College Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115. It has been my pleasure to be with such a great group of members. We learn so much with League and will continue to do so.

Marietta Lassaline, Unit Chair, East County

Units ~ February ~ Community Planning Groups

Mon, Feb 8 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Road, Poway 92064	Claire Weiner.....858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
No meeting scheduled*	University City	University Community Library 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak...858 450-1521 Catherine Stoll....858-755-4119
Mon, Feb 8 1:30-3:30 pm	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library, Seminar Room B 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
No meeting scheduled*	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy, near Ikea, San Diego 92108	Debra Blum.....619-225-0353
Tues, Feb 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
No meeting scheduled*	Ocean Beach/ Point Loma	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230 Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314
No meeting scheduled*	East County	El Cajon Library, Conference Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270 see note on page 2
Wed, Feb 10 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Sat, Feb 13 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744

***Members are encouraged to attend other Units**

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ February

Mon	Feb 1	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Tues	Feb 2	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, Board Room, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Thurs	Feb 4	9:30 am	Unit Council, Board Room, 3rd Floor, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	Feb 5	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, SD 92131
Fri	Feb 12	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Wed	Feb 17	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 307
Fri	Feb 19	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, Ste. 224A, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111

LWVSD Activities ~ February, March, April, May

Sat	Feb 6	10 am	Program Planning, Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, p 1
Thurs	Feb 25	11:30 am	Lunch with League: Community Planning Groups, Tom Ham's, p 7
Thurs	Mar 3	10 am	Future of the ILO, Beryl Flom's home, 1577 Vista Claridad, La Jolla, 92037
Tues	Mar 8	10 am	Future of the ILO (North County), Leukadia Water District Offices
Sat	Mar 19	1:30-5 pm	Higher Ed Consensus, Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego
Thurs	Mar 24	11:30 am	Lunch with League: "The Struggle to Gain Legal Status in the U.S.," Tom Ham's
Sat	May 21		LWVSDC (ILO) County Convention

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

How Can Planning Groups Become a Positive Vehicle for Change?

The February luncheon will focus on the topic “How Can Planning Groups Become a Positive Vehicle for Change? The date is February 25 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse Restaurant located at 2150 Harbor Island Drive.



Community planning groups are advisory bodies which advise the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego on land use and transportation planning projects. They also work with the City or the County to update and maintain their respective community plans. In the City of San Diego there are 42 recognized community planning groups. The County of San Diego has approximately 40 planning groups.

In the past year, planning groups have played an integral role in major land use controversies. These include the One Paseo project in Carmel Valley, the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update and the Lilac Hills development in Valley Center. These contro-

versies raise the questions of what should be the role of community planning groups in the approval process, how much influence do they and should they have and how can they play a more positive role in implementing the City of Villages Vision for San Diego and the County's recently adopted General Plan?

Another question is how representative of their communities are planning groups? Traditionally, they have tended to be dominated by single family homeowners. Yet, many communities have major business, multi-family, institutional and industrial interests which may not be represented. What can be done to make planning groups more representative of their communities?

This luncheon promises to be a provocative and stimulating discussion and we hope to see you there.

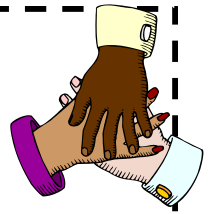
Myles Pomeroy

Chair, Public Policy Committee

Solidarity Rally We had a wonderful turnout at our rally to show our support for Muslim Women and our opposition to the harassment that these women and girls are experiencing in our community.



Membership Update



On February 1 of each year, Leagues turn in their final list of members to the LWVUS. The count is used to figure the PMP (per member payment) charged by LWVUS and LWVC in the next fiscal year starting in July. We have had many new members this fall, but none during the holidays when we take a break from programs.

If you or someone you know has been a member of League for 50 consecutive years, please let me know. They will be honored at the Annual Meeting and will no longer pay dues.



We are very saddened by the passing of Nancy McCleary, a very active leader in the League's recent past. She was president of the ILO/LWV of San Diego County, secretary of the LWVC, administrative VP of the ILO, Board Member of LWVSD, and Unit chair. In fact, she was a founding member of the ILO. League was her love and was a perfect fit for her interests, abilities and strengths. At her Celebration of Life, it was pointed out that she was very organized, demonstrated leadership abilities, and was interested in a variety of issues including the environment and women's issues. Nancy was a nurse by profession and raised two very successful children. She loved nature, camping, canoeing and archaeology and served on the Sunset Cliffs National Park Board. Nancy made positive things happen and always had a smile to go with it. Contributions to the LWVSD in memory of Nancy McCleary are recommended by the family.

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

LWV San Diego wishes to sincerely thank our donors for their donations enabling this League to do even more non-partisan educational activities during this coming election year. We will be thanking our supporters over several months.

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LWVC Higher Education Study: Starting With the Basic Master Plan of 1960

The League of Women Voters of California Convention of 2013 adopted a new study on Higher Education which was introduced on the floor by two young men and approved by barely 2/3 of the electorate. The scope was worked out by the new Higher Ed study committee as "examining access to quality public higher education in California including funding, affordability, preparedness, equity, and opportunities and barriers to student success." In the summer of 2014, the LWVSD study committee started reading and interviewing locally. Consensus will be taken on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Mission Valley Public Library from 1:30 - 5:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We recommend that prior to this meeting you read the Higher Ed Study Guide found at <https://lwvc.org/sites/lwvc.org/files/downloads/studies/Higher-Education-Study-Guide-Complete.pdf>.



Back in 1960, the California Legislature adopted a Master Plan in order to prevent duplication and provide for a high-quality, accountable, accessible, and affordable public higher education system. It assigned missions to the different sectors:

University of California (UC) is the state's primary public research university and grants baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and other professional degrees. The top 12.5% (now it is 9%) of all graduating public high school students are eligible for admission to UC schools.

California State University (CSU) grants baccalaureate and master's degrees although in 2005 & 2010 Doctorate of Education, Nursing and Physical Therapy were added. CSU can also award joint doctoral degrees with UC. The top 33.3% (now it is 25%) of all graduating public high school students are eligible for admission to CSU schools.

California Community Colleges (CCC) grant associ-

ate degrees, certificates, and provide vocational and remedial education. Originally, tuition was paid by the state, but that ended in 1978. Any high school graduate over 18 years old is eligible to attend any CCC school. Most of these schools do not have residences on campus. Students who complete 60 credits in designated classes at CCC and have a 2.4 GPA to enter UC and 2.0 GPA to enter CSU are given priority in transferring to CSU or UC after receiving their associate degree.

Admission today is based on sliding scales equating grade point average and ACT or SAT scores. The Master Plan has been updated periodically. The state has drastically decreased funding of higher education which has resulted in volatile and rapid increases of tuition and fees at all public schools of higher education in California (and in many other states). CSU is now awarding more doctorate degrees and doing research. The state lacks a policy for funding enrollment growth at the public universities. When state finances were poor, higher ed was underfunded and schools had to lower the number of students admitted. College completion rates have fallen and it takes longer to finish coursework because of overcrowding or lessened availability. Minorities are often way behind in course completion. The universities are attracting out of state and international students and charging them higher out-of-state fees to cover the loss of state revenue. California now has the lowest proportion of its students in four-year colleges than any other state in the U.S. In order to keep up with technology, innovation, and high productivity and keep California's economy humming, the state needs to produce a higher level workforce. For these and other reasons, some educators and politicians are calling for revising and updating the Master Plan.

Beryl Flom, Committee Member

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Lunch with League

How Can Planning Groups Become a Positive Vehicle for Change?



Thursday, February 25, 2016

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

2150 Harbor Drive, San Diego

\$30 by Feb. 22 or \$35 after

Speakers

Bill Anderson, Moderator - Past Chair, San Diego Planning Commission and Past Director, San Diego Planning Department

Joe La Cava - Chair, San Diego Community Planners Committee

Jeff Barfield - Past Chair, Clairemont Planning Group

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Steve Hutchison - Chair, Valley Center Community Planning Group

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Lunch with League: Community Planning, February 25, 2016

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LWVSD Diversity Policy

The LWVSD, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there should be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League of Women Voters on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. LWVSD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWVSD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWVSD affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its Board, staff, and programs.

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